

UTILIZED SPAIN AS NEW CHANNEL

Sailing of U. S. Troops Was Reported Through That Agency

GERMAN FIRM IN NEW YORK SUPPLIED DATA

Hamburg - American Line and North German Lloyd Co. Gather Facts

Washington, Sept. 22.—The final pressure that brought the addition of the censorship amendment to the trading with the enemy bill yesterday came in the form of the report on a government investigation of information reaching Germany through uncensored cable despatches and letters. This report showed, among other things, that Germany was informed of the sailing date and number of transports carrying the first troops to France by an apparently simple business cable from the representative in New York of a big German firm to a correspondent in Barcelona, and that the information was forwarded from Barcelona to Germany by Spanish wireless.

Many German firms are also incalculable by the report and it is further stated that there is no doubt that the United States army is well salted with German spies. When this report was presented to the conferees and it was shown to them that the route from this country to South America, thence to Spain, and from Spain to Germany by Spanish wireless was a regular means of communication between German agents in America and their chiefs in Berlin, the provision for a mail and cable censorship was agreed to without further discussion.

Among other things the report in question, which was dated Sept. 17, said: "Large German corporations, such as the Hamburg-American line and the North German Lloyd company, maintain complete organizations, supposedly for the purpose of gathering trade statistics for use after the war, but which obviously can systematically gather facts of more immediate value to the German empire, such as the date of departure and the number of our troop-carrying transports. This is equally true of many banking and commercial houses."

"There is no question that numerous German agents are to be found in the regular and national armies. They will have first-hand knowledge of strength, course of training, equipment, progress and morale of the different units.

"It is worthy of note, as evidence of the material value to the enemy of uncensored mails, that the British government in the first two years of the war detained letters destined to Germany, containing checks, drafts, money orders and remittances in various forms to the value of \$250,000,000."

"We are informed by the office of the information as to the departure of the transports carrying American troops to France was probably conveyed to the German government in a cable message sent by one of the heads of the German company in New York to one of the heads of the German company in Barcelona, Spain. The message was dated June 14, the date the transports sailed."

"Not only does this channel exist, but we know that it is being used. We know of business reports and credits mailed to Spain and transmitted by wireless from Spain to Germany. There are in the files numerous communications containing valuable information addressed to neutral countries, but intended for Germany and intercepted."

In the examples of reports of apparently innocent business messages, having in fact entirely different meaning, there is one that related to the cargo of the Deutschland. It was sent from Berlin by wireless via Tuckerton, Nov. 3, 1916, and read as follows:

"Haigt 22 platt st. N.Y.K. Provide that whole quantity of bars is taken by Walker without fatal and that remaining material be only sheets."

The address Haigt meant Thomas Prosser & Sons, agents for Krupp, and when translated the message said: "Provide that whole quantity of ferrochrome is taken by Deutschland without fail, and that remaining material only to be nickel."

WARRANTS FOR THREE CITY OFFICIALS

Philadelphia Mayor, Police Lieutenant and Councilman Face Arrest

Philadelphia, Sept. 22.—Mayor Thomas Smith, Police Lieutenant David Bennett and Isaac Deutsch, a common councilman, were expected to accept service yesterday of the warrants sworn out on Thursday night charging them with conspiracy in connection with the killing on Wednesday of Policeman Eppley and assault made upon two other men by gunmen alleged to have been brought here from Jersey City by one of the rival factions in the contest for the Republican leadership in the fifth ward.

Arrangements, it was announced, have been made to admit the mayor and the other two men named in the warrants to bail at \$10,000 each. They will be given a hearing next Tuesday.

TWO GREAT MEDICINES SUPPLEMENT EACH OTHER

They are Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pepton Pills, the combination of which is giving so much satisfaction in the treatment of the impure, impoverished blood and weak, worn-out nerves that are so often found in the same individual nowadays.

SECOND PALM FOR A BOSTON AIRMAN

Walter S. Rheno, with Lafayette Flying Squadron, Cited for Bringing Down Germans.

Paris, Sept. 22.—Pilot Walter S. Rheno of Boston, a member of the Lafayette squadron, has been granted a second palm to his war cross for bringing down a German airplane in an engagement on Sept. 8, says the Paris edition of the New York Herald. This is the second German machine Rheno has shot down single-handed.

TWO DEAD AT \$5,000 FIRE

Fireman Killed by Auto Fire Truck—One Suffocated at Ludlow Fire.

