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AUSTRIA ADMITS SINKING ANCONA; SAYS SHIP FLED

Allowed 45 Minutes to Passengers Before Torpedo Was Fired.

DEATHS FAULT OF CREW No Shots Fired After Steamer Halted and Began to Lower Lifeboats.

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State Department "While Accepting Version" Will Continue Investigation of Other Points.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. Rome, Nov. 14.—Nine Americans were lost on the Ancona, according to all information available, it is announced in an official statement issued at the Royal Emigration Office. Altogether it is believed that 208 lives were lost.

Vienna, Nov. 14.—The Austro-Hungarian admiralty issued the following statement today:

"The foreign press is spreading false reports regarding the sinking of the Ancona. The incident occurred as follows: Our submarine fired one shot before the steamer's crew, whereas the steamer fired at full speed, in compliance with orders from the Italian authorities, which states that ships shall flee or sink the submarine.

"The submarine pursued the steamer and continued firing. The steamer stopped only after it had been hit several times. The submarine then allowed the passengers and crew 45 minutes in which to abandon the steamer, on which panic reigned.

"However, only the small boats were lowered, and these were occupied principally by the crew. A great number of boats—probably sufficient to have saved all the passengers—remained unoccupied. "After 45 minutes the submarine, on the approach of another steamer, submerged and torpedoed the Ancona, which sank after 45 minutes.

"If any passengers lost their lives this was the fault of the crew, as the steamer tried to escape when ordered to stop. And even the crew only saved themselves, leaving the passengers.

"Foreign press reports that the submarine fired on the lifeboats, an invention. When the steamer stopped the submarine ceased firing.

"The Austrian Embassy last night made public a statement from its government accepting responsibility for the sinking of the Italian steamer Ancona and placing the blame for the loss of life on the officers and crew of the vessel.

While the statement does not admit specifically that the submarine was an Austrian vessel, it is believed here that it is intended to dispose of the charge made by Italy that it was a German submarine, flying the Austrian flag. Germany has already made the semi-official statement that the submarine was an Austrian vessel. The State Department will continue its inquiry but unless some conclusive evidence is obtained independently, it is the opinion here that this government will accept the assurances of Germany and Austria as against the charge made by Italy. The effect of this would be to remove the possibility of the reopening of the grave controversy between the United States and Germany.

Questions Still Unsettled.

In view of this development the authorities of the State Department indicated last night that the United States will probably now be concerned only in ascertaining whether proper warning was given and whether the Ancona was fired on while the passengers were taking to the lifeboats. Evidence on these points is being gathered by American officials in Europe, principally from the American survivors.

AIRMEN RAID VERONA; BOMBS KILL THIRTY

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. Rome, Nov. 14.—Three Austrian aeroplanes bombarded Verona today, killing thirty persons and wounding forty-nine, thirty of whom were seriously hurt. One bomb, which fell in the principal plaza, killed nineteen persons. Bombs were dropped in nearly every section of the city, but no military damage was done. This is the first attack on an interior city by air raiders. Heretofore the sky fleets confined their operations to coast towns.

Verona is a first-class fortress on the Adige River. It has a large garrison, and a population of about 60,000. It is about ninety miles from the fighting front.

WILL PROTEST COAST PATROL

England to Be Told Practice of her Warships Is Offensive to U. S.

CHASE OF STEAMER VINLAND LATEST AGGRAVATING CASE

Blockade of American Ports Already Characterized by President Wilson as Unfriendly.

The practice of British cruisers lying off ports of the United States and stopping vessels, American as well as foreign, will be made the basis of a protest to Great Britain, according to authoritative information obtained last night. It was learned that State Department officials were displeased by the activities of the British cruisers as manifested in many recent instances. Principal among them was the seizure and detention of the steamer Hocking. The latest case was the pursuit of the American-owned steamer Vinland off Norfolk, on the border of the three-mile limit, this is now being investigated.

The blockade of American ports by the British cruisers has already been characterized by President Wilson as "unfriendly and offensive." In answer to the complaint that "British warships are permitted to lie off American ports and intercept neutral vessels," Secretary of State Bryan wrote the following to Senator Stone, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, on January 28, 1915:

"The complaint is unjustified from the fact that representations were made to the British government that the presence of war vessels in the vicinity of New York harbor was offensive to this government and a similar complaint was made to the Japanese government as to one of its cruisers in the vicinity of the warships were withdrawn.

"It will be recalled that in 1903 the department took the position that captures made by its vessels after hovering about neutral ports will not be regarded as valid. In the Franco-Prussian war President Grant issued a proclamation warning belligerent warships against hovering in the vicinity of American ports for purposes of observation or hostile acts.

