

## AMENDMENT FOR ISBELL RAFTER BILL

Prepared by Representative Stoddard and Offered by Senator Purcell

**MERGER PLAN TO BE RUSHED THROUGH**

Bill to Investigate Brewery Ownership of Saloons Derailed

(Special to Farmer.)

Hartford, Feb. 10.—In the Senate today Senator Purcell presented an amendment to the majority report on the civil service measure which was introduced yesterday. It is understood the amendment was drafted by Representative Stoddard, (Dem.), a member of the Judiciary committee.

The amendment provides that no candidate shall be eligible for a state office who has been convicted of a crime within seven years of the date of his application, or who is addicted to the use of intoxicants or drugs, or who has been removed for cause from the state service.

The amendment further provides that there shall be no exemptions to that part of the present law which requires competitive tests for civil service positions. The approval of the civil service commission, under the Purcell amendment, will be required for the removal for cause of any civil service employe from office.

## Kelly's "Request" Bill Aimed at Brewing Interest

(Special to The Farmer.)

Hartford, Feb. 10.—Through a mistake in reference to committee, it came to the attention of the house today, a bill fathered by certain retail liquor dealers of Bridgeport, which will be of state-wide interest.

The bill introduced by request, by Rep. Kelly, authorizes the speaker of the house to appoint a committee of six representatives to investigate the ownership of retail saloons by breweries.

The bill was introduced during the final rush preceding January 28, the time limit for the presentation of new business. According to the clerk of the house an error in stamping an endorsement upon the bill sent it to the committee on education. The senate also, in the press of last day business concurred in the reference.

In the house to-day the committee on education returned the bill, and a corrected reference to the committee on excise was made.

Rep. Kelly said the bill was introduced by him at the request of certain retail liquor dealers in Bridgeport. He does not know to what extent they wish the proposed investigation to go, or whether they wish to be made of the committee's findings.

## Consolidation Opposed

(Special to The Farmer.)

Hartford, Feb. 10.—Senator Mead, chairman of the committee on cities and boroughs, reported to the senate, to-day, a favorable report on the Bridgeport charter amendment revising the taxing district lines. The hearing was held on the amendment yesterday and some opposition developed from first district taxpayers.

Sen. Mead explained that immediate action on the report is desired, because the amendment affecting the making up of the proposed budget. The measure was ordered printed, and will come up for action to-morrow.

## Favor Hamill Bill

(Special to The Farmer.)

Hartford, Feb. 10.—John McElroy, representative from the first district, and Wallace A. Smith, representing other civil service employes in Bridgeport, appeared to-day before the committee on federal relations at a hearing on the Hamill bill, now before Congress, for the pensioning of civil service employes. Sen. Comley of Bridgeport is chairman of this committee.

In addition to the Bridgeport speakers a number of representatives of other associations of federal employes throughout this state also endorsed the Hamill bill.

## Praise for Bennett

(Special to The Farmer.)

Hartford, Feb. 10.—Senator Bartlett, chairman of the committee on executive nominations, presented to the senate today a report on the resolution confirming Charles J. Bennett as state highway commissioner. The resolution was passed unanimously. Senator Bartlett spoke of the high degree of efficiency obtained in the highway department, under Commissioner Bennett.

## Asks for Citizenship

(Special to the Farmer.)

Hartford, Feb. 10.—Before the committee on naturalization there was a hearing, this afternoon, upon the petition of Daniel J. Dillon, of Bridgeport, asking the restoration of his rights as an elector. Harbor-master George Padock appeared in the interests of Dillon, whose rights were forfeited through his conviction of a crime in connection with a prize-fight in Stratford, two years ago.

Representative Ivan Morehouse, who is prosecuting attorney for the town of Stratford appeared against Dillon, also appeared before the committee today and asked that Dillon's rights be restored.

