

## TWO STEAMERS VANISH FROM THEIR PIERS

Suit for Possession Was Started in New York Courts.

### SOVIETS CLAIM THEY BELONG TO THEM

Agents of Kerensky's Party Are Believed to be in Possession.

New York, July 12.—Two steamships disappeared from the Hudson River above 135th Street some time between sunset, Friday, and sunrise Saturday, almost as mysteriously as ships have been dropping out of sight in the waters of Cape Hatteras. The missing vessels are the *Puma* and *Tobolsk* of the Russian volunteer fleet, which has headquarters at 44 Whitehall Street.

The vessels vanished soon after a suit was begun in the federal district court by the Russian Socialist Federation, through its counsel, Charles Recht, 110 West 40th Street, to get possession of the craft. On application of counsel, a label was issued, but by the time the papers were placed in the hands of the U. S. marshal, the ships to be held had weighed anchor.

Search Fruitless.

Search of the entire water front has begun by deputies from the United States marshal's office without finding a trace of the ships. The *Puma* was confined to the New York side, and included all the vacant piers of Manhattan and Brooklyn, even all the creeks and other islets and the drydock.

The activities of two special investigators assigned to the search by counsel for the Soviet Republic also were unproductive of results. At nightfall Recht admitted that he was nonplussed and took himself off to a little island off Babylon, L. I., to try to get cool.

Before leaving search for the vessels to the United States marshal and his own assistants, Recht made inquiries of the port warden to ascertain whether clearance papers were required of the ships, and if so what was their destination. He was informed by the office of the port warden that the vessels were Government-owned ships, and that in such cases it was not customary to require clearance. That ended the last hope the Soviet representatives in this port had of tracing the movements of the two vessels except by their own efforts.

Expect To Find Them.

Recht expressed himself as confident that the fugitive vessels would turn up and that no matter where they were he would use every instrument of the law to bring them back, and have the question of ownership decided.

Recht said the ships, whose recovery he is seeking for the Soviet Government, were part of a fleet of 10 small propellers under the control of Boris Bakmatoff, at one time representative in this country of the renegade revolutionary Government and succeeding counter-revolutionary movements in Russia. Agents of Bakmatoff are said to be in possession of the vessels through an attachment issued while they were in Cuban waters.

Claims Sale Unauthorized.

As soon as the label was issued, Recht wired Secretary of State Hughes requesting him not to grant to Bakmatoff a certificate as Ambassador, which would be required of him before he could appear in a federal court. Recht is prepared to place on Secretary Hughes' action in this matter, if it is unfavorable to Bakmatoff, an interpretation favorable to the Soviet Republic.

It is set forth in the label that the *Puma* is a vessel of about 7,800 tons and *Tobolsk* about 2,600 tons; that the possession of the vessels is wrongfully withheld by Ivan V. Shestakovsky, and that the Russian volunteer fleet, and John Roe and Richard Roe, on alleged ground of title to the possession of the sail vessels, through a sale, which, if it ever took place was unauthorized.

The two ships, Recht says, are part of the merchant marine the Russian Empire set out to build thirty years ago.

**\$175,000 In Gems Stolen On Train**

N. Y. Merchant on Way to Pittsburgh Misses Bag at Trenton.

New York, July 11.—Police and private detectives from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, joined today in a hunt for \$175,000 worth of uncut diamonds, believed to have been stolen from a Pullman car at Trenton.

Joseph Haskell, a New York Jeweler, merchant, had the diamonds in a small black handbag which he placed under his seat in the train for Pittsburgh. He left the car several times, and when the porter came to make up his berth, the bag and gems were gone.

Remaining on the train until it reached Philadelphia, Haskell notified the police there and wired a business associate in New York to put detectives on the trail. He has furnished a list and description of the gems.

Haskell was absent from the car from which the bag disappeared twice during his trip, once in the Pennsylvania station here, and again for an hour in the club car while the train was passing through New Jersey. When the train pulled out from Trenton he missed the bag.

## MARINE NEWS

MOON'S PHASES.  
First Quarter, July 11, 11:11 a.m.  
Full Moon, July 12, 10:10 p.m.  
Last Quarter, July 13, 11:11 a.m.

### PORT OF ST. JOHN, N. B.

8 p.m. Arrived Tuesday  
S. S. Governor Digby, 2866, Ingle, Boston.  
S. S. Quaco Queen, New York.  
Coastwise—Star Turret Cape, 1141, McDonald, Sydney; Star Granville III, 64, Oakline, Annapolis Royal; Star Keith Cann, 177, McKinnon, Westport; Star Grand Manan, 173, Hersey, Wilson's Beach.

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### Movements of Schooners

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Schooner E. M. Roberts has arrived at Campbellton from Charlottetown and is loading lumber for New York. Schooner Francis J. Elkin cleared from Newcastle Monday for New York with lumber.

### Sails Today

S. S. Canadian Trader is expected to get away today with full cargo of sugar for the United Kingdom.

### Delayed Day

S. S. Manchester Exchange, expected Tuesday morning from Manchester was a day late in arriving, coming in the morning.

### Here With Coal

Turret Cape arrived in port Tuesday morning with coal for the Dominion Coal Company.

### Leaves Liverpool

S. S. Victorian, C. P. O. S., left Liverpool Friday for Montreal, where she is due July 16.

### To Hudson Bay

The *Naupho* of the Hudson Bay Company, left Montreal on Saturday morning for her annual trip to Hudson Bay. The steamer carries stores for traders and company's posts in that region and will bring back their merchandise. The *Naupho* will be followed up by the *Baychimo*, now in Montreal, in the next fortnight, and both ships will probably be back in September.

### The Soviet Baricade

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### Russian Emigration

That restrictions on emigration from Russia are being lifted by the Soviet Government is indicated by cable advice just received by the White Star Dominion Line, which is to the effect that it is now permitted to issue prepaid tickets for Russian women and children who may wish to join relatives on this continent.

The managers of the American and Red Star Lines, operated by the A. M. Co., both of which are running ships to Danzig, with service to London, report an increased demand for passages for women and children who are desirous of taking advantage of this new ruling. In view of these demands, the American Line have announced that the next voyage of the *Mongolia*, carrying first and third class only, from New York to Hamburg, will be extended to Danzig.

### To Load Lumber

Schr. Helen Verje sailed from Boston Friday for this port to load lumber on return trip to Boston.

### Has Cargo of Salt

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