

# AMERICAN STEAMER STRUCK BY TORPEDO

WAS NOT SERIOUSLY DAMAGED AND CREW RETURN AFTER TAKING TO BOATS.

No Passengers Aboard and No Lives Were Lost.—Ship's Name and Nationality Painted in Large Letters on Her Sides.

London.—The American steamer Nebraskan, Captain Green, from Liverpool, May 24, for Delaware break-water, was torpedoed by a submarine at a point forty miles west-southwest of Fastnet, off the south coast of Ireland.

The sea was calm at the time. The crew at once took to the boats and stood by the steamer.

It was soon ascertained that the Nebraskan was not seriously damaged. She had been struck forward and her foreholds were full of water.

The crew returned on board and got the vessel under way. No lives were lost among the crew. The Nebraskan did not carry any passengers.

The foregoing information was received by the British admiralty in London and it was at once communicated to the American embassy.

A message to Lloyds says that an armed trawler went to the assistance of the Nebraskan and stood by her all night.

The Nebraskan passed Queenstown Wednesday afternoon on her way to Liverpool. She was proceeding under her own steam at 8 knots an hour.

A message to the Star from Liverpool says that the name and nationality of the Nebraskan were painted in large letters on her sides. She was in water ballast.

The German submarine campaign is continuing actively. Dispatches from Norway say the people of that country have been aroused by the sinking last week of the Norwegian steamer Alnæs and the attempt to torpedo the Iria, which went to her assistance.

## TARIFF REBATE UPHELD.

Reduction Must be Granted on Goods in "Favored Nation" Ships.

Washington.—The so-called "5 per cent" clause of the tariff law, granting a reduction of duties to that amount on goods imported in American ships, was sustained Wednesday by the customs court, which held also that the 5 per cent rebate must be granted on all goods imported in ships of those countries with which the United States has "favored nation" treaties.

As such treaties exist with the principal countries of the world, the effect of the decision is practically to reduce the customs revenue by 5 per cent.

If the decision is sustained by the supreme court of the United States to which it will be appealed, approximately \$15,000,000 in duties already collected must be refunded.

## MONARCH LEAVES FOR FRONT.

King of Italy to Assume Command of Army and Navy.

Rome.—King Victor Emmanuel has assumed supreme command of the army and navy. He left incognito for the front Tuesday night. Only his ministers, who were confidentially informed of the intended departure of the king, bade him farewell.

The official Journal publishes a decree appointing the Duke of Genoa (Prince Thomas of Savoy), lieutenant general of the kingdom. During the king's absence he will carry on the duties of state in the name of the king, but will refer all affairs of first importance to his majesty unless they are of the most urgent nature.

## THERMOPOLIS IS FLOODED.

Wall of Water Five Feet High Rolls Through Wyoming Town.

Thermopolis, Wyo.—Damage estimated at \$50,000 was done by a flood which swept this town late Tuesday, following a cloudburst in the mountains. A wall of water five feet high rolled into the town from a canyon, flooding scores of dwellings and filling the basements of many business houses. No loss of life is reported.

## Fighting Cigaret Habit.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Forty-nine patients, many of them girls and women, took the first treatment at the new municipal anticigaret clinic, according to the report of the police hospital surgeons on Wednesday.

## Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish Dead.

Garrison, N. Y.—Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, leader of New York's social set, died Tuesday night of cerebral hemorrhage at Glen Cliff, her summer home here. She had been ill only a few days.

## Venice is Dark.

Venice.—The military authorities have given orders that no lights be displayed in Venice between sunset and sunrise that can be seen from above the city. This is a measure of protection against aeroplanes.

## Tornado in Oklahoma.

Kansas City.—Capt. W. A. Welch, a confederate veteran, was killed late Wednesday, and five injured in a tornado at Tallhina, Okla. Eight business houses and twelve residences were destroyed.

# CHINA AND JAPAN WILL NOT FIGHT

THE NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING SHANTUNG AND MANCHURIA BROUGHT TO CONCLUSION.

Japan Has Lodged Against China Heavy Claims For Injuries to Japanese Subjects and Damage Done to Ships.

Pekin.—Two treaties between China and Japan, together with thirteen notes, were signed Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Chinese foreign office. This act brought to a conclusion the negotiations which have been going on since last January, when Japan, shortly after the fall of the German position of Kiao-Chow, presented her well-known demands to China.

Lu Cheng Hsiang, Chinese foreign minister, signed for his government, while Eki Hioki, the Japanese minister to China, signed for Tokio. Thus the discussion of Japan's demands are at an end until such time as the five articles reserved for future argument are brought for consideration.

The first treaty signed Tuesday deals with Shantung and the second with South Manchuria and eastern Inner Mongolia. The only difference between terms of the ultimatum sent by Japan to China and the treaties as signed Tuesday, is the substitution of one fort for another mining right in South Manchuria.

The Japanese endeavored to secure other alterations, notably the omission of the words "South" and "Eastern" before Manchuria and Inner Mongolia, respectively, as well as the substitution of the words "Hao-Tung peninsula" for "Dalny" and "Port Arthur" but the Chinese representatives fought for and obtained a strict adherence to the terms of the ultimatum with the exception previously noted.

Japan has lodged against China heavy claims for the injuries to Japanese subjects and the damage done to Japanese ships in Hankow recently by Chinese mobs.

