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## SENDS NAVY ON TRIP TO PREVENT MUTINY

### RUSSIAN NAVY NEAR TO CLASH

Baltic Fleet's Hour of Trial Arrives and it Must Meet Hundred German Ships.

### BATTLE IN PROSPECT

Pending Fight in Gulf of Finland May be One of Greatest So Far During the War.

### United Press Leased Wire Service.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—Germany has apparently stifled mutterings of discontent in her navy, according to the authorities here today read the news of the resumed sea drive by the Baltic fleet. The navy prepared for a powerful drive against Reval, Kronstadt, and Viborg, the sea defenses of Petrograd, but suddenly dropped all arrangements. The fact that the mutiny at Wilhelmshaven coincided with the date of abandonment of this campaign was taken here to be the reason for this sudden switch in plans.

Now, however, Petrograd dispatches relate how nearly a hundred German vessels, including eight dreadnoughts, a number of cruisers, a great flotilla of torpedo boats and auxiliaries, participated in the fighting which marked the landing of German forces on the islands of Oesel and the demonstration against the island of Dago. It was believed here Germany would not attempt such a drive unless her navy personnel were once again firmly under discipline.

Russia is rallying her forces to the impending fight in the Gulf of Finland. Dispatches from the capital today quoted a powerful appeal issued by Premier Kerensky warning the Baltic fleet that the "hour of trial" had arrived.

London looks for an early and steely sea battle between the German and Russian forces. Desultory engagements between various craft on both sides have already occurred at Oesel and Dago islands and the shore batteries on the latter were officially reported to have sunk four German torpedo boats and a cruiser. Petrograd reports asserted Russian naval forces had "successfully prevented" the approach of German navy forces between the two islands and had forced a German landing party on Dago island to withdraw. The German forces on Oesel have been successful in maintaining and extending their positions.

**Battle Is Heard.**  
STOCKHOLM, Oct. 15.—Steamers arriving here today reported hearing the sound of violent cannonading in the Baltic—presumably a naval engagement between the German and Russian fleets.

**Russian Press Alarmed.**  
PETROGRAD, Oct. 15.—The Russian press is alarmed today at the landing of German troops and naval forces on Oesel island, at the entrance to the gulf of Riga and the prospects of a big naval battle. The Bourne Gazette asserts the

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### BUTTER TRUST TO BE CRACKED

Government Starts Investigation Which is Hoped to Lead to Breaking of Combine.

### GATHERING EVIDENCE

Meat Packers Hold Meeting at Which is Discussed Problem of Feeding United States and Allies.

### United Press Leased Wire Service.

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—R. W. Childs, government investigator, will begin today an investigation which he believes will crack the so-called "butter trust."

Grand jury action will be linked with the efforts of Childs and States Attorney Hoyne, who is now gathering evidence against those responsible for efforts to hoist the price of milk. Evidence has been found, it is stated, to show that the butter board at Elgin fixes the price of butter through quotations, although hundreds of times more butter is dealt in on the Chicago board.

**National Convention.**  
CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—G. Harold Powell, of the national food administration, representing Herbert Hoover, will speak on "the world's food supply" before the eleventh annual convention of the national poultry, butter and egg association today. Another speaker will be George E. Haskell, national chairman, co-operating with Hoover in the industries comprised of dairy, egg, poultry and cold storage men.

**Packers in Meeting.**  
CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—Plans for feeding the United States and her allies were to be promulgated today at a meeting of the American Meat Packers' association.

Among the subjects to be discussed are: Increase of live stock production; means of dealing with an estimated annual loss of \$250,000,000 through preventable diseases among cattle and over feeding at stock yards before cattle are bought by packers, causing payment of meat prices for gains which might be used in fattening other animals.

Among the speakers will be John W. O'Leary, president of the Chicago Association of Commerce; Albert T. Rohe, president of the packers; Paymaster John M. Hancock, of the U. S. N.; Col. A. D. Kiskern, quartermaster corps, U. S. A.; Howard R. Smith, James S. Agar, W. H. Gehrmann and Max N. Agger.

**Murder in First Degree.**  
HEMPSTEAD, L. I., Oct. 15.—The Nassau county grand jury today returned an indictment charging murder in the first degree against Mrs. Bianca DeSaules, who shot and killed her husband, John Longer DeSaules, former football star, on August 3. She will probably be arraigned under the indictment on Wednesday.

**Bandits Held up Train.**  
ELKO, Nevada, Oct. 15.—One person was shot and many lost valuable and money to a total of several hundred dollars when four bandits held up a train on the Western Pacific branch line near Wendover last night. A posse is on the trail of the bandits.

**Under Government Control.**  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—America's merchant marine passed under government control today. Relief of French munitions, congestion on piers in this country, more efficient operation for war purposes, oil tankers, more efficient freight rates on over seas are first results from requisition orders taking over every vessel of 2,500 tons or more. Actually present operation of the merchant fleet will be disturbed little. A government chartering commission in New York city and a transportation bureau under Edward F. Carry in the shipping board's offices in Washington, will handle the details of official regulation. The ships henceforth will carry only freight vital to life and war.

