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FORD CHARTERS LINER TO CARRY U. S. PEACE DELEGATES TO EUROPE

FOES DISLODGE SERBS FROM EXTREMES OF DEFENSE LINE

Vienna and Berlin Declare Main Serbian Army Is Under Attack at Both Ends of Battle Front.

Southern Serb Army Forces Bulgarians to Retreat—Big Battles Raging as Italians Send Re-enforcements.

LONDON, Nov. 24.—The Austrians have taken Mitrovitz and the Bulgarians Pristina, at opposite ends of the Serbs' present main front, the Vienna war office announced this afternoon through Berlin.

These victories indicate that the invaders are in touch with the Serbian northern army and that a big battle is about to begin if not already under way.

According to the Serbian official statement, Bulgarians in extreme southern Serbia are in retreat at all points.

As far north as Veles, the Bulgars are reported falling back upon Istip. Veles itself is said to be in imminent danger of recapture from them.

AUSTRIANS ADVANCE.

Pristina is at the southern extremity of the main Serb battle line and Mitrovitz at the northern. Reports from Vienna have indicated for three days that the Serb outposts have been driven in by the Austrian forces operating in the Bos Valley, where they occupied Tripolje.

Vienna also reports that the Montenegrins have been driven southward along the upper Drina and that the Austrians have gained the Kozara mountain range.

Monday is still holding out and the arrival of re-enforcements of British troops, with heavy artillery, has strengthened the belief here that the city is safe, especially as Italian forces are reported already marching over the highway from Durazzo.

Fighting Desperately.

All the way across central Serbia, sixty miles from Nish to their present position, the Serbs have fought every step of the way. The invaders advance was slow in the face of this desperate resistance, and on account of the difficulties of the country, but it has been steady.

Whether they have come up with the Serbs a sufficient force for an immediate attack is not yet known. In any event, it is felt that there can be a delay of but a few hours before the main battle begins.

If the struggle lasts long, it is believed the whole Serb force will be captured. A detour around their position by the Austrians to the southeast of Mitrovitz and by the Germans and Bulgars to the northwest from Pristina will draw a cordon completely around the Kosovo plain.

REVISION OF TARIFF NOT TO BE URGED

President Wilson has decided not to urge Congress to revise the tariff this session.

Transportation of U. S. Skilled Labor to Europe In Large Bodies Begun

Shipbuilding Division of 800 Men Engaged for Year Transported From Newport News to Russia. May Be Beginning of Raid on American Supplies.

By JUDSON C. WELLS.

Mobilization of the most highly skilled labor in America and its transportation in large bodies to Europe has been fairly begun. Government officials have received report that recently a complete shipbuilding division, as it is technically called, of 800 men, was organized, engaged under individual contracts for at least a year's service, and taken to Russia.

Two steamships were required to transport the big force of mechanics, foremen and specialized workers from Newport News, where they were engaged, to Russia. The men were hired under contracts which, according to the statement in Government circles, guarantee them twice the American scale of wages.

LOSS TO INDUSTRY IN UNITED STATES.

The Hampton Roads district is now the largest shipbuilding center in this country. So quietly was the organization and contracting of this big force carried on that the fact has become known only now that the Newport News district has suffered such a loss at a time when shipbuilding mechanics are in great demand all along the Atlantic coast, and when the cost of ship construction here has been hoisted so high that the Government appropriations are found inadequate to meet cost of building battleships in the private yards that are free to take private contracts.

EDDY SHIFTED FROM UTILITIES BODY POST

Jacobus Kappeyne Named to Succeed as Engineer of Commission.

Announcement was made today by the Public Utilities Commission that Jacobus Kappeyne will succeed H. C. Eddy as engineer of the commission some time in December.

Mr. Eddy, whose work while engineer of the commission is commended in a statement given out by the commission, has been offered a position in the electrical department of the District, to work in conjunction with the commission. The position offered him is that of making an electrolysis survey of the District to ascertain the cause of disintegration of underground cables. He had reached no decision today as to whether he would accept the position, saying he had several other offers under consideration.

The commission's statement explains that the valuation of the public utilities in the District is the most important problem in the near future, and that a man familiar with this branch of the commission's work must be on the permanent staff. The financial position of the commission is such that the retention of both an engineer and valuation bureau chief, and the two offices were merged in the position of engineer, because of his knowledge of valuations.

Commission's Statement.

The commission's statement in connection with the change follows: "As the work of valuing the properties of the public utilities in the District of Columbia nears completion, it becomes evident that it will be necessary for the commission to have on its permanent staff a man who has had considerable experience in this class of work and one who is thoroughly familiar with the details of the valuation of public utilities. The limited funds available for the employment of a force under the commission it will be necessary to combine the position with that of engineer of the commission."

Mr. J. Kappeyne, of the valuation bureau, has been selected to fill this position, and his promotion will take place in December. Mr. H. C. Eddy, who, since the creation of the commission has occupied the position of engineer, will be employed by the Electrical Department of the District of Columbia, if his services can be procured, for the purpose of working in conjunction with the commission on an electrolysis survey of the District of Columbia. Recent developments have made it appear that electrolysis is taking place in certain sections of the District, and the public utilities law contemplates that the commission investigate conditions such as this with a view to removing the cause. On account of the

James H. Covington, Sr., Succumbs in Baltimore

Criminal Court, No. 1, was adjourned today by Justice Gould until Monday, owing to the death of the father of Chief Justice Covington, which occurred yesterday in Baltimore.

