

### GERMAN VESSELS GIVEN TO BRITAIN

President Issues Order to Surrender Seven Liners.

### OIL STEAMERS WANTED

Standard Company Lays Claim to Eight Held in British Harbor.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—On recommendation of the state department President Wilson has ordered the relinquishment of seven German ships to be turned over to Great Britain by his instructions, the shipping board announced today.

The president's action, it was said at the state department, followed a request from Great Britain that the ships be surrendered under the original allocation of the international shipping committee, which arranged to get the coast out of German harbors following the armistice.

While the president's order puts an end to the controversy over the German ships, the status of 12 Standard Oil tank steamers formerly under the German flag, but now in the Fifth of North under British jurisdiction, remains in doubt.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—At the office of the Standard Oil company,

### Youth Blames Santa for Triangular Love Trouble In Chicago

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—In the face of almost indubitable evidence that women are back of the troubles today's youth maintained that Santa Claus and not women drove him out of the city.

When found by the 8th and 9th police units the following afternoon, the young man confessed to his love.

The paper, who so far have not interpreted, are ordered to let a young man, distracted over his inability to choose between the two competing girls of love, sought.

which claims ownership of the former German flag tankers. It was said that no word had been received as to the disposition of the ships.

CONFERENCE ON TREATY. Supreme Council to Meet With View to Making Treaty Effective.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Conferees will begin here early next week between allied and German delegates on measures preparatory to putting the peace treaty into effect.

### KANSAS STRIKE ENDS BRING CHARGES AGAINST 5 SENTENCE COMMUTED

District Board Meets and Orders Men Back to Work in Accordance With Howat's Promise.

PITTSBURGH, Kan., Dec. 26.—A motion picture of all coal strikes now in effect in the Kansas district has been called by the executive board of district 14 United Mine Workers of America.

The conference today was held in conformity with the promise given Federal Judge A. R. Anderson of Pittsburg by Alexander M. Howat, president of the district.

No action was taken on the strike in effect on the Ironstone Heights & Hillside R. & H. mine since December 18. This mine was closed because of the refusal of the men to work with a former member of the union who had worked with the state volunteers during the coal strike.

To Resume Office. MENDOTA, Ill., Dec. 26.—General Candido Aguilar will resume his office as secretary of foreign relations in January. He is expected to arrive in this city today after spending several months in Europe on a special mission.

### Woman Among Those Arrested for Disorderly Conduct in Parade.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Five persons, including Miss Gladys Griner, daughter of John P. Griner of Baltimore, member of the United States military mission to Russia, were held in 10th bonds each today on charges of disorderly conduct in connection with the Christmas day demonstration here of the League of Amnesty for Political Prisoners.

SUGAR MEASURE HELD UP. President Demurs More Information on Necessity of Action.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—President Wilson is withholding action on the McNary bill extending the life of the sugar equalization board until the board files a memorandum concerning the measure.

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### Baker Frees Private Convicted of Treason in American Expeditionary Force—Evidence Insufficient.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Secretary of War Baker today commuted the 20-year sentence imposed upon Private Lawrence Permittier of New York, the only member of the American expeditionary force to be convicted of treason according to word received from Washington by Representative Isaac Seigel of New York, who interested himself in the case.

Permittier, who served in the medical department Ninth Infantry, second division, was convicted of having supplied military information of value to the Germans while a prisoner of war. He was court-martialed in Coblenz after having violated the American army after the armistice and his sentence was approved by general headquarters.

According to Mr. Seigel, who went over the report of the case with President Marshall General Crowder, it was not shown that the answers which Permittier gave the Germans were true and only one witness, Captain William H. Gordon, captured with him, testified against him, whereas the two witnesses are needed before an American can be legally convicted of treason.

Evidence of hostility toward the defendant by his fellow prisoners noted by Judge Advocate General

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