

SHARP DEMAND MADE ON VIENNA

Shelling of Ancona Declared "Barbarous."

WANTON ACT IS DENOUNCED

Diplomatic Relations Are Believed in Grave Danger of Being Broken.

TEXT OF NOTE GIVEN OUT

United States Considers Principles of Humanity Were Ignored by Submarine.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The text of the American note to Austria-Hungary regarding the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona, made public tonight, reveals a formal demand by the United States for prompt denunciation of the "illegal and indefensible" act, for the punishment of the submarine commander and for reparation by the payment of indemnity for the killing and injuring of innocent American citizens.

The demands follow a statement informing Austria-Hungary that "the good relations of the two countries must rest upon a common regard for law and humanity."

Act Denounced as Barbarous.

The note arraigns the shelling and torpedoing of the liner as "inhumane," "barbarous" and a "wanton slaughter" of "helpless men, women and children."

In official and diplomatic circles the communication is regarded as being the most emphatic declaration to come from the United States Government since the beginning of the European war. No attempt is made to conceal the fact that unless the demands are quickly complied with diplomatic relations between the two countries will be in grave danger of being severed.

Text of Note Given Out.

The text of the note, which was handed to the Austrian Foreign Office Thursday by Ambassador Penfield, follows:

"The Secretary of State to Ambassador Penfield, Department of State, Washington, D. C., December 6, 1915. Please deliver a note to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, textually as follows:

"Reliable information obtained from American and other survivors who were passengers on the steamship Ancona shows that on November 7 a submarine flying the Austro-Hungarian flag fired a solid shot toward the steamship; that thereupon the Ancona attempted to escape; but being overhauled by the submarine she stopped; that after a brief period and before the crew and passengers were all able to take to the boats the submarine fired a number of shells at the vessel and finally torpedoed and sank her while there were yet many persons on board.

Many Killed or Wounded.

"By gunfire and foundering of the vessel a large number of persons lost their lives or were seriously injured, among whom were citizens of the United States.

"Public statement of the Austro-Hungarian Admiralty has been brought to the attention of the Government of the United States and received careful consideration. This statement substantially confirms the principal declaration of the survivors, as it admits that the Ancona after being shelled was torpedoed and sunk while persons were still on board.

"The Austro-Hungarian government has been advised, through the correspondence which has passed between the United States and Germany, of the attitude of the Government of the United States as to the use of submarines in attacking vessels of commerce, and the acquiescence of Germany in that attitude, yet with full knowledge on the part of the Austro-Hungarian government of the views of the Government of the United States as expressed in no uncertain terms to the ally of Austria-Hungary, the commander of the submarine which attacked the Ancona failed to put in a place of safety the crew and passengers of the vessel which he purported to destroy because, it is pre-

EON-OLD MYSTERY SOLVED BY FOSSIL

SKELETON SHOWS PLEIOPHIPPUS WAS ONE-TOED.

Connecting Link Between Mesohippus and Modern Horse Given Much Joy to Scientists.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Dr. E. L. Troxell, assistant curator of the Museum of the University of Michigan, has just returned from the Bad Lands of the Dakotas, where he discovered a perfect mountable skeleton of a mesohippus, a three-toed horse, which roamed that country 2,000,000 years ago, and a partial skeleton of a pleiophippus, a one-toed horse which lived 1,000,000 years after the mesohippus was extinct.

The pleiophippus is the connecting link between the mesohippus and the modern horse. Dr. Troxell's discovery of the pleiophippus is the only one on record. Speaking of the pleiophippus fossil tonight Dr. Troxell said:

"It's the biggest fossil find in years. Its discovery will be extremely valuable to science, for its discovery will clear up a long disputed question as to whether the pleiophippus had one or three toes on each hind foot."

OREGON BUILDING IS TAKEN

Army Accepts Offer for Clubhouse for Presidio Officers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—Out of a triangular tangle of ownership involving the Oregon Commission, the United States Government and a San Francisco contractor, came the announcement last night that the Oregon building at the Panama-Pacific Exposition had been presented to the United States Army as a clubhouse for officers at the San Francisco Presidio.

Early last week representatives of the Commission announced the building had been sold to a contractor for \$1,250,000. Then came news from Oregon that the building had been presented to the United States Army, and last night word was received that the Government had accepted the offer.

AMERICAN SHIP IS "ENEMY"

German Prize Court Passes on Pass of Balmaha.

HAMBURG, Germany, via London, Dec. 12.—The prize court which has before it the case of the American ship Pass of Balmaha has decided to treat her as "an enemy vessel." It is announced that the evidence has established that the ship was under the British flag until the end of 1914 and was sold to an American company after the outbreak of the war.