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## GERARD DISTURBED BY THEATRE ROWDY

Berlin, Feb. 10.—While Ambassador Gerard and a party from the American embassy were attending a theatre last night they were greatly annoyed by a man in the audience who protested because they were speaking English. When this man was informed that his remarks were directed against the American ambassador he began a loud and violent tirade against the United States for permitting the exportation of arms.

## ADMINISTRATION STANDS FIRM IN SHIP DEADLOCK

Senators Break Down Under Strains of Record Breaking Session

**WILSON'S COHORTS THWART OPPOSITION**

Kitchin and the President in Conference at White House

Washington, Feb. 10.—Deadlocked over President Wilson's ship bill in a continuous session which exceeds by many hours any other of which there is record, the Senate today showed no sign of an end to the legislative struggle.

At 10 o'clock this morning the continuous session had lasted 46 hours. Senator Townsend, Republican, had relieved Senator Kernan who had been talking since 1 a. m., opening the day's session on the shipping bill from the Republican side. While Mr. Townsend spoke fresh forces on both sides of the chamber relieved the tired, heavy-eyed senators who had stood guard through the night.

Many senators had begun to break under the physical strain of the fight. The President was compelled last night to go to his hotel under care of a physician. Others were forced by physical exhaustion to retire to their homes; but plans of Senate leaders were made to rush them back on short notice should their votes be needed.

Twice during the night the Republicans and allied Democrats of the opposition vainly sought to adjourn the Senate but administrative lines held firmly. Majority Leader Kern asserted early in the day that there would be no let up until the pending question at least, could be put to a vote. The pending question still remains on a motion of Senator Fletcher to recommend the bill with instructions for its immediate amendment and return to the Senate.

Meanwhile, means for forcing the shipping bill through were discussed by President Wilson at conferences with Majority Leader Underwood of the Senate and Representative Kitchin, who is to succeed Mr. Underwood as House leader after March 4. The President's suggestion to the House leaders was that the Senate shipping bill might be attached as an amendment to the Weeks bill, already passed by the Senate, providing for the use of naval vessels in carrying mails and freight. The Weeks bill is now before the House and a naval affairs committee. The President has understood that he is not finally determined to press this idea but it is said to have support of several Republican leaders.

Mr. Kitchin wants to the White House primarily to take up with the President the views of members of the ways and means committee that there should be no extra session of Congress.

## CORONER PROBING DEATH OF THOMAS BURNS ON RAILROAD

Whether Thomas Burns, a brakeman on a freight train fell off his train at Sandy Hook last Saturday afternoon and sustained injuries which caused death or whether he was caught and crushed between another train on the same line there is what Coroner Phelan is trying to determine at Sandy Hook today. The coroner had a number of railroad employes including the station master before him.

He has previously interviewed members of the train crew with whom Burns worked but has not found anyone who saw Burns hurt. The unfortunate brakeman died at the Danbury hospital soon after he was taken there. He was unmarried, and 25 years of age.

Coroner Phelan is awaiting a report from E. W. Winchester of New Haven regarding the killing of Frank Ligori at Stamford recently. Ligori who was a barber of Glendale, was shocked to death by electricity as he attempted to board a train at Stamford. When the coroner receives expert Winchester's report he will make his findings on the case. Mr. Winchester was employed by the state to investigate.

## POSTPONE LINCOLN DAY OBSERVANCE

Members of Franklin Bartlett camp, No. 11, Sons of Veterans, have postponed their Lincoln Day observance from last night until Friday evening, February 19. The entertainment will be held in G. A. R. hall with plenty of good music and speaking. Members of Elias Howe post, No. 3, G. A. R., have been invited, also Nathaniel W. Bishop camp, United Spanish War Veterans, and other patriotic societies. Friends of the members have also been invited. The entertainment will begin at eight o'clock.

The Bank of England sold \$37,000,000 of foreign coin, the destination of which was not made public.

