



AUSTRIA MEETS CHIEF DEMAND

U-Boat Commander Who Sank Ancona Punished.

INDEMNITY ALSO OFFERED

Vienna Is Willing to "Pass Lightly" Over Deficiency as to Evidence.

CREW OF LINER BLAMED

Reply Says Fatalities Were Result of Premature Lowering of Boats.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Austrian reply to the second American note on the Ancona says that the commander of the Austrian submarine has been punished for not sufficiently taking account of the panic aboard the Ancona, which rendered disembarkation more difficult.

The Austrian note, while announcing the willingness of the Austro-Hungarian government to pay an indemnity for the American victims of the Ancona, declares that the government "cannot admit responsibility for damage caused by the justifiable firing on the fleeing vessel or by the capsizing of the boats before the torpedo was fired."

Deficiency of Evidence Waived. The Austrian reply further expresses the hope that Washington will be able to supply the particulars of how the American citizens were affected, but in the event that such evidence is lacking and the United States is unable to tell how the American citizens came to their deaths, the Austro-Hungarian government "is ready to pass lightly over this deficiency and indemnify for damages whose proximate cause cannot be fixed, and hopes thereby that the incident will be regarded as ended."

Vienna Concesses in Principle. The Austro-Hungarian government, too, can positively concur in the principle that enemy private vessels, so far as they do not fly or offer resistance, shall not be destroyed before the persons aboard are secured.

The assurance that the United States Government attaches value to the maintenance of the existing good relations between Austria-Hungary and the United States is warmly reciprocated by the Austro-Hungarian government, which now, as heretofore, desires to render these relations still more cordial.

Shells Fired During Flight. The inquiry showed that the commander of the submarine, from a great distance in the first instance, fired a warning shot on the steamer, sighted at 11:40 in the forenoon, which he at first believed to be a transport steamer, at the same time giving a signal for the vessel to stop.

IRA ALLAN SANKEY DIES

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Word was received by wire at New Rochelle today that Ira Allan Sankey, the New York music publisher and son of the evangelist, who was married December 20, died suddenly at sea yesterday while on his honeymoon.

BURNED TOWN WILL RISE

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The first shipment of houses for rebuilding Hopewell, Va., which was destroyed by fire on December 5, was made today from lumber mills in Brooklyn.

PORTLAND GAIN IN MAIL IN 1915 IS BIG

2,600,000 MORE LETTERS HANDLED THAN IN 1914.

Postal Savings Accounts and Total Deposits Increased Also Over Last Year.

Letters handled at the Portland Post-office during 1915 numbered 22,800,000, of which 42,000,000 were sent out, the remainder being received. The total is an increase of more than 2,600,000 over 1914.

Postal savings deposits during the year numbered 7290 and totaled \$1,442,000, against \$1,032,000 in 1914, an increase of \$410,000. Yesterday's and today's deposits are estimated in reaching the total. The accounts show a gain also.

Receipts totaled \$1,163,247, against \$1,232,482 in 1914, a decrease of \$69,235. Postoffice officials say this decrease was caused by loss of business to foreign countries due to the war. Mail routes to Germany alone were closed during November and much of December of this year.

At the close of December tonight the volume of letter mail outgoing and incoming will have been approximately 700,000 more pieces than for the corresponding month in 1914 and the receipts for the closing month were \$127,649 against \$132,232 for the same month a year ago.

WOMAN SUES FOR FRIGHT

Mrs. Lulu Freeman Fainted, She Says, When She Saw Hull.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Tom Day's bull ran out in the road in front of Mrs. Lulu Freeman June 25, 1915, and frightened her. Today she filed a suit in the Circuit Court against the owner asking for \$5000 personal injuries, \$200 for physician's and nurse's fees and \$100 for loss of time.

Mrs. Freeman asserts that the animal was loose on the county road and that when she saw it she fainted. As a result of her experience, she says, she was confined to the hospital for a month, suffers numerous pains and is under the care of a physician.