**New Yorker was Victim.**  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—Alfred Polymad, New York, was drowned when a Norwegian steamer was submerged, according to a state department message today.

**Held Valid by Supreme Court.**  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—A Louisiana statute to compel corporations to pay their wages in cash, was today held valid by the supreme court.

### Three Men Blown to Pieces At Dupont Plant Explosion

Unrecognizable Remains of Two are Found While Third Body Entirely Destroyed

WILMINGTON, Del., Oct. 15.—Two men dead, one missing and one other seriously injured was the result of an explosion of half a ton of nitro starch at the Dupont plant at Gibbstown, N. J., today. The dead and missing are Jesse Devault, Marple Reel and Martin Stalanzian, all powder makers. The two bodies found were absolutely unrecognizable. Raymond Snell Baker was seriously injured. The cause of the explosion is not known.

### AMERICAN STEAMER TORPEDOED

Sent to Bottom Off Coast of France by German Submarine, Nine of Crew Drowned.

### OWNERS RECEIVE WORD

Every Vessel of 2,500 Tons or More Has Now Passed Under the Control of the Government.

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—The American steamer Lewis Luckenbach has been submerged off the French coast and nine of her crew are missing, according to information received today by the owners here.

The Lewis Luckenbach was in command of Captain Adams. She was built at Camden, N. J., in 1903, was 355 feet long and her engines were able to develop 3,400 horsepower.

The boat left San Francisco April 28 for Puget Sound, where she took a cargo for a trip through the submarine zone.

**One American Killed.**  
LONDON, Oct. 15.—A second American was killed and a second seriously wounded by shell fire from a German submarine against their boats as they were leaving a torpedoed steamer, it was announced today.

The American killed was James Fringer. Frank Donoghue was wounded. Ten other Americans like Fringer and Donoghue, members of the crew of the steamer, escaped. Two Englishmen, members of the vessel's crew, were also killed by the submarine's gun fire, directed with apparent deliberate intent on the lifeboats. Eight persons in the boats were seriously wounded.

The name of the ship which was torpedoed was not announced.

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### KERENSKY WAS NOT AFRAID

Russian Premier Played With Death and Won by His Sheer, Unflinching Nerve.

### CALLED MEN COWARDS

Three Drunken Cossack Officers at the Point of Shooting Down Leader of New Nation.

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### RESTORING HOPES OF PEOPLE

German Attack in Gulf of Riga Merely Spectacular, Meaningless Move by the Kaiser.

### HAD TO DO SOMETHING

Navy Given Exercise in Order to Keep Their Mind Off Mutiny and Idleness.

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—The German attack upon the little archipelago at the entrance to the gulf of Riga is not a major strategic operation, but has undoubtedly been undertaken for the purpose of trying to restore the confidence of the German people in the kaiser's mutinous navy.

Primarily the islands guard the water approaches to Riga. Their protective value, however, has not prevented German warships entering the gulf on previous occasions and the capture of Riga from the land side this summer, destroyed the principal defensive purpose of the archipelago.

It is highly improbable that the Germans intend using the islands to reach the neighboring mainland in Estonia, for the purpose of making an overland advance upon Petrograd. The distance they would have to cover would exceed 250 miles, and to create a new army for this adventure would seriously deplete the German resources.

Every reason of strategy and economy is against this theory that the capture of Petrograd is the motive behind the present Riga gulf operations.

With the German minister of marine resigning, however, and with the position of the chancellor badly shaken because of naval mutinies, the kaiser has thought necessary to attempt the spectacular, if meaningless, counter action with his partly demoralized fleet. There can be no explanation of the assemblage of one hundred warships to overwhelm defenses. This number is far more than can advantageously be used. This number endangers one another if operated together. The kaiser, however, unquestionably ordered an extravagant concentration so that as many warships as possibly could have a little exercise and be given something to think about except mutinies. That is probably all there is to the operations.

**Don Dickinson Dead.**  
DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 15.—Don M. Dickinson, postmaster general under the administration of Grover Cleveland, died at his home here today. General physical debility was the cause of his death.

**Will Strike Saturday.**  
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 15.—Representatives of 40,000 coal miners of Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri voted to strike Saturday, if demands are not met by operators by that time.

**Charged With Plotting.**  
CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—Four men charged with plotting to foment a revolution against the British government went on trial in federal court today. They are Gustave F. Gustafson, wealthy real estate dealer; Albert H. Wedhe, art collector; George Pay L. Behm, mechanical engineer and Heramba Lal Gupta, a Hindu.

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### LIBERTY LOAN CAMPAIGN PUSHED

New York District to Use 100,000 Workers in Effort to Raise Required Quota.

### \$100,000,000 PER DAY

Public Meetings in Every Available Place With Canvass of District by Volunteer Workers.

### United Press Leased Wire Service.

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—New York and the whole second federal reserve district must subscribe \$100,000,000 a day to the Liberty loan if the goal is to be reached here, it was announced today.

During the last twelve business days of the campaign, 100,000 workers, most of them volunteers, will canvass the district and hold public meetings in every available place. The entire strength of the Home Defense league was today thrown into the fight.