The Pass of Balmaha was captured while she was on her way to Archangel, Russia, with a cargo of cotton, which has been sold for 2,500,000 marks (about \$650,000).

CHRISTMAS PAROLES UP

Woman Practitioner Is to Ask Release Before Holidays.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—The State Prison Board will hold its special "Christmas meeting" at Walla Walla Tuesday to enable prisoners eligible for parole to obtain releases before the Christmas holidays.

RECRUITING IS BRISK STILL

Steady Streams Pour Into Offices in London.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The scenes around the recruiting offices in London and other cities in Great Britain were almost as brisk today as at any time during the war.

The extension of time for the carrying out of the Earl of Derby's plan of voluntary enlistment, owing to the inability of the officials to deal with the men applying for enrollment, was welcomed, and from early morning there was a steady stream of recruits at the enrollment bureaus.

4000 RABBITS ARE KILLED

North Powder and La Grande Hunters Clear Farm Districts.

NORTH POWDER, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—North Powder was the scene of a big rabbit drive given by the North Powder Gun Club, with visitors from the La Grande Rod and Gun Club. Nearly 200 hunters took part in the sport, killing about 4000 rabbits, that have been infesting crops of the dry farmers. The hunters were given a big supper after their return.

SNOW DUE IN STATE TODAY

Eastern Oregon Likely to Have White Covering; Rain Here.

Snow is trying to enter Oregon, and probably will succeed in the eastern part of the state today. The western part of the state probably will not be so blessed. There will be, however, some rain around Portland. At least the conditions are favorable.

BULGARS FORCING FIGHT WITH ALLIES

Intense Action Waged on Whole Front.

TROOPS ATTACKING EN MASSE

British Admit Loss of 1500 Men and Eight Field Guns.

RETREAT IS CONTINUED

Berlin Says Enemy at Places Has Retired Across Greek Frontier.

Austro-Hungarians Capture Many Montenegrins.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—A dispatch to the Havas Agency from Saloniki, dated Sunday, says:

"An intense action continues along the entire allied front, the Bulgarians attacking in dense mass formations. The allies' retreat continues methodically. Fresh British troops are landing daily."

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Casualties aggregating 1500 and the loss of eight field guns which they were unable to remove from placements were told of, in an official communication tonight, dealing with the retreat of the British Tenth Division from Lake Doiran, Serbia, in conjunction with the French.

Attack Is Overwhelming.

"After sustaining violent attacks delivered by the enemy in overwhelming numbers, says the report, the Tenth Division succeeded in retiring to a strong position from Lake Doiran, westward toward the Valley of the Vardar, in conjunction with our allies."

"The division is reported to have fought well against heavy odds, and it was largely due to the gallantry of the troops, especially the Munster Fusiliers, the Dublin Fusiliers and the Connaught Rangers, that the withdrawal was successfully accomplished. "Owing to the mountainous nature of the country, it had been necessary to place eight field guns for the purpose of defense in positions from which it was impossible to withdraw them when the retreat took place."

British Loss 1500 Men.

"Our casualties amount to 1500 men."

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 12.—The Anglo-French forces that have been under attack by the Bulgarians in Southern Serbia are retreating at places over the Greek frontier. It was announced in today's official report by German army headquarters. Their losses in arms and equipment of various sorts have been heavy, it is declared.

The capture of 6000 prisoners and 40 guns in the Montenegrin and Albanian campaign by Austro-Hungarian forces is reported.

BERLIN, Dec. 12.—(By wireless to) (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

SWEDISH STEEL SEEKING MARKET

BIG STOCKHOLM MILL REPRESENTATIVE IS HERE.

Stockholm Man Says War Has Doubled Price of Coal at Home; No Munitions Are Being Made.

A. C. Sjöhn, of Stockholm, Sweden, general manager of one of the biggest steel manufacturers in Sweden, is in Portland looking for a market for Swedish steel. He is accompanied by his wife and they are quartered at the Multnomah Hotel.

Mr. Sjöhn said last night that the company he represents has its headquarters at Stockholm, although the steel works were located about 100 miles northeast of that city. The yearly output of the mills is 20,000 tons, "a small amount as compared with the output of American companies, but large for our country," said Mr. Sjöhn.

Mr. Sjöhn's company makes drill steel, and that particular article forms one-fifth of their yearly output.

He declared that the war had boosted the price of coal in his country 100 per cent. "Before the war," said he, "we paid \$7 a ton for English coal, and now we pay twice that."

"We are making absolutely no war munitions."

"Business conditions in Sweden are about the same as they are in the United States."