DYEWOOD SUPPLIES FOUND

Americans Barred From British Colonies, to Go Elsewhere.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—American dyewood manufacturers have turned to Central and South America for dyewood supplies which may make them independent of shipments from Jamaica and British Honduras, now barred by a British embargo.

Investigation by agents of the Bureau of Forestry and Domestic Commerce has disclosed, it was learned today, that there are vast quantities of dyewoods available in American countries and near exploited because of the lack of a market.

EXPOSITION CLOSING FATAL

San Francisco Physician Dies of Injury Received Last Day of Fair.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Dr. Edgar Reeve Bryant, director of the Hahnemann Medical College and the Hahnemann Hospital, died here today from injuries received December 4, when a farewell salvo of pyrotechnic bombs, signaling the closing of the Panama-Pacific Exposition, started him and caused him to step backward through a skylight in the roof of the California building.

His skull was fractured by a fall to the main floor of the building, 25 feet below.

MAD DEER ATTACKS TWO

Aged Rancher and Daughter Are Rescued From Animal.

ROSEMBO, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—While working about his ranch at Rice Hill, a few days ago, Isadore Rice, an aged resident of that vicinity, was attacked by an infuriated deer. Mr. Rice was knocked to the ground and only escaped when the animal was beaten into submission by his son.

A few days previously the deer attacked Mr. Rice's daughter, but she escaped without serious injury. Mr. Rice was bruised.

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As the steamer failed to stop, and tried to escape, the submarine gave chase and fired 13 shells at the steamer, of which three were observed to hit. The steamer stopped only after the third hit, whereupon the commander ceased firing.

During the flight, it is declared, when at full speed, the steamer dropped several boats filled with people, which at once capsized. After the steamer stopped, the commander of the submarine observed that six boats were fully manned, and they speedily rowed away from the steamer.

Approaching nearer, the commander of the submarine saw that a great panic prevailed aboard the steamer and that he had before him the passenger vessel Ancona, on account of which he gave those aboard more time

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SALOON'S LAST DAY IN OREGON IS HERE

All is Ready for Execution; Rope Tested.

TRAP SPRINGS AT MIDNIGHT

Public Hanging in Store for Old John Barleycorn.

WEATHER, TOO, MAY FAVOR

Some Vandalism Already Reported and Special Guards Will Go on Duty This Afternoon—Police, Too, Are Ready.

Here we are at the saloon's last day on Oregon earth.

The gibbet is ready. The rope is rigged and tested. All the formalities of the execution are arranged.

Capital punishment has been taken off the shelf for the great occasion, and it will be a public hanging.

Trap Springs at 12 Midnight. With police and Sheriff's deputies officiating, they'll spring the trap at 12 o'clock tonight that sends old Bill Tanglefoot as a licensed institution on the long way that red lights, gambling hall, six-shooter justice and all his pals of the once-upon-a-time days of a wide-open town already have traveled.

He will die gamer than he lived, from all the signs. He has sought no injunctions to delay the deed now that the rope has the drop on him, and he knows it.

Perhaps old Bill will be forgiven for being a little bit tottery from drink when he steps to the gallows tonight. There are not many more potatoes for him to take. This is literally as well as figuratively the case, for there will be slim savings of bottled goods to ship out of the state at this time tomorrow morning.

NEW WARDEN IS CHOSEN

Former Dean of Columbia Law School to Manage Sing Sing.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Dr. George B. Kirtsey, formerly dean of Columbia Law School, notified Governor Whitman tonight that he would accept the wardenship of Sing Sing prison, which had been offered him in succession to Thomas Mott Osborne.

Mr. Osborne, pending determination of the indictments charging him with neglect of duty and immoral conduct.

THREE POSTS TO BE GIVEN

Examinations for Chief Clerkships in City Service Announced.

Three important chief clerkships in the city service are to be filled by those who passed highest in a municipal civil service examination announced for January 11. The positions now are filled by temporary appointees.

