

U. S. ASKS ENGLAND ABOUT GREENBRIER

Wants to Know Why American Was Halted and Her Colors Hauled Down.

AGAINST BRITISH RULES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The United States has asked promptly to get from Great Britain an explanation of the halting of the Greenbrier, an American vessel, which was flying over the American flag.

The complaint of the Greenbrier, which was received by the State Department, was a demand for an explanation of the attention of the British Embassy here. No request was made by this Government, but the purpose of the action was clear.

The facts complained of were reported to the British Embassy today by Ambassador Balfour. In a statement from the British Embassy, the principal complaint is that the United States has insisted that the Greenbrier should be treated as an American vessel and that the British Government cared to make no distinction.

Officials here are of the opinion that no justification can be shown for halting the Greenbrier as an American vessel and that the British Government should have no way of being changed. Such a proceeding, it is declared, is quite contrary to the accepted rule in cases where neutral vessels are held at sea for examination of papers and search of cargo.

The Greenbrier was bound from New Orleans for Bremen with a cargo of cotton which is not treated by any of the belligerents as contraband at sea for examination of papers and search of cargo, and it is believed here that the complaint of the Greenbrier in this case is entirely just and proper.

On December 29, Capt. Farley of the Greenbrier, was halted by a British cruiser, which sent officers aboard to examine his papers. Several sailors were also sent aboard and he was ordered to stop at sea for examination of papers.

A little later, he states, he was again halted and an officer was sent from the cruiser to take charge of the navigation of the Greenbrier, though Capt. Farley objected to this. At the same time, the American colors were hauled down and the British flag substituted.

On January 10, Capt. Farley was told to take his vessel to Leth, he refused to do so as long as the British flag was flying on the Greenbrier. The American flag was then hoisted and the vessel went to Leth and, after a day's delay, proceeded to Bremen without further molestation.

It is believed here that the British Government will disavow the action with regard to the Greenbrier's colors, for it is not the British rule to haul down neutral flags under circumstances such as the halting of the Greenbrier.

DACIA MAY SAIL TO-DAY. Cargo Complete, but Clearance Papers Not Yet Taken Out. GALVESTON, Tex., Jan. 20.—The steamship Dacia completed her cargo of 11,000 bales late today and the matter of her sailing is currently up to the shippers.

The Custom House closed without hearing out the owners' side, but definite word from the shippers is expected by morning. The agents say the shippers will not sail longer than to-morrow in view of the fact that the British flag is flying on the Dacia.

U. S. TAKES NO ACTION. WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—While informed by the owners that the steamship Dacia will sail for Rotterdam or Bremen regardless of the British decision, it is said here that the State Department is taking no part in the project.

Reports that the Department was prepared to grant a license for the Dacia in case of seizure were without foundation. Those interested in the Dacia will have to stand on the merits of their case in a prize court. The United States would finance only if an appeal was filed from the British decision alleging a denial of justice and asking for diplomatic adjustment.

It is not believed that the Dacia case will result in a long time. The preponderance of opinion at the State Department is that the Dacia owners have not a particularly strong case.

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MRS. CHANLER SEES SHIP OFF WITH KITS FOR FRANCE



Mrs. William Astor Chanler on the liner Rochambeau, which carried away the Lafayette kits.

The steamship Rochambeau of the Havre line sailed yesterday afternoon for Havre, carrying on board many hundred Lafayette kits given by Americans for the comfort of French soldiers in the field. Mrs. William Astor Chanler, who is largely interested in the movement to obtain these Lafayette kits, went to the pier before the ship left to see that all had been safely put on board and she was much pleased with the number that had been given.

The Rochambeau also has aboard a large number of auto truck chassis for use in the French army and a vast quantity of harnesses from Pittsburgh for the French cavalry and artillery. Among the big ship's passengers were a score of French American volunteers. There were fewer than fifty cabin passengers.

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Further contributions in aid of the Princess de Polix fund. The amount thus contributed now totals nearly \$500. The money is used for buying yarn, a wholesale, which is shipped to Paris free of cost on the first available boat.

HOUSE APPROVES BILL FOR ONE COAST GUARD. Life Saving and Revenue Cutter Services to Be Merged as Naval Reserve. WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The life saving service and the revenue cutter service will cease to exist separately when President Wilson signs a bill passed by the House today by a vote of 269 to 79.

