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5 DIE WHEN CAR DROPS AT SPOKANE

Passengers on Astor Line Fall Into River From Division Street Bridge and Others Are Saved by Narrow Margin; Many Hurt.

STRUCTURE THAT FAILED WAS RECENTLY REPAIRED

Victims Were for Most Part Working People on Way to Places of Employment; Work of Rescue Difficult; City Is Blamed.

List of Dead and Injured.

The list of dead and injured as a result of the Spokane bridge accident as compiled by The Journal's special correspondent at Spokane is as follows:

Dead.

P. H. Fitzpatrick, proprietor of Headlight bar, survived by his wife and two children.

C. K. Thomas, proprietor of Queen City bar.

Sam Harris, East 127 Kiernan street, coconut porter.

Harry Wilson, night watchman, McGoldrick Lumber company.

Unidentified man.

Injured.

M. L. Lewis, N. 1811 Madison street, conductor, age 37, married, both hands bruised and cut and back wrenched.

F. J. Bond, E. 1314 Rockwell Ave., footman, colored, Culbertson, Grote & Ruhkin store, aged 42, married, back strained, head cut and bruised, hands bruised.

C. H. Springer, E. 1008 Gordon avenue, painter, colored, age 51, single; both hands and left leg crushed, back hurt.

Robert Martin, E. 928 Providence, fireman, colored, age 42, married, chest, hand and stomach hurt.

Martin Fanning, E. 2001 Grace avenue, conductor, injured at Jones-Gray's, age 36, married, leg badly sprained, hands and head cut.

Sam Baker, E. 662 Providence avenue, Ida Kenilly Hotel, age 45, married, ribs on left side broken, left shoulder blade broken, head and back injured.

F. M. Ross, E. 461 Indiana avenue, clerk, age 53, married, back and head bruised.

Joe Hebert, N. 2522 Nevada street,

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NATIONAL CITY BANK CLERK ARRESTED FOR PART IN BOMB PLOTS

Accuse German of Theft of Confidential Papers of Allies, Bank Being Agent.

New York, Dec. 18.—(I. N. S.)—Frederick Schneidt, employed as a clerk in the National City Bank, was arrested here today in connection with alleged plots to destroy the Welland canal. The police found telegrams, cablegrams and confidential papers in Schneidt's room which had been stolen from the bank, the institution being one of the financial agents of the allies.

Schneidt is the fifth man to be arrested in connection with an alleged plot to blow up the Welland canal. The others are:

Others are Arrested.

Paul Koenig, chief investigator for the Hamburg-American line; R. E. Lyendecker, an antique dealer; Fred Metzler, Koenig's secretary; George Fuchs, Koenig's employe.

"I was born in Bavaria," said Schleindt today. "17 years ago. I came here in 1912. I worked in a machine shop for a while, and then secured a position in a Broad street office. Later I applied in the regular way for a position in the National City bank and was accepted.

"I notified the Austrian consul here that I had a position with the bank and he introduced me to Koenig, who told me to secure certain documents. I did. I was paid about $25 weekly by Koenig and his associates."

Hundred Men Implicated.

The seized documents implicate 100 men, some of them very prominent, in various cities. Arrests on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts are expected soon.

Schleindt was charged with grand larceny and complicity in the Welland canal plot. He was arraigned in the Tombs today and was held in default of $25,000 bail.

Chief Investigator Bielaski of the department of justice is in New York today directing the search for the Welland conspirators. Immediate arrests are expected.

Mrs. Bennett Must Serve 2 Years In Jail

Portland Woman With Two Confederates Sent to San Quentin for Damaging Orchard.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 18.—(U. P.)—Cutting good fruit trees in my opinion is worth more to the state of California than any man or set of men who attempt wilfully to destroy it.

This opinion was rendered today by Federal Judge Dooling in pronouncing sentence upon three counterfeiters found guilty a few days ago. Among the effects of the trio were found a large quantity of I. W. W. stickers, of the variety alleged to be used in the destruction of fruit trees, and it was this that led to their denunciation by Judge Dooling.

The three were Claude Lawrence Carlin and Mrs. Jeanne Bennett. They were sentenced to two years each in San Quentin for manufacturing 5, 25 and 50 cent pieces. Carlin and Mrs. Bennett are said to be known in Portland, Or.