Springfield, Sept. 22.—Two lives were lost and one person was badly burned as the result of a \$5,000 fire in combined store and tenement house in Ludlow, early yesterday. Alexander Rogers, a fireman, was run over and instantly killed by an automobile fire truck, and John Mistaloz, an occupant of the building, returned to secure valuables after getting his family out and was found in the building two hours later, badly burned. Rogers, who had been a fireman ten years, was run down by the fire truck while working in the dense smoke.

ALEXIEFF RESIGNS AS RUSSIAN COMMANDER

Due to Kerensky Insisting on Removal of Officers Suspected of Favoring Korniloff.

Petrograd, Sept. 22.—General Alexieff has resigned his post as chief of the general staff under Premier Kerensky, the commander-in-chief of the Russian armies, according to newspaper reports yesterday. The resignation is said to be due to differences with the premier, the latter insisting on the removal from headquarters of all officers under suspicion of complicity with General Korniloff.

SPORTING NOTES

By annexing yesterday's game with Boston to their credit, the Chicago American league team clinched the league pennant mathematically, since they can lose all of their remaining games while Boston is winning all of their remaining scheduled games and still have the lead.

While President Frazee of the Red Sox team has not stated that he did not wish a post-season series with the Braves, he has stated that he does not see any need of them. Wagner is the only member of the team who figured in the last series between the two teams and he says that the players only received about \$60, which would hardly be worth while.

President Johnson of the American league has notified Manager Griffith of the Washington Senators that the protest of the game won by Detroit on Aug. 19 had been allowed. President Johnson upheld Griffith in the contention that Cobb broke the rule of not touching a player when Burns rounded third with the winning run.

John McGraw, manager of the New York National league team, has won a National league record by leading the Giants to another pennant. This annexation is the sixth to be won by the Giants under the leadership of McGraw, the years being 1904, 1905, 1911, 1912, 1913 and 1917. Connie Mack has managed the Athletics to the championship in the years of 1902, 1905, 1910, 1911, 1913, 1914.

J. Franklin Baker, the third baseman of the New York American league team, has retired from baseball. He reported at the Polo grounds Tuesday prepared to play but was notified that he had been suspended for the season, and has gone to his home in Trappe, Md. Baker and Manager Donovan recently had a tilt because of Baker's failure to report at an exhibition game at Bridgeport, Conn., and he was indefinitely suspended. Baker's contract, which calls for \$10,000, has another year to run.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Yesterday's Results. At St. Louis—Boston and St. Louis, wet grounds.

At Pittsburgh—New York 3, Pittsburgh 1.

At Chicago—Philadelphia 4, Chicago 2.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

Table with columns: Club, Won, Lost, Pct. New York 92, 50, .648; Philadelphia 78, 50, .648; St. Louis 78, 66, .542; Cincinnati 73, 71, .507; Chicago 72, 73, .497; Brooklyn 63, 73, .463; Boston 63, 76, .453; Pittsburgh 47, 97, .326

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yesterday's Results. At New York—New York 9, St. Louis 6.

At Boston—Chicago 2, Boston 1 (10 innings).

At Washington—Detroit 7, Washington 1.

At Philadelphia—Cleveland 5, Philadelphia 3.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS

Table with columns: Club, Won, Lost, Pct. Chicago 97, 49, .664; Boston 84, 57, .596; Cleveland 82, 63, .566; Detroit 78, 72, .482; Washington 67, 76, .469; New York 67, 76, .469; St. Louis 63, 83, .433; Philadelphia 50, 91, .355

SAY IT IS DUE TO BIG BUSINESS

House Conferees Thus Explain Delay with Revenue Bill

HOUSE MEMBERS STILL HOLDING OUT

Point at Issue Involves Patents, Good Will and Other Intangible Assets

Washington, Sept. 22.—Members of the ways and means committee at a meeting with the House conferees on the war tax bill yesterday were told that the presence of big business agents, demanding retention of Senate allowances on good will, patents and other intangible assets in determining the capital of business for taxation purposes, was responsible for the failure of conferees to agree on the definition of capital, the big point in controversy in discussion of the war revenue bill.

Early in the conference, House conferees declared, the Senate conferees appeared willing to waive the provision of their bill to make allowances for these intangible assets, but they have since changed their attitude.

House members are still holding out against making the allowances, however, and a majority of the ways and means committee is supporting them in their position.

After explaining the situation to the ways and means committee, the House conferees returned to conference.

It was said the outlook was poor for an early agreement on the excess profits section.

Plans of House members who favor increasing the war profit tax above the Senate rates to bring the matter before the ways and means committee yesterday were abandoned because the rate section had not been reached in conference.

