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SINKING OF JAP SHIP MAY BRING NEW CRISIS HERE

Ancona Case Will Be Complicated if Yasaka Maru Was Not Warned.

AWAIT OFFICIAL REPORT

If Americans Were Aboard Vigorous Protest May Be Sent by U. S.

LOSS OF LIFE NOT ESSENTIAL

Absence of Casualties Would Indicate Liner Was Warned—Sign of Concession to U. S.

If official reports bear out the press dispatches regarding the torpedoing of the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru by an Austrian or German submarine in the Mediterranean, it is feared in official circles here that the issue now pending between this country and Austria over the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona will be seriously complicated.

Up to a late hour last night the State Department had received no dispatches on the subject, but it is stated that a vigorous protest will be made to Austria or Germany if official reports confirm the statement that the Japanese liner, with an American on board, was torpedoed without warning, even though it may be shown that all on board escaped.

In the near-ultimatums to Austria and in the notes to Germany on the sinking of the Lusitania the United States made it very plain that it can draw no distinction from a legal standpoint between illegal submarine attacks which result in the loss of American lives and those which merely place the lives of American citizens in jeopardy.

Probably Was Warned.

The press report that all on board the lap liner were able to escape inclines officials here to the belief, however, that the vessel must have been warned in time to get the passengers off safely, as experience has shown that torpedoed ships generally sink in much less time. The Lusitania, for example, went down in less than fifteen minutes after being struck.

If this belief is borne out, it is predicted that quite a different aspect will be put on the situation. In that event, officials think, it would mean that sincere efforts are being made by the submarine commanders to comply with the principles of warfare laid down by the American government, and would presage a favorable reply from Austria—if an Austrian submarine was involved—to the last Ancona note.

It is expected here that the first official report of the sinking of the Yasaka Maru will come from United States Ambassador Thomas Nelson Page at Rome, or from United States Consular Agent Edward L. Bristow at Port Said, near where the attack is reported to have taken place. Until such a report is received, officials of the State Department say that it is unlikely that any inquiries will be made by this government at Vienna or Austria.

Mexican Mutiny Feared in Juarez

Americans Leaving—Streets Filled with Soldiers. Cause Not Known.

Special to The Washington Herald.

El Paso, Dec. 23.—All Americans were ordered out of Juarez at 8 o'clock tonight by the Mexican military authorities. They intimated that the garrison is on the verge of mutiny. Street car service was abandoned.

American cavalry was hurried to the river by order of Gen. John J. Pershing and is patrolling the boundary. The streets of the Mexican town are filled with armed soldiers and the tension is high. The cause of the threatened outbreak is unknown.

Mrs. T. A. Edwards, wife of the American consul at Juarez, and acting consul in her husband's absence, telephoned the alarm to El Paso. She soon thereafter crossed to the American side.

The $4,000,000 ranch in Western Chihuahua owned by Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, was plundered ten days ago by Gen. Villa, according to Pablo Martinez, who arrived here. The ranch employes, including several American cowboys, are held prisoners.

Autos Cut Birth Rate.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 23.—Thomas Nixon Carver, professor of political economy at Harvard, declared that luxurious auto trips are keeping the birth rate down, in discussing the vital statistics report of Secretary of State Lansing here.

"The automobile and trips to Europe are competitors of the baby" he said. "A too high standard of living may account for the decrease in the birth rate and marriages and the increase of divorces."

No Snow in East for Santa on Christmas

It's going to be a Christmas with mild temperatures. There's no use getting the sleigh bells down from the barn loft, and Willie's new sled will probably be unused for some days.

There isn't going to be any snow anywhere in the East, according to the Weather Bureau yesterday, except possibly a light fall over the Great Lakes region.

The snow and rain flurry over Pennsylvania, New York and New England yesterday will be over the Atlantic by Christmas. There is a slight rainfall scheduled for the Northern Pacific States for the holiday. There will be no storms or even areas of unusual cold elsewhere.