Mrs. Bennett, the wife of a graduate of Harvard and herself said to be a cultured woman, lived in Portland and Tacoma several years. While here she was interested in I. W. W. work, and frequently spoke at street meetings. Portland friends are unable to understand her connection with counterfeiters.

AUSTRIAN CRISIS VERY GRAVE, COMMENT OF AMERICAN OFFICIALS

Austrian Diplomat Admits Penfield May Be Handed Passports.

By John Edwin Nevin.

Washington, Dec. 18.—(I. N. S.)—Characterizing the Austrian crisis as "very, very grave," administration officials declared here today that the government was prepared for any eventuality. A memorandum of his answer to Austria was sent to President Wilson by Secretary of State Lansing. After a thorough examination of the document, the president will confer with Lansing and it is probable that the note will be on its way to Vienna before midnight.

Officials profess to see nothing to warrant the optimism which is said to prevail in Teutonic circles. They made it plain that unless Austria meets the wishes of the American government a break is inevitable.

Responsibility for a break, however, will rest with Vienna. The reminder to Austria only relative to the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona will not be in the nature of an ultimatum.

A statement to this effect was forthcoming from a state department official today. He stated the rejoinder would be worded with unmistakable firmness and that it will emphasize the fact that the United States will not discuss the principles of submarine warfare, this government having explained its attitude thoroughly in the correspondence with Germany. If Austria has any new evidence to present it will be considered.

The belief that a break between the two nations is inevitable was growing in both official and diplomatic circles. Practically every Austrian diplomat and consul in the United States is believed to be added pleas against this country.

Dr. Constantin Dumba, the Austrian ambassador, has been recalled. Charge d'Affaires Zwiedinek is involved in alleged passport frauds. Prosecution of Austrian Consul General von Nobel is also a certainty. A break in diplomatic relations will result in all these officials leaving the country.

Neither government officials nor German ambassador Von Bernstorff would discuss the situation today.

Charge d'Affaires Zwiedinek today requested a conference with Secretary Lansing. It is understood he plans to question the credibility of Dr. Karl Grosse's affidavit in the Zwiedinek case.

A high Austrian diplomat declared this afternoon that there was a possibility of American Ambassador Penfield being handed his passports if the original Ancona demands were reiterated in America's rejoinder.

"Austria," he said, "does not want to break relations with the United States, but feels that she has a right to know the evidence on which the demands of this country were based.

"Austria cannot maintain the position of a first class power and accept humiliating demands.

"Whether there is a break in diplomatic relations will depend on the language used by Secretary of State Lansing in his rejoinder."

LIVESTOCK AND AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT

Oregon farms yielded more wealth this year than during 1914.

The summary of the several products makes pleasant reading.

This field of endeavor will be adequately covered in the Year's End Number of The Sunday Journal Magazine, December 26.

The Sunday Journal for December 26, including the Year's End Number, will be mailed to any address for 5 cents the copy.

DECEMBER 26

ALL IS READY FOR WEDDING AT GALT HOME

Ceremony Uniting Woodrow Wilson and Edith Boling Galt Will Be Performed at Eight This Evening.

STENOGRAPHER WILL BE WITH WEDDING PARTY

President Attends to Routine Duties and His Granddaughter's Baptism.

Washington, Dec. 18.—(U. P.)—President Wilson at 8:30 tonight will have a bride and the nation a new "first lady," Mrs. Edith Bolling Wilson.

Though it was his wedding day, the president indulged in his customary routine work. He was about the executive offices early, clearing up the unfinished business on his desk, preparatory to leaving on his fortnight's honeymoon tonight.

Only one shadow crossed his joy. That was the threatened Austrian crisis, the only emergency in the way of an uninterrupted honeymoon. Should this affair take a turn needing the president's attention, Secretary of State Lansing will visit the president on his honeymoon.

White House Is Astir.

About the white house there was a noticeable stir as attaches prepared it for the reception of its new mistress. Wedding announcements were being prepared for mailing to everyone of the white house office list.