## DE CASTELLANE LOSES SUIT IN VATICAN COURT

Action for Annulment of His Marriage Fails in Rota Tribunal

**SUIT WAS BASED ON HER ALLEGED THREAT**

Former Anna Gould, Now Duchess of Tallyrand, Retains Children

Paris, Feb. 10.—The Rota Tribunal has rejected Count Boni De Castellane's suit for the annulment of his marriage to Anna Gould, now the Duchess of Tallyrand, according to a special despatch from Rome. Arguments in the third trial of the case were closed yesterday after which the court announced its decision.

Count De Castellane's appeal to the Vatican courts for the annulment of his marriage to Anna Gould has been pending since 1910. Under the ecclesiastical judicial system before a religious marriage is annulled the case must be heard three times by the Rota Tribunal, each time by three different judges and two decisions must favor a contestant before the judgment is final. In the Castellane case the present Duchess of Tallyrand has won two of these decisions.

If the count had been successful in obtaining annulment of the religious marriage he would have been enabled to marry again. Under the French law he would have obtained possession of their three children who were given into the custody of their mother when she secured a divorce in the Paris courts on Nov. 14, 1906.

De Castellane based his petition largely upon affidavits made by Prince Del Drago and Jean De Castellane, the Count's brother, who declared the Duchess could invalidate the religious marriage by declaring to them a quarter of an hour before the ceremony was performed that she intended to divorce her husband if ever he were unfaithful to her.

Anna Gould, daughter of the late Jay Gould, was married to Count De Castellane in New York City on March 4, 1895.

After her divorce from him she married Prince Helle De Sagan on July 7, 1908, and became the Duchess of Tallyrand when her husband succeeded to the title upon the death of his father in Paris, Feb. 23, 1910.

## CUSTODY OF HELEN JUDD'S SON CAUSE OF COURT DISPUTE

Mrs. Margaret Gilson of West Haven seeks the custody of Clarence, the two and a half year old son of Mrs. Nellie Watson Judd who was killed at West Haven one night in December, 1912, when a rapidly moving trolley car struck her from behind while she was crossing the Broad street painting contractor, was driving. Judd, who lives at 73 Park Terrace, is the natural guardian of his son. Mrs. Gilson adopted the child when she was a little girl and Mrs. Judd had lived with her until her marriage. Mrs. Gilson alleges that Judd is an unfit person to care for his son and she desires the custody of the child. Detective Sergeant Cronan, Police Sergeant Ramsey and Flood and Patrolman Bray were before Judge Miller in the probate court yesterday afternoon to testify that Judd is not a fit person to care for his child.

Before the accident in which the child's mother was killed, Judd and his wife were living with Mrs. Gilson who had the custody of the child. Since the death of the mother, Judd has had the custody. He desires to keep the boy with him. He was represented in the court by Attorney James H. O'Rourke.

Judge Miller after hearing the testimony of the policemen adjourned the hearing until next Tuesday when Mrs. Gilson will be given an opportunity to present other witnesses and Judd will also be heard.

## Hall Favored for New Haven Judgeship

Hartford, Feb. 10.—The New Haven judgeship contest heard yesterday was reported by the committee today, a resolution in favor of George E. Hall, going into the Senate and being tabled for the calendar while in the House unfavorable reports were made on resolutions in behalf of Samuel E. Hoyt and L. Erwin Jacobs. The Jacobs resolution was rejected while that for Mr. Hoyt was tabled by request.

The Senate concurred with the House in electing Fred J. Brown and Charles H. Smith commissioners of New London county.

The House calendar resolutions appointing Wesley O'Hearn judge and F. Harris Warner associate judge at Middletown to fill vacancies were received, adopted and the resolutions sent to the Senate under suspension of the rules.

Other favorable reports on judgeship resolutions were in behalf of Judges Pearne and Warner, for the regular term at Middletown; J. Butler Merwin at New Milford; A. M. Brown, at Griswold; Fred P. Lamar judge and A. S. Chever, deputy judge at Groton.