BIG U. S. SUBMARINE LAUNCHED. L-1, of Newest Type, is One of Seven Similar Vessels Authorized. QUINCY, Mass., Jan. 20.—The submarine L-1, the largest yet built for the United States navy, was launched at the yard of the Fore River Ship Building Corporation this afternoon.

LOWER CABLES TO HAVANA. The Western Union Telegraph Company announces a reduction effective immediately in its minimum cable letter rate to Havana from \$1 to 75 cents. The word rate remains at 5 cents, but the minimum charge is for fifteen words, instead of twenty as heretofore.

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"STREETS OF PARIS" TO AID RELIEF WORK

Many Phases of Life in French Capital Will Have Representation. VARIOUS FUNDS SWELLED. "The Streets of Paris," or in other words, Paris itself in miniature, is to make its way into New York through the agency of the Lafayette Fund, which is sending comfort kits to French soldiers.

The names of the following appear on the executive committee: Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Mrs. William Astor Chanler, Mrs. John Jay Chapman, Mrs. James B. Duke, Mr. and Mrs. Archer M. Huntington, Mr. and Mrs. Philip M. Lydig, Mrs. F. Goodwin Hewitt, Miss Jessie Scudder, Mrs. Lee Thomas, Mrs. M. Orme Wilson, Mrs. Henry Rogers, Mrs. Winthrop, Miss Emily Sloane, Robert L. Bacon, William Astor Chanler, Frederick R. Coudert and R. Bayard Cutting.

The first \$1,000 of a fund which Hunter College seniors hope to raise by the presentation of "Paris" next Monday afternoon and evening in the Hunter College chapel will go to the Red Cross Fund, according to an announcement made yesterday.

Yesterday's subscriptions to the Red Cross War Relief Fund amounted to \$1,295, making a total of \$44,228. Fifty-one dollars came in yesterday to the Red Cross for the Italian Earthquake Relief Fund, which now totals \$1,204.

There will be a day for children at the Bellevue Theatre, Forty-fourth street, Saturday, January 23, when Miss K. K. Reynolds will direct a matinee of Russian folklore and song for children for the benefit of the American Hospital at Petrograd. The money will be sent through the Committee of Mercy.

A request has been sent to the Mayfair Relief, Fifty-second street and Fifth avenue, by Mrs. Olivia Rodding, an American in Paris, for changes of clothing for babies in Paris.

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SOCIETY ATTENDS LAFAYETTE FUND DANCE AT VANDERBILT. The usual Wednesday evening dance of the Lafayette Fund was held last night under the auspices of the Paul Jones Club here at the Media Hobbs room of the Vanderbilt. There were many interesting features arranged by the Misses Wiborg, including the two miracle dancers, Tom Dingo and Jack Corcoran, from "Hello Hello" and a musical performance given under the direction of James J. Europe. Conrad's band and the Russian Ballet orchestra played for dancing.

YVES DE VILLERS ON TRIAL. Accused of Getting Money From Curtiss Aero Co. by False Pretense. Yves de Villers, sometimes called Count de Villers, was put on trial yesterday before Judge Swain in General Sessions on charge of grand larceny. He is accused of having got \$5,238.67 from the Curtiss Aeroplane Company of Hammondsport by false pretenses.

WILL CIRCLE SOUTH AMERICA. Kronland, Under Stars and Stripes, First Ship to Make That Voyage. The Red Star liner Kronland, made in America and flying the Stars and Stripes, sailed to-day on a cruise around South America and will be the first liner to circumnavigate that continent. She will be the biggest vessel to go through the Panama Canal. She will have about 300 excursionists, who will be away from this port for eighty-two days. She will visit numerous ports of the West Indies and all the important cities of the east and west coasts of South America.

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GAG RULE IN SENATE TO FORCE SHIP BILL

Wilson Spur Drives Democratic Leaders to Adopt Drastic Methods. MAY BE NIGHT SESSIONS. WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Under orders from the White House Democratic leaders in the Senate decided to-day to resort to drastic methods to push the ship purchase bill through, perhaps in amended form, within the next two weeks.

The change in the outlook for the legislation is the result of the extraordinary methods which the Senate leaders are to employ in response to the lash and spur of the Executive. These methods are suggestive of the parliamentary "strong arm."

Beginning to-morrow night sessions of the Senate probably will be insisted on by the Democratic leaders and a form of "closure" invoked to prevent Republicans from carrying on their filibuster against the bill. This new closure is said by Republicans to be unprecedented and their characterization of it seems to be borne out by study of precedents in the Senate.