At the Galt home everything is in readiness for the ceremony tonight when, with simplicity, the nation's head is joined in wedlock by the Rev. Herbert Scott Smith.

The limited number of guests were all on hand.

The weather man didn't produce a fine day for the wedding, for a drenching downpour made the city dreary. However, he promised to do better and have a clear night.

Many Gifts Arrive.

The bustle at the white house was enhanced frequently by the appearance of express wagons with gifts. Though the president had let it be known he did not care for gifts, he faced to receive them.

At the Galt home, extra police were detailed to keep away the curious and orders were issued by Police superintendent Pulman that only guests should be permitted to approach the residence after 8 o'clock. The street will be cleared.

The president will dine at the white house and, then shortly before 8 o'clock, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Margaret, and Miss Helen Woodrow Bones, he will go to the Galt home.

Stenographer to Go Too.

After the wedding ceremony and supper, the couple will go to the station, only the president's private stenographer, Charles Swem, will accompany them and their destination will be kept a secret.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon was an early visitor at the white house to congratulate the president, but the latter had already gone to Mrs. Galt's home to lay her a short call.

The weather man, true to his promise, snowed off the rain and black clouds this afternoon. Only during the afternoon these so had about the white house at the Galt home.

The president's visit to his family during the forenoon was too long a few minutes. On his drive, he stopped at the bank, presumably to get a little loose change for his honeymoon journey.

Returning to the white house, he attended baptism of his granddaughter, Eleanor Wilson McAdoo, in the blue room, and became her godfather.

Metz Bombarded, Museum Damaged

Berlin, Dec. 18.—(I. N. S.)—(By wireless to Sayville.)—Official advices here today that enemy aircraft had bombarded Metz and inflicted heavy damage on the municipal museum.

Federal Reserve Statement

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—(U. P.)—Statement of the condition of the federal reserve bank of San Francisco at the close of business December 17.

RESOURCES

Gold coin and gold certificates	
In own vaults	$ 4,165,000
In gold settlement fund	10,000,000
Legal tender notes, silver, etc.	10,000
Total reserves	$14,555,000
Commercial paper and discounts	725,000
Bank acceptances	820,000
United States bonds	1,000,000
Municipal warrants	200,000
Federal reserve notes held	1,144,000
All other resources	3,228,000
Total resources	$21,672,000
LIABILITIES	
Capital paid	$ 2,912,000
Deposits, net	17,760,000
Total liabilities	$21,672,000
MEMORANDUM	
Federal reserve notes received from federal reserve agent	$ 5,170,000
Federal reserve notes in hands of bank	1,144,000
Net federal reserve notes outstanding	4,026,000
Gold deposited with federal reserve agent to retire federal reserve notes	5,170,000
Net asset account federal reserve notes	1,144,000

Regrets Sent In Polite Way From Warship

British Cruiser Holds Up Tanker Santa Maria Off Chile for 23 Hours, but Does It Gently.

San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 18.—(U. P.)—Held up for 23 hours by a British cruiser off the Chilean coast and forced to obey the warship's orders for 23 hours, the American steamer Santa Maria of San Francisco, under charter of the Union Oil Company, reached Port San Luis today with the story of its unusual experience. Collector of Port Davis here was notified at once.

The Santa Maria, Captain George Curtis, was proceeding down the coast of Chile, when sailed by the British cruiser Otranto November 12. The commander of the cruiser explained his actions by saying that the 48,000 barrels of oil carried by the Santa Maria were consigned to a German firm in Taltal, Chile.

According to Captain Curtis, it was 10:30 o'clock on the night of November 12 when his steamer was stopped and an officer of the cruiser came aboard to examine the papers. When he left, he ordered the Santa Maria to lay to until further orders.

Seven hours later, the cruiser signaled the Santa Maria "Follow me if you please."

This was followed by a second signal, "The speed will be nine knots."

As soon as the Santa Maria began to follow, the warship sent the polite signal, "Much regretted I must."

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS OBJECT TO DRILLS HELD BY AUTHORITIES

Pedagogues Declare Speed Competition Has Injected Danger Greater Than Fire.

The Portland Principals' association, which includes the principals of all the public schools, has filed with the school board a protest against the manner in which competitive fire drills have been conducted at the schools under the direction of the public safety commission, of which Harry P. Coffin is chairman.