CHASED INSIDE LIMIT, SAYS VINLAND SKIPPER

New York, Nov. 14.—A British warship last Wednesday violated American territory, it is charged. One hundred miles south of New York an unnamed cruiser, flying the Union Jack, circled within the three-mile limit. At the time she was in pursuit of the Danish steamship Vinland, C. Moller, master of the Vinland, made the charge against the ship today. The Federal government will be asked to investigate. A protest has already been forwarded to the Danish government.

"To the best of my judgment," said Capt. Moller today, "the cruiser came well within the three-mile limit. For more than seventeen hours I kept my ship not more than a mile and a half from shore. During all that time the cruiser was close up to me. My judgment is that during a large part of the time the cruiser was two miles off shore. I only escaped by running the Vinland through Cape May Channel, where the cruiser did not dare follow me."

THREAT TO SHELL GORIZIA

Italians Ready to Bombard the City, According to Prisoners.

Berlin (via Sayville), Nov. 14.—The semi-official Transocean News Bureau gives out the following report from Austro-Hungarian headquarters: "At the beginning of the new Isonzo battle Italian prisoners said that the Italians would bombard Gorizia if they failed to conquer the town.

"Indeed, since the beginning of the battle Italian grenades have fallen on Gorizia and yesterday the Italian heavy artillery directed a fire over the unconquerable bridge head."

Fay Lays Bare Full Story Of Bomb and Arson Plots; Will Be State's Witness

Confesses to Chief Flynn Names and Full Details of Conspiracy in Return for Promised Leniency.

Special to The Washington Herald. New York, Nov. 14.—Lieut. Robert Fay, the Prussian artillery officer arrested October 25 in Union Hill, N. J., for experimenting with high explosives, is willing to become a government's witness. Today he made a clean breast of all that he knew about German propagandists. He called William J. Flynn, chief of the United States Secret Service, to the Tombs. Before Flynn left, Fay had revealed: The entire story of his mission to America. The names of the men who sent him. The names of the men in America who helped him. The amounts of money he received and the names of those who contributed. The plans laid out for him here. The names of the arch-conspirators. He made these final revelations with the proviso that he should enjoy whatever leniency the United States government could extend him. Tomorrow Flynn will lay before H.

Use Pistols to Close Saloon

Chicago Police in Lively Battle Wipe Out Capt. Streeter's "District."

Special to The Washington Herald. Chicago, Nov. 14.—Capt. George Wellington Streeter's defiance to the enforcement of the Sunday closing law in the "District of Lake Michigan," came to an ignominious conclusion today when the captain and his entire "army" were captured by police from the Chicago avenue station after a pitched battle in which more than 100 shots were fired. The captain's intentions of war and supplies of Sunday beer were confiscated and hundreds of thirty patrons who called during the day were disappointed. In the fight that accompanied his arrest and that of his followers Mrs. Annie Holter, wife of Streeter's "chief of police," received a bullet wound in the thigh, while the captain himself sustained a deep scalp wound, which he says, was caused by a shot from a police pistol.

The capture of Streeter and his followers was effected only after a strenuous resistance on his part, with the result that charges of assault with a deadly weapon, with intent to kill, were placed against him. Holter and Chris Mantis, his Greek ally, tonight. Since Mayor Thompson's Sunday closing order was issued Streeter has done a thriving business on the Sabbath. Streeter owns a government license. He claims that the "district" is not a part of the State of Illinois and therefore is not subject to police regulation.

FRENCH STEAMER SUNK; ALL ON BOARD LOST

Twelve Bodies Picked Up From the St. Malo, Torpedoed in the English Channel.

London, Nov. 14.—All on board were lost, it is believed, when the French steamer St. Malo, of 1,235 tons, was sunk by a German submarine near the Island of Guernsey in the English Channel today. Twelve bodies have been washed on the shores of Guernsey.

Among the other victims of the submarine war were the Norwegian ship Wascana of 4,569 tons, the crew of which was saved, and the Italian steamship Bosnia, of 2,551 tons. Of the latter's crew two boat loads of survivors have been picked up. Reports from Bordeaux state that the Spanish steamship Bernabe, of 2,288 tons, registered at Bilbao, has been lost. Ten of the crew of twenty-five are missing. The dispatch does not state how the Bernabe met her fate.

KAISER PRAISES KRUPPS.

Thanks Armors for Founding Relief Fund for Soldiers' Families.

Berlin, Nov. 14.—The Trans-Ocean News Bureau gives out the following: The German Emperor thanking the Krupps for founding a relief fund of 20,000 marks for families of soldiers killed at the front, said: "This is a new proof of your patriotic mind and is worthy of the great name of Krupp, whose fame as Germany's first armorer is brightened by a splendid initiative in social care and willingness to make sacrifices."

