

AUSTRIA ASKED TO DISAVOW ATTACK

Brief, Vigorous Note Is Sent by Washington.

ANCONA CASE IS TAKEN UP

Assurances of Safety in Future Are Demanded.

PUNISHMENT ALSO URGED

Secretary Lansing Wants Commander of Submarine Disciplined. Effort Made to Avoid Prologing of Controversy.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The United States has sent to Austria-Hungary a note asking for a disavowal of the submarine attack on the Italian liner Ancona, assurances that such an act will be repeated, some degree of punishment for the commander of the submarine and reparation for the American lives lost.

The communication started by cable yesterday from the State Department to Ambassador Penfield at Vienna, who was instructed to hand it to the Austro-Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Baron Burián, word of the delivery of the note had not been received by the Department tonight.

Tenor Friendly But Firm.

Friendly but firm terms, it is said, characterize the document, which is understood to make a particular point of prompt assurances for the future safety of American lives. Austria-Hungary has never informed the United States whether the commanders of its submarines had received instructions similar to those which the German government gave to its commanders after the Lusitania tragedy.

It is understood that the note referred particularly to the charge that shells from the submarine killed or wounded some passengers on the Ancona after she had halted, and asked for an explanation on that point.

Document Relatively Brief.

In discussing dispatching the note Secretary Lansing acted with the approval of President Wilson. It is said authoritatively that the document, which is described as being comparatively brief and decidedly vigorous in tone, was so drafted as to attempt a settlement of the controversy at once without bringing on a series of communications, such as followed the sinking of the Lusitania.

High officials are said to be of the opinion that the situation is one which calls for grave consideration, the state of affairs having become more complicated since the note was dispatched by reports of attacks on American oil-carrying vessels in the Mediterranean, presumably by Austrian submarines.

Official Washington Surprised.

News that the note had been sent came as a complete surprise to official Washington generally, the reports which emanated from the State Department early in the week being that no positive and corroborated evidence as to what actually had occurred when the Ancona went down had been received. It was said that the reports received were fragmentary, and that until a reply to the inquiries submitted to Austria-Hungary was received, it was probable that no communication would be sent to Vienna.

It was suggested tonight in some quarters that information of a most conclusive nature had come to Secretary Lansing, probably late Monday night, and that it had been decided then that the protest should go forward immediately. Whether Ambassador Penfield had transmitted the reply of the Vienna Foreign Office to the list of questions submitted by the United States could not be ascertained.

Answer Believed Received.

The belief prevails, however, that the State Department had received answers of some sort to the queries. In the inquiry Austria-Hungary was asked, among other things, whether a warning shot had been fired before the ship was shelled, whether there was given the passengers to get to a place of safety and whether any shots were fired at the ship after she had come to a standstill and before the torpedoes that sank her were launched. The Austro-Hungarian Embassy here had not been advised tonight that the inquiry had been answered and it was said that the Italian Ambassador, who has transmitted much information upon the sinking of the Ancona, had not furnished the United States with anything additional.

The Ancona was sunk in the Mediterranean Sea on November 5, while bound from Naples for New York. The only testimony of a native American survivor of the liner before the department is in a deposition by Dr. Corliss Greil, of New York. In her deposition, Dr. Greil asserts specifically that the liner was torpedoed while the men, women and children in the cabin and steerage were scrambling to get into the small boats. The department has been inclined not to accept this single statement as positive proof, unless corroboration was received from some source.

Much Weight Given Testimony.

Much weight was given, however, to what Dr. Greil had to say. Her testimony was considered of such importance that she was taken to Rome, (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

SCOUTS SAY SETON WAS DROPPED OUT

FAILURE TO BECOME CITIZEN DECLARED BAR.

Resignation Is Denied and Promise Not to Raise Issue Is Reported Broken.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America through an authorized committee held a special meeting today to consider a statement issued by Ernest Thompson Seton in which he said that he had resigned as chief scout.

After the meeting, the council issued this statement:

"Mr. Seton did not resign; he was deliberately dropped by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America on the question of Americanism. He is not an American citizen. He not only resented suggestions and requests made by many of his friends in the scout movement that he become an American citizen, but went further and objected to the Boy Scouts' handbook including a chapter of patriotism.