Confusion and disorder, which grow out of permitting the children to run in the effort to make a time record, lessen the control over the children and are fraught with greater danger than a possible fire itself, the principals point out. And as the responsible guardians of the children while in their charge, the principals protest.

The communication, which is signed by G. E. Jamison, principal of the Thompson school and president of the association, and L. H. Baker, principal of Shaver school and secretary of the association, came before the school board Thursday afternoon and was referred to the teachers' committee for consideration. It says:

Subject Prominent at Present.

"In the present instance, we desire to present to you our reactions on our combined experience in the matter of fire drills. This subject has, as you know, been recently brought very prominently to our attention by events both at home and abroad. It is not new to us. We are now, and for many years have been, vitally interested in it. We have had abundant opportunity to study it in its various phases, and since we are the ones who, in our individual buildings, have been called upon to assume the duty of properly protecting the boys and girls in our charge, and since we are also the ones upon whom, in case of accident, the blame must fall, and who must, though life bear the sad burden of the responsibility for limbs maimed or lives lost, we deem ourselves justified in urging upon you the consideration of our views and the granting of our requests.

Too Much Emphasis on Speed.

"In our opinion, events have conspired lately to place altogether too much emphasis on the matter of speed in our drills. The main object to be obtained in a fire drill is orderly, centralized haste. The chief thing to be avoided is disorderly, uncontrolled haste.

"Once the children start to run, as they are now doing, and as it is almost impossible to keep them from doing, in order to make a time record, the control over them is lessened and the danger of panic is increased. And that panic is a more terrible, more destructive enemy than fire. Numerous disasters, among them the most recent at Peabody, Mass., give eloquent testimony.

"It is our opinion that the chief cause of this speed mania which has arisen among the students comes from the element of competition for prizes which has been injected into the situation. The details of the evils arising from this source alone would convince you that this feature should be completely and permanently eliminated.

How to Avoid Danger.

"If we cannot organize fire drills that meet your requirement without having prizes offered to us, then we admit that we are not worthy to assume the responsibility placed upon us.

"Briefly then, we urge you to do three things:

"1. Eliminate competition and prizes from the fire drills.

"2. Appoint a committee consisting of one or more of your members, the superintendent, or one of his assistants, and the fire marshal, to conduct the inspection.

"3. Establish a standard for each building, and give us a chance to measure up to it."

Garage Is Robbed.

The Hook and Lutgen garage at 1372 Division street was broken into by thieves last night and 12 inner tubes and 18 spark plugs, worth altogether about $50, were taken.

VILLA TO GIVE UP REVOLUTION, LEAVE MEXICO

He Will Come to the United States at Once, Reaching El Paso Tonight or Tomorrow, Say Dispatches.

OFFICERS' QUARTERS IN JUAREZ DISMANTLED

Villa Decides on Move After Conferring With Several of Remaining Chiefs.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 18.—(I. N. S.)—General Villa will abandon his revolution against the Carranza government at once and will arrive at Juarez tonight or tomorrow.

This unqualified statement was made in dispatches received here today from Chihuahua City where Villa has been in conference with several of his remaining chiefs.

Confirmation of the report and indication that Villa will flee to the United States was furnished by the fact that officers' quarters at Juarez are being dismantled and household goods of Villa and his brother Hipolita brought across the border to El Paso.

GEN. FINZER MAKES PAYMENT OF BALANCE SHORTAGE IN ACCOUNT

Weird System of Bookkeeping Responsible for Differences Due to Errors.

Former Adjutant General W. E. Finzer turned over today to his successor in office, Adjutant General George A. White, the sum of $1600.76, which represents the balance of shortages found in Finzer's accounts during his administration. The restitution was made on the basis of an audit completed some little time ago by W. B. Mackenzie & Son, the second audit since Finzer went out of office. Payment was made by certified check for $713.05 and by assignment of a claim for $887 for services rendered by Finzer to the state.

No wilful misappropriation of funds is imputed to General Finzer, nor any irregularities other than an extremely loose system of keeping accounts.