Announcement was made in the House that the New Haven Republican caucus on the county commission-ership set for tomorrow had been postponed until Tuesday owing to illness among the county delegation. From the House calendar resolutions appointing James R. Mead judge and Greenwell, R. C. Stoddard judge and N. S. Buckingham deputy judge at Milford were adopted.

## GOVERNOR OFFERS \$1,000 REWARD FOR DOUBLE MURDERERS

Hartford, Feb. 10.—Gov. Holcomb said this afternoon that he would authorize on the part of the state the offering of a reward of \$1,000 for the apprehension of the murderers of the Rev. Joseph Zebriss and his housekeeper, Miss Iva Gilmanantiss, in New Britain some time Monday night. Two individuals in New Britain offer \$100 each.

## MASSEY SLAIN IN REVENGE FOR ALLEGED INSULT

That Is Gist of Confession Made by Domestic in His Home

**WIFE, BRIDGEPORTER, HURRIES TO TORONTO**

Automobile Man's Death Came On Steps of Home—Newsboy Is Witness

(Special to The Farmer.)

Toronto, Feb. 10.—That Charles A. Massey, a former employe of the Locomobile Co. of America of Bridgeport, was slain by a domestic in his home in revenge for attempted advances in the gist of a confession made by Carrie Davis, the 18 years old girl now held by the Dominion authorities for murder.

Massey, a former Bridgeporter, died almost instantly on the steps of his own home, where the shooting took place Monday evening. His wife, in Hartford, Conn., when the tragedy occurred, is now here. She was a Bridgeport girl, Rhoda, Vandergrift. Their little son also is here.

Massey was the son of the late C. Albert Massey, formerly vice-president and general manager of the Massey Manufacturing company. He resided at 129 West Main street when arrested. The girl gave her reason as revenge for alleged advances made to her by her victim, Mrs. Massey has been absent in Hartford, Conn., but arrived in Toronto on Monday.

Massey was 32 years of age and a salesman for the York Motor Car company of this city. He had walked down Walmer road from Dupont street at 129 West Main street Monday night and was just about in his house when the girl confronted him at the threshold of the door, pistol in hand. She fired two shots, the first missing and the second entering the left breast. Massey turned but he got no further than the adjoining house when he sank to the ground. He was carried into a neighbor's house and a doctor who was passing attempted to minister to him but the attempt was fruitless for he expired less than ten minutes later from the effects of the bullet which had pierced near to the heart.

Carrie Davis was taken to the police station in her room on the top floor by the police who had been summoned by neighbors, and was charged with Massey's murder. There was but one eye-witness to the tragedy, a newsboy who had called to leave a paper at the house and collect some money from the family. The servant girl had told him that one man had been shot and he had gone but a short distance when he heard a shot and turning around saw Massey at the foot of the steps. The girl at this moment stepped from the doorway and fled again. Massey fell to the sidewalk and the girl re-entered the house.

When the police arrived they found the fourteen-year-old son of the Masseys in the basement of the dwelling. He knew nothing of the affair. As the sergeant of police walked upstairs through the house the Davis girl called to him to come upstairs. He told her to come down and she did so with the revolver still in her hand. She relinquished it without a murmur of protest and accompanied the police to detective headquarters where she is said to have made a full and startling confession. This the police refuse to disclose.

The girl is said to have come from England with her sister about two years ago last May. Most of the time since, she has worked in the Massey house as a domestic. The motive for the crime is still a mystery, for as far as can be learned she was treated well and harbored no grudge. Massey was a member of the Royal Canadian Yacht club, and is survived by one brother and several sisters living in Toronto.

