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2 AMERICANS ABOARD THE ANCONA

International Complications Likely to Follow the Sinking of Italian Liner by an Austrian Under-Sea Boat

Washington, Nov. 10.—Two hundred and seventy persons were saved in the Ancona torpedoing, according to Consul White at Naples, cabling to the state department the first official news concerning the torpedoing.

The consul stated that two Americans, Mrs. Francisco Mascolo LaMura and her minor child boarded the vessel at Naples. Afterward Secretary Lansing cabled Ambassador Page at Rome to have a consul sent direct to the scene of the torpedoing and to make a personal report.

State department officials stated that intervention of America in the situation hinged on the question whether or not the vessel was escaping after being warned.

The president is seeking all possible information. It was pointed out, however, that even if Americans were killed, as newspaper messages seemed to indicate, no protest could be made to Austria if the Ancona was sinking after being warned to stop.

Berlin, via Sayville, Nov. 10.—An Austrian submarine sank the Italian liner Ancona while she was trying to escape. It was officially announced today, on the strength of reliable information.

Owing to the Ancona's efforts to escape the submarine used her guns.

London, Nov. 10.—Nearly three hundred persons, mostly women and children, possibly including several Americans, lost their lives when a submarine torpedo crashed into the Italian liner Ancona off Bizerta, Tunis, yesterday, according to Lloyd's today.

Of 583 aboard only 270 are definitely accounted for as saved.

Madrid dispatches reporting British destruction of two German submarines off Gibraltar were deemed significant. Suggestions were current that a German undersea boat, shield-

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EXPOSITION BIDS FAREWELL TO THE LIBERTY BELL

(By United Press Leased Wire)
San Francisco, Nov. 10.—San Francisco today reluctantly bade farewell to the Liberty bell. All the reverence and dignity which marked the bell's triumphant entry into San Francisco early last July was accorded the historic relic when San Francisco took leave. The bell departs tomorrow on its journey home.

Decorated with flowers and surrounded by 48 children representing the states of the union, the bell was taken from its resting place in the Pennsylvania building to a point in front of the Tower of Jewels, with United States marines, the Philadelphia joint exposition commission and exposition officials forming a guard of honor. After the formal farewell was made by Governor Johnson, Mayor Rolph and others, the bell was taken under the Tower of Jewels, where it will remain under a military guard until tomorrow.

It is estimated that nearly 8,000,000 persons have seen the Liberty bell while it has been at the exposition.

RIPPLES FROM THE ANCONA SINKING AT U. S. CAPITAL

Washington, Nov. 10.—The recently placid horizon in the submarine controversy clouded ominously today as news dispatches gave growing evidence that Austria or Germany had sunk the Italian liner Ancona without warning and presumably with Americans aboard.

Another diplomatic crisis seemed, on the surface, inevitable. State department heads, however, withheld judgment in the absence of absolute information to prove what news messages indicated.

If the vessel was warned and then attempted to escape, the controversy will be avoided, as international law would justify such action. Just how far Austria is bound by the negotiations between America and Germany is another point that is still undetermined. The logical outcome, however, in the event it is proved an Austrian vessel was culpable, would be a note to Austria asking disavowal, reparation and a pledge not to repeat the offense.

Administration officials plainly indicated their hope that another diplomatic crisis would be avoided, but they were far from certain that it would be.

Suggestions that a German submarine, shielded under the Austrian colors, was responsible, added a new sense of gravity to the situation.

There were some who felt, however, that unofficial reports that the Ancona had been shelled and some injured indicated that she was in fight, and hence that there was justification for the sinking.

The administration expected that its representatives abroad would, without being asked, file reports of the disaster, giving the vital facts, if obtainable, as to whether the ship was warned and whether there were Americans aboard.

SLEIGH BELLS ARE MAKING MUSIC IN NORTHWEST TOWNS

Portland, Nov. 10.—Tinkling sleigh bells today announced the advent of winter at a number of places in the northwest. From one to seven inches of snow covered the ground at Baker, LaGrande, Canyon City, Oregon, and in the vicinity of Walla Walla and White Salmon, Wash.

Stockmen are scurrying to the ranches to bring their flocks to shelter.

The Indians around White Salmon predict a long, hard winter because of the abundance of acorns and the fatness of the bears.

BALKAN KINGS TO CONFER

Bucharest, Nov. 10.—The kings of Roumania, Bulgaria and Greece were reported today planning to meet to discuss the Balkan situation.

VELES RECAPTURED FROM BULGARIANS BY FRENCH TROOPS

Athens, Nov. 10.—The French have recaptured Veles, in south-central Serbia, from the Bulgarians, according to reports reaching here today.

Fighting continued today at Babuna pass, northeast of Prilep. British troops captured Bulgar positions in the Doiran district.

Superiority of French artillery resulted in placing the Bulgarians at a disadvantage.