TYPHUS FEVER INVADES U. S.

Agents Rushed to Texas to Battle Plague Coming from Mexico.

MEXICAN CAPITAL HAS 30,000 PATIENTS, RED CROSS STATES

Three Instances of This Scourge Reported from Laredo, Tex., Where Refugees Are Gathering.

The Mexican typhus plague has crossed the Rio Grande into Texas. Information to this effect, reaching the United States Public Health Service, yesterday, has created wide-spread alarm in official circles. Three cases of the dread scourge have been located at Laredo, Tex., where hundreds of Mexican refugees have gathered.

Strenuous efforts are being made to prevent a further spread of the disease on this side of the line. The Public Health Service detailed special agents at all towns along the border, and at each of these places a rigid quarantine inspection will be established. All persons leaving Mexico will be subjected to careful examination, and suspects placed in detention camps.

Reports reaching the Red Cross yesterday from Mexico City, where 30,000 persons are reported down with the fever, state that the epidemic has spread to the foreign quarters. Thirteen cases are reported to have broken out in the American and English colonies. The British Ambassador conferred yesterday with Secretary of State Lansing over the situation. The Secretary informed him that Carranza has not yet replied to the request of this government that he permit agents of the American Red Cross and of the Rockefeller Foundation to take charge of the campaign against the fever in Mexico City, Puebla and Pachuca and parts of the state of Oaxaca, where the pestilence is raging with particular violence.

Dr. C. C. Pierce, of the Public Health Service, has been ordered from San Francisco to Laredo to take charge of the situation.

Today, in New York, at the home of Robert De Forest, the executive committee of the Red Cross, of which former President Taft is chairman, will meet to discuss the extent to which the American Red Cross can extend aid should Carranza lift the ban he has imposed on that organization.

Officers of the Public Health Service say typhus fever is a natural consequence of war and famine. The germ is transmitted by body vermin, and generally appears first in army camps not properly guarded by sanitary precautions. The death rate is extremely high. It is feared that with the increasing influx into the United States of the defeated soldiers of Villa, the plague may spread rapidly.

Gen. Villa is reported in the mountains of Chihuahua. He is making his way to the border. Orders have already been issued to the army officers there to admit him without restrictions as a political refugee.

Pope Still Seeks Peace.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—Cardinal von Hartmann, who has just returned from Rome, declared today that Pope Benedict XV is still trying "to find a way to lead the nations to peace." The Pope's health is good, but he is gravely concerned about the war.

Britain May Commandeer Ships.

London, Dec. 23.—A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, announced in commons today that the government is considering the advisability of taking over the mercatile marine service. There is a shortage of ships and this is contributing to the rising prices of necessities of life.

To Give Away 1,000 Dinners.

New York, Dec. 23.—Vincent Astor will distribute 1,000 family dinners tomorrow as a Christmas charity. The dinners will go to persons being looked after by the hospitals, social service and other similar agencies.

KOENIG, CHIEF IN SPY PLOTS, NOW WOULD CONFESS

Head of German Secret Service Under Indictment Makes Overtures.

FACES PRISON TERM

With Two Aids Is Accused of Planning Fight on Canada.

PLANNED TO WRECK CANAL

Department of Justice Agents Already Have Facts Which Lead to Men Higher Up.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, Dec. 23.—Paul Koenig, whose figure is said to shadow the men higher up in the gigantic spy plots, has made overtures to government officials looking toward a confession.

This was the startling information that came this evening from an official source.

The informant stated the ostensible chief of the German secret service in New York has already made a partial confession to representatives of the Department of Justice.

Federal officials refused to discuss the apparent change of front by Koenig. It was definitely established, however, that Koenig was in telephonic communication with the office of Capt. William M. Offley.

Come After Indictments.

The rumor of a confession arose an hour after Koenig and two of his alleged agents, Richard Emil Leyendecker and Edmund Justice, were arraigned before Federal Judge Mayer to plead to two indictments returned this afternoon by the grand jury.

