

Will Not Argue With Austria About Ancona

ORIGINAL DEMANDS RENEWED

Note is Brief, Friendly in Tone But Pointed; Report of Vienna Admiralty is Cited as Sufficient Evidence

By United Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—The United States will not argue with Austria any points involved in the sinking of the Ancona. In the second American note to the Vienna government, made public by the State Department today, when it was delivered to Foreign Minister Burian in Vienna, this government states that it must "renew the definite but respectful demands made in its communication of the 6th of December."

This second note, extremely brief, is friendly in tone, but leaves no doubt of the determination that Austria shall make reparation for American lives lost and punishment for the Austrian submarine commander whose culpability is "in any case, established," and whose act, details of which were given in the Austrian admiralty statement, is held to be "willful violation of the rules of international law and the principles of humanity."

Addressed to Ambassador Penfield, the note follows:

"DEPARTMENT OF STATE, Washington, D. C., Dec. 19, 1915. 'You are instructed to address a note to the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, textually as follows: 'The government of the United States has received the note of your excellency relative to the sinking of the Ancona, which was delivered at Vienna on December 15, 1915, and transmitted to Washington and has given the note immediate and careful consideration.'

"On November 15, 1915, Baron Zwiadinek, the Charge d'Affaires of the imperial and royal government at Washington, transmitted to the Department of State a report of the Austro-Hungarian admiralty with regard to the sinking of the steamship Ancona, in which it was admitted that the vessel was torpedoed after her engines had been stopped and when passengers were still on board. This admission alone is, in the view of the government of the United States, sufficient to fix upon the commander of the submarine which fired the torpedo the responsibility for having willfully violated the recognized laws of nations and entirely disregarded those humane principles which every belligerent should observe in the conduct of war at sea.

In view of these admitted circumstances, the government of the United States feels justified in holding that the details of the sinking of the Ancona, the weight and character of the additional testimony corroborating the admiralty's report, and the number of Americans killed or injured, are in no way essential matters of discussion. 'The culpability of the commander in any case is established and the undisputed fact is that citizens of the United States were killed, injured, or put in jeopardy by his lawless act.'

"The rules of international law and the principles of humanity which were thus willfully violated by the commander of the submarine have been so long and so universally recognized and are so manifest from the standpoint of right and justice, that the government of the United States does not feel called upon to debate them and does not understand that the imperial and royal government questions or disputes them.

"The government of the United States, therefore, finds no other course open to it but to hold the imperial and royal government responsible for the act of the naval commander and to renew the definite but respectful demands made in its communication of the sixth of December, 1915. It sincerely hopes that the foregoing statements of its position will enable the

imperial and royal government to perceive the justice of those demands, and to comply with them in the same spirit of frankness and with the same concern for the good relations now existing between the United States and Austria-Hungary which prompted the government of the United States to make them.—LANSING."

PITTSBURG BANK FAILS

By United Press. Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 22.—The state banking board today closed the Pittsburgh Bank for Savings. The November statement of the bank showed over ten million dollars in deposits. The penny savings of thousands of school children, together with sixty thousand dollars of the city's funds and two hundred and fifty thousand dollars belonging to the board of education comprise a part of the total deposits. It is said that depreciation of securities unloaded on the bank two years ago caused the failure. Numerous depositors are crowding before the doors. President William Jones says he believes half the deposits will be paid in sixty days.

QUEER COIN DETECTED

M. F. Courtney, president of the Farmers' State Bank, advises all persons to keep a sharp lookout for counterfeit silver dollars. Mr. Courtney stated that during the early banking hours today two of the counterfeit dollars had shown up at the Farmers' State Bank and he feared from the newness of those dollars, showing they had not been in circulation long, that there might be a number of them either already in circulation or that some professional might be in Chickasha for the purpose of "shoving the queer."

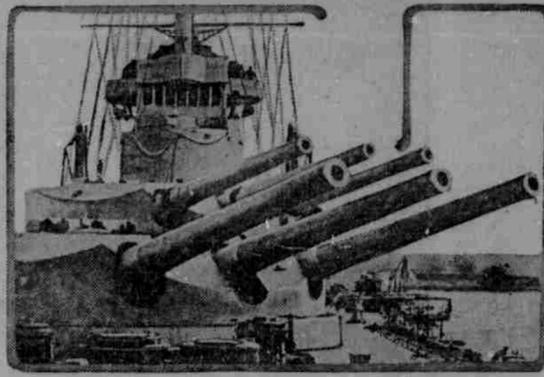
"Moonlight" Pupil Reads Daily Papers

R. M. Coffey of Ninnekah, one of the "grownups" attending the moonlight school at that place, was a business visitor in Chickasha in the county superintendent's office this morning. Mr. Coffey stated while in the city that when he entered the moonlight school several weeks ago he could neither read nor write. "Now," said Mr. Coffey, "I read the daily newspapers with pleasure. Of course I stumble on a word now and then which I cannot pronounce and the meaning of which I do not know, but I'll soon learn them all."

OCEAN RATES ADVANCE.