In connection with the administration of Finzer as adjutant general of the Oregon National guard, the investigation showed a weird system of bookkeeping, with blunders so numerous and so grotesque as to make the financial end of the state's military department a jumble of double payments, entry on the wrong side of the ledger, understated and overstated expense accounts, missing entries and entries under misleading headings. This work was done by a girl stenographer who had no knowledge of the fundamentals of bookkeeping. The mistakes were sometimes in Finzer's favor, sometimes against him.

Finzer Asked for Audit.

Mr. Finzer had asked Oswald West near the close of the latter's administration as governor, to have the books audited. Governor West attempted to have this done, but the time of Insurance Commissioner Ferguson was so much occupied with the audits of the books of the various counties that he could not begin it at that time. Subsequently, however, after Mr. Finzer went out of office, a partial audit was made, which resulted in the discovery of several hundred dollars in shortages. These sums were made good by Finzer at that time. When it appeared, however, that the audit had not been complete, another was demanded and the Mackenzie audit was undertaken.

Mr. Finzer has made the following statement covering the situation:

Lack of Audit Blamed.

"Owing to the fact that there had been no audit of the books of the adjutant general's office during recent years we have had more or less difficulty in reaching a full understanding as to the amount of funds to be

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Gen. Stockhausen, German, Is Killed

Amsterdam, Dec. 18.—(I. N. S.)—Major General Stockhausen, commander of a division in the German army, was killed in action, according to dispatches received here today.

Accused of Serious Crimes.

Detective Captain Baty today received advice from Tacoma that a man, alleged to be John Ryan, robbed the home of L. S. Stevens in Tacoma and afterward attacked the 12-year-old daughter of the house. Ryan and John Raymond have been under arrest here, charged with the theft of diamonds and the robbery of seven Portland houses in 10 days, the loot aggregating $5000 in value. Much of the loot has been recovered.

Late Telegraphic News

Note to Austria Ready.

Washington, Dec. 18.—(I. N. S.)—Report here this afternoon was that the reply to Austria had been completed and would be cabled immediately.

Confirmation of the report was seen in the fact that Secretary of State Lansing left his office at 5:15 o'clock and went home without further conference with President Wilson.

Portland Packages Burned.

Boone, Iowa, Dec. 18.—(U. P.)—Some Portland, Or., folks will be shy their Christmas presents, for a mail car bearing a large number of packages from Chicago to Portland took fire near here this afternoon and was rushed back to the city. Only a few of the packages were saved.

Goritz' Forts Crumble.

Paris, Dec. 18.—(U. P.)—Artillery battling, more horrible than any thus far, rages about Goritz the past two days, according to Swiss reports today. The inner forts were said to have crumbled beneath the Italian attack.

Hydroplane Captured.

Paris, Dec. 18.—(I. N. S.)—French torpedo boats off Gallipoli shelled two enemy hydroplanes bringing down and capturing one. The other escaped.

Baseball Peace Assured.

New York, Dec. 18.—(I. N. S.)—At the conclusion of today's peace parley, August Herrmann, president of the National commission stated that peace was an assured fact.

Asks Money for Alaska R. R.

Washington, Dec. 18.—(I. N. S.)—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo today asked congress for a deficiency appropriation of $2,000,000 for continuance of construction work on the Alaskan railroad.

Submarine Is Sunk.

London, Dec. 18.—(I. N. S.)—An Austrian submarine struck a mine off Cattaro and sank with the officers and crew, according to a Central News dispatch received here today from the Hague.

To Buy U. S. Securities.

London, Dec. 18.—(I. N. S.)—The British government has decided definitely to offer to those prepared to sell American securities outright, either cash or bonds, according to the preference of selling.

German Factory Shelled.

Paris, Dec. 18.—(I. N. S.)—Destruction of a German factory at Caifa on the Syrian coast by a French warship was announced here today in a communique from the French war office.

School Vacation Begins on Dec. 23 And Ends Jan. 3

The Christmas vacation for the public schools will be from December 23 to January 3. The schools will close for the holidays on the afternoon of Thursday, December 23, and will open again Monday, January 3. This will give nine days of vacation.