As no other meeting of the ways and means committee is expected before the conferees' report is brought on the floor, plans now are to make the fight for higher rates there.

ROTTERDAM TRAFFIC FALLS TO LOW LEVEL

Trade with Some Countries Is Wholly at a Standstill—Claim Made That United States Is Cutting In.

Rotterdam, Netherlands, Sept. 22 (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Rotterdam's shipping traffic last year fell to the level of the year 1870 as regards the number of ships, and to the level of 1892 in respect to tonnage, according to the annual report of the Rotterdam Chamber of Commerce. The shipping arrivals of the whole country numbered 5,114, with a net tonnage of 4,681,117, as compared with 6,251 ships measuring 6,621,478 in 1915.

Traffic with Spain, Russia, Rumania and many other European countries is entirely at a standstill, and that with Africa almost in like condition. Nearly half Rotterdam's shipping traffic was carried on with Britain, Norway and Sweden. The other half was with the United States and Argentina, whence came the country's grain imports.

A large part of the Rhine fleet was employed in the transport of gravel from Germany and Holland over inland waterways to Belgium. This material is destined for German military and other uses, and its conveyance through Dutch waters has not been viewed with much favor to the entente powers. Holland maintains that such transport is permissible under international law, and that in these circumstances strict neutrality forbids prevention of the traffic.

Another considerable part of the Rhine fleet, in the absence of the usual busy traffic with Germany, was chartered to carry coal from Belgium (Antwerp) to Germany, Switzerland, Scandinavia and Holland.

Germany, Austria and Belgium being cut off from the Netherlands' East Indian market, and Britain's supplies being mostly confined to textile goods and fertilizers, the report says America and Japan took advantage of the position to considerably increase their sales to the East Indies. America supplied more machinery and ironware than formerly and her exports to those colonies are expected to increase. It is probable, in the chamber's opinion, that Japan will continue to serve the Netherlands' East Indian market after the war. So greatly has the war hampered telegraphic communication between mother country and colony that it is now almost a rule for telegrams to take 10 to 12 days. If Holland remains true to its free trade policy, the Rotterdam chamber anticipates that she may after the war fill an important role as a middleman between the present belligerent countries whose commercial relations may not at first be of the best description.

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AMERICAN TOOLS TO BE USED LARGELY

In Developing the Rich Agricultural Resources of Macedonia and Thessaly—Shipment of Implements Are Being Sent.

Athens, Sept. 22 (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—American agricultural machinery is to be used on a huge scale to develop the rich agricultural resources of Macedonia and Thessaly, which have lain for ages in an undeveloped state. One of the largest orders given by Greece has just been placed with United States concerns, and the first shipments of 200 farm tractors, 1,500 auto rakes, and a whole shipland of other large implements left New York on the first of the Greek liners to sail since the entente blockade was raised.

A company with \$8,000,000 capital, has just been founded to carry on this development of Macedonia and Thessaly. It is chiefly Greek money, with some French and American. But part of the plan called for utilizing modern American methods, by which farming is conducted in the western states on a huge scale. The ancient methods of ploughing and harvesting still prevail in Thessaly and lower Greece, and this will be the first time that the big steam farm tractors have been operated here on a large scale. Even the primitive wooden plough is used by many peasants, but at Volo, in Thessaly, iron and steel ploughs have been turned out for some time past.

This development of the Balkan granaries on a large scale is one of the necessities forced on Europe by the war. All of the countries have suddenly realized that they could not feed themselves in the pinch of war. Greece alone has bought about \$15,000,000 worth of grain every year from the United States, Russia and Bulgaria. With these countries cut off by submarines and war conditions, Greece is now trying to get wheat from India. The other Balkan states are in the same condition. They have lots of idle land but are feeding themselves from America, and beyond seas.

The formation of this new company has resulted from this determination, encouraged by the government, to develop the fertile Balkan regions so that Greece and the other Balkan countries may be able to be self-supporting and even contribute to the grain supply of the rest of Europe. Macedonia virtually is a virgin soil, very rich, and capable of large crops. The Macedonian tobacco already commands high prices in the world's markets. It trebled in value the last year.

Thessaly is the region where the French high commissioner, Jonnart, introduced intensive farming the past summer in order to meet the pressing needs of Greece. It is one of the best wheat regions, and even with primitive methods it produced last year 3,000,000 bushels of wheat, oats, barley and rye, 10,000,000 pounds of tobacco and much cotton and rice.

