

### BIG CUNARD FLIES U. S. FLAG

"Old Glory" as Protection To Her Passengers.

### HAD SEEN SUBMARINES

Area Not So Large As At First Reported—Berlin Sends Memorandum Giving Reasons—In Retaliation For British Acts and Not Aimed At Neutral Vessels, It Declares.

### TEXT OF BLOCKADE ORDER.

The proclamation issued by the German Government to neutral nations, as translated by the State Department in Washington, reads: The waters around Great Britain, including the whole of the English Channel, are declared hereby to be included within the zone of war and that after the 18th instant all enemy merchant vessels encountered in these waters will be destroyed, even if it may not be possible always to save their crews and passengers. Within this war zone neutral vessels are exposed to danger, since in view of the misuse of the neutral flags ordered by the Government of Great Britain on the 1st ultimo and of the hazards of naval warfare, neutral vessels cannot always be prevented from suffering from the attacks intended for enemy ships. The routes of navigation around the north of the Shetland Islands in the eastern part of the North Sea and in a strip 30 miles wide along the Dutch coast are now open to the danger zone.

London.—The British steamer Lusitania, of the Cunard Line, which sailed from New York January 30 and arrived at Liverpool Saturday afternoon, flew the American flag from the time she passed Queenstown until she entered the Mersey. The Lusitania received a wireless message from the Baltic, of the White Star Line, that two submarines had been sighted from that vessel. The captain of the Lusitania in reply to a question of one of the passengers, declared that he had a right to fly the flag of a neutral country for the protection of neutral passengers and mails which his ship was carrying. According to a statement by Will Irwin, an American writer, the Lusitania carried the regulation large American flag at her stern, with a small American flag and mall pennant at the forepeak. Former United States Senator Lafayette Young, another passenger, while he did not personally see the flag flying, said it was accepted as a fact by all on board.

No Law Against It. Washington. — Officials indicated that an inquiry into the Lusitania incident might be made. The rules on international law are clear in that each nation has the right to determine for itself the conditions under which its flag may be bestowed on a vessel. Some authorities hold that the "assumption of the flag of a foreign State without its authorization is considered as a violation of international law, as a device both fraudulent and injurious to the honor of both the state whose flag is wrongfully used and that in regard to which the use of the false flag is made have the right to demand the punishment of the guilty persons."

In the war with Chile in 1879, Peru inquired of the United States under what conditions the United States flag might be used. A memorandum from the Secretary of State Everts said that "there is no prohibition of the use of the American flag by a foreign vessel beyond the jurisdiction of the United States, or any penalty provided therefor."

No Formal Protest Yet. Washington.—Until full explanations are forthcoming from Germany as to the meaning of the Kaiser's ocean war zone proclamation, Administration officials have decided to withhold any formal protests. An official copy of the decree was received at the State Department from United States Ambassador Gerard. The Ambassador reported that the German Foreign Office had furnished him with a lengthy memorandum explanatory of the proclamation. This Government will not attempt an interpretation until this memorandum is received.

Proposes Joint Action. That the German proclamation is cause for concern not alone for the

MILLINERY TO COST MORE. Handwork Responsible Latest Novelty Like Man's Opera Hat.

Chicago.—Hats for women are to be more expensive this year, if styles displayed at the convention of the National Association of Milliners here are followed. Handwork will be responsible for the increase in price, it was said. Handmade grapes and flowers will be the chief decorations of the late summer creations. Saller hats are to be popular, but the newest

### United States was indicated when Chevalier van Rappard, the Dutch Minister, called on Acting Secretary Lansing and proposed concert of action by all neutral nations, under the leadership of the United States.

### NEW STRUGGLE IN EAST PRUSSIA

New Army Appears To the Southeast Of Polish Capital.

Petrograd.—A new menace to the Russian forces around Warsaw has developed in the discovery of what appears to be a separate Austro-German army about 90 miles south of Lemberg, on the Wyzkow-Nadworna line.

The purpose of this new army appears to be an effort to pierce the Russian line east of Lemberg and menace the forces about Warsaw in the rear.

### Send Reinforcements.

The appearance of this force adds to the seriousness of the situation in the Carpathians. The new army is to the east of the region where the most recent fighting on this front has occurred, and where the Austro-Germans are in tremendous force on a line which forms the arc of a circle in the vicinity of Mezo Laborez, 50 miles southwest of Przemysl.

The Russians are awake to the new danger, and recently rushed several corps toward this front.

On practically all the Carpathian front the Russians have succeeded in checking their antagonists, but the Austro-Germans still are undefeated. The Germans, with their usual mobility, suddenly appear at various points and then as suddenly disappear. According to a Russian staff officer, the Germans are used "like cement, to hold together detached corps of Austro-Hungarians."