"His term expired in February, 1915. The National Council at its annual meeting did not re-elect him.

"In fairness to Mr. Seton, the office was left vacant until a reasonable opportunity could be afforded him to declare his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States. This he refused to do.

"In response to Mr. Seton's offer to resign he was informed that inasmuch as he held no office there was no office from which he could resign, and the matter was closed last July. Mr. Seton promised explicitly by letter that he would quietly proceed with his own work without raising any issue.

"He has seen fit to violate his promise without giving any notice to the executive board or any of its officers at a time and under conditions which make necessary this statement of fact."

FIXED TERM IN DISFAVOR

Indeterminate Sentence for Convicts Favored by Sing Sing Head.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Thomas Mott Osborne, warden of Sing Sing prison, in an address today before the Washington branch of the Women's department of the National Civil Federation, advocated the indeterminate sentence as the only effective means of dealing with criminality.

"There is just as much sense," Mr. Osborne said, "in imposing a fixed term of imprisonment on a criminal as in sending a smallpox patient to a hospital for a fixed period. In both cases the patient should not be discharged until cured."

\$53,886 LEFT BY BEACHEY

Estate of Late Airman Is Left to His Parents.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Lincoln Beachey, the young aviator who met a spectacular death in the bay off the coast of the Golden Gate at the exposition period, left an estate valued at \$53,886.44, according to an appraisal filed in the probate department of the Superior Court today.

All of the estate is bequeathed to his mother and father. The mother, Mrs. Amy Beachey, is administratrix of the estate.

YACHTS TO AID DEFENSE

Navy League Told Owners Will Offer Services to Navy.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Nearly 1000 owners of yachts and motor-boats have consented to offer their craft as auxiliaries to the United States Navy, according to an announcement today by Ralph B. Strauszburger, a member of the executive committee of the Navy League of the United States.

Mr. Strauszburger, addressing the league, said efforts would be made to have new power-boats constructed along naval lines.

BRAZILIAN BRINGS GIFTS

Jewels and Rare Tropical Feathers Come for President's Fiancee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—A bracelet of Brazilian jewels and a corsage of rare tropical feathers came today to Mrs. Noeman Galt, the President's fiancée, as a wedding gift.

They were brought by Dr. A. J. Oliveira, of Brazil, first to the Pan-American Scientific Congress, which meets here December 27.

JITNEY COMPETITION FELT

United Railroads Estimates Loss at \$2000 a Day.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—Jitneys took from the United Railroads of this city possible revenues of \$1900 a day, according to testimony given today before the Railroad Commission of California by Charles N. Black, general manager.

Competition of the municipal railway cut off \$200,000 more of the corporation's possible income, he said.

ATTACK ON INDIA PLANNED

Germany Said to Have Abandoned Campaign Against Egypt.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Rome says: "According to indirect news from Constantinople, Germany has abandoned her idea of an expedition against Egypt in favor of a great Turco-German expedition against India."

SOCIETY FOLK AT STYLES EXHIBIT

Dress Creations Shown on Living Models.

EVENT IS BLAZE OF COLOR

Merchants Prove That Latest Modes Can Be Had at Home.

FUTURE FASHIONS SHOWN

Bustles Will Be Tendency and German Helmet Will Appear in Millinery or Else Where. Man Reporter Is Wrong.

Who can describe the sartorial glories of a fashion show and dinner dance and do justice to the inspired raiment of coming Winter and Spring styles?

Not a man reporter, who humbly sat and wonderingly observed at Portland's first event of the kind, held last night before a society audience at the Chamber of Commerce.

He saw dress creations paraded on graceful living models: clinging effects, daring effects, smart effects, dashing effects, soulful effects, bustling effects, colorful effects, dainty effects, saucy effects and dazzling effects; in a word, the latest in style and—

Merchants Prove Contentment.

What use is proceed? A fashion show is beyond the talents of any man to tell about. Leave that to the society editor, who, further on, will give a true and discreet account of the new styles and fashions.

Let this be emphasized: that Portland merchants proved last night to folk who have been accustomed to sending away for their garments that they can get them in the latest styles and most fetching modes right here at home.