Two Seamen Taken From American Ship

German and Austrian Made Prisoners By British in Barbados—United States Council Says Protest Useless.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 18.—(I. N. S.)—Two seamen, one a German and the other an Austrian, were seized and taken off the American steamship Hawaiian by the British authorities in Barbados.

This became known when the vessel in command of Captain Arey, arrived in this port from Buenos Aires and Rio Janeiro by the way of Barbados, with a cargo of manganese ore.

According to the story told by Captain Arey, upon arriving in Barbados, he was boarded by the customs authorities. When his ships' papers and crew list were examined the officers saw the name of G. Gorlitz, a German and E. Blazin an Austrian. The port officers' letter notified Captain Arey that the men would have to be turned over to the police authorities.

The master of the Hawaiian immediately visited the American consulate. Vice consul J. E. A. Luce, who was in charge of the office, told him that a protest would be useless.

That afternoon a police boat came alongside of his vessel and took the men ashore. When the Hawaiian sailed from Barbados the men were still in the city prison.

Postmen Have to Work on Christmas

Mail Carriers to Have No Holiday but Sunday—Other Employes of Uncle Sam Can Draw Christmas Money.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—(P. N. S.)—Nobody loves the mail carrier in Uncle Sam's family. He will have to work on Christmas and on every other holiday. Only Sundays are to be days of rest for the man in gray.

With this order from Washington came another order from Postmaster Fay to his regular employes that was of a more agreeable nature. Next Wednesday, December 22, these regulars can put little "tabs" across the cashier's window and receive real Christmas money in exchange.

But the carriers are not included in this, nor are the extra clerks and temporary employes. The others get paid twice each month, on the second and seventeenth.

German Warship Is Sunk With Her Crew

London, Dec. 18.—(I. N. S.)—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen received here today reports that a German warship guarding the southern entrance of "The Belt" was sunk Thursday either by a mine or torpedo and the entire crew lost.

Gasoline Schooner Blows Up, 10 Gone

Washington, Dec. 18.—(U. P.)—The gasoline schooner Manomette blew up and sank yesterday 12 miles off Cape Ann. Four of her crew landed at Rock Port, Mass., and 10 are missing.

President Pardons Three.

Washington, Dec. 18.—(I. N. S.)—President Wilson today pardoned the following three federal prisoners:

E. L. Dillingham of Georgia, convicted of moonshining; Charles Conteur of Missoula, Mont., convicted of selling liquor to Indians, and W. Harry Hood of Alabama, sentenced for train robbery.

Alaska Mining Man Dies.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 18.—(P. N. S.)—Joseph Bennett Dyer, well known Alaska mining man, is dead here today from heart failure.

ENGINEER ON GREAT NORTHERN HELD AS SMUGGLER OF OPIUM

Peter McGregor Is Charged With Being Leader of Gang for Many Years.

After 18 years of service Peter McGregor, the oldest engineer on the Great Northern railroad's Vancouver-Seattle branch, is in jail at Seattle charged with smuggling opium into the United States. The period of smuggling is said to cover ten years.

In the county jail here W. F. Kent, who was the distributor of the opium McGregor brought into this country, has waived examination and is bound over to the federal grand jury.

Hugh A. Dotson, McGregor's fireman for many years, has also been arrested and has likewise waived examination and been bound over to the grand jury. All three men have confessed.

Hollow Log Used.

McGregor's means of smuggling was a hollow log that he used to raise himself from the locomotive seat to a point where he could comfortably peer from his cab window.

The plot was unearthed by inspectors working under the direction of Collector of Customs Burke. Kent was arrested in Portland as he stepped from a train at the Union depot by Inspector McGrath, December 5. He confessed and implicated the others whose arrests were caused later at Seattle.

So cleverly has the work been carried on and so carefully have the Portland Chinese guarded the secret of where their big supplies of opium were coming from that no headway could be made.

Kent and his wife own and operate a railroad boarding-house at 190½ Quebec street, Vancouver, B. C. Kent was formerly a Canadian customs officer. McGregor, Dotson and many other railroad men boarded with them when in the Canadian city.

The opium was secured in Canada by McGregor on nearly all of his trips and brought to Seattle. Kent then took it from him and either disposed of it in Seattle or in Portland.

System Was Puzzling.