## \$6,000 Legacy Waits For Robert Meara If He'll Declare Himself

If a brother of Robert Meara or O'Meara who was born in Ireland about 70 years ago and who came to this country about 35 years ago, is still living in Bridgeport, his declining years will be made happier with a \$6,000 legacy. Robert Meara, of O'Meara is dead and has left that sum in cash. Attorney John J. Dwyer who has an office at 7 Wall street, New York, is searching for the brother who is the sole heir. He has asked Mayor Wilson to locate him if he is in Bridgeport.

## WEATHER FORECAST

Fair tonight and Thursday; warmer Thursday. Moderate variable winds.

## PRIEST PERHAPS WAS TORTURED BY MURDERERS

Had Received Letter Demanding Big Sum to Be Left On Lonely Road

**STATE POLICE WORK ON DOUBLE MURDER**

New Haven Holds Four Prisoners Upon Suspicion of Complicity

New Britain, Feb. 10.—With apparently little tangible to work on the police today continued their efforts to solve the mystery surrounding the murder of Rev. Joseph Zebriss, pastor of St. Andrew's Lithuanian Roman Catholic church here, and his housekeeper, Miss Iva E. Gilmanantiss. The body in the attic, apparently after a desperate struggle as indicated by the disorder of the room and her garments.

The autopsy begun by Dr. Philip D. Bruce of Hartford, last night, under direction of Coroner J. Gilbert Calhoun, was expected to be resumed today. So far as it has gone it has shown that Father Zebriss was shot four times in the body, two bullets entering over the heart one in the side and one in the back. The housekeeper was strangled in her room in the attic, apparently after a desperate struggle as indicated by the disorder of the room and her garments.

The police early today found a gold watch in a pocket of one of the coats of the slain priest. A gold filled watch was also found in a cabinet and in another part of the house four gold watches and a valuable crucifix. The findings in these articles the police think tends to show that while the house was ransacked the search was not as thorough as the circumstances would indicate and strengthens the story that some other motive than robbery may have prompted the crimes.

Though it now appears that the Sunday collection was taken Monday, as usual, the cash in the house may have been large in amount, for Miss Gilson, as the housekeeper, was usually known, often took care of money for parishioners.

Against the robbery theory is set the fact that blackmail letters had been received by Father Zebriss. In April, 1913, he received a demand for \$1,000 from "Sam Chien", one of the writers of the letter called themselves. The priest ridiculed the letter from his pulpit, but reported it to the police.

There was a renewal of this demand cannot be said, now that the priest is dead. But it is certain that within the last week Father Zebriss was only fifty-two and robust, told parishioners that "something happened" he hoped the undertaker who does most of the work in St. Andrew's parish would have charged the funeral.

The coldness of a schoolroom caused the discovery of the murder. Father Zebriss went every morning to the parochial school, directly behind the rectory, Miss Gilman had charge of it.

This morning the building was so cold that Miss Anne Gulauskas, a teacher, went to the rectory to see if the doors were locked. Through an unfastened window she sent a pupil. He let her in.

In the parlor at the front of the house she found the body of the slain priest. His arms were outstretched and his hands clenched. Miss Gilman lay in an almost similar position in the attic. She had locked herself in but the door had been forced with a jemmy. A bullet had seared her right forearm but strangulation had caused death.

Just beneath the jaws a strand of twine had been twisted close. Behind the priest, on the ceiling, cut from a rafter of the attic.

The police think the murderer was admitted to the house by Miss Gilman, as she would admit any caller. After summoning the priest, she went back to the rear of the house. Father Zebriss met his visitor at the door of the parlor. He was about to close the church, for over his red house shoes he had drawn a pair of rubbers, and on a chair by the door was his overcoat.

At the sound of the shots Miss Gilman, it is supposed, came from the rear and, seeing what had taken place, went upstairs.

Most puzzling is the fact that no neighbor heard any noise. The Schneider house is less than twenty feet from the rectory, and all about the church, houses stand close together. Most of the families were awake until nearly midnight.