The plan is to hold that when a call is made for a quorum in the course of a Senator's speech the effect will be to take the Senator from the floor, and when he resumes it will be to speak for the second time on the same subject on the same parliamentary day. Under the rules the Senator is not permitted to speak more than once on any one subject on any one legislative day without unanimous consent. By withholding this consent the Democrats can compel a Senator to conclude or is exhausted.

The effect of this ruling will be to cut out calls for a quorum and enable the Democratic Senators and others so disposed to remain in cloak rooms or committee rooms while a Senator is speaking and not be hastily called for a quorum.

The Republicans admitted this afternoon that it would be impossible for them to maintain a successful filibuster against such a ruling. They may challenge the ruling and appeal from the decision of the Senate, but the Democratic majority is confident of procedure for some time, but apparently they do not seem disposed to carry the fight that far.

Senators declared they were quite willing, after they have exhausted their legitimate efforts, to let the ship purchase bill go through and add nothing to the many legislative "blunders" of the present Administration. They consider it unwise legislation and likely to lead to international complications, to say nothing of setting a precedent for the worst form of Government ownership and destroying for all time the hope of restoring the American merchant marine, which seemed to be the very point of revival.

Notwithstanding the drastic methods which the Democratic leaders stand ready to adopt under pressure from the White House, they are at sea themselves in regard to the President's bill. The Democrats of the Senate had another caucus to-night on the ship purchase bill, but at 11 o'clock were again obliged to adjourn without any action. Another session of the caucus will be held to-morrow night in an effort to reach an agreement on proposed amendments.

To-night was the third caucus the Democrats have held in a vain attempt to come to a general understanding on this bill.

MANY OFF FOR BERMUDA. Special Preparations Made There This Winter for Tourists. The steamship Bermudian of the Quebec Steamship Company sailed yesterday for Hamilton, Bermuda, with a cabin list of 210 passengers. They were of the 25,000 ton Bermudian, which is the largest of the line. Last year that was the number of tourists, but European resorts being closed it is thought that this season's will be even larger.

Some of yesterday's passengers were planning to spend the remaining winter months in Bermuda, but a large number were taking advantage of the special rates, including transportation and hotel accommodations, that have been offered. Bermuda just now is at the very best of the season. The hotels have made special attractions for Americans who cannot go abroad, and they are doing much in the way of social entertainment and sports.

The Bermudian makes the record for the Bermuda run, having made it in 39 hours and 20 minutes in 1913 when President Wilson and his family were passengers.

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Record for Long Distance Trains. The Great Northern Railway Company is looking with considerable pride to the record made by its Orientals Limited in its run from Chicago to Seattle. In the past 242 runs the train has arrived in Seattle on time every day but four. The schedule calls for a run of 2,217 miles in seventy-two hours, crossing the Rocky Mountains and the Cascade Range.

CHICKERING. This superb new Chickering Player Piano is a work of artistic piano making in which every man in Chickering & Sons factory feels the pride of high accomplishment.

The uncompensed beauties of the Chickering tone have in this piano been provided for the whole world, for all to enjoy in the actual playing.

Height 4 ft. 4 inches. Width 5 ft. 1 inch. Depth 2 ft. 4 inches. Price Payable \$20 a Month.

Lord & Taylor. Fifth Avenue, 38th Street, 39th Street. Music Rooms Seventh Floor.

White Rock WATER SERVED AT THE MOST EXCLUSIVE AS WELL AS THE MOST POPULAR DANCES.

FLYING BOAT RECORD IS BROKEN BY SPERRY In Curtiss Hydroplane With Alan Hawley He Flies Over Hudson.

BIRDS BEATEN IN RACE Perhaps it was because this is the closed season on ducks now or simply the fact that he didn't carry a gun that Alan H. Hawley, president of the Aero Club, from enjoying the complete thrills of a new sport which he found yesterday when Lawrence Sperry took him for a ride in a flying boat on the water.

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NAVY'S SHORTAGE OF MEN ALARMING Admiral Fletcher Says Atlantic Fleet Alone Should Have 5,500 More.

ADMITTED HE DIDN'T FLY. Mrs. Jordan denied that she fled with her future husband, and said she refused to accept any gifts from him, although she permitted him to pay her hotel bill because money from home failed to come.

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