Two indictments—each with five counts—were found against Koenig and one indictment against each of the others. Koenig was told that he faces a maximum penalty of thirty years in prison and a fine of $30,000.

The Federal authorities believe Koenig was as much a dummy as Leyendecker and Justice. They are certain he could tear aside the veil of mystery that surrounded the men who directed his activities.

These include, the authorities believe, at least two millionaire steamship men, several financiers and three or more diplomats high in the service of a foreign power.

"Koenig has given us some information that has proven of value," said a United States official tonight. "But he has not revealed a tithe of the knowledge that we know is his. Koenig can give us legal evidence against the bagmen in the plots. He can reveal the names of foreign propaganda here. He can tell us the identities of the men to whom he reported; particularly, he is able to tell us to whom he turned over valuable documents, which he took to Washington periodically."

Aimed at Canada.

The three alleged German agents were indicted today for violating Section 13 of the United States crimnal code, "planning, preparing and setting on foot a military expedition against the Dominion of Canada.

The idictments are broader than the original warrants upon which the men were arrested. It is charged that Koenig and Leyendecker planned not only to destroy the Welland Canal, but other works in Canada of military importance.

Koenig's bail was continued at $50,000 and Leyendecker's at $20,000. Justice's bail was reduced to $20,000.

SHRAPNEL PLANT BLAST KILLS ONE; ONE INJURED

Teuton Plotters Suspected of Having Caused Explosion in Brooklyn Factory.

New York, Dec. 23.—A police inquiry is in progress into the cause of an explosion tonight in a shrapnel factory in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn which killed one man and injured another. The fact that the factory was making ammunition for the entente allies gave rise to rumors of a plot to destroy it.

The explosion occurred about 8 o'clock in the plant of E. W. Bliss Company. This is one of the three factories operated by this concern in Brooklyn where shells are made.

For a number of months about 5,000 men have been working on day and night shifts. They are scattered over four floors of the big concrete structure.

At 8 o'clock this evening there were only the foreman and a workman at the oven door. Ford took a blazing piece of paper in his hand and opened the oven door to light the gas. Immediately there was an explosion which was heard a block away. The automatic cut-off had failed to work, and the oven was filled with gas.

Union Savings Bank, 1916 Christmas Savings Club. Classes 5c, 50c, $1, and $2.—Adv.

Ford Quits Peace Pilgrims, On Way to New York, Report

Dispatches from Christiania Say Millionaire's Desertion of Party Is Due to Ill Health and Failure of the Mission. Party En Route to Stockholm.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Dec. 23.—Henry Ford, leader of the peace mission that left New York City December 4 to end the war in Europe, today abandoned the members of his party, according to a Central News dispatch from Christiana.

A statement sent out by that agency was that Mr. Ford, broken by the apparent failure of his mission, has secretly left for Bergen on the west coast of Norway, to go on board the steamship Bergensfjord, of the Norwegian-American Line, sailing for New York.

The Central News Agency simultaneously announced that the other members of the Ford party, ignorant of the desertion of their leader and financial backer, had gone to Stockholm to carry out the original program of obtaining recruits for the neutral peace conference.

Sources Seem to Agree.

This announcement was at first disputed by another news agency that sent out a dispatch that Mr. Ford had gone to Stockholm by train, but later all sources seemed to agree that his destination was Bergen.

The reason for Mr. Ford's departure is dual, according to these dispatches. He has been suffering from a severe attack of influenza and his overwrought nervous condition has contributed to the gravity of his illness. His physicians advised complete rest.

The other report was that his disappointment at the reception accorded the party in Norway convinced him that his peace mission was a failure, and he therefore abandoned it.

The last day of the Ford Peace Party in Christiania was a turbulent one. It was announced at an early hour that a serious disagreement had developed among the members, and that both S. S. McClure, the New York editor, and Gov. Hanna, of North Dakota, would quit the party. Both, it was said, would leave after reaching Stockholm, and would tour the belligerent countries. It became known, at the same time, that Mr. Ford had disappeared and would probably not accompany the others on the special train that had been engaged to take them to Stockholm.