Apparently the murderer went through the school yard to Dwight street, thence to the rear of the church where he had drawn a pair of rubbers, and on a chair by the door was his overcoat.

Father Zebriss really organized St. Andrew's. The congregation occupies a handsome church that cost \$100,000. It was dedicated in 1911. The rectory is an eight-room frame house.

Dispensation attended a change in parish administration after the new church was built. Until that time a committee had been in charge of affairs, but Father Zebriss appointed three trustees. However, these men sat today that in the last year things had moved with the utmost smoothness.

The letter sent to Father Zebriss Continued on Page 2.

## Summary OF THE War News

A battle which the Russian war office described as without precedent in history has occurred in Galicia in the course of the campaign for the mastery of the muddy mountain ridges which screen northern Hungary from Russia.

In a single day the German troops charged 22 times on a Russian position, and met their charges up a hill in the face of artillery fire. Twice they gained possession of the heights but according to the Russian statement they were finally driven out with bayonets. The losses are described as "excessively heavy." There is no information on this phase of the situation from German or Austrian sources.

In the recent attack of the Germans on the Warsaw front the Russian statement says, their losses amounted to "tens of thousands."

The battle of the Carpathians, which is to decide whether the Russians will be able to force a way over the mountains and invade Hungary or will be driven back to the northward apparently is as far from a decision as at any time since the Austrians, with their reinforcements of Germans, launched the attack. Each of the opposing armies has won its minor victories but neither has been able to gain sufficient headway to place the other definitely on the defensive. The correspondent of a Berlin newspaper states that no Russian successes must be expected as movements are slow on account of the heavy snow in which the operations are being carried out and the most that can be looked for by Germany is the forcing back of the Russians step by step.

Although the Russian forces along the Warsaw front have undertaken an attack, they apparently have been no more successful than were the Germans in their last onslaught.

So far as has been reported, there is no important shifting of positions. In northern Poland another battle is under way with the issue still undecided.

The Russian Duma adopted a resolution expressing the purpose of carrying on the war until the peace of Europe was assured on terms satisfactory to Russia.

It is reported from Geneva that another Zeppelin has been lost. It is said to have been wrecked in a storm during a flight over the North Sea.

Another instance of the use of the American flag by a British steamer was reported today by passengers on the Cunard liner Orduña which arrived in New York from Liverpool. The Orduña is said to have flown the American flag for nearly 24 hours while crossing the Irish Sea.

## Official VIEWS OF World's War GERMAN

Berlin, Feb. 10.—Army headquarters issued the following statement today:

"With the exception of minor successes for our troops in the Argonne and in the vicinity of Verdun, the most sanguinary fighting according to Russian reports, took place in the Carpathian mountains where the Germans attempted to cross Tulkolka Pass. The Teutons attacked in mass formations and their experts are gaining the heights occupied by the Russians only to be forced back by desperate counter attacks. Both sides must have suffered terrible losses in this hand-to-hand battle.

A German report states that heavy artillery actions are in progress in the Carpathians and that an advance is being made on Bukovina where the important town of Wlaska has been occupied by the Austro-German forces.

Some whispers of a demand for peace commission for the Teutonic allies in the form of reports of a Socialist speech in the Prussian Diet declaring that the people want peace and a petition is said to have been submitted to Baron Byran, the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, some Hungarian deputies demanding that steps be taken to end the war.

The American steamship Willamette, which arrived at Eastport last night with a cargo of foodstuffs from New York for Germany, promises to become as great a mystery ship as the cotton laden steamer Dacia. The Willamette is anchored in Eastport harbor but nothing is vouchsafed by the British authorities concerning the fate of her cargo.

## FRENCH

Paris, Feb. 10.—The French report on the progress of the fighting given out in Paris this afternoon, reads as follows:

"The day of February 9 virtually saw only artillery engagements along the front. At some places along the front this fighting was fairly spirited, particularly on the Alsne and in Champagne. Only one infantry engagement and this of little importance has been reported. It occurred in Lorraine, to the northeast of Manonville, where one of our detachments drove back the German troops of the enemy on to the town of Leintz."

