

ASPIRA PUNISHES U-BOAT COMMANDER

Chief Demand in Ancona Case Met and Indemnity Also Is Offered.

CREW OF LINER BLAMED

Vienna Willing to "Pass Lightly" Over Lack of Particulars as to How American Citizens Came to Their Deaths.

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It was necessary to leave the vessel in lifeboats. At least 15 lifeboats were still aboard which would have more than sufficed to rescue the persons still on the vessel, but as no other preparations were made to hoist out the boats, the commander decided, after the expiration of 45 minutes, to torpedo the vessel in such a manner that it ought to remain afloat for a still longer time, in order to have sufficient opportunity for the people still aboard to be rescued.

Enemy Cruiser Feared

Shortly afterward a steamer became visible, which steamed toward the submarine. As the commander of the submarine, who believed the steamer to be an enemy cruiser, had to reckon with an attack, he submerged at 11:30, firing a torpedo into the foremost cargo hold of the Ancona. The vessel was lowered, although persons were still visible aboard.

Loss of Lives Blamed to Crew

The entire loss of life, the note said, cannot be attributable in the first instance to the sinking of the vessel, but in some degree to the dropping of the first boats while the steamer was proceeding at full speed and to the fact that the crew thought of their own safety and did not rescue the passengers from the capsized boats.

Excessive Time Allowed

The commander of the submarine, the note continued, allowed the steamer more time than was necessary for the passengers to take to the boats, and then torpedoed the vessel in such a manner that it would remain afloat long enough to enable the enemy to disembark an object which would have been obtained if the passengers had not been forsaken by the crew.

Fully Appreciating the Attitude

"Fully appreciating the attitude of the commander, who had in view the rescue of passengers and crew," says the note, "the Austro-Hungarian authorities have arrived at the conclusion that he is apparently neglected to take sufficiently into consideration the panic among passengers and crew, and the spirit of the regulations that Austro-Hungarian naval officers should refuse assistance to enemy vessels in distress, even in such cases as that of the Ancona."

The Austro-Hungarian Government

does not hesitate in view of the circumstances to draw the appropriate conclusions concerning the friendly feeling of American citizens affected by the sinking of the prize, but for the damage caused by the destruction of the Ancona-Hungarian government cannot well be made responsible, or for the consequences which have resulted from the incorrect disembarkation or the expelling of the lowered boats before the torpedo was fired.

Peace Evidence Wanted

"The Austro-Hungarian government must express the desire of the Washington Cabinet is able and willing to communicate to the Austro-Hungarian cabinet the necessary information referring thereto. But in case appropriate evidence is lacking and the United States Government should not have knowledge of the particulars of how the American citizens came to their deaths, the Austro-Hungarian government, in consideration of the incident, which from an humane standpoint is deeply to be regretted, should express its desire once more to manifest its friendly feelings toward the United States, is ready and prepared to pass quickly over this deficiency of evidence and also to indemnify for damages whose proximate cause could not be traced."

Remaining Question of Payment Subject for Diplomacy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Danger of a break in diplomatic relations between the United States and Austria-Hungary over the sinking of the liner Ancona probably has been cleared away, if the official text of Austria's reply to the second American note conforms to press dispatches from Vienna. The communication announces that the submarine commander who torpedoed the steamer has been punished.

Break Relieved Averted

The United States government has been relieved by the receipt of the note, which was received by high officials of the Government and a dispatch received earlier in the day from Ambassador Fenwick merely said the reply had been handed him and gave no intimation as to its nature.

Remainder of the Submarine Commander

For failure to take into account the panic prevailing aboard the Ancona before torpedoing the vessel, the Austrian government has demanded that the principal American demand be met. In effect it might be regarded as a disclaimer of the act and assurance that an incident for which an officer of the navy was punished would not happen again might be taken for granted.

The Remaining Demand that Repara-

tion by payment of indemnity be made for the injury or loss of life by Americans would be a subject for diplomatic adjustment at the other points at issue were disposed of.

The official text of the new note from Vienna, expected at the Department by tomorrow night, Mr. Fenwick reported that it would be cabled as soon as it could be translated and coded.