As a part of the last twelve days' campaign launched, the Liberty loan committee is constructing a miniature battlefield in the big waiting room of the Pennsylvania station. The battle plan is barely 100 feet square, but it presents a vivid picture of the devastation of the Flanders front—an ugly waste of No Man's land.

Liberty loan salesmen and a corps of women are to be kept working here constantly. Their slogan will be "here's a picture of your home if the Liberty loan fails."

Wounded officers and men who have seen service in Europe, superintended the construction of the model.

**Tremendous Efforts Necessary.**  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—The second Liberty loan campaign today entered its two weeks with a "Paul Revere" message from President Wilson for a full five billion dollar response that will re-echo throughout Germany as index of American victory. Tremendous efforts are necessary. Officials stated, pointing to an unofficial subscription of only \$700,000,000 so far. The official total is \$399,664,000. Every one of the thousands of local committees has been tuned tensely for a smashing effort in the final fortnight.

As an incentive for bond buyers the treasury department announced that soldiers' insurance and dependents' allowances rest on the Liberty loan subscriptions. With \$350,000,000 worth of bonds required to be sold daily until October 27, new measures are being introduced to enthrall the people. The president proclaimed October 24 as Liberty loan day called on the people to hold patriotic gatherings. The boy scouts launch their drive next Saturday simultaneously with "bombings" on many cities from flyers at army training camps. New orators and additional bond sellers will be thrown into the campaign.

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### SHOOTING DOWN RED CROSS MEN

Teutons Snip Stretcher Bearers as Fast as They Appeared on Battle Field.

### RALLY ROUND BREWERY

Both Sides Have Repeatedly Captured Position, But as Yet Unable to Hold It.

[By Wm. Philip Simms, United Press Staff Correspondent.]  
WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FLANDERS, Oct. 15.—How one British officer walked across No Man's Land to stand in front of a German trench and call its defenders "swine" and other choice epithets because they were violating the battle field code of honor by shooting down Red Cross workers was told today.

It happened in the Poescapelle sector. The hottest fighting of Hag's most recent drive centered there, particularly about the brewery. Stretcher bearers were constantly being shot by the Germans. When a census revealed that 109 of these ministering forces had been shot out of 250 on duty, this particular officer's sporting sense and indignation led him to act. He saw three out of a group of four stretcher bearers shot down before his eyes. Their Red Cross flag fell. The officer stepped out from behind shelter, picked up the emblem supposedly regarded as inviolate by international agreement, and deliberately marched on the German lines.

The Germans, utterly astonished, stared at him. Standing alone in front of their guns, he read them a lecture in the choicest of German epithets.

"Only swine," he concluded, "are capable of sniping Red Cross men engaged in rescuing sufferers from the mud."

Then he turned around, his back disdainfully facing the enemy's guns and slowly walked back to his own lines. The Germans were so taken aback that they did not fire until a contemptuously defiant wave of the officer's hand marked his last appearance from under cover.

Desultory fighting continued today in the mud. The brewery in Poescapelle is still in the center of the thickest battling. Both sides have repeatedly captured the position, but neither side has yet been able to hold it.

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### CENSORSHIP OF MAIL LEAVING UNITED STATES

Measures Being Adopted for Stopping Any Leaks of Military Information.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—A censorship of mail leaving this country is being planned today.

Under the president's proclamation, putting the enemy trading law into operation, George Creel is considering measures for stopping military information leaking through letters.

Issuance of licenses to foreign language newspapers also is under way.

At the first signs of disloyalty, these organs will be curbed. The president has under advisement appointment

ment of a custodian of alien property, another feature of the new law. This official may transfer to himself any money, property or lien owned by an enemy.

Many Germans are expected in self protection to place their property under the custodian's powers. He will retain title to it for duration of the war.

The enemy trading law further tightens the strings around Germany. By presidential proclamation, the exports council becomes the war trade board with Vance McCormick still chairman. A special committee will censor outgoing mail and radio and cable messages.

The law shuts down on trade with Germany or her allies; gives power to stop trading with countries openly aiding Germany and guards war patients.

### JOFFRE MAKES INSPECTION OF AMERICAN REGIMENTS

Ladies of Town Present General Pershing With Hand Made Silk Flag.

[By J. W. Pegler, United Press Staff Correspondent.]

AMERICAN FIELD HEADQUARTERS, France, Oct. 15.—Marshal Joffre inspected the American troops today. General Pershing was his guide. Everyone of the different units of the sammys went through their best paces for the idol of the French poilus. Joffre was Pershing's guest at dinner at headquarters last night.

The ladies of the town in which the American field headquarters are located yesterday presented General Pershing a silk American flag in the corner of which was the seal of their city. The ceremonies included a presentation speech by the mayor, referring to woman's important work and her sacrifices in the war.

In his brief address accepting the flag, General Pershing declared that at the end of the war women will "win deserved honor for the part they have played in establishing democracy."

The American commander in chief was heartily cheered.

After the speech-making, a granite tablet was placed in the corridor of the hotel commemorating the establishment of American headquarters in the village.