Mme. Schwimmer in Charge.

Mr. Ford'f departure for Bergen and New York, if true, leaves Mme. Rosika Schwimmer in charge of the peace party.

It is presumed, of course, that financial arrangements have been made to care for those who went to Europe as the automobile maker's guests, but the many conflicting rumors coming in to London makes it impossible to obtain any definite information.

Newlyweds Invite President And Bride to Christmas Fete

Dozen or More Honeymoon Couples at Hot Springs Plan to Have Real Santa Claus at Celebration in Hotel Tonight.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 23.—President Wilson and his bride played fourteen holes of golf this morning and went motoring in the afternoon. On the links Mrs. Wilson wore the blue tailored suit in which she made her first appearance here, high boots and appropriately small hat. The President was clad in an English golfing suit which he had not worn before. The couple laughed and chatted merrily as they negotiated the course and were so much interested in themselves they forgot to keep a score.

Joseph Murphy and Richard Jervis, Secret Service men, were the caddies, much to the disappointment of a motley gathering of small boys who have gathered here from other resorts hoping to earn the distinction of having served the President.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have permitted it to be known in Hot Springs that they are thoroughly enjoying the rest which their seclusion affords. Mrs. R. D. Gunton, a wealthy resident of the place, who believes she is distantly related to Mrs. Wilson, invited them to tea this afternoon. Mrs. Wilson answered the invitation in her own handwriting and asked to be excused in accordance with their announced intention of not going out while here.

This rule is not expected to apply tomorrow night, as all the honeymooners now assembled at the hotel will gather about a big Christmas tree and the President and his new wife were asked tonight to be the guests of honor. The brides, of whom there are a dozen or more, had an executive meeting this afternoon and formulated their plans. The bridegrooms were barred, and as a result there are several pouting husbands at large tonight.

The Christmas tree is to be attended by a real Santa Claus, and it is planned to make the affair one long to be remembered.

The Marquis and Marchioness of Aberdeen arrived at the homestead and will spend the holidays here. The marquis, having been formerly Governor General of Canada, it is expected they will make a formal call at the apartments of the White House couple.

The children of the Hot Springs Sunday school held a Caristmas tree celebration this afternoon, to which the President declined an invitation.

Commandments for Happy Married Life Given by Woman Who Sues for Divorce

Special to The Washington Herald.

Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 23.—Commandments for married men as compiled by Mrs. Rena Sheffield, who is suing her husband, Justus Sheffield, a prominent New York lawyer, for divorce, were revealed by her today during her testimony before Vice Chancellor Lewis. She also gave her version of a decalogue for married women. They stipulate:

Thou shalt keep thy past unto thyself—this is the first and great commandment.

Thou shalt not scoff at thy wife.

Thou shalt be a careful kisser.

Remember thy wife, to sing her praises—give her freely of thy time and interest, for a dull husband is a discouragement to the gods and a live one, almost human.

Remember thy mother-in-law, to keep her guessing; for a wise mother-in-law loveth a cheerful liar, and a good excuse is better than none.

Thou shalt not love with danger, though verily a live impulse has low-voltage, domestic boredom beaten to a frazzle.

Thou shalt be a man, dependable as the best investment, thoroughbred as a racer, mellow as old wine, constant as thy club dues.

The following commandments were compiled by Mrs. Sheffield for wives:

Thou shalt not nag thy husband.

Thou shalt keep thy temper to thyself.

Thou shalt not bore thy husband.

Remember that thou keep un-hole-ly his many socks.

Six days shalt thou frivol and do all things thou lovest to do, but on the seventh day, think. Remember his linen, to see that it is spotless.

Honor thy husband and let him do exactly as he pleases, that thy praises may be long in the land which the Lord thy God gave thee.