With the large consignments of American machinery now on the way, and abundant capital available, it is expected that these products of Macedonia and Thessaly will be enormously increased, and that the hope will be at last realized of making it one of the great granaries of eastern Europe.

CARDINAL MERCIER SUBJECT OF RIOT

Agitators in Cheering Crowd at Antwerp Cathedral Hiss at Him—Police, with Drawn Swords, Interfere.

Amsterdam, Sept. 22.—According to the Handelsblad, while Cardinal Mercier, the primate of Belgium, was going to the cathedral at Antwerp in full pontifical dress last Sunday he was hoisted and hissed by a group of Flemish and anti-French agitators, which was in the crowd cheering him. A riot resulted, and the police interfered with drawn swords. Later, as the cardinal was leaving the cathedral, rioting again broke out. Stones were thrown and sticks were freely used. Two of the agitators were seriously injured. Several of the rioters were arrested.

American's Exploit.

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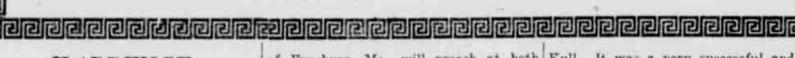
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HARDWICK

Jonathan W. Paige Died at the Age of Almost 83.

The funeral of Jonathan Ward Paige, who died last Monday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Adella Lawson, on Wolcott street, was held at his late home Thursday morning, and the remains were taken to Glover for interment. Mr. Paige was practically a life-long resident of this place, having been born here in 1835, and was therefore 82 years of age, and would have been 83 had he lived until Sept. 27. He was a very quiet and unassuming man, well known and much respected. He is survived by two sons, Elbert E. of Cleveland, O., and Archie S. of Morrisville, and two daughters, Mrs. Adella Lawson of this place and Mrs. Minnie Hoyt of Ludlow, Mass., besides several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Elbert E. Paige of Cleveland, O., and A. S. Paige of Morrisville were in town the latter part of the week to attend the funeral of their father, Jonathan Paige. Mrs. Minnie Hoyt of Ludlow, Mass., was in town the latter part of the week to attend the funeral of her father, Jonathan Paige.

A surprise party was tendered to Miss Mary Bailey and Miss Brodie at the gymnasium last Wednesday evening. Miss Bailey and Miss Brodie's birthdays happily falling on the same day. The evening was pleasantly passed in playing games and in dancing.

A. S. Paige of Morrisville has been in town the latter part of the week. A. M. Titchout of Montpelier was a business visitor here last Thursday.

William Lyons leaves Monday for Montpelier, where he will enter Montpelier seminary for the coming year.

Mrs. Whitney Bell is visiting her parents in Rutland at present. She will soon join her husband, who is employed in Worcester, Mass.

Rev. S. T. Achenbach, formerly Congregational pastor of Greensboro, but now of Fryeburg, Me., will preach at both morning and evening services at the Congregational church to-morrow, Sept. 23. Mr. Achenbach comes here highly recommended as a strong and interesting speaker and it is hoped that a large congregation will turn out to hear him.

There will be a very important church meeting of members and families attending the Congregational church next week Wednesday evening, Sept. 26, at 7:30 o'clock. Let all interested be present at this time.

Judge Frank Plumley of Northfield will speak at the Methodist church to-morrow at the morning service. Miss Butler, field secretary for the W. F. M. S., will also speak. Hear them both.

There are now 101 students registered in the academic department of the local schools.

The reception at the hospital yesterday afternoon and evening proved to be just what it was intended of. There were a great many agricultural donations and many visited the institution for the first time, got better acquainted with the needs and with the methods of the local hospital and also better acquainted with the matron, Miss Emily Kull. It was a very successful and interesting occasion, and there should be more of them.

The local troop of boy scouts very pleasantly entertained the troop from East Hardwick at the local scout rooms Thursday evening. There were 15 scouts present from the east village, together with its scoutmaster, Rev. Franklin Blake. A very interesting business meeting was conducted by the local scout master, after which eight candidates were initiated into the tenderfoot degree in a very interesting investiture ceremony. Following this the local boys served ice cream and cake and the rest of the evening was taken up in a social way. These get-together meetings of the different troops is proving a good thing all concerned.

The time of the meetings of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans has been changed from the first and third Friday evenings of the month to Friday afternoons of the same days. Miss Jennie and Beryl Williams of Bellows Falls are visiting their father, W. M. Williams. Mrs. C. T. Pierce and son and Mrs. W. E. Fraser and daughter visited in Morrisville Friday.

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