

# GERMANS DENY LIABILITY FOR SINKING FLEET

## Hun Government's Reply To Allied Note Excuses Commander Of Ships On Ground Of War Being Over.

London, Nov. 29.—(United Press.)—The German government's note to the peace conference denies that Germany was responsible for the sinking of the German fleet in Scapa Flow, Berlin dispatches said today.

The German government must regulate as without just ground any obligation to perform the demands made in the allied note on the Scapa Flow sinking. Admiral Reuters, the dispatches quoted the German note, saying, thought the armistice had ended the war when he ordered the sea-cocks of his vessels opened. He was cut off from communication with his government, it was pointed out.

The note offers to submit the matter to arbitration of The Hague tribunal, according to the dispatches leaving it to decide whether the German government is responsible and if so what damages are due the entente.

The note points out, according to the Berlin dispatches that allied demands will delay speedy enforcement of the peace treaty, which Germany greatly desires.

### Claim French Violation.

A Berlin dispatch to the United Press filed yesterday said the German government had inspired a statement that Germany would not sign the allied protocol providing for delivery of certain docks and ships to the allies in payment for the sinking of the interned German fleet at Scapa Flow, on the ground that France had repudiated an agreement to give up German prisoners of war she holds.

### Reclamation and Irrigation Plans in State Numerous

With sufficient water available from the Pend Oreille river for the irrigation of more than 2,000,000 acres of land the Columbia basin survey commission of the state of Washington has written to State Engineer Cupper relative to interesting Oregon in the surplus waters from this stream, which is said to be sufficient to irrigate some 300,000 acres in northern Umatilla county after taking care of the needs of Washington. The Washington commission was created by the last state legislature, \$100,000 being appropriated with which to conduct investigations into the irrigation situation in that state.

### World Reclaim Island.

The reclamation of some 30,000 acres of land included in Sauve's Island and adjoining territory north of Portland through an extensive system of dykes in under contemplation by engineers of the land, according to information reaching State Engineer Cupper. The proposed project would involve the closing of Columbia.

### Bids Are Asked.

Bids on \$75,750 of state irrigation securities commission bonds will be received by State Treasurer Hoff Monday. These bonds are being sold to secure money with which to pay the interest on bonds of various irrigation districts throughout the state which the securities commission has undertaken to guarantee.

### Clarence Gardner Dies Friday Night

Clarence Gardner, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gardner, 260 Bellevue street, died at a local hospital yesterday evening, following an illness of more than a year. He was a member of the St. Joseph's church, of the Knights of Columbus, and tonight at 8 o'clock Knights of Columbus and friends of the young man will gather at the chapel of the Webb & Clough Undertaking company, Court and High streets, and recite the rosary.

### Germany Plans To Break Faith Once More

Berlin, Nov. 29.—Statements believed to have been inspired by the government here today were to the effect Germany will not sign the protocol to the peace treaty which provides for the delivery of certain docks and shipping.

### Weather Forecast

Tonight and Sunday rain.  
Maximum 47.  
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# INTERVENTION BEING SOUGHT BY CARRANZA

## Washington Officials Think Mexican Ruler Trying to Prevent Revolution Thru Aid of United States.

Washington, Nov. 29. Carranza is deliberately trying to provoke an attempt at intervention by the United States to prevent Mexico from being torn by new revolutions, in the belief today of officials in close touch with the situation.

The Mexican president apparently thinks that if he can incite the United States to the point of making hostile demonstration of military or naval forces against him, his political rivals will forget their grievances and rally to him, threatened rebellion will fail to materialize and he will be able to cling to his office until the presidential elections.

The Mexican situation today seemed to be more complicated and full of menace than at any time since the Villa raid on Comibu. It has two phases.

### Situation Two-phased.

Actual armed intervention is not in prospect. Severance of relations, however, would probably necessitate a strengthening of the border guard.

### Abdication Never Thought of by King Emanuel, Report

By Camillo Cianfrara (United Press Staff Correspondent.) Rome, Nov. 27.—Delayed.—The Corriere D'Italia today denied a report, circulated abroad that King Victor Emmanuel will abdicate declaring that alarming reports of internal unrest in Italy are part of a "conspiracy aiming to discourage foreign capital, especially American capital, from investing in Italy."

### King's Message Approved.

The cabinet has approved the final draft of the king's address to the chamber of deputies. Former Premier Giolitti had an hour's audience with the king today.

### San Quentin, Cal., Nov. 29.—The aged prisoner, J.—who several weeks ago was given the interstitial glands of Tom Bellon after Bellon had been executed, today appealed to the prison surgeons for relief.

### J.—complained that while his physical health had improved greatly, he was inconvenienced by other symptoms.

### Dr. Ketter said J.—'s case was the most remarkable of the ten on record at the prison. J.—was the first to receive a double gland implantation. J.—'s vitality has increased to such an extent that it has become necessary to "ply the brakes."

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### AVIATOR REACHES INDIA

London, Nov. 29.—Captain Ross Ross Smith, British aviator, who is attempting a flight to Australia, has reached Delhi, India, according to dispatches received here.

### CASH PRIZES

\$15 Desiring to learn the opinion of its readers regarding its new heading and make-up, The Capital Journal will pay \$10 in cash for the best letter on the subject, \$3 for the second best letter, and \$2 for the third best letter.

Letters must not exceed 300 words in length, must be signed with persons name and address. Awards will be made by disinterested parties. Contest closes December 1. Prize winning letters and the best of other letters will be printed.