More than that, they demonstrated it at about the hardest time they could have taken for the test. If it had been October 1—just before December 8, the Fall styles were out, the Winter styles had already been settled for the most part, and only a few Spring styles were in.

As for those few that were in—well, take this hint from a mere man reporter:

Women next Spring will take liberties with the German helmet and will incline, er—somewhat to bustles. There is no mistaking the tendency. Bustles will be the mode.

Fashion Makers Neutral.

To steal a little of the society editor's stuff, the bustle effects in the styles shown last night were produced by a broad Watteau fold.

Having worn Tipperary bonnets last year, the fashion makers have evidently decided to be neutral and imitate the spiked helmet this year. For peace advocates, a cute little bonnet of a sort of milk maid effect is offered.

Last night's unique affair was the (Continued on Page 15, Column 1.)

HALF TON OF PORK CONDEMNED AS BAD

MEAT DEALER, SUSPICIOUS, CALLS HEALTH OFFICER.

Inspector Declares Hogs Were Infected With Cholera—State Officials to Investigate.

Eleven hundred and ninety-five pounds of diseased pork were last night condemned by an inspector from the office of Dr. M. B. Marcellus, City Health Officer, upon the ground that the meat showed traces of cholera. The pork was shipped to Constantine's market from a farmer by the name of A. Blatt, living in Clackamas County.

When the pork arrived at the market Mr. Constantine did not like the looks of the meat and called up the City Health Officer before he would accept the shipment. An inspector was sent to the market and declared the pork to be diseased, so the meat was condemned. A report will today be made to the Food and Dairy Commissioner, Blatt living outside the jurisdiction of the city.

Because of the frequency of trichinosis among Portland residents and four fatalities from the disease, the condemnation of the City Health Officer may lead to an extensive investigation in the line of pork shipments into the city.

The State Food and Dairy Commissioner will investigate the Blatt case.

ALL IN CITY TO GET CHEER

Pendleton Plans Two Big Open-Air Christmas Trees.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Pendleton will have two municipal Christmas trees, with presents for every child in the city. A large choir of mixed voices is practicing to sing Christmas carols Christmas eve, in a grand spectacle on Main street.

One tree will be placed at the corner of Main and Court streets and the other at the corner of Main and Alta streets. A program will be given and the streets will be lined with evergreens and red, white and blue lights. Two dinners are being arranged for the poor.

ARMED MAN FEARS WIFE

Patrolman Finds Missing Husband Prepared for Defense.

"Why are you carrying that revolver?" demanded Motorcycle Patrolman Hales of Thomas Harman Vaughn, whom he arrested at Twelfth and Gilliam streets yesterday afternoon, indicating a .38-caliber special police make slung in a shoulder holster worn by the man.

"I'm afraid of my wife," was the startling reply.

Mrs. Vaughn, 2904 Forty-ninth street Southeast, had reported her husband missing for a week.

BRITISH WARSHIP WATCHES

Rumor Austrian May Make Dash Drains Craft to Tampa, Fla.

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 8.—A British warship of the type of the Australian cruiser Sydney arrived at the entrance of Tampa Bay and remained off Egmont Key today.

Reports that the Austrian steamer Borneo, in port here at the beginning of the war, was preparing to make a dash for New Orleans to go into drydock generally were connected with the cruiser's appearance.

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Highway Problems Are Occupying Officials.

PAVED ROADS TO BE VIEWED

Budget and Other Matters Before Counties Considered.

EXPERTS TO BE HEARD

Columbia and Other Roads Are to Be Inspected and Data Given for Similar Work Elsewhere. Brother-Judges Meet.

"Good roads" is the keynote of the convention of the Oregon Association of County Judges and Commissioners, which opened at the Courthouse yesterday morning.

Other county business interests the 50-odd county officials at the convention, and they will mildly discuss any sort of a topic that regularly comes before County Courts. But on the first day of the convention it was plainly indicated that nearly all of them came to the convention to hear more about good roads.

Governor Withycombe himself sounded this keynote before the convention was fairly open. Delivering his address of welcome at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, he declared good roads to be the paramount issue before the county governments today. F. S. Gunning, of Wasco County, responding to this address, touched lightly upon the same theme.