The stubborn character of the battles developing in the extreme north of East Prussia is attracting the attention of the Russian General Staff, which sees there indications that the Germans have withdrawn troops from the Bzura region and massed them in the vicinity of Insterburg, between Gumbinnen and Tilsit.

### SOLD HIS APPLES TO LONDON.

Virginian Sent 1,300 Barrels and For Some Got \$9.07 a Barrel.

Luray, Va.—John J. Miller, former member of the Virginia Legislature from Rappahannock county, has just received his returns from 1,300 barrels of monogram pippin apples shipped to Liverpool, England. They show that Mr. Miller received \$9.07 a barrel for the apples. Other cargoes netted him \$8.50, \$5.05 and \$4.50 a barrel. Freight, handling and commission of \$1.25 a barrel was charged against the apples.

### AN \$8,000,000 CONTRACT.

Government Saves \$2,000,000 On Cost Of Envelopes.

Washington.—Postmaster Burleson awarded an eight million-dollar contract to the Middle West Supply Company, of Columbus, Ohio, which will furnish nine billion stamped envelopes to the government during the next four years. The Mercantile Corporation, with a plant at Dayton, Ohio, the present contractor, was the unsuccessful bidder at nearly \$2,000,000 more than the Columbus company's bid.

### WOMEN AS BRIBETAKERS.

Three Accused Of Selling Their Votes For a Dollar.

Pikesville, Ky.—It was learned here that three women have been indicted on charges of selling votes in the last school election, and they will be tried with the 1,100 men who are accused of having committed fraud at the primary election last August. It was alleged in the indictments that the women sold their votes for a dollar each.

### ORDERS 25 LOCOMOTIVES.

Illinois Central's Purchase Means Work For More Than 3,000 Men.

Chicago.—Contracts for the purchase of 25 of the largest type locomotives from a Lima, Ohio, corporation were signed by the Illinois Central Railroad. The first of the engines will be delivered about March 15. The total value of the order is more than \$1,000,000, and will make work for from 3,000 to 4,000 men.

### CHILD DESERTERS TO PRISON.

Haefner and Wife Sentenced in New York.

New York.—Just to make the past-time of abandoning children as unpopular as possible in New York, Judge Rosalby sentenced George Haefner and his wife Jeanette, to terms of from two and a half to five years each. The father will serve his time in Sing Sing and the mother will be sent to Auburn.

### novelty, which it is expected will be worn much, is a high hat, fashioned like a man's opera hat.

### POSTAL BILL CLIPPED.

Senate Committee Reduces Appropriation By \$2,000,000.

Washington.—Appropriations in the Postal Bill as passed by the House were cut \$2,000,000 by the Senate committee because of the decrease in postal revenues since the outbreak of the war.

### THE NAVAL BILL PASSED BY HOUSE

Votes for Two Dreadnaughts Over Strenuous Protest.

### PERSONAL PLAN WINS OUT

Leader Underwood Led Curtailment Advocates, Using the Prospect Of a Big Deficit As Argument.

Washington, D. C.—Over a strenuous protest from Majority Leader Underwood the House in passing the Naval Appropriation bill retained provision for the construction of two dreadnaughts.

Representative Underwood declared the nation was facing a probable Treasury deficit next year of \$35,000,000, and economy advocates led by him succeeded in striking out appropriations aggregating more than \$6,000,000 for five submarines, a transport and a hospital ship.

The bill as it goes to the Senate carries \$144,648,902, and authorizes the following construction program:

Two battleships of the largest and most powerful design, \$7,800,000 each, exclusive of armor and armament.

Six torpedo-boat destroyers, \$925,000 each.

One sea-going submarine torpedo boat, \$1,400,000.

Eleven submarines, \$550,000 each. One oil fuel ship, \$1,140,000.

The proposed hospital ships would have cost \$2,500,000 and the transport \$1,100,000.

### Pacific Coast To Get Share.

An amendment was adopted authorizing the construction of three of the six destroyers on the Pacific coast. Five of the submarines are to be built there. The bill provides that any of the vessels authorized may be constructed in government yards, but Chairman Padgett, of the Naval Committee, explained that the New York plant, the only one to which a battleship might be given, already was working to its capacity.

All new legislation, including provisions for the creation of a naval reserve, for an aide for operations in the Navy Department to head a war board, and for creation of the rank of admiral and vice-admiral, were stricken from the bill several days ago. An effort will be made to have them restored in the Senate.