Prince Albert III in London.

London, Nov. 14.—The official press bureau tonight issued the following: "Prince Albert is ill of an obstinate gastric disorder and will be in London some weeks to undergo special treatment."

Prince Albert, second son of King George, is a midshipman, 29 years old. He had an attack of appendicitis about a year ago, but after an operation rejoined his ship.

Boxes of Stones Sent to Lansing

"Non-Explosives" Frighten Police Until Contents Become Known.

The detective force of the police department were hastily summoned to the offices of the American Express Company at 4 o'clock yesterday morning to examine ten small boxes consigned to "Robert Lansing, Secretary of State." They were sent him from Baltimore. The fact that the boxes were marked "No dynamite" and "Nonexplosive" only served to rouse the suspicions of the express agent, who voiced his fears that there might be bombs concealed within. James Robinson, special officer, who deals with explosives, was roused from his slumbers and rushed to the express branch office in an automobile. With great care he gently lifted the lid from the first box encountered. The detective removed a piece of white paper, and there was revealed to his astonished gaze a pile of stones—nothing more. The box or container was a small wooden box, common in commerce. The others contained similar rocks.

Booker T. Washington Is Dead at Tuskegee

Noted Negro Educator and Leader Succumbs to Bright's Disease After a Short Illness.

Special to The Washington Herald. Tuskegee, Ala., Nov. 14.—Booker T. Washington, the ablest leader of the negro race, died here today. Bright's disease and arterio sclerosis caused his death. Dr. Washington, founder of Tuskegee Institute, was born a slave near Hale's Ford, Va., in 1856. He was educated at the Hampton Industrial Institute at Hampton, Va., and the Wayland Seminary, Washington. He became an instructor at Hampton Institute and later a teacher in the public schools of West Virginia. Practical education of the negro was Dr. Washington's life work. In 1881 he founded Tuskegee Institute, at Tuskegee, Ala. Here hundreds of negroes have been educated and turned into useful citizens.

Dr. Washington earned a great deal of money from his lectures and writings. Practically every dollar was devoted to the work at Tuskegee. He spoke all over the United States and in several European countries. "The Story of My Life" and "Up from Slavery" are two of his most successful books.

Dr. Washington came into intimate contact with many leaders in American affairs. One of these was Theodore Roosevelt. A storm of protest was raised when Mr. Roosevelt, while President, invited Dr. Washington to dinner at the White House. The criticism did not prevent other prominent men, among them William Travers Jerome, from accepting Dr. Washington socially.

GERMAN CHARGE DENIED.

Hospital Ships Not Used by England to Carry Troops.

London, Nov. 14.—The admiralty tonight gave out the following official statement: "A German wireless dispatch on November 12 intimated that British hospital ships were being used to convey troops, munitions and other war material. "This is absolutely false. British hospital ships always have been and always will be used in accordance with conditions prescribed by the Geneva convention."

Daughter, Not Wife, Will Get Millions Left by C. W. Post



Though her father intended that a large part of his \$33,000,000 should go to his second wife, it has become known that Mrs. Marjorie Close would get the entire fortune despite C. W. Post's carefully prepared will. It was Mrs. Close's \$750 which started her father on the road to fortune in Battle Creek, Mich.

Allies on Verge of Forcing Greece to Show Her Hand In Balkan Diplomatic Game

Chancellories of Europe Expecting This Week Events of Tremendous Importance—Significance Seen in Presence at Malta of Powerful Anglo-French Fleet with Steam Up.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. Paris, Nov. 14.—The European chancellories expect this week events of tremendous importance which will clarify notably Greece's plans and Italy's intentions. For the present public interest is switched from Roumania, though only temporarily. Statesmen and diplomats with whom I today discussed the Greek enigma find no comfort in the latest news from Athens and Saloniki and lean strongly to pessimism regarding King Constantine's nebulous attitude. The allies' good will toward Greece hinges on whether she will disavow the threat of one of her new ministers to disarm and intern the Serbian, French and British troops who, in forthcoming battles, may be thrust back across the Greek border. Athens correspondents warn the French government that the Greek cabinet has considered this question and that the allies will do well to assume that the decision has gone against them.

It seems probable that the Venizelist party will declare an electoral strike and refuse to go to the polls on December 13. Ninety Venizelist deputies, under 44 years of age and liable for military service, have been refused a month's leave for the electoral campaign by the minister of war. From the viewpoint of the allies another piece of bad news is that recording the visit the other day to King Constantine of a German military commission consisting of the son of Gen. von Buelow, Baron von Falkenhayn and Col. von

VELES ALMOST SURROUNDED

Serbs Attack and Defeat Two Bulgarian Regiments Advancing on Monastir—British Making Progress at Strumitza. Teutons Advancing in the North.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. Saloniki, Nov. 14.—In Serbia the scene of the heaviest fighting is now in the south. The French are forcing their way north. They have occupied positions almost surrounding Veles and are now at Krivolak. A furious artillery attack is in progress in the Doiran sector, on the Greek frontier, the Anglo-French guns leading in the combat.