1300 Enjoy "Messiah" Given at Presbyterian Church.

Work of Chorus of 100 Voices and of Soloists Delightful Crowd and Many Are Turned Away.

ABOUT 1300 persons attended the First Presbyterian Church last night and thoroughly appreciated the fine rendition of several Christmas carols and selections from Handel's oratorio, "Messiah," sung by the combined choruses of the Portland Oratorio Society and the First Presbyterian church, under the able direction of E. M. Evans.

Every seat in the church was occupied and so were extra chairs placed at the rear of the auditorium—and yet dozens of would-be auditors were turned away because of lack of seating accommodation.

There was no charge for admission—the whole affair was a freewill offering. Members of the chorus, conductor, etc., all took part in the recital without financial remuneration. Joseph P. Finley, who recently "went on the road" with a male quartet, Mr. Finley is in town just now on his Christmas vacation, and he was present last night and sang as a member of the vocal section of the chorus.

Under Mr. Evans' direction the chorus has an excellent choral attack and mastery of musical expression. This latter was noticed especially in the rendition of the Christmas carols, sung often without organ accompaniment, and at other intervals sung to an exquisitely played organ accompaniment by Edgar E. Courson.

The soloists in the rendition of the "Messiah" were: Miss Goldie Peterson, soprano; Mrs. Lulu Dahl Miller, contralto; Joseph P. Finley, tenor; and Mrs. J. Z. Mac, baritone, whose solo was all sung with reverence for the sacred text and with final vocal tone and splendid expression.

DEATH FOLLOWS MOURNING

Oregon City Woman Succumbs Five Days After Her Mother.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Five days after the death of her mother, Mrs. Rosemund Schuebel, Mrs. Ernest Ginter, the wife of a Beaver Creek farmer, passed away suddenly at her home this morning.

Besides her brother, Christian Schuebel, of this city, she is survived by two other brothers, Mr. Schuebel, of Beaver Creek, and Robert Schuebel, of Mulino, and 19 children—Robert Ginter, Mrs. Hazel McGahey and Mrs. Laura Schuebel, of Oregon City; Rosa G. Ginter, of Washington, D. C.; Ellora Benana, of Alaska; Bertha Johnson, of Olatone; Millie Nielsen, of Portland, and Henry and Raymond Ginter, of Beaver Creek.

ODDFELLOWS GET JEWELS

Veteran Members of Order Are Visited at Home.

Fenumbra Kelly and Milton Sunderland, both well-known veteran residents and old members of Orient Lodge No. 17, Oddfellows, were honored this week with veterans' jewels.

They had been members of the lodge for 48 years. Mr. Kelly had passed through all the chairs and had represented Orient in Oregon lodge.

A committee was delegated by the lodge to go to their homes and present the jewels. Mr. Williamson presented Mr. Kelly with his jewel at the latter's home. After spending some time with Mr. Kelly the delegation went to the home of Mr. Sunderland and presented him with his jewel at his residence.

"JUDGE" FOLEY IS DEAD

Resident of Portland for 40 Years Passes Away.

William Foley, a one-time well-known lawyer of Portland, died at the Multnomah County Hospital yesterday morning from cerebral senescence. He was 66 years of age today, and a resident of Portland for the last 40 years.

TAXPAYERS TAKE ACTION

CLACKAMAS LEAGUE CONDEMS PROPOSED CANBY FAIR DEAL.

New Organization Is Formed in Meeting at Estacada to Work for Eastern Part of County.

ESTACADA, Or., Dec. 29.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the representative taxpayers of Eastern Clackamas County, held Monday afternoon at the Barton schoolhouse, 82 taxpayers, who formed the East Clackamas Taxpayers' League, elected the following permanent officers:

OWL CAR SERVICE REMAINS

Coming of Prohibition Has No Effect on Night Transportation.

Booze stops abruptly at midnight, but the owl car will go right on in Portland just the same, according to information handed out by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company yesterday.

ORGANIST TO GIVE RECITAL

Edward H. Lemare to Be Heard at Scottish Rite Cathedral Tonight.

Edward H. Lemare, estimated by musical experts to be the greatest organist in the world today, will appear on an invitation pipe-organ recital tonight at 8:15 o'clock, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, to members only of the Oregon jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons.

