

Washington to Guard Neutrality.

Those in a position to know the pre-liminary opinions expressed by high of-ficials of the American Government in early stages of the negotiations learned that the United States was particularly anxious to take no step which possibly

anxious to take no step which possibly would impair its influence with any of the belligerents in the eventual settle-ment of the European war. South American diplomats, realizing this, have been seeking to find some com-mon ground on which to act, so that tangible and practical results will be obligined without ambagmania obtained without embarrassing the neutrals in their relations with the the UNITED STATES LAUNCH FIRST With the economical life of the South

American nations threatened by the rupture of trade connections with Eu-rope, the Latin countries are looking to the United States for capital to promote domestic enterprises and they be-lieve the development of their indus-tries by foreign interests will not come

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"The fruitless search conducted here of the crew were badly mutilated. to find secret wireless stations reported to be operating in Maine and in Florida shows that such things can happen and are harder to detect on the scantily populated shores of South America than on the coast of Maine."

WARNED OF MINES AT SMYRNA.

Craft, Says Minister-Incident

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26 .- The launch

from the American cruiser Tennessee.

Is Regarded as Closed.

A touch of the dramatic was added to the catastrophe by the fact that the band of the Bulwark was playing when

the explosion came. An eyewitness who was on a ship **TURKEY EXPLAINS SHOTS** short distance away from the Bulwark said:

Ship's Band Was Playing.

"I was at breakfast at about ten "I was at breaktast at about ten minutes to 8 o'clock this morning, when I heard an explosion and went on deck. My first impression was that the report was produced by the firing of a salute by one of the ships, but the noise was quite exceptional.

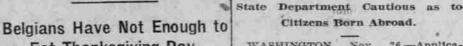
Guns Fired, but Not in Direction of Sky Obscured by Smoke.

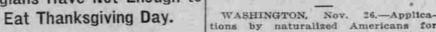
"When I got on deck I soon saw that something awful had happened. The water and the sky were obscured by dense volumes of smoke. We were ordered at once to the scene of the dis-The solute protection.
The idea that neutral zones may be established within which ships of all mation of the original principle of international law which fitzed three the little craft, according to the exceeded to more than 26 miles as the territorial limit of a hattor. This was agreed on because it was the range of guns has extended to more than 26 miles and the internation with reference to the Turkish Minister of the latter by the Turkish Minister of the hatters by the Turkish Minister of the hatters by the Turkish Minister of the latter by the Turkish Minister of

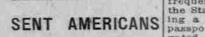
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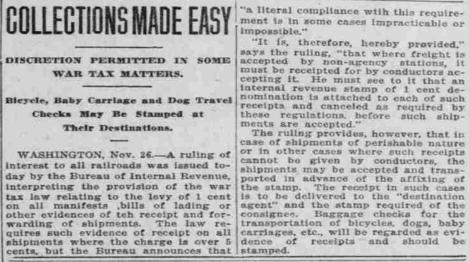
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