VILLA ELUDES OBREGON TRAP

Evacuates Naco With 2,000 Men and Flees Toward the Southwest.

Special to The Washington Herald. Douglas, Ariz., Nov. 14.—The town of Naco, on the border twenty miles west of here, was evacuated this afternoon by the Villa garrison of 2,000 under Gen. Rodriguez. A small column of Carranzista troops entered the town at 5:30 p. m. The Villistas withdrew in a south-westerly direction with 4,000 of Gen. Alvaro Obregon's cavalry in pursuit. The evacuation of Naco followed within a few hours of a declaration by Carranza's military commander that he had Francisco Villa in a trap. "Before next Wednesday my troops will have annihilated the bandit's forces," declared Obregon.

RUSSIAN TRANSPORTS LEAVE ODESSA.

Athens, Nov. 14.—It is reported that five Russian transports conveying troops left Odessa yesterday proceeding in a southerly direction.

FRENCH IN HARD FIGHT DRIVE BULGARS NORTH FROM THE RIVER CERNA

Invaders Compelled After All-Day Battle to Retreat At Night, Leaving Field Covered With Their Dead.

BULGARS FORCED TO RETREAT AT NIGHT.

The Bulgarians in force attacked the French positions on the River Cerna, west of Krivolak. The battle continued all day, several positions being lost and retaken. Finally the French retained all the positions, the Bulgarians retreating at night. Absence of adequate forces prevented the French from pursuing. The Bulgarians lost heavily, the field being covered with their dead. The French losses were small. The Bulgarian force was calculated at thirty battalions.

DECLARATIVE VICTORY FOR ALLIES.

The French commander declares that this was a decisive victory for the allies. The Bulgarians aimed to throw back the French toward Krivolak, thus leaving themselves free to overcome the Serbians in the Babuna Passes, and advance to occupy Monastir.

While the battle was proceeding on the Cerna the Serbians attacked two Bulgarian regiments advancing on Monastir from Tetovo. The Bulgarian regiments were defeated and pursued and the Serbians occupied Tetovo. They also took one gun and some stores. This place is considered to be very important. A late report says that the Bulgarians have recaptured the place.

CALL ON GERMANS FOR HELP.

The Bulgarians in this region have suffered such severe punishment that they have been compelled to call on their Austro-German allies for artillery to clear the Serbs out of Katchanik Pass.

Gen. Boyovitch's command has been re-organized and is successfully holding this pass. He has also assumed the offensive with the object of clearing the delta and obtaining possession of the Tetovo road, west of Uskub, and opening the communications to Monastir.

In the sector of Strumitza, where the British are engaged, their offensive has now further progress. The British are now before the Bulgarian frontier.

Before Krivolak and Gradsko the Bulgarians are falling back in the direction of Uskub.

Serbs Giving Way at North. London, Nov. 14.—Although the Serbians are giving way step by step before the Austro-German advance in the north, they are inflicting heavy losses on the invaders, and in the east they are more than holding their own against the Bulgarians.

Berlin reports a further advance along the whole front together with the capture of thirteen officers, 1,700 men and two cannon.

The Bulgarians also claim successes in an official statement from Sofia under date of November 12. It says: "Operations are progressing favorably to us on all fronts. On the southern bank of the Chernareka French troops who had crossed the stream were forced back across the river by our counter-attacks."

Progress for both the armies of Gen. von Koenigs and the Visegrad troops is reported in the Vienna official statement.

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POWERFUL FLEET AT MALTA.

The Journal prints an Athens dispatch stating that a powerful Anglo-French battleship squadron is being held constantly under steam at Malta.

The only piece of reassuring news from Greece reaches me from Swiss diplomatic sources. Austro-German diplomats protested to King Constantine last week against Greece's continued failure forcibly to prevent the allies from landing troops on Greek soil. The German minister said that the Kaiser was ready to finance Greece if the King would act in this sense. King Constantine replied: "Greece will remain neutral until one or the other of the belligerents ceases to respect her rights. Saloniki is a free port and the landings constitute no violation of our neutrality."

Italy is expected this week to supply a strong reason why Constantine should keep his sword sheathed unless he intends to draw it ultimately against Bulgaria.

Italy is on the eve of acting in the Balkans, as the announcement made today by the Figaro and the Petit Parisien. "The only question is whether she will strike from Albania and Montenegro or Saloniki."

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