

HAMBURG-AMERICAN SHIPS NOT TO BE PURCHASED

SWEDISH FIRM IS NOT NEGOTIATING FOR TWO BIG STEAMERS.

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London, Dec. 20.—No negotiations with the British Government have been opened with a view to obtaining sanction for the purchase by the Swedish-American Steamship Company of two 12,000-ton steamers of the Hamburg-American Line now at New York. This information was given to the House of Commons today by Lord Robert Cecil, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs. It was reported from Copenhagen last week that the Swedish-American Company had negotiated for the purchase of the steamships, and was awaiting a guarantee that Great Britain would regard the vessels as Swedish.

In making his statement to the House, Lord Robert spoke in such a manner as to suggest that if any attempt were made to open such negotiations they would meet with short shrift. He added that, of course, he knew nothing of what might be going on between the Hamburg-American directors and the Swedish-American Company.

TWO PUGILISTS ARRAIGNED FOR PASSPORT FRAUD

SPENCER AND BROWN IN WESTMINSTER POLICE COURT IN LONDON.

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London, Dec. 20.—The charges preferred against two pugilists, "Fighting Bob" Spencer and Aaron Brown, known as "Dixie Kid," were heard in Westminster Police Court today. Spencer is accused of having attempted unlawfully to obtain a passport from the American Embassy to enable him to leave the country. It is alleged here that he presented himself as an American citizen, whereas it is charged that he is a British subject, born in Canada. Brown, who is an American, is charged with having signed Spencer's application, vouching for its accuracy.

The hearing was adjourned until later in the day, each of the accused being granted bail.

Viscountess Marguerite de Malstre, an American married to a Hungarian nobleman, was bound over in two sureties in the Richmond Police Court on the charge of being an **alien** enemy. She travelled more than five miles from her registered address. The Viscountess, who is separated from her husband, pleaded that she violated the military regulations through inadvertence.

ALIEN ENEMIES EMERGE FROM WILDS OF CANADA

BULGARIANS AND AUSTRIANS KNOW LITTLE OF WAR — ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER.

Scores of **alien enemies**, chiefly Bulgars and Austrians, many of whom knew nothing of the events of the past sixteen months other than the fact that their countries were at war, have, according to Detective Alex. Murray, been brought by more intelligent fellow-countrymen to the **Alien Enemies** Bureau on Adelaide street for registration.

They are pouring into the city from the northern parts of British Columbia, Quebec and the more settled portions of Northern Ontario to spend Christmas with fellow-countrymen.

Unable to read or speak English, isolated in shanties and construction camps, many of the new arrivals have no knowledge of the past events of the war. In some instances, in spite of the posters scattered over the country calling upon subjects of enemy countries to report themselves to the nearest registrar, the men, until their arrival in Toronto, did not know they were regarded as **alien enemies**.

The co-operation of the more respectable members of the local colonies frequented by Bulgars and Austrians is proving of assistance to the police. Unregistered new arrivals are refused shelter in the lodging-houses until they can produce the card given by the bureau.