### 3,000,000 BRITISH.

English Army Estimates Give This Total, Exclusive Of India.

London.—The army estimates, to which Parliament will devote the first part of this week's session, give the number of effective men in the army, exclusive of those serving in India, at 3,000,000.

There is this year a novel change in the form of the estimates, as no totals of estimated expenditures are given. The vote under each of the 15 headings is set at the nominal figure of £1,000.

This gives the House of Commons opportunity for the discussion of each heading, while the government may spend whatever is necessary under these various headings to prosecute the war.

### THREE KILLED WITH HAMMER.

Two Women and Girl Found With Heads Crushed.

Buffalo, N. Y.—The bodies of Mrs. Lizzie Drake, 65 years old; Mrs. Irene Spencer, 35 years old, and her daughter, Gertrude Spencer, 12 years, were found in their beds at their home at Salamanca. Their heads had been crushed in with a sledge hammer. Apparently the victims had been slain as they slept. Physicians who examined the bodies said that the murder had been committed three or four days ago. The police have sent out an alarm for a former boarder at the Drake house. Mrs. Drake was Mrs. Spencer's mother.

### NEAR FAMINE IN AUSTRIA.

A Two-Pound Loaf Of Bread Now Costs Sixteen Cents.

Venice (via London).—An official decree issued in Trieste raises the price of a two-pound loaf of bread from 14 cents to 16 cents. The grain markets in Austria are said to be in a desperate condition. The war bread that is being sold is composed largely of substitutes for flour. The people in Vienna are said to be complaining of the constantly increasing price of meat. Hogs are reported to be almost unobtainable.

### CHARMED AWAY TEN WIVES.

Head Of "New Religion" Accused Of Abduction By Husbands.

Kinston, N. C.—The "Rev." Thomas R. Miller, head of a new negro religion, was arraigned in the Municipal Court here accused of abducting the wives of 10 other men. The case was continued to permit the summoning of witnesses. Before the trial Miller, wearing a robe of many colors, headed a procession of the women who have accepted his doctrines.

### TRAPPER TRAPPED



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### ENCIRGLING SEA MADE WAR ZONE GENERAL VILLA TAKES PRESIDENCY

Enemy Ships Found in it After Feb. 18 to Be Sunk. Action Necessary By Extent of Territory Under His Control.

### WARNING GIVEN NEUTRALS PICKS MEN FOR CABINET

Approach To French Coast From Sea Is Now Dangerous—Concern For Crews and Passengers Not To Halt the Work of Destruction.

Berlin, by wireless telegraphy to Sayville.—The German Admiralty issued the following communication: "The waters around Great Britain and Ireland, including the whole English Channel, are declared a war zone from and after February 18, 1915. "Every enemy ship found in this war zone will be destroyed, even if it is impossible to avert dangers which threaten the crew and passengers.

### Neutrals Warned.

"Also neutral ships in the war zone are in danger, as in consequence of the misuse of neutral flags ordered by the British Government on January 31 and in view of the hazards of naval warfare, it cannot always be avoided that attacks meant for enemy ships endanger neutral ships."

"Shipping northward, around the Shetland Islands, in the eastern basin of the North Sea, and in a strip of at least 30 nautical miles in breadth along the Dutch coast is endangered in the same way."

### Alleged British Order.

There has been published in Germany recently what purports to be a secret order issued by the British Admiralty to British merchant ships, instructing them to make use of neutral flags, and German papers, including the Kreuz Zeitung, the Vossische Zeitung and the Tageblatt, all are referring to this alleged order. A characteristic comment is found in the Kreuz Zeitung, which says:

"What is this command but an admission by the English that 'we are unable longer to protect our flag?' Furthermore, it is a gross violation of international law and one of its consequences inevitably will be that neutral flags can no longer protect neutral shipping for the reason that it will be impossible for German naval officers to tell whether it is borne rightfully or not. Consequently German submarines will have to direct their torpedoes also at neutral ships if neutral powers do not see to it that this misuse of their flags, ordered by the British Admiralty, does not take place."

### RAILROAD ORDERS HEAVY.

Big Equipment Contracts Are Being Awarded—I. C. Buys Cars.

New York.—The railroad equipment buying campaign is in full swing. The Illinois Central has ordered 1,000 refrigerator cars from the American Car and Foundry Company. In a week the Moss Tie Company's plant at Mount Vernon, Ill., will be operating with a full force. A recent contract with the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul for 350,000 chemically treated ties will keep the works at capacity for six months.

The Erie's rail requisitions have been increased to 28,000 tons and the "Soor" is in the market for 15,000 tons of rails. If satisfactory low bids are forthcoming, the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy will spend \$1,000,000 for equipment, including engines and cars.