SKIPPER TELLS BUENZ JURY OF NAVAL FIGHT

Graphic Story Told of Sea Battle When His Ship Supplied Commerce Raiders.

FLAG SAVED THE BERWIND

Supports Charge of False Papers Being Obtained by Officials of Steamship Line.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—A graphic story of a naval battle off the coast of Trinidad on the morning of August 28, 1914, was told by Capt. Fritz K. Falkenberg of the steamer Berwind testifying for the Government today in the trial of indicted Hamburg-American line officials.

Objectionable Manifest.

Captain Falkenberg was one of the most important witnesses offered thus far by the Government to support its charge that the Hamburg-American officials secured false manifests to supply German warships from American ports.

Captain Falkenberg told of the chartering of his steamer by Hamburg-American officials. He sailed from New York on August 5, 1914, under a manifest of which he objected, he said, without knowing his destination but working under directions of Adolph Poppinghaus, one of the indicted officials, who acted as supercargo.

Received \$500.

The Berwind had cleared New York ostensibly for Buenos Aires, Captain Falkenberg said. After the naval fight she proceeded to de Janeiro, unmolested by the British warship, Pophinchase left the Berwind at the Brazilian port, he said. On his return to New York, Falkenberg said he received \$500 from Karl Guenz, managing director of the Hamburg-American line, as additional compensation for his services.

Boy-Ed's Position Not Affected by Evidence In New York Trial

Despite the testimony in New York at the trial of Hamburg-American officials to the effect that Capt. Richard Boy-Ed, the German naval attaché, provided money to send out supply ships from American ports to German commerce raiders, there is no indication that the Federal Government will demand that Boy-Ed be recalled.

NEUTRAL CONFERENCE URGED.

"We urge upon you a conference of neutral nations dedicated to finding a just settlement of the war" is the phrase employed in practically all the telegrams, but the messages are from women in all walks of life, members of mothers' clubs and church societies throughout the country. The scheme they propose is that which representative women from all parts of the world discussed and approved at a recent women's conference at The Hague. And it has been endorsed by men like Henry Ford, who has offered to spend his last cent in helping promote such a conference, and by David Starr Jordan, president of the Leland Stanford University in California.

SCOUTS' CAMPAIGN GOES TO MONDAY

Monday night will mark the close of the Boy Scout campaign, which was to have closed tonight.

More Would Be Welcomed.

Advocates of the plan for the proposed conference insist that they have unofficial but accurate reports not only from neutral nations of Europe, but from some of the belligerent countries, that such a move would be welcomed. They add that the step would be taken with impressive emphasis at the Christmas season, which is supposed to epitomize the

Thousands of Women Wire Pleas For Peace To President Wilson



MRS. JOHN JAY WHITE.

Concerted Effort by Mothers, Wives, Sisters, and Sweethearts of Country Follows Appeal From Jane Addams—Telegrams Are Preliminary to Great Meeting Here Friday.

Thousands of mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts from all parts of the country have appealed to President Wilson to end the war in Europe.

All today telegrams poured into the Chief Executive's office, and while all contained the same set sentence inspired by the Woman's Peace Party they clearly represent the wishes of women, horror-stricken in their sympathy for their sisters in Europe whose menfolk have been fed by staggering thousands into the hopper of the war machine.

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MOTOR KING IS ORGANIZING CONFERENCE OF NEUTRALS

Henry Ford Declares He Will Go Abroad to Call It Into Being—Hopes to End the War.

Has Informed President Wilson of His Plans—Serious Minded Men of All Beliefs to Be Invited.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Henry Ford today announced he had chartered the liner Oscar II as a peace ship to sail from New York on December 4, carrying American delegates to a peace conference to be held in Europe.

"I have chartered this peace ship to go to Europe to call into life a neutral conference," said Ford. "In what way I shall tell the public later.

"We are going over there to see if we can do any good. We are going to see if we can't get the men out of the trenches on Christmas Day. We hope we will have the support of every mother in the world in one great effort to stop this war, crush militarism and wipe away talk of preparedness forever."

WILSON TOLD OF PLAN.

Ford told President Wilson of his plan at the White House conference yesterday. He would not say whether the President approved it.

Plans for the peace conference are as yet very indefinite, it was admitted. The conference will be held in some neutral country, but just where has not been determined.

It will be an entirely unofficial conference, but Ford said he was confident it would be given the support of all peace advocates in other neutral countries.

He talked it over with peace advocates and his lawyers when he returned from Washington last night. They got into communication with the owners of the Danish liner which is now en route here from Copenhagen. Shortly after midnight today the steamer was chartered and notice sent to her agents that her sailings have been canceled.

The Oscar II is a 10,000-ton vessel, large enough to carry 200 passengers. But Ford said it was possible only a few peace delegates will make the trip.

Financed Entirely By Ford.

"We do not intend to carry only pacifists," he said. "We shall ask serious minded men of all beliefs to make the trip. I shall go myself if I think I can do any good."

Dr. Washington Memorial

Prominent colored organizations of the South have appealed to President Wilson to appoint a committee of white men to collect contributions for the erection of a national memorial to Booker T. Washington, the famous colored educator and philanthropist, who died recently.