The Serbians heavily defeated the Bulgarians advancing from Uskub to Prilaz.

TWO BILLION MORE FOR J. BULL

Premier Asquith Asks Parliament for Sum to Pay Expenses of Great Britain in Conducting Its Part in War

London, Nov. 10.—Dealing in dizzy totals, Premier Asquith today asked parliament for \$2,000,000,000 additional credit for carrying on England's share in the war—a share, he admitted, whose cost is constantly continuing upward.

In seeking this vast sum, bringing the total to \$7,000,000,000, Asquith announced that from a total of \$3,715,000,000 expended from April to November 6, \$2,586,000,000 had been used in buying shells, guns and other munitions with which to blow the enemy to bits.

Loans to aid her allies have also continued, and of the above total from April, \$491,000,000 was used for this purpose. The balance was spent in miscellaneous ways.

While picturing a continuing increase in England's daily war burden, the premier assured the house of commons that the government is doing its utmost in the way of economies. He mentioned that the creation of a joint English-French war council is expected, while it is hoped Russia and Italy will also be represented.

Asquith estimated that up to September 12 the war had cost \$21,750,000 daily.

BRITISH CLAIM SINKING TWO TEUTON SUBMARINES

Madrid, Nov. 10.—British cruisers were reported today to have sunk two German submarines off Gibraltar.

BRITISH DELEGATE AT CONVENTION WANTS A WORLD UNION OF LABOR

San Francisco, Nov. 10.—Giving the lie to those who, he said, blackened the name of English labor, C. G. Amman, British fraternal delegate to the American Federation of Labor convention, in session here, swept the other delegates to their feet today with a declaration for unity of all races.

"There is no reason," he shouted, "why the workers of Germany, France and Austria should not be gathered here on neutral soil today. The workingman has no quarrel with his fellow workingman, but the men who blacken the labor cause know no race nor boundary.

"It has been reported to you that labor failed England in her crisis. You have been told that the workmen were drunk when needed. There never was a more infamous lie. You have been told that the men will not volunteer. More men are coming forward than are needed. Conscription is desired by the capitalist class to fasten a stranglehold on labor after the war."

He closed amid wild applause. President Gompers was ill abed with a bad cold. First Vice-President Duncan presided in his stead.

Ernest Blevin, fraternal delegate from Great Britain, called forth salvos of applause when he said the despotism of Europe must give way to the democracy of the world.

"The time will come when there will be no place for kings," he said. "All the kings in the world have not been worth as much as one family of

NEW RULER ON THRONE IN NIPPON

Yoshihito Succeeds as Emperor of the Japanese, Ceremony of Coronation Taking Place at Kioto Today

Kioto, Japan, Nov. 10.—Among the pomp and splendor of the Orient, and before a brilliant assemblage of gold braided naval officers, gorgeously robed high Japanese, and representatives of foreign governments, Yoshihito, son of Matsuhito, formally succeeded to the throne of Nippon today. The American representation at the coronation was the largest of any of the foreign nationalities, owing to the arrival of Rear Admiral Albert Winterhalter and his staff. The United States was officially represented by Ambassador George W. Guthrie and Post Wheeler, first secretary of the embassy.

American diplomats, being unable to accept decorations, Emperor Yoshihito presented Mrs. Guthrie and Mrs. Wheeler with superb lacquer boxes.

The empress was unable to attend in person on account of her health.

San Francisco, Nov. 10.—Banzai!—the Japanese greeting, meaning success—was on every Japanese lip in the city today. It was the day they celebrated, because their emperor acceded to the throne.

Consul Numano will give an elaborate banquet and reception tonight to Japanese, Chinese and Americans, which Mayor Rolph and other prominent men are expected to attend.

During the forenoon the local Japanese attended a reception at the consulate and said their banzai for the emperor.

pioneers that trekked across the Rocky mountains and braved the hardships in a new land."

San Francisco, Nov. 10.—Heated arguments were expected today by delegates to the American Federation of Labor convention, in session here, when the controversy between the Chicago federation and the executive council of the federation over the council's order for the expulsion of L. P. Straub comes up. Straub led the sympathetic strike of the Chicago stereotypers when the pressmen's union struck against the Hearst papers in Chicago. A fight is expected to be made by the council against the appeal of the Chicago federation. In its appeal the Chicago body defends Straub in this manner:

L. P. Straub's record in the labor movement before and after his alleged expulsion from the International Stereotypers union constitutes a manifestation of heroic adherence to the fundamental principles of trade unionism. This ought to entitle him to the commendation rather than the censure and further punishment of the American Federation of Labor.

Hope was held out today for a compromise between the United Laborers union and the A. F. L. on the refusal of the union to reduce its initiation fee from \$10 to \$5, with a corresponding increase in dues. Officials of the union are inclined to be conciliatory. They will introduce a set of resolutions outlining the union's proposals.