The system under which McGregor worked was the one that puzzled the officers most. This hollow log, four feet long and 18 inches square, carried safely 30 tins of opium. So carefully was the end piece fitted in that one would never suspect the fact that the log was hollow.

At Seattle if Dotson was on board the engine, Dotson threw the log out of the cab as the engine passed a point near McGregor's home, 2818 22nd Avenue, West.

If Dotson was not on board the unloading was done at the end of the tunnel north of Seattle. The extra fireman would be sent forward to throw the switch. The minute he was gone—it was always during the early morning hours—McGregor commenced throwing the cans of opium into a bush near the track. As he whistled for the brakeman to come to the train he gave a peculiar pull to the whistle cord, the shrill siren of the locomotive bringing a Chinaman scurrying to the spot, and the opium was carefully carried away.

This method worked without detection for 10 years, according to the customs authorities, and in that time many thousand dollars worth of opium was brought in.

Fine Arts Palace To Stand Two Years

Washington, Dec. 18.—(I. N. S.)—The war department announced this afternoon that it will recommend to congress that the Palace of Arts building on the Panama-Pacific grounds be left standing for two years, unless the government urgently needs the land for other purposes.

Whole Town Locked Up.

Marysville, Cal., Dec. 18.—(U. P.)—The whole town of Mission is under lock and key and it won't get out until an attachment suit for $2000, filed against the promoters of the town, is settled.

AUSTRIA AND U. S. NEARER TO A BREAK

Secretary of State Lansing Gives Out Text of Austria's Reply in Ancona Affair Which Insists on Further Discussion of Evidence.

AMERICAN REJOINDER TO GO BEFORE NIGHT

Official Report of Austrian Admiralty on Ancona Case Also Given Out, Showing 45 Minutes Allowed Passengers, Crew to Escape.

Points of Austria's Note.

Austria wants further discussion of the case.

She holds her submarine commander cannot be blamed.

She wants information on which America based its demands, likewise names of persons killed.

For their death, she expresses regret.

She reserves the right to place her own judicial interpretations and asks Washington to form late the actual circumstances on which America bases its case.

She claims not to know fully of the German American submarine controversy and holds the cases therein are not parallel.

Washington, Dec. 18.—(U. P.)—Having practically completed a rejoinder that is said to be almost an abrupt dismissal of Austria's arguments, Secretary of State Lansing this morning made public the Austrian answer to America's original demands in the Ancona Ferdinando case.

The most significant feature of the Austrian reply is its insistence upon discussion of the evidence and principles involved in the American demands.

Foreign Minister Burian commented on the "sharpness" of the original note, but held Austria was entitled to a showdown of America's facts. As to the Austrian commander, who sank the Ancona, the Austria foreign office held that the note "does not in any way afford heavily warrant attaching blame" to him, even if American contentions are correct and a "most rigorous legal conception" were applied to judgment of the case.

Austria Not Fully Informed.

The note held Austria not to be fully informed as to the communications between America and Germany in their submarine controversy.

It suggested further parley.

This the American government does not want and will not permit.

Austria held that she ought to expect precise specifications as to the circumstances on which the United States based its contentions. In the original American note, said Austria, was "room for doubt." The United States failed to designate persons upon whom it relied for its evidence "and to whom it apparently believes it may attribute a higher degree of credibility than to the commander of the imperial and royal fleet."

Further, America gave no names of persons who lost their lives.

Curt Language Used.

"But," said Burian, "in view of the fact that the Washington cabinet has now made a positive statement concerning loss of lives, Austria is in principle ready to enter into an exchange of views in the affair."

In what some regarded as rather curt language, Austria, however, reserved the right to maintain its own legal views in discussion of the case, and queried as to why America referred to the German-American submarine controversy settlement, particularly as Austria, by no means, possesses knowledge of all the pertinent correspondence," in that situation. At the same time, Austria held the cases did not parallel.

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Timber Claim, $125—Has Cash to Invest

Out of the multitude who daily read The Journal there is one, a dozen, a score or hundreds who may be waiting for the opportunity to buy what you have for sale. The way to meet them is through the Want Ads.

Homesteads—47

A $5000 timber claim for $125.

Exchange—Real Estate—24

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