Roads Interest More Than Budgets.

The Commissioners and Judges listened intently and discussed freely the address of Henry E. E. Reed, County Assessor of Multnomah County, on the subject, "The County Budget and Annual Tax Levy." They each had budgets of their own and levies of their own to think about, and they were interested. But the interest did not reach fever heat until the road question was opened.

This came when President Holman called on Leslie Butler, of Hood River, member of the State Highway Advisory Board, to discuss the work of that body. Mr. Butler did so at some length and he was followed by half a dozen of the visitors each of whom was willing to express decided views on some phase of the subject.

Then followed J. H. Albert, the Salem banker, who spoke on "The Financing of County Road Work." Mr. Albert put up a map of the proposed and completed state highway system, pointed out the work that had been done and the work that could be done and told how, in his opinion, it should be done. It was under the discussion of this subject that W. S. Allen, of Yamhill County, exploded the afternoon's bomb and somewhat livened up the proceedings.

Tax Apportionment Is Discussed.

Thus far, he declared, the discussion (Continued on Page 4, Column 2.)

LINER'S TROUBLE IS ALL MECHANICAL

MINNESOTA SKIPPER SAYS NO MUTINY OCCURRED.

Steamship Is Being Towed at About Five Knots Per Hour and Is Nearing San Pedro.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—That the troubles of the liner Minnesota were entirely mechanical, that there had been no mutiny and no trouble with the crew, was the substance of a wireless message received here today from Captain Garlick, master of the disabled liner.

This was the first direct statement from the Minnesota's skipper to anyone but officials of the Great Northern Steamship Company and confirmed the statements made repeatedly by C. W. Wiley, marine superintendent of the company, that all suggestions of bomb plots and mutiny were matters of surmise originating ashore.

According to a wireless received tonight from the wrecking steamer Inca, the Minnesota was being towed toward San Francisco at from four and one-half to five knots an hour, would be in the vicinity of San Pedro tomorrow morning and expected to reach San Francisco next Wednesday.

TANKER'S LOSS CONFIRMED

Egypt Says German Submarine Sent Communipaw to Bottom.

ROME, Dec. 8.—The Giornale d'Italia says the Egyptian authorities confirm the torpedoing of the American oil tank steamer Communipaw. The submarine which sent her to the bottom is said to have been a German of a large type.

The first report of the torpedoing of the American tank steamer Communipaw, says the Giornale d'Italia, was a radio message from an Italian steamer which had picked up a wireless call for help from the Communipaw and proceeded to her assistance, at the same time sending on the wireless message to an Italian steamer, a Greek torpedo-boat destroyer and a British warship.

None of them, however, was able to find any trace of the American steamer or her crew.

GUARDS GO TO WAR PLANTS

Munition Makers Bid for All Watchmen at Exposition.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—Munition factories in the East have offered to employ all available members of the Pacific Exposition force of 300 guards, according to Captain Edward Carpenter, of the Coast Artillery Corps, commanding the guards, on detached service.

The Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company telegraphed today an offer to employ all available guards at increased pay. Nine accepted, about 50 left a few days ago for powder plants on the Pacific Coast.

1000 KEYMEN GET RISE

Pact Made With Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 8.—One thousand telegraph operators of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad will receive an increase in wages that will cost the road \$45,000 yearly, according to an agreement reached today.

The telegraphers had demanded increases totalling \$55,000.

COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY TO BE FEATURED

The Columbia River Highway, admittedly one of the greatest scenic boulevards in the world, will be featured prominently in the New Year's edition of The Oregonian. The pictorial section will be devoted almost exclusively to the highway. In addition, there will be a graphic description of the project, and also special attention will be given the Larch Mountain Trail.

The Columbia River Highway is considered one of the most valuable assets to Portland and the State of Oregon. It will be the means of attracting thousands upon thousands of tourists every Summer from all parts of the world. The building of the highway is advertising Portland and Oregon in a more effective way than any other achievement in recent years, and there will be no better medium for exploiting the highway than the forthcoming Annual Edition of The Oregonian.