By United Press. Galveston, Tex., Dec. 22.—Ocean freight rates on cotton from Galveston to Havre have advanced to two dollars and fifty cents per hundred-weight. Liverpool rates remain steady at two and a quarter dollars and Genoa rates at two dollars per hundred-weight. Pre-war rates were from forty to sixty cents per hundred.

ODD TURRET OF AUSTRIAN BATTLESHIP



Photograph taken aboard an Austrian battleship of the new Tegethoff class, showing the double turrets, one above the other, each carrying three guns.

SCHOOL BONDS CARRY BY VOTE OF 302 TO 164

The special school election held yesterday for the purpose of voting bonds for building a junior high school and equipping the existing high school with \$7,000 in necessary laboratories, passed off with a light vote registered and a heavy majority in favor of the proposition. The measure received more than the required 60 per cent of the total number of votes cast, three hundred and two of the total of four hundred and sixty-six votes polled being in favor of the proposition. The vote by precincts was as follows: Ward 1, precinct 1—Yes, 27; No, 30.

Brave Bob Boles Rushes to Rescue

The horse was seemingly balky and tricky and inclined to resent the efforts of the old man who was trying to drive him along the streets of Chickasha. The old man himself acted cross and irritable and out of sorts with the world in general and with the old wife who sat beside him in the ramshackle buggy and gently expatiated with him for the abusive epithets which he applied to the piebald horse and the manner in which he attended to the horse's rear sections with a long and keen buggy whip.

BAREFOOT DOING BIG BUSINESS

Postmaster Barefoot asks the indulgence of the public in the matter of handling the abnormally heavy mail now coming into the Chickasha postoffice. Colonel Barefoot says the volume of mail during the past week has been the heaviest ever known in this office. The employees of the postoffice are exerting every effort to handle this mail as expeditiously as possible, but cannot keep up with the distribution of the incoming mail. The outgoing mail is being handled up to now, Colonel Barefoot states, none being allowed to accumulate or be delayed. However, the incoming mail is of such volume that some delay in its delivery is being experienced.

"DIVINE SARAH" DYING. By United Press. London, Dec. 22.—A dispatch from Paris today says Sarah Bernhardt, the famous actress, is dying.

CAPTURE BY FRENCH IS ADMITTED

Important Point is Taken After Battle Since April; British Call Million More Men to Colors

FORD SEES FAILURE OF PEACE MISSION

Disappointed by Reception in Europe; Plans to Return; Illness Causes Kaiser to Give Up Visit to Front

By United Press. Berlin, Dec. 22.—The war office today admitted that the French had captured the summit Hartmannswellerkopf after an almost continuous battle there since last April.

Four Million in Field.

By United Press. London, Dec. 22.—The House of Commons today passed the government bill calling one million more men to the colors. This will put four million British troops in all in the field.

By United Press. Berlin, Dec. 22.—The Athens correspondent of the Cologne Gazette says the British troops that were withdrawn from the Dardanelles were sent to Saloniki.

Ford Discouraged.

By United Press. Christiana, Dec. 22.—Henry Ford now realizes the hopelessness of concrete results from his peace mission, according to those close to him. It is rumored that Ford plans to end his trip as inconspicuously as possible. He was deeply disappointed by the lack of warmth in his reception in Norway and the actual hostility of Denmark toward his expedition.

Ford is rapidly recovering from his illness and will accompany his party to Stockholm tomorrow. Lloyd Bingham, member of the party, died of pneumonia.

Kaiser Is Ill.

By United Press. Berlin, Dec. 22.—The Kaiser is unable to make the visit planned to the western front, it was announced this afternoon.

Not Peace Mission.

By United Press. Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 22.—President Wilson today confirmed that statement of Colonel House that the latter's mission to Europe is not connected with any peace plans.

Von Papan Sails.

By United Press. New York, Dec. 22.—Before sailing for Europe today, Captain von Papan, recalled military attache of the German embassy, said, "No efforts to accomplish the persistent desire of our enemies to embroil my country with this great nation will succeed."

Liège Conqueror Dies.

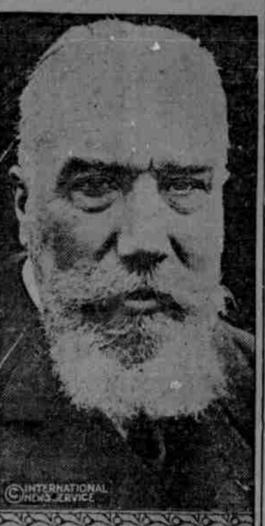
By United Press. Berlin, Dec. 22.—General Von Emich, the conqueror of Liège, died today at Hanover, aged 65.

Keep Dardanelles Open.

By United Press. Berlin, Dec. 22.—Count Albert Apponyi, the leader of the opposition in the Hungarian parliament, told the United Press that Hungary was willing to pledge that the Dardanelles would always remain open to Russian commerce as a condition of peace. The count made a lecture tour of the United States in 1907.

WEATHER ELSEWHERE. Texas: Generally clear; temperature 33 to 48 degrees. Oklahoma: Clear; temperature 35 to 45 degrees.