Thou shalt not ask him any questions, neither in the morning or at the noonday hour or at night; for whatsoever a man wanteth thee to know, that will he tell thee unsolicited and a question mark is a hook that captures who-knows-what.

Thou shalt not complain; verily a complaining woman is worse than a shoe that pinches.

Thou shalt obey him—sometimes; uncertainty hath charms when minds are masculine.

Thou shalt be fresh and sweet and dainty as a shower bouquet, for lingerie is more to be desired than rubies and a good cook above government bonds.

BERLIN FOOD RIOTS GROW.

Cry of Women Is for "Work, Bread and Their Sons."

London, Dec. 23.—Peace and food riots in Berlin are assuming formidable proportions, according to the Amsterdam correspondent of the Central News agency.

He telegraphed today that the residence of Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg is guarded to prevent an attack by the women participating in the demonstrations.

No one is permitted to enter the imperial offices in Wilhelmstrasse before presenting evidence as to the business to be transacted.

"HURRY, CUPID!" URGES KROLL.

Marriage License Bureau Closes This Afternoon Until Monday.

Couples anticipating matrimony will have to hurry to the City Hall this morning if they want the knot tied before Monday, as the marriage license clerk's office will close this afternoon and will not be open again until Monday morning.

Col. Knoll, who presides at the marriage license counter, expects to do a rushing business today because of the order closing the office Saturday.

To Accommodate Washington Branch Commuters, Baltimore and Ohio will hold 12:00 noon train until 12:20 on December 24 and 31.—Adv.

Ostrich to Substitute for Turkey Dinners

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, Dec. 23.—A consignment of twenty ostriches, dressed for restaurant consumption, has reached this city.

This is the first shipment of its kind received here, and the bird will appear on many menus as a substitute for turkey.

This, with horse meat, gives New York City two entirely new kinds of food.

EDISON WANTS BIG NAVY SHOP

Tells Consulting Board Plant to Cost $1,400,000 Is Needed.

EXPERTS DEVELOP TORPEDO ELECTRICALLY PROPELLED

Battleships, Submarines, Destroyers and New Deisel Engine Examined by Members at Brooklyn.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, Dec. 23.—A research laboratory for the navy, to be established near New York, at a cost, inclusive of grounds, buildings and equipments of $1,400,000, was proposed today by Thomas A. Edison, in a speech before the Naval Consulting Board.

It was also announced that the experts of the board had developed the electrically propelled torpedo. This is to be proposed for use by the navy, supplementing the present method of compressed-air compulsion.

Mr. Edison's proposal was delivered before the full board at a meeting in the naval yard. It is declared to have been his first public speech.

Rear Admiral Taylor, Chief of the Bureau of Construction, speaking for his colleagues, said the only amendment would be a suggestion that the name "trial shop" be substituted for research laboratory.

"Mr. Edison's suggestion meets the greatest need of the navy," said Admiral Taylor. "When we have a new device to be tested, now we have to put it upon a finished ship in order to give it a trial. We certainly need a testing or trial shop."

Chairman Edison suggested the site to be near tidewater, and include 100 acres. He added that he would bear the expense of preparing detailed plans, specifications. A committee of three will be named at once to take up Edison's proposition.

The board members inspected battleships, submarines, destroyers and the new Deisel engine, largest in the world. This is soon to be sent to San Francisco for installation in the new collier Maumee.

On the battleships Mr. Edison insisted upon poking his head into the muzzles of the 14-inch guns. He said he was developing an idea to reduce effects of gun erosion to a minimum.

Henry Wise Wood, who has resigned from the board, made public tonight a letter to Congressman Claude Kitchin, in which Wood denies he owns stock in war material producing corporations. This, Wood said, was in reply to an inquiry by the Congressman.

Secretary Robbins announced several of the board members had decided to give up private business and devote their entire time to the preparedness program of the board. It was decided that the various committees would be in continuous session for weeks.