One position is in the Police Bureau, another in the Water Bureau and the third in the Department of Public Affairs.

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SCHMIDT IS GUILTY IN DYNAMITE PLOT

Accomplice of McNamaras Convicted.

LIFE SENTENCE IS IMPOSED

Jury Convinced Prisoner Was Buyer of Explosive.

CHARGE FAVORS DEFENSE

State Building Trades Council Official Announces Verdict Means Ten-Year Industrial War in Los Angeles.

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RECIPE, NOT LAW, SAVES CRAWFISH

"COOKED IN WINE" MISNOMER, CAFE MEN ADMIT.

Toothsome Delicacy to Be Served as Usual, Prepared Just as Has Been Done for Years.

What of the crawfish when it is red? Of that noblest, most voluptuous of the arts of the chef and Portland's supreme epicurean blessing, crawfish "cooked in wine," whose aromatic succulence and grateful toothsome quality have captivated the palates of gourmets enticed hither to the feast from North Head to Haticus Light?

Must the crawfish, too (no reference to Monday Morning Crawfish), become but a gustable memory, a mere spiritual delight, on the altar of prohibition? Is there no loophole in the law?

There is not. But there is, it appears, a loophole in the recipe for preparing the toothsome crustacean.

"Cooked in wine" is a—well, a misnomer, so to speak," explained Otto Klein, manager of the Hofbrau Cafe, where connoisseurs of the genus Cambarus assemble to partake of its palatable flesh.

"Occasionally crawfish to fill a special order are cooked in a mixture containing wine. But that is infrequent. The recipe which has made crawfish famous does not call for wine.

"We shall continue to serve them as usual, without any change in the method of cooking. We sold 50,000 dozen crawfish this year, and expect to sell as many more in 1916."

J. E. Felt, of Felt's cafe, another favorite crawfish feasting place, confirmed the absence of wine in the ordinary preparation of crawfish. "I sold 35,000 dozen this year, and will sell 70,000 dozen under prohibition," he said.

18 BRIDES BEAT LEAP YEAR

Canyon County, Idaho, Records Broken by Last-Minute Marriages.

CALDWELL, Idaho, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Canyon County records for the issuance of marriage licenses in a single day were broken today when 18 couples were applicants. With the exception of one couple the applicants are all residents of Canyon County.

Licenses Clerk Parsons attributes the sudden plunge into the matrimonial sea to the nearness of leap year and a desire on the part of each bridegroom to refute the charge that the lady proposed.

PAROLED MAN IS FAITHFUL

Monthly Report Is Made From "Somewhere in France."

SALEM, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Although he has traveled to nearly every part of the world since his parole a year ago by Circuit Judge Kelly, of this district, John Schults, convicted of attacking George Brown, a Newburg farmer, has faithfully reported his whereabouts each month to District Attorney Ringo.

In a letter received today by the District Attorney, Schults says he is "somewhere in France" and on his way to London.

ANTHRACITE IS PLENTIFUL

Freight Congestion Blamed for Consumers' Difficulties.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Anthracite operators today denied "numerous reports" that a shortage of anthracite exists or that wholesale prices have been advanced recently.

Their statement issued here explained that any difficulty consumers may have experienced in the last few weeks in securing anthracite has been caused entirely by the unprecedented freight congestion on all trunk line railroads in the east.

KAISER SENDS PORTRAITS

New Year Greeting Takes Form of Autographed Picture of Himself.

BERLIN, Dec. 29, via London, Dec. 21.—Emperor William is sending new-year greeting to friends at the front in the form of an autographed reproduction of a pastel portrait of himself bearing the words, "Christmas-New Year, 1916," and his autograph signature.

Crown Prince Frederick William is sending out a colored picture of himself in the trenches in the Forest of the Argonne with the words, in large letters, "Good luck for the New Year."

TWIN FALLS HAS BIG FIRE

Bank, Store and Newspaper Burned With Loss of \$50,000.

