

## AUSTRIANS MAKING STAND TO CHECK ADVANCE OF RUSSIANS INTO HUNGARY; QUIET IN WEST

### JOHN D. JR. FAVORS LABOR ORGANIZATION

So Long as it Promotes Well-Being of Employes and Respects Interests of Employer and Public.

New York, Jan. 25.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., active head of the extensive interests acquired or built up by his father, occupied the witness stand for five hours today at the inquiry being conducted here by the United States Commission on Industrial Relations into the great philanthropic foundations and the cause of industrial unrest. He underwent a rigid cross-examination at the hands of Frank Wachs, chairman of the commission, as to the policies and actions of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company. Mr. Rockefeller freely admitted that he had no knowledge concerning labor questions, but he declared that he was in favor of labor organizing, "so long as it is to promote the well-being of the employes, having always due regard for the just interests of the employer and the public, leaving every worker free to associate himself with such groups, or to work independently, as he may choose."

### DACIA AWAITS IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

Departure Delayed by Non-Arrival of Package of Important Papers.

Galveston, Texas, Jan. 25.—A package of important papers, mailed from New York Friday afternoon, is delaying the departure of the Dacia, the captain and the agent of the steamship said tonight. The papers, it was said, should arrive in Galveston Tuesday and the Dacia will then begin her voyage to Rotterdam, carrying 11,000 bales of cotton.

### CANADA'S PLACE IN THE WAR AND AFTERWARDS

Sir Clifford Sifton Addresses Montreal Canadian Club—Discusses Question of Altering Canadian Constitution.

Montreal, Jan. 25.—Sir Clifford Sifton, gave an address at the luncheon of the Canadian Club at the Windsor Hotel today on "Canada's Place in the War, and Afterwards."

### SITUATION IN BALKANS IS SMOTHERING, ACTION IS LIKELY TO COME SUDDENLY

Roumania Not Yet Decided to Enter Conflict, but Few Days May See Important Developments — Russian Activities North of Warsaw Have Germans in Quandary — Serb Army Reinforced With Cosacks—Germany Seizes All Wheat Supply for Army—No Further Details Given Out by Admiralty Concerning Sunday's Naval Engagement—A Lull Along Whole Front in Western War Theatre.

In actual fighting there is little doing anywhere, but the new troop dispositions in various quarters seem to indicate that shortly big battles again will be waged. This is particularly true in the southeastern theatre in Bukovina, where the Austrians have massed large forces to endeavor to push back the Russians, and in the Carpathian passes, where the troops of the Dual Monarchy are reported by Petrograd to be showing animation. Berlin notes a movement of Russians in considerable force to the north of Warsaw, and the German military critics are in quandary as to whether this means a manoeuvre in a new campaign in that district where previously all Russian attempts at an advance have been repulsed. Russia is said to have reinforced the Serb army with Cosacks and also to have sent considerable quantities of war supplies into the kingdom. Germany has seized all stocks of wheat in order to insure a supply of bread until the next harvest. Stocks of wheat will be distributed according to the necessities of the various populations. A Vienna newspaper declares that the new Austro-Hungarian foreign minister has stated that he will refuse territorial concessions to Italy and Roumania, even if such a refusal should be the cause of them entering the war on the side of the allies. Amsterdam reports that the fifty year old untrained men of the Landsturm in the province of Brandenburg in which Berlin is located, have been cited to appear for medical examination. Austrians Make Stand to Check Russian Advance on Hungary. London, Jan. 25.—The sudden setting of the Austrian front in the

### GRIT SENATE ROBBED CANADA OF A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

London, Jan. 25.—In paying a tribute to Commander Halsey, of the battle cruiser New Zealand, in connection with the North Sea victory on Sunday, Hon. Thomas MacKenzie, High Commissioner of New Zealand, said today: "What has already occurred in the way of support from the Dominions is only the beginning of things. Canada will undoubtedly soon follow in the naval lead already given. Events are showing every day that the young states are getting past the period of infancy, and when the war is over other conditions will require other management, and in proportion to what each is doing will be its voice in the Councils of the Empire, where the first and foremost plank will be efficient defence."