### MAKES THREE STATES OF TEXAS.

Joint Resolution Introduced in the Senate.

Austin, Texas.—A joint resolution for an amendment to the State Constitution dividing Texas into three States was introduced by Senator W. L. Hall, of Wharton county. The States would be North Texas, capital, Palestine; West Texas, capital, Abilene, and South Texas, capital, Austin.

### POSTAGE TO GERMANY UP.

Burleson Increases Rates On Mails During War.

Washington, D. C.—Postmaster General Burleson suspended the two-cent postage rates on mails from the United States to Germany and announced that until direct transportation service was restored letters from this country to German destinations would be charged at a rate of five cents for the first ounce and three for each additional ounce.

### HOUSE STANDS UP FOR VETO

Fails to Pass Literacy Test Over President Wilson.

### BILL FIVE VOTES SHORT

Vote Taken On Anniversary Of Failure To Pass Test Over Head Of President Taft—Whole Day Of Debate.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson's veto of the Burnett Immigration Bill sent to the House some days ago will stand. The House, by a vote of 261 to 136, refused to pass the bill over the veto by the constitutional two-thirds vote. A change of five votes would have given the friends of the bill a victory over the President. It was the third time the House had undertaken to pass an immigration bill containing the literacy test over a President's veto. Two years ago an attempt to get the necessary two-thirds to override the veto of President Taft failed.

Of the 425 members of the House, 399 were present. The entire day was given over to debate until the five-minute rule.

The whole number of members voting was 397. When the bill passed a year ago the whole number voting was 378. The number voting on the conference report January 7 was 321.

### How They Voted.

The 261 votes for passing the bill over the veto were cast as follows: Democrats, 166; Republicans, 78; Progressives and Progressive Republicans, 16; Independent, 1.

Against the bill the vote was: Democrats, 101; "Insurgent" Democrat, 1; Republicans, 32; Progressives and Progressive Republicans, 2.

Members who were in the House when the bill passed last February and who changed their votes were:

Voting for the bill and against overriding the veto: Bailey, Bartlett, of Georgia; Beakes, Brumbaugh, Maguire, of Nebraska; Park, Whaley, Reed, Smith, of Maryland; Taylor, of Alabama.

Voting against the bill and for overriding the veto: Representatives Cooper, Johnson, of Utah; Kinkaid, of Nebraska, and Scott.

### BANDIT SNEEZED; CAPTURED.

Posse Locates Gothard, Jailbreaker, By the Noise.

Huntington, W. Va.—Almost suffocated beneath a quantity of hay in the loft of a tobacco barn on Nine Mile creek, Grove Gothard, alleged bandit, who recently sawed his way out of the county jail, sneezed. A posse had been hunting for him. When Gothard's wife was seen carrying food into the barn the posse surrounded it. The men tramping over the hay created such a dust that Gothard sneezed and he was promptly dragged forth. He is charged with entering the farmhouse of Mrs. E. C. Oswald, in the Greenbottom district, and forcing the occupants to reveal the hiding place of their money.

### WEEK'S EXPORTS \$63,668,139.

Imports Also Reached High Mark At January's Close.

Washington, D. C.—All weekly records in the value of American exports since the European war began were smashed during the fourth week in January, according to the weekly foreign trade bulletin issued by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. The value of shipments abroad through the 13 leading customs districts aggregated \$63,668,139 for the week ended January 30, which is a gain of \$10,000,000 over the previous week and a \$2,000,000 gain over the next highest week, January 9.

### EYES ON BRITISH TRANSPORTS.

German Navy Promises Action Against Them.

Berlin, via London.—An official report issued by the German Navy Department calls attention to the extensive transportation of British troops to France, and adds: "We shall use every method of war at our disposal against them."

### 1,279 GERMAN JURISTS KILLED.

Six Professors and 275 Judges Have Fallen in War.

Berne, Switzerland.—According to official statements given out in Berlin, 1,279 German jurists have been killed in the present war. This total is made up of 6 professors, 275 judges, 240 lawyers, 334 assessors and 424 barristers.

### BOY OF NINE KILLS MOTHER.

Shotgun Being Taken By Lad To Father Suddenly Goes Off.

Colefax, Wash.—Mrs. O. R. Meyer, 35 years old, was killed accidentally by her 9-year-old son at their ranch home near Hay, in Western Whitman county. Meyer was hauling straw and had sent his son to the house for his shotgun. The lad while leaving the house discharged the gun, the shot striking his mother in the breast and shoulder. She lived less than an hour.

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