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, Dec. 29.—(Special.)—Fire tonight at Kimberly, six miles east of Twin Falls, destroyed the Bank of Kimberly, a general store, printing office of the Idaho Call and a dentist's office, with a loss of \$50,000, partially covered by insurance.

The only fire-fighting facilities provided by a bucket brigade, protected the business section.

ALLIES SEIZE CONSULATES

Representatives of Central Powers Expelled From Saloniki.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—A dispatch to the Times from Saloniki says: "The consuls of Germany, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria, with their staffs and families, have been arrested by order of the French General Sarrail and taken aboard a French warship."

"Their consulates are now occupied by allied troops."

J. W. BREWER HEADS IRRIGATION LEAGUE

Three in Sharp Contest for Presidency.

ALL IN FAVOR OF RESOLUTIONS

Conference Ordered to Formulate Draft of Desired Law.

BANQUET CLOSSES SESSIONS

Meeting Throughout Generally Harmonious and Only Criticism Is Made by J. T. Hinkle, Who, However, Pledges Support.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY THE FIFTH ANNUAL IRRIGATION CONGRESS. President, J. W. Brewer, Portland. Secretary, Fred N. Wallace, Tumalo. First vice-president, Harvey H. De Armond, Bend. Second vice-president, A. D. Anderson, Madras. Third vice-president, C. C. Clarke, Arlington.

A sharp three-cornered fight for the presidency of the Oregon Irrigation Congress, resulting in the choice of J. W. Brewer, of Portland, the adoption of resolutions, the keynote of which was the endorsement of state aid for irrigationists, and a Partisan shot by J. T. Hinkle, of Hermiston, unsuccessful candidate for president, as the Congress closed its business meetings at the Imperial Hotel, were the features of the last day of the Fifth Annual Irrigation Congress of Oregon, which ended its three days' session with a banquet last night at the Chamber of Commerce.

A constitutional amendment was favored by a resolution submitted to the Congress by the resolution committee, which would provide a state guarantee for principal and interest of irrigation and drainage bonds, as well as for a state system of rural credits.

Special Conference Proposed. The resolution asked that a conference be called at which the proposed measures be formulated, this gathering to be widely representative of the states varied interests.

The resolution voicing a recommendation for state aid was drafted by I. N. Day and O. C. Leiter, acting as a subcommittee of the resolutions committee. The committee had asked that Mr. Day meet with it and help frame the resolution in line with the ideas expressed in his address.

The resolutions submitted by the committee were adopted unanimously by the Congress, after strong support was given them by various delegates in short talks.

Other resolutions endorsed the Jones bill, providing for Government guarantee of interest on irrigation bonds, as well as a number of other measures to aid irrigation work in this state.

Resolutions Adopted Unanimously. The report of the resolution committee, which was adopted unanimously, follows: We, your resolutions committee, hereby submit the following report and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Oregon Irrigation Congress, in its fifth annual session, hereby endorses the principle of the Jones bill (United States Senate bill 1922), and urges the passage thereof.

Resolved, That the Oregon Irrigation Congress, in its fifth annual session, hereby endorses the principles of the Smith bill (United States House of Representatives bill 202) and urges the passage thereof.

Resolved, That we endorse the Irrigation bill (United States Senate bill 1922), and urge the passage thereof.

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"AMERICA'S GREATEST HIGHWAY" TO BE COMMANDING FEATURE.

World-travelers and men of National prominence, who have viewed the Columbia River Highway, are agreed that the project is without equal in America, either in scenic value or construction standard. Many of the visitors declared that it is not surpassed by any of the most famous boulevards of Europe.

Such National figures as Colonel George W. Goethals, builder of the Panama Canal, and ex-President Taft, who visited the highway when it was under construction, last Summer, asserted that "it is America's greatest highway."

Other prominent men described it as "one continuous park" and "the biggest show of all," after having visited the two California exhibitions.

The Columbia River Highway will form the main pictorial feature of the New Year's edition of The Oregonian, which will be issued tomorrow.