## RUSSIAN

Petrograd, Feb. 10.—The general staff of the Russian army has given out an official statement as follows:

"The Germans, who gradually had been concentrating in East Prussia with fresh troops began a series of energetic reconnaissance and on Feb. 7 opened an offensive against our considerable forces, in the district between Horzele and Johannsburg. They undertook at the same time active operations on both wings of their front in East Prussia. In the vicinity of Lasehohn, to the east of Tilsit. Following this encounter our cavalry moved forward in the direction of Sierpoc, traveling over the road to Rypin. On the left bank of the Vistula during the day of Feb. 8, the enemy showed no signs of activity.

"Judging from the corpses abandoned by the Germans in front of our positions, they would appear to have lost in dead and wounded several tens of thousands of men in the six days fighting in front of Borjowm, Goumine and Wola Seydowicka.

"In the Carpathians the fighting continued in the vicinity of Bartfeld and Svidnik. The enemy here undertook active operations but they did not thus continue and they finally retired, leaving prisoners in our hands. In the vicinity of Mount Loupkow we continued our pursuit of the enemy and Continued on Page 2.

## BRITISH SHIP FLYING U. S. FLAG SAILS IN THE IRISH SEA

Vessel Reaches New York Harbor With Story of Flying of Old Glory for Long Time — Protection for American Passengers Is Reason Advanced to Inquirers.

New York, Feb. 10.—Passengers on the Cunard line British steamer Orduña, which arrived here today from England, said that the steamer flew the American flag for nearly 24 hours on Jan. 31 while passing through the Irish Sea. The Stars and Stripes, they said, were hoisted on Sunday about an hour after the Orduña left Liverpool and not hauled down until early Monday morning.

The Orduña was scheduled to sail from Liverpool on Saturday, Jan. 30, but did not depart until 10:30 o'clock the next morning. Passengers heard that the reason for the delay was that a German submarine was hovering in the vicinity. The American flag was raised, they said, shortly after the Orduña cleared the Mersey. The steamship touched at Queenstown the same day and was flying the stars and stripes when she entered and left the harbor, they said.

The explanation which the passengers said, they received from some of the Orduña's under-officers was that the ship was hoisted down for the purpose of protecting the American citizens among the 240 passengers aboard.

Fort T. S. Song, of this city, and James Ford of Lynn, Mass., were two of the passengers who said they would vouch over their names that the American flag was flown by the ship. They said it was not until she had cleared the Irish Sea that the flag was hauled down.

Captain Thomas M. Taylor, commander of the Orduña, refused to discuss the matter, saying that he was under orders from the British admiralty not to do so. The other officers, also were silent.

## Balkans Offer Most Fertile Field for Speculation In Today's Developments in the Various War Arenas

State Department Gets Gerard's Delayed Memorandum On War Zone Around Great Britain.

London, Feb. 10.—The Balkan battlefield completely overshadows the western fighting line today as the center of interest in the military operations. The Teutonic allies evidently are making desperate efforts to advance especially in the region of Galicia to the south of Przemyel and Lemberg where attempts have been made to gain positions by sheer weight of numbers. The general offensive, however, is being held up by the most sanguinary fighting according to Russian reports, took place in the Carpathian mountains where the Germans attempted to cross Tulkolka Pass. The Teutons attacked in mass formations and their experts are gaining the heights occupied by the Russians only to be forced back by desperate counter attacks. Both sides must have suffered terrible losses in this hand-to-hand battle.

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## CHILD SUCCOUMBING AFTER COASTING IN RIVER

Baltic, Conn., Feb. 10.—Antonette Gadue, aged 4, slid with her sled into the Shetucket river here today. She was rescued after being carried down stream for a short distance but died soon after being taken from the water.