### MISCHIEVOUS EFFORTS TO STIR UP JOHN BULL AND UNCLE SAM BY FAMILY QUARRELS WILL FAIL, PARIS PAPER SAYS

Paris, Jan. 25.—The Temps, in its leading editorial, discussing the Dacia incident, says: "The Germans have thought to put Anglo-American relations to a new test. They have attached to their protests regarding maritime contraband the Dacia affair with the double purpose of furnishing additional support to those who in the United States are leading the campaign against England in the name of American commerce, and saving their merchant vessels which have taken refuge in trans-Atlantic ports."

### ENGINE ON VALLEY RY. LEAVES TRACK

Fredericton, Jan. 25.—A locomotive of the St. John Valley Railway train from Centreville ran off the track at Shogomoc today and an auxiliary train was sent from here by the I. C. R. to effect repairs. This was the first accident since the inauguration of I. C. R. operation and was not of serious character.

### WAR HAS CAUSED NO SUFFERING IN RUSSIA

People Banking Their Money and National Savings Have Increased Enormously.

London, Jan. 25.—A despatch to Reuters Telegram Company from Petrograd says that M. Kharitonoff, controller of the Russian treasury, speaking before the Duma budget committee today, declared that owing to the great increase in the national savings, due to prohibition, the extraordinary outlay occasioned by the war as yet had caused no great suffering in Russia.

### RELIEF SHIP NEARLY MET WITH DISASTER

Hull, Jan. 25.—The American steamer Camino, loaded with supplies from California for the Belgians in danger of going ashore tonight near Chebucto Head, but a timely change in the wind averted a disaster. The steamer was being towed here, when the lines parted, and such a high sea was running that the rescue steamers were helpless. The Camino drifted within six miles of the land, when the wind swung round to the southwest, and she drifted into the open sea. When the weather moderated the Camino was piloted to a safe anchorage for the night and in the morning she will be towed into port.

### AN AUSTRIAN CRUISER SUNK BY MINES

London, Jan. 25, 3.11 a. m.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Venice says that an Austrian cruiser has struck a mine near the Brioni Islands and sunk. The British Islands are at the mouth of the harbor of Pola, Austria's big naval base and arsenal, on the Adriatic.

### MONTREAL ALDERMAN CAUGHT IN HOUSE RAIDED BY POLICE

Went to Investigate Charges That Young Girls Were Ill-Treated—Montreal Rotten With Vice, He Says.

Montreal, Jan. 25.—Alderman Blumenthal admitted at a meeting of the city council this afternoon that he was the member of the council referred to by a local paper as having been caught in a house raided by the police a few nights ago. He made the admission to clear the skirts of the other aldermen, he stated. His object in going to the house in question was to investigate a complaint about girls being abused.

"In Montreal," he said, "vice is far stronger than virtue. This city is rotten with vice."

### FEARS SHIP PURCHASE BILL WILL MEAN TROUBLE FOR U.S.

Senator Root Warns His Colleagues that Great Britain and Her Allies Will Not Submit Tamelessly—One Unneutral Step Will Eventually Mean American Nation Will Find Itself Mixed Up in the War—Buying an International Quarrel With Purchase of Every Ship.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Grave fear that the impending government ship purchase bill, if carried into effect, would involve the United States in serious international controversies, was expressed in the Senate today by Senator Root of New York. Addressing himself largely to the legal aspects of the measure, and what the Administration plans to do under it, the Senator also charged the Democrats with attempting to rush the bill through by "brute force and weight of votes," and solemnly warned his colleagues against the danger of reducing the Senate to a mere "registering, instead of a legislative body."

Senator Root's speech aroused the majority members, who for several days had remained quiet while Republican speakers attacked the bill, and drew sharp replies from Senator Williams, Stone and Simmons. "The purpose of the Administration," the New York Senator asserted, "was to buy interned German ships for the proposed government corporation. He attacked the opinion of Solicitor Johnson, of the State Department, in this connection, and was particularly caustic in commenting upon the attitude of Secretary MacAdoo, of the Treasury, declaring he was 'filled with apprehension by the idea of putting vast powers into the hands of a man who thinks there is no ground for difficulty.'"