BULGARIA AND GREECE AGREE ON TERMS OF PEACE

Athens, Nov. 10.—Bulgaria and Greece reached an agreement yesterday whereby Greece will keep out of the war, according to local newspapers today.

Bulgaria was reported to have agreed to demobilization and end her Serbian campaign, as well as not to cross the Doiran-Gyevgryell line nor enter Monastir. Should operations around Monastir be necessary, Germany will conduct them without Bulgaria's aid.

Newspapers in printing these stories quote a "diplomatic authority."

Though the agreements are deemed in the nature of a safeguard to Greece, they do not hamper Bulgaria's plans to conquer most of Macedonia.

NEW YORK CITY TO SUPPLANT LONDON CENTER OF FINANCE

New York, Nov. 10.—New York is bound to supplant London as the world's financial center, according to M. Chouffour, of the visiting French commissioners, who are intent on arranging for purchase of millions of dollars' worth of American products to rehabilitate France after the war.

"London may not like it," commented Chouffour, polishing his monocle, "but it is inevitable. Civilization and finance are moving westward."

The commission will go to Washington to meet Ambassador Jusserand.

M. Damour, leader of the commission, explained that the details are not completed yet in making contracts, but they are looking over the field with a view to making vast future purchases.

"It is impossible to know what we need, because the Germans hold much of northern France. But when we throw them out"—here he panned Occupation of Aleksinac, Lasotince, the government what is needed. We can not buy from Germany after the war—perhaps after 50 years we will forget—we'll see."

Three of the five commissioners, who themselves had served at the front, repudiated the thoughts of peace at this time.

GERMAN SUBMARINES ARE AGAIN GETTING BUSY

London, Nov. 10.—The British vessels California and Moorina have been sunk by submarines.

London, Nov. 10.—The British steamer Clan McAllister, 4,835 tons, has been sunk by a German submarine.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC SEEKS REDUCTION OF TAXES IN STATE

Salem, Nov. 10.—A request for a decrease of \$8,585,266 in the valuation of the Southern Pacific's property in Oregon is being considered today by the state tax commissioner.

Wm. M. Colvig, attorney for the Southern Pacific, in making the request, set forth that 33 per cent of the railroad's net earnings in Oregon went for taxes in 1914, and that taxing districts received larger returns than the bond and stockholders themselves. The assessed valuation of the Southern Pacific's property in Oregon was \$44,409,928 in 1914.

MAN KILLED BY TRAIN ON THE S. P. RY.

Geo. C. Turpin, Blacksmith, Was Struck by a Freight Near Merlin and Ground to Pieces Beneath Its Wheels

George C. Turpin, an itinerant blacksmith, who has worked in many of the shops in southern Oregon during the past few years, was struck and probably instantly killed by special freight train No. 2591 on the Southern Pacific Tuesday afternoon. The accident occurred at a curve about two miles south of Merlin.

The special freight train left Grants Pass, being pulled by three engines over the heavy grades. The head engine was in charge of Engineer Fred L. Johnson, of Roseburg, his fireman being Will J. Kanny, also of Roseburg. On rounding the curve this side of the Country Club orchard tracts the engineer saw a man walking down the center of the tracks, he then being about 35 yards in advance, according to the testimony brought out at the coroner's inquest held this afternoon. The whistle was promptly sounded, but the man paid no attention to it, and the whistle was fastened down and the brakes set. It was too late to stop the heavy train, however, and it rushed down upon the unfortunate man, who was then in the center of the tracks. By the time the train could be stopped the engine and fifteen cars had passed over him and the body was badly mangled, the head being crushed and every long bone in the body broken.

Portions of the remains were scattered along the tracks for some distance, and it was evident that death came as soon as the engine hit him. The officials were at once notified and an investigation proved that the dead man was George C. Turpin, who has worked in this city on many occasions.

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FLAMES DESTROY GUNS FOR ALLIES AT BETHLEHEM WORKS

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

South Bethlehem, Pa., Nov. 10.—Munitions for the allies and machinery worth several million dollars were badly damaged today when number four machine shop of the Bethlehem Steel company was destroyed by fire. The flames started in the boring mill sections and spread quickly to the entire apparatus of the plant. Four boroughs' fire apparatus could not control the fire.

Only the skeleton of the building is now standing. There were in the shop 800 guns, including 150 ready to ship. Some were intended for the allies; others for the United States. The shop had recently been rebuilt at a cost of \$3,000,000 and it contained 1,000 different machines.

The fire started in oil near the entrance, but there is no reason to suspect incendiarism, according to officials.

New York, Nov. 10.—Short circuiting of electric wires in the Bethlehem Steel works at South Bethlehem caused the big blaze there, according to Vice-President Mixell there. Elsewhere the plant is running as usual. The company plans to rebuild soon.

The fire forced out of employment 2,100 shop employes and caused an estimated loss of \$1,000,000 or more. Officials were unable to tell exactly how much final figures will show.