## NAVY DEFEATS WEST POINT IN ANNUAL GAME

### Boy Hero Of 6 To 0 Win Army; Educated Toe Inverts Two Goals From 35-Yard Line.

By Henry L. Farrell (United Press Staff Correspondent.) Polo Grounds, New York, Nov. 29.—Midshipman Charles King, of Idaho, right tackle on the Navy team, gave Uncle Sam's sea force a six to nothing victory over the Army in the renewal of their annual gridiron battle here this afternoon.

In the second period King was called back from his position in the line to try for a goal from placement. From the 35-yard line the Idaho boy booted a perfect goal from the hands of Quarterback Koehler.

### King Repeats.

Again in the third period the Navy sent an S.O.S. to King and he repeated from the 35-yard line.

The score did not indicate the extent to which the Navy had the soldiers outclassed. The vanquished impregnable line of the Army was crushed to pieces before the eyes of Secretary Baker, Generals Pershing and March and other high ranking officers of the Army.

### McQuarrie Is Star.

The Navy lacked the punch to penetrate the Army line when a gain meant a touchdown and had it not been for the toe of the Idaho middle, King, honors would have been even.

### MAN GIVES BLOOD TO SAVE WOMAN HE SHOT

Washington, Nov. 29.—The blood of the man who shot Mrs. Florence A. Robinson, 27, is in her veins today, giving her strength to recover from the wound.

Grover Gordon, 26, is alleged by police to have fired a bullet into Mrs. Robinson's breast yesterday while frenzied by jealousy, but when told a transfusion operation might save the woman's life, he said:

"I'll give my last drop of blood to save her."

### Fruit Association Secures Headquarters

What is believed forever defeat to the plan of removing headquarters to Portland came yesterday with the announcement that the Oregon Growers Cooperative association had leased the entire fifth floor of the Masonic Temple, State and High streets, and will make it new headquarters at once.

### ASK GRADE CROSSING

A grade crossing over the S. P. & S. tracks at Linnton is involved in an application filed with the public service commission today by the Associated Oil company.

## ARREST OF THREE IN PORTLAND BELIEVED TO SOLVE ROBBERIES

### Son of Richest Jap to Work As Humble Clerk

Portland, Or., Nov. 29.—Caught in the police net which was thrown over the city immediately after a series of bold holdups had been reported Friday night, E. R. Snyder, 26, T. H. Sorenson, 29, and L. H. Murray, 19, were arrested this morning.

### Two are Silent.

The two other youths were non-committal, and refused to talk. No arms were found on the men. Snyder admitted that they had discarded their pistols.

### Minister Assaulted.

A few minutes later, Gordon Bennett of the Carmelita apartments, was held up at Fifth and Mill. He was relieved of a gold watch, gold chain and gold watch.

### JAMES BATCHELOR, 90, OLD RESIDENT OF CITY DIES TODAY

James Batchelor died at the family residence on Mission street this morning at the age of 90 years. He was born in May, 1829, in Susquehanna county, Pa.

### SHORTAGE OF FUEL TIES UP DES MOINES

Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 29.—An order closing all churches, theatres and public buildings in Des Moines, effective Sunday was issued today by Ben Woolgar, superintendent of public safety.

### TRUCK STRIKES RIG; J. W. IRVING HURT

J. W. Irving is said to have been badly hurt and his wife severely shaken up when a truck, said to have belonged to the Star Bottling works of this city, struck a horse and buggy in which they were riding north of the river road to this city yesterday.

### Washington Operators Planning To Reopen

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 28.—Announcing they intended to work out and adopt some policy by which the tie-up of coal mines in this state may be broken, the Washington Coal Operators association went into conference here today.

### Loss Of One Eye Won't Make Much Difference, Wet Says

London, Nov. 29.—"With all the millions of eyes there are in the world it will not matter much if there is one less," "Pussfoot" Johnson, American prohibition agent, declared after physicians had removed one of his eyes, Thursday.

### Wife Of Army Captain Held For Stealing Silverware

Los Angeles, Nov. 29.—Signora Adell Tichnor, wife of Captain W. C. Tichnor, U. S. A., whose home is in Oklahoma City, is held at the city jail here charged with grand larceny, following the disappearance of silverware from the Hotel Van Nuys.

### Switchmen Threaten Strike; Kansas City Jeopardized

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 29.—An "outlaw" strike of Kansas City switchmen, which may tie up the railroad terminal here, was called for 4:30 p. m. today.

### Central Field Operators Offer 14 Per Cent Increase

Washington, Nov. 29.—Formal notice of an average wage advance of 14 per cent to all miners returning to work was posted today at entrances of coal mines throughout the central competitive field, comprising Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania, according to advices here.

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## LABOR'S FIRST INTERNATIONAL SESSION AT END

### Conference Adjourns Today Without Setting Date Or Place Of Next Meeting; Ten Proposals Adopted.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The first international labor conference adjourned today without setting a date or place for the next meeting. In the event Switzerland becomes a member of the league of nations, it is expected Geneva will be the appointed place.

### Women Are Protected.

6.—Prohibition of women and children working with metals, liable to cause lead poisoning.

### WOULD-BE KIDNAPPERS SOUGHT BY POLICE

Los Angeles, Nov. 29.—Two mysterious young men, neatly dressed, who drive a high powered automobile, are sought by the police as a result of a series of kidnaping attempts which have been reported within the past week.

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