DENYS COCHIN



Denys Cochin is the French cabinet minister who went to Greece to persuade that nation to maintain an attitude of friendly neutrality toward the allies.

JOLLY GIRLS DESCEND ON BROADWAY

Inmates of Old Ladies' Home Out to Spend \$2,500 Left for Purpose of Giving Them Good Time

(United Press Correspondence.) New York, Dec. 22.—Broadway expects to be descended upon today by fifteen staid and middle-aged ladies of the Hoboken Pleasure Club, equipped with a map of the White Light district and the \$2,500 that 75-year-old Mrs. Augustus Pape willed them before she died two weeks ago, "to be expended in laughs because she felt so grateful and so jolly." Of the fifteen amply proportioned and exceedingly jolly German ladies in the Hoboken Pleasure Club, none was more ample nor jolly than Mrs. Pape. She played pinoche with as much enthusiasm as a 75-year-old lady may be expected to exhibit, danced with all the grace her rheumatism permitted and sang "Deutschland Uber Alles" two hours before departing forever from the jollity of this mundane sphere. Mrs. Pape was the widow of Dr. Gotthold Pape.

Today, if all goes as well as it should in such a jolly world, the fifteen expansive matrons will cram themselves into bulging taxicabs and whisk through the glare of Long Acre Square to the most brightly lighted and expensive lobster palace they can find. The combination of their placid mien and reckless flinging of cash will flabbergast all liveried flunkies, and when they line up at the theater of their choice, the ultra-self-composed and poker-faced box office clerk must surely gasp.

Two weeks ago the fifteen all-attending Mrs. Pape's funeral. After the jolly old lady's ashes had been mingled with those of her husband in the North Hudson crematory, the fifteen gathered at the home of Mrs. Anna L. C. Streckfuss for a round of feasting and merrymaking and to make today's plans. "Ach! She was a dear old lady," sighed Mrs. Streckfuss. "Such a perfect dear," echoed Mrs. Vogt, "and so kind. My, what a fine funeral that was!"

"Eight backs!" interjected Mrs. Smith. "And music, mit singing," commented Mrs. Muegge. "Jah, nun!" said Mrs. Streckfuss with decision. "I think, girls, we go now to the Hippodrome. Nicht war!"

WEATHER FORECAST. For Oklahoma. Tonight fair, Thursday partly cloudy and colder. Local Temperature. Maximum, 62 degrees. Minimum, 27 degrees.

ORDERED TO SHELL MEXICANS

Border Guard Will Begin Business Again if El Paso Again Fired On; Villa Reported to Be Approaching

JUAREZ REPORTED QUIET AGAIN TODAY

Several Killed or Wounded in Riots Started by Drunken Soldiers; Carranza Officials Buy Surrender of Villista

By United Press. El Paso, Tex., Dec. 22.—General Pershing, in command of the United States troops here, has given orders to the border guard to reply with shells if the Mexicans repeat their firing into El Paso. Reports received here today say Villa is approaching Juarez with one thousand loyal followers.

By United Press.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 22.—Juarez is quiet this morning after being sacked yesterday by drunken Mexican soldiers who killed or wounded scores in riots for food and money.

American troops along the border are ready for any fresh outbreak that might endanger lives in El Paso. Carranza officials are offering Villista soldiers in Juarez American gold to surrender.

One shot from south of the border, believed by the United States military authorities to have been fired on American troops, instantly killed George A. Diepert of El Paso, a brakeman, while he was standing on the top of an El Paso & Southwestern railroad freight car. Shortly afterward two Mexicans were shot at the Mexican end of the Santa Fe bridge by Mexican customs guards.

Villa Located.

During the afternoon the report gained currency in Juarez that General Francisco Villa would reach that city at 5 o'clock. Andreas G. Garcia, Mexican consul, announced that Villa had been located at the Bostillo ranch, west of Chihuahua city; that he would not come to the border and that he intended to continue opposition to the de facto government.

Carranza officials stated that General Alvaro Obregon was en route from Hermosillo to take command in Chihuahua.

The trouble arose when 300 Villa soldiers reached Juarez in desperate condition from lack of food and money. They refused to accept the surrender to the de facto government, arranged yesterday, until the agreement was signed by General Manuel Ochoa.

YOUNG MAN IS HELD FOR THEFT

Paul Wagoner, who has been in the Grady county jail for several days awaiting preliminary hearing on grand larceny charges, was brought before Judge T. P. Moore this morning and waived his preliminary. Judge Moore held Wagoner in bond in the sum of \$750 for the district court. Failing to give bond, Wagoner was remanded to jail.

Wagoner is the young man who some days ago flashed upon the screen through pinning an overcoat and a pair of gloves from the office of Dr. Tye in the Tye building and afterward pawning the overcoat, valued at \$25, for \$2.50 and "shooting" the gloves away over a trap table.

EL RENO EAGLES TO PLAY SANTA TO FOUR CHILDREN

The El Reno lodge of Eagles will give a ball at Knights of Columbus hall in that city on Christmas night for the purpose of paying the expenses of a Christmas tree, given for the poor children of the city.