"CRIPPLED" BEGGAR IS "CURED" BY POLICEMAN

Mendicant With "Paralyzed" Arm and Leg "Recovers" When Charged With Vagrancy.

"Seems to me I've seen that face before," Policeman E. J. Kelly said to himself yesterday as he stood eyeing a man that sat holding out pencils in a hat near Ninth street and Pennsylvaia avenue. Well-dressed Christmas shoppers were dropping coins into the hat in quick succession, and few were taking the proffered pencil.

Then the policeman seemed to remember something, for he telephoned for the patrol wagon. The pencil vender, visibly crippled with paralysis in an arm and leg, was taken to the police station.

At the station he had to be assisted again, but not for long. Patrolman Kelly asked to have him booked as George Carr, the deaf and dumb, mendicant whom he arrested five years before. The arm lost its crook suddenly, but the leg still remained distorted.

It was suggetsed that perhaps a pin would effect a miracle with it, but the miracle happened even sooner. The leg straightened out with the mention of the word. The record was then completed, charging George Carr with vagrancy.

Mme. Bernhardt Improved.

Paris, Dec. 23.—It is stated that Sarah Bernhardt, who has been suffering from bronchitis, is further improved today.

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MENACED BY TEUTONS GREECE WILL DECLARE MARTIAL LAW TODAY

Kaiser Masses Troops for Invasion to Drive Allies Into the Sea--Athens Cabinet in Session Will Appoint New Premier.

DRIVE ON SALONIKI IS PLANNED

Principal Concentration Is Going on at Guevgheli, Dispatches State, Where Bulgarians Are Being Equipped in German Uniforms.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Athens, Dec. 23.—It is reliably stated tonight that Germany has informed Greece that Teuton troops will reach Saloniki by January 15.

Promises have been made by the Kaiser, it is said, that the invading Teutons will withdraw from Greece as soon as their task of driving the allies into the sea is completed.

London, Dec. 23.—Martial law will be declared in Greece tomorrow as a result of the dangerous situation arising from the change in the government and the expected invasion by Austro-German troops.

This news is contained in a dispatch from Athens to the Tribuna at Rome. It is confirmed in a special to the London Standard from its correspondent at the Greek capital.

The Greek cabinet was still in session at a late hour tonight after being closeted for the greater part of the afternoon and evening. Three important steps will be taken as a result of the meeting, it is reported. They are:

1. Appointment of new premier to succeed M. Skouloudis.

2. Proclamation of martial law throughout the country.

3. Declaration of views by the Greek government in view of the imminence of a Teuton drive on Saloniki.

It is expected that M. Gounaris will succeed M. Skouloudis as permier. He is the outstanding leader of the "neutrality party," which won an overwhelming victory of the polls in the recent election. M. Skouloudis at the time he accepted the portfolio expressed a wish to be allowed to withdraw as soon as possible in favor of a younger man.

The new majority leader has defined his position as follows, according to the Standard's Athens correspondent:

The present constitution is to remain until a complete settlement of all problems has been attained.

He will decline to accept individually full responsibility for the outcome of events which were brought about collectively.

It is believed that the military situation is occupying the greater part of the cabinet's time of tonight's session. The position of Greece is admittedly most serious.

Concentrate on Border.

Saloniki dispatches tonight report the steady arrival of large German and Bulgarian forces in Southern Serbian points contiguous to the Greek frontier. It is believed that the invasion of Greece is only a matter of hours.

The principal Austro-German-Bulgarian concentration is going on at Guevkheli, dispatches state. Bulgarian soldiers are being equipped with German uniforms, it is stated, and will participate in the invasion of Greek territory as German troops. It is believed that by this action Germany hopes to avoid danger of a clash with Greece, such as would be practically certain if Bulgarians crossed the frontier in their true colors.

Another report states that the Bulgarians will take over the campaign against the Serbs and Montenegrins in Albania, leaving the Austrians now engaged free to move on Saloniki.