### U. S. Gov't Does Not Question Germany's Right to Annul Neutral Consuls' Exequaturs

Regards certificates as merely suspended and willing to arrange for continuance of Consuls not personally objectionable to German military authorities

Washington, Jan. 25.—Secretary Bryan tonight made public the text of the note from Germany annulling the exequaturs of certificates of authority of neutral consuls in Belgium and issued a paragraph of the American government's reply. While the German note considers the exequaturs of neutral consuls to have "expired," the American government takes the view that they merely have been suspended. In this way the Washington government avoided committing itself to the question of whether or not the sovereignty of Belgium had expired with the German military occupation. At the same time the United States indicates a willingness to make arrangements for the continuance of consuls personally not objectionable to the German authorities. American Consul General Diederich, at Antwerp, already has been recognized by the German government, and the American note makes inquiry whether the consuls at Liege and Brussels, the only two other places where neutral consuls are now permitted by the German military authorities to do business, are personally satisfactory to the local authorities. The reply of the United States government is as follows: "This government has considered the Note Verbal of the German government dated November 30. 'Since consular officers are commercial and not political agents of a government, and permission for them to act within certain districts depends upon the authority which is in control of those districts, without regard to the question of legal right, and further since the fact that the consular districts referred to in the memorandum of the German government are within territory occupied by the German military forces, this government is now disposed at this time to raise the question of right of the German government to suspend exequaturs of United States consular officers within the districts occupied and subject to military jurisdiction. 'This government takes note that all the districts in Belgium occupied by the German army, excepting Brussels, Liege and Antwerp, are considered by the German government to be within the sphere of military operations, and that in those districts other than the ones named the German government will not permit consular officers to perform their duties. 'In the circumstances this government assumed that the German government will not object to United States consular officers now stationed at Brussels, Liege, Antwerp and other places similarly situated, exercising their functions, and that if the authorities in control of these cities have objection on personal grounds to any of such officers acting, this government will be notified forthwith of such objection."

### BRITISH AUXILIARY CRUISER, WITH WHOLE CREW, LOST OFF THE COAST OF IRELAND

London, Jan. 25.—It was officially announced at the Admiralty today that the British armored merchant vessel Vignor had been lost off Ireland with all hands. The vessel, it was stated, either struck a mine or foundered. The Admiralty in its statement says: "The Vignor was formerly the Vik, and was commanded by the Admiral December 12. She was in charge of Captain Ernest O. Ballantyne. The number of her crew cannot be ascertained."

### BRYAN TALKS OF ANOTHER BIG CANAL PROJECT

United States May Build Another Inter-Oceanic Waterway to Supplement Panama Canal.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Suggesting that it was not unlikely that the United States some day would build another inter-oceanic waterway to supplement the Panama Canal, Secretary Bryan tonight explained that he regarded it as a wise precaution for the American government to negotiate treaties with Nicaragua and Costa Rica, giving this country an option of a canal route across that section of Central America. He also spoke of the importance of a naval base in the Bay of Fonseca, and announced that the State Department was prepared to treat for this with Honduras, Salvador and Nicaragua.

"Any great enterprise like the Panama Canal," said Mr. Bryan, "involves uncertainties. For a long time the route across Nicaragua was regarded as the favored route. As a matter of business, it is wise to provide against contingencies. Anybody who is interested in so large an enterprise, as our canal at Panama can afford to pay a small amount for this additional route."

### STORMS ADD TO MISERIES IN ITALY

People in Districts Visited by Earthquakes Suffering Many Hardships—Fight off Starving Wolves.

Rome, Jan. 25.—Storms of hail, snow and wind in the mountains and floods in the valleys are adding to the misery of the people in the earthquake zone in the Abruzzi district, while the slight shocks of earthquake that continually are being felt are keeping them in a state of nervous expectancy. Starving wolves continue to come down out of the mountains in search of food, and everywhere bands of people are endeavoring to exterminate them. In some instances the wolves have even attacked living persons. Does which had been prowling in the ruined villages and digging in the debris to get at the bodies of the dead have nearly all been killed. The agents of a humane society report that they have killed 116 of these animals, which were caught devouring bodies.

### WASHINGTON KNEW IT WITHIN 48 HOURS

Montreal, Jan. 25.—The Montreal Star has a story that the government at Washington knew, within forty-eight hours, all about the negotiations between Mr. Charles M. Schwab and high officials of the British Admiralty in London with regard to the construction of submarines, destroyers and cruisers for the British government at his Fore river plant, and that when Mr. Schwab later went to Washington to discuss with Secretary of State Bryan the proposed undertaking Mr. Bryan was already familiar with the negotiations—supposed to have been known only to about half a dozen people including four of the highest officials of the British Admiralty. The Star asserts that Mr. Bryan gave as his source of information Count Von Bernsdorff, the German Ambassador at Washington, and that this story is told by one of Mr. Schwab's business associates.