BLACK HAND IS SUSPECTED

St. Louis Woman Murdered by Writers of Threatening Letters.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—A murder attributed to "blackhand agents" was committed within the shadow of a police station here today. Mrs. Genevieve Dimaria, 34 years old, was strangled and beaten to death with a hammer, presumably by the writers of letters which demanded "your money or your head" of Lorenzo Dimaria, husband of the murdered woman.

Seven such letters, written in Italian and signed "Blackhand," were received by Dimaria. Each demanded "\$400 or your head."

AUSTRIA TO CALL WOMEN

Service in Munition Factories Is to Be Urged by Authorities.

ZURICH, via London, Dec. 12.—The Austrian military authorities are preparing for a systematic mobilization of a great army of women workers for the munition factories.

It is expected, the employment of women will release men for the front and it is declared that every capable fighting man is now required there. Even mothers having the care of households are urged to work half a day in the factories.

FIRE SETS OFF DYNAMITE

Mixing-House of Hercules Powder Plant Obliterated.

PINOLE, Cal., Dec. 12.—Fire in the Hercules Powder Company's plant here caused an explosion today of 1500 pounds of gelatin dynamite.

The mixing-house in which the explosion occurred was obliterated, but there were no casualties, as the fire, caused by a short circuit, was discovered in time to permit all the employees of the plant to escape.

CHINESE ON COAST OPPOSE MONARCHY

Fund for Revolution Is Subscribed.

YUAN IS OPENLY DENOUNCED

San Francisco Mass Meeting Attended by Thongs.

THREAT OF WAR IS MADE

Head of Peking Government Called Traitor and Tool of Japanese.

Wilson to Be Asked to Withhold Recognition.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—The Chinese quarter here went on record today as being not only opposed to the change of China's form of government from a republic to a monarchy, but determined to fight the proposed change in the affairs of the Flowery Kingdom.

A mass meeting to protest against Yuan Shi Kai's decision to accept the crown was called today by Tong King Chong, president of the Chinese Republic Association and a former member of the Chinese Senate. The time for the meeting found the Chinese quarter ablaze, the meeting place thronged and hundreds outside chattering excitedly and pressing in a vain effort to enter the overflowing hall.

Orators Denounce Yuan Shi Kai.

The overflowing audience broke up into a series of mass meetings and at every corner orators sang of the glory of republican government and hurled verbal bombs at the head of Yuan Shi Kai, who was variously denounced as a traitor to China and the tool of Japan.

"We will fight and die for our country," declared Tong King Chong, addressing the mass meeting. "Yuan Shi Kai has violated his oath and proved a traitor to the constitution. The Chinese republic must continue. We are prepared to back our words with war. We may not win even in this generation, but we will win finally."

Revolution to Be Financed.

It was decided at the mass meeting to solicit subscriptions from Chinese in all parts of the world to finance a revolution which would have as its object the permanent establishment of the Chinese republic. Before the meeting was over a large sum was subscribed.

It was also decided to petition President Wilson that inasmuch as the United States had been among the first to recognize the Chinese republic, its recognition should be withheld from the restored monarchy.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Official reports regarding the acceptance of the throne of China by Yuan Shi Kai, announced in press dispatches from Peking (Continued on Page 6, Column 2.)

SUFFRAGISTS RAISE \$41,000 FOR CAUSE

SUM LISTED IN 15 MINUTES BY CONGRESSIONAL UNION.

Nation-Wide Campaign to Be Started With Fund Obtained at Meeting Honoring Western Women.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—More than \$41,000 was raised in 15 minutes at a mass meeting held here today by the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage in connection with its annual convention. The money will be used to finance the work of organizing for a Nation-wide campaign to secure the passage of the Susan B. Anthony suffrage amendment by the present Congress.

The largest individual contribution was that of Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, who pledged \$10,000 for the New York delegation.

The meeting was called in honor of Miss Frances Jolliffe and Mrs. Sara Bard Field, two envoys of Western women voters, who motored across the continent with a monster petition to Congress for a suffrage amendment.

Senator Sutherland, of Utah, and Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, told the gathering that the outlook for the passage of the amendment was encouraging.

GERMAN INTEREST DENIED

Owners of Seized American Vessels Make Affidavit.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—President R. G. Wagner, of the American Trans-Atlantic Steamship Company, owners of the steamers Hocking and Genesee, recently seized by the British, today forwarded to the State Department affidavits from each of the stockholders attesting his American citizenship and declaring that no foreign interests attach to his stock holdings.