Austrian aeroplanes reported to have bombarded Scutari, Albania, where the fugitive Serbian government is located.

TEUTONS WIN VOSGES PEAK

Landwehr Brigade Wins Back Hartmannsweilerkopf. Take Prisoners.

FRENCH WAR OFFICE NOW ADMITS REPULSE BY FOE

Official Communique Says Heavy Snowstorm Interrupted Operations in Mountains.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Dec. 23.—Hartmannsweilerkopf, the Alsatian peak that dominates the great roads into the upper Rhine country is again in German hands, according to the Berlin military report. Taken by the French on the twenty-first, with a reported loss to the Germans of about 1,500 men, the Kaiser's men have never ceased in their counter attacks to regain the Vosges stronghold. Today they announce its recapture with servere losses to the French in dead, wounded and missing.

The French admit a repulse, but not the total loss of all they had gained.

The German official report says:

"During hot fighting yesterday a brave regiment of the Eighty-second Landwehr brigade recaptured the summit of Hartmannsweilerkopf. The French suffered extraordinary severe losses and lett twenty-three officers and 1,500 men in our hands."

The French midnight communique says:

"In Artois our artillery was active in the region of Givenchy and along the road from Lille. On the northern bank of the Aisne we shelled effectively an automobile convoy between Conde and Nanteuil. In Woevre, southeast of the forest of Apremont, mine fighting resulted in our favor.

"In the Vosges, at Hartmannsweilerkopf, following enemy counter-attacks, our forces at the left on the northern slopes of the summit fell back to the positions from which they had started at the center and right; that is to say, to the depressions southeast of the summit and in a more southerly direction as far as to Fanne de Wattwiller.

"We have held intact the captured territory on a front of two kilometers. A heavy snowstorm has interrupted operations."

SANDOW SHOT AS SPY.

One-time "Strongest Man" Died in Tower, Friend Says.

Los Angeles, Dec. 23.—Eugene Sandow, renowned athlete, at one time supposed to be the strongest man in the world, has been executed in London Tower after facing a military court on the charge of being a German spy, according to Mrs. M. A. Harper, head of the Harper Institute, of London, who is a visitor here.

"There can be no doubt that Sandow was shot," said Mrs. Harper. "I know all the leading physical culturists of London, many of them close friends of the athlete, and despite the silence of the authorities and the censorship, we have obtained indisputable evidence of the execution last June."

Thought Murder Movie Scene.

Tropica, Cal., Dec. 23.—While City Marshal Fairfield looked on, under the impression that he was watching a movie scenario, Thomas Mizner, a real estate dealer, shot and killed Bert Richardson, vice president of the First National Bank of Tropica, today.

Earthquakes Rock Guatemala.

Guatemela City, Dec. 23.—Twenty earthquake shocks have occurred in Guatemala in the last two days, but as yet no serious damage has been reported.

G. U. MEDICAL STUDENT, DENIED DIPLOMA, SUES

Parchment Withheld Because of "Faculty Secret" Alleges Petitioner. Would Compel Issuance.

In a suit filed yesterday in the District Supreme Court, Myron B. Goldsmith asks the court to compel the Georgetown University Medical School to make known its reasons for refusing him a diploma after he had completed a three-year course at the school and passed the various examinations held during the three years of study.

He declares that in June of this year, when he should have been given a diploma, it was withheld and he was informed the reason was a "faculty secret." He wants the court to make the university "explain the reason" for the diploma being withheld and compel the institution to issue a diploma to him.

Prince of Wied Turns Up.

Rome, Dec. 23.—The Prince of Wied, who was forced to abandon his throne in Albania at the outbreak of the war, is reported to have arrived at Prisrend, where he met a number of Albanian chiefs and initiated propaganda among the tribesmen in his favor. He is distributing money freely. The prince will shortly be joined by his wife.

Pastor Russell.
The Battle of Armageddon, New National Theater, 8 p. m., Sunday. Free.—Ad.