LABOR ALTERS VIEW

Council Decides to Affiliate With Chamber.

LOAN PLAN INTERESTS

Mechanics Ready to Submit Issue Over Hours to Conciliation Board—National Body Is to Help Enact Measure.

The delegates to the Portland Central Labor Council last night rescinded their action of several weeks ago and voted to affiliate with the Portland Chamber of Commerce. The action to reconsider their severance from the Chamber came as the result of discussions that have characterized the meetings since the break.

A communication was read from the mechanics' local to the effect that the organization is ready at any time to meet any difficulty in the matter of length of employment, which members of the local have had with Jones' market, to the conciliation board composed of local committees from the Chamber of Commerce and the Central Labor Council.

A report was read by the secretary, E. J. Stack, that the draft of the people's land and loan measure, the single-tax law prepared by the Central Labor Council and the Oregon Federation of Labor, was in the hands of the Secretary of State, who will decide whether it is legally phrased and ready for signature.

A communication was received from W. P. Kauffman, a member of the Washington State Grange, asking for a copy of the people's land and loan measure. Mr. Stack said that it was the hope of the grange and also of the labor associations of his state that Washington would adopt the measure.

Advices were received from the American Federation of Labor that the organization stood ready to foster the attempt of the Oregon labor organizations to enact the people's land and loan measure.

ROSE SLOGANS POUR IN

ACROSTICS, SONGS AND POSTERS OFFERED FESTIVAL COMMITTEE.

National Dedication of Columbia Highway Made Feature of Many Offerings Contributed.

That the scenic beauties of the Columbia River Highway are appreciated by the people of both Oregon and Washington is evident from the many times the new roadway is used in slogans submitted to carry the 1916 Rose Festival.

Since the National dedication of the Highway will be a feature of the June Festival, the scenic drive through the gorge of the Columbia River is included in the list of the phrases thus far received at festival headquarters, 335 and 337 Northwestern Bank building.

On the average 300 slogans are being received daily. Already many have been eliminated, since it is found they contain more than eight words, or other phrases which probably not that many.

This fact has led many slogan writers to form acrostics by the use of the name Portland. Several slogans already have been submitted to festival headquarters and a number of poster designs submitted in the form of slogans.

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OPHEU GOES ALONE

After Performance Actors Will Be Guests of Carl Reiter at Supper Served on Stage.

The Orpheum will stage its own midnight matinee tonight, the special holiday programme including every act of the current Orpheum show. The curtains will rise at 11:30 o'clock, after the regular night show, and the midnight matinee will last until 1:30 o'clock.

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DRINK CALIFORNIA ISSUE

State Prohibition to Be Voted On in November, 1916.

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 30.—The people of California in November, 1916, will decide the question of prohibition, and it now is certain more than the number of signatures filed in 74,527, while the petition for partial prohibition still is 344 names short of the number required, but there are 22 counties in the state in which supplementary petitions are in circulation and from which it now is certain more than the number of names required will be secured.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

REMEMBER!! DON'T FORGET!!

Oregon's Nearest Mail Order Liquor House

10 Miles From State Line On Main Line of S. P. R. R.

Orders Shipped Same Day as Received

If You Did Not Receive Our Big Circular Write for One

We carry everything in the liquor line.

"Shasta" California's Choicest Beer, 2 Dozen Large, \$3.50—3 Dozen Small \$3.50

Packed in plain corrugated cartons. Freight or express collect.

Give us your standing order for every 28 days.

HORN BROOK, CAL.

14 HOURS FROM PORTLAND

absolute prohibition in California on January 1, 1920.

The partial prohibition petition, otherwise known as the saloon-closing measure, provides for the abolition of all liquor traffic on January 1, 1920. Under this measure wholesalers and drug stores only will be permitted to dispense intoxicating liquors.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

Marriage Licenses. BANIUCETTO-FOPPE—G. B. Banucetto, legal, 14 East Sixty-fourth street, to legal, P. D. No. 2, and Caterina Foppe, legal, 24 of Dayton, Wash.

Vancover Marriage Licenses. TERRILL-MANNING—H. Harvey Terrill, 21 of Prebble, Wash., and Miss Hazel I. Manning, 18 of Vancover, Wash.

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