The 15 stockholders whose names are given are: R. G. Wagner, W. J. Berger, John S. Lawson, M. W. Berger, F. P. Mann, Fred Pritzoff, G. Dubreuil, R. E. Giljohan, Edward Miedecker, E. J. Archambault, K. Froedter, all of Milwaukee; J. P. Wagner, of New York; G. W. Franzer, Madison, Wis.; J. W. Whitaker, Menominee Falls, and J. W. Herzog, of St. Paul, Minn.

WOMAN HELD FOR ARSON

Mrs. O. A. Ross in Jail on Charge of Burning Her Own Home.

Mrs. O. A. Ross, 55 years old, was arrested and taken to the County Jail last night charged with arson, as a result of a burning of her home at East Seventy-third street and Hawthorne avenue at 10:30 o'clock Saturday night. The house, said to have been worth about \$1200, was insured for \$1500.

The arrest was made following an investigation by Deputy District Attorney Robison, Fire Marshal Stevens, and Captain Groce, of Engine 18. The officials say that no one had been living in the house recently.

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FATHER AND SON IN FATAL COLLISION

Two in Crashing Engines Meet Death.

CARS MASHED TO SPLINTERS

Young Man and His Parent Buried in Wreckage.

ENGINE IS TURNED AROUND

Mail Clerk in His Car When It Crashes Through Barn Comes Out Unhurt—Freight Engineer Is Blamed.

STOCKTON, Cal., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Two trainmen—father and son—were killed and scores of passengers badly shaken up in a head-on collision between the Santa Fe's westbound passenger No. 5 and a freight special. No. 498, one mile east of Stockton shortly after 3 o'clock today.

W. A. Wing, Sr., engineer of the passenger, and W. A. Wing, Jr., his son, fireman of the freight, were instantly killed.

Cars Reduced to Splinters.

Both engines, the mail car of the passenger, and two or three boxcars were reduced to a tangled mass of splintered wood and twisted steel. Both locomotives, stripped of cabs, smokestacks and bells, overturned on the south side of the track, the passenger engine almost reversing its former position.

Railroad men declared tonight that they never before had heard of an engine being turned around in a wreck, although they had seen many plunge into the ditch at right angles to the track.

The mail car, with Mail Clerk J. A. Spalding inside, turned over on the north side of the track, tearing down a barn nearby in its plunge. Spalding crawled from under the wreckage without a scratch.

Trains Meet on Straight Track.

The accident happened in the open and on a smooth stretch of track. The freight was eastbound and had been ordered to take the siding for westbound passenger No. 5, which was traveling a mile ahead of the ill-fated No. 3. When this train swept by, Engineer Jack Scott, of the freight, apparently unmindful of the other train, pulled on the main line and a moment later the onrushing passenger loomed ahead.

"Jump," yelled Scott to Wing, but the latter merely paled and gripped the side of the cab more firmly. He saw his father in the cab of the other engine.

A second later the crash came. The huge engines seemed to rise, grapple and then roll over into the ditch amid a cloud of hissing steam. Wing and his son were buried beneath the wreckage and were mangled almost beyond recognition.

Other Engineers Saved.

Engineer Scott, of the freight, and Fireman Watson, of the passenger, escaped, the latter jumping. Every truck under the mail car was torn off and driven under the next car. None of the passenger's passenger cars left the track, although three were damaged.

W. A. Garretson, an Alameda real estate man, was probably the nearest passenger to the engine when the crash came.

"I was standing in the front end of the smoker next to the mail car," said Mr. Garretson. "I was speaking through the mist at about 30 or 35 miles an hour, when suddenly there was a deafening crash, like a simultaneous explosion of many cannons. Seats flew in all directions, people screamed and then a ghastly silence fell. When I looked out the door the main wreck lay in the shape of an immense entanglement within this enclosure every vestige of track was gone."

DELAYS VEX KITCHENER

Futile Attempt to Rescue Serbia Is Criticized by War Secretary.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—Earl Kitchener, the British Secretary for War, the Temps says, was unfavorably impressed in the course of his Mediterranean visit by the serious delays and diplomatic difficulties which interfered with the expedition to Saloniki. The attempts to rescue the Serbians, which failed, it seemed to him, might have been tried elsewhere with more chance of success.

These ideas were discussed at the Calais conference and then exchanged by the war council of the allies held under the presidency of General Joffre, says the Temps.

DR. HINSON IS LAID UP

Mrs. A. C. DeLong and Dr. C. A. Woody White Temple Speakers.

Rev. W. B. Hinson, who has been ill for several days with a severe cold, was unable to occupy his pulpit in the White Temple yesterday.

In the morning Mrs. A. C. DeLong, assistant pastor, preached and at night Dr. C. A. Woody was the speaker.

Once before, a few months ago, Mrs. DeLong was called upon unexpectedly to preach.

Dr. Hinson will be out in a few days it is expected.