## BECKER FACES DEATH CHAIR.

Court of Appeals Decides Former Police Lieutenant Had Fair Trial.

Albany, N. Y.—Charles Becker, the former New York police lieutenant, must die in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison within the next six weeks for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the New York gambler, by four gunmen on July 16, 1912, unless Governor Whitman or the United States supreme court intervenes.

The court of appeals of New York has affirmed the conviction of Becker by a jury in the supreme court at his second trial, held several months ago. The same court granted Becker a new hearing after his first trial on the ground that Presiding Justice Goff had erred.

## CANNON FAVORS ACTION.

Ex-Speaker Says There Are Too Many Notes.

San Francisco.—Congressman Joseph G. Cannon of Illinois and twelve colleagues arrived here Tuesday from Honolulu. Mr. Cannon said he had not read the government's note to Germany about the Lusitania.

"But," he added, "there are too many notes and no action." Party lines, those arriving Tuesday said, remained unbroken on the suggestion of free sugar. Most of the contingent said they favored additional fortifications on the islands.

## Sign Peace Treaty.

Buenos Aires.—A peace treaty between Argentina, Brazil and Chile was signed Tuesday in Buenos Aires by the foreign ministers of the three states concerned. This is a result of the mission undertaken by Dr. Lauro Muller, foreign minister of Brazil, several weeks ago.

## Forbidden to Own Automobiles.

Dayton, O.—At a meeting of the national conferences of Duncards of the United States and Canada, the denominational representatives unanimously decided that members should not own automobiles. Four thousand members are attending.

## Steamer Sinks; Fifty Drown.

Santiago, Chile.—Fifty persons were drowned Tuesday when the Chilean steamer Maximiano Errazuris struck a reef and sank.

## Engineers for Prohibition.

Cleveland.—State and national prohibition was unanimously endorsed by the biennial convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

## Deficit in Postal Revenues.

Washington.—Postal revenues for the first half of the current fiscal year, which ends July 1, show a deficit of practically \$6,500,000.

## Acquitted of Steel Fraud.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Dennis K. Buleas and David J. Simpson were convicted and Samuel Wetmore was acquitted in the federal district court of conspiracy to furnish inferior steel for the United States government.

## Canada Lifts Embargo.

Ottawa, Ont.—Canada has withdrawn the embargo against the exportation of wool to the United States, which was imposed soon after the outbreak of the war, it was announced here Tuesday.

# CLOSE VIEW OF AN AUSTRIAN TRENCH



This is one of the trenches in Galicia where the Austrians so stubbornly fought the invading Russians.

# CONTINUES POLICY OF "HANDS OFF"

NO CHANGE IN PRESIDENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD MEXICO FOLLOWING WEST'S REPORT.

Administration Will Do Everything in Its Power to Protect Americans and Their Property While Leaders are Fighting for Supremacy.

Washington.—President Wilson received first hand information concerning the Mexican situation Monday night from Duval West, his special commissioner, who recently returned from a visit to sections controlled by the different factions.

Mr. West's report was not made public, but it is understood that it will result in no change of the policy of the administration toward Mexico. He is said to have avoided favoring any faction or leader, devoting his report to the president to information gathered about conditions generally and the attitude of the different leaders.

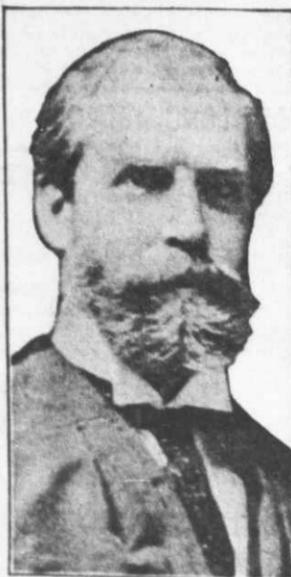
It was understood that the administration will continue its policy of "hands off" while the Mexicans are fighting for supremacy in their country, meantime doing everything in its power to protect foreigners and their property and bring about relief in sections where there is a shortage of food.

Summarizing advices from Vera Cruz a state department statement said General Obregon had reported that he repulsed General Angeles' attack upon his entrenched positions at Trinidad, after a battle lasting sixteen hours. Obregon said his own losses were slight as his men were in trenches, while Angeles' troops lost heavily.

## Baptist Debt Cleared Away.

Los Angeles, Cal.—The debts of Baptist missionary society were cleared away Monday by the Northern Baptist convention which raised the last \$14,000 within an hour, following the announcement that \$305,000 had been paid off in the last year by John D. Rockefeller contributing \$100,000 of the amount.

## JUSTICE HUGHES



Associate Justice Hughes of the Supreme court has put a quietus on the talk of nominating him for the presidency by announcing that he is not a candidate in any sense and cannot permit his name to be used.

## Norwegian Steamer Sunk.

Newcastle, England.—The Norwegian steamer Minerva was sunk by a German submarine Saturday night. The crew of the steamer was landed here Monday evening by the steamer Iris.

## Raising Ill-Fated Submarine.

Honolulu, T. H.—The submarine F-4, raised twenty-one feet on Monday, was brought within eighty-seven feet of the surface. Divers were temporarily halted by the lifting operations.

# ITALY FORMALLY DECLARES WAR

KING SIGNS DECREE WHICH BRINGS THE ELEVENTH NATION INTO WORLD WAR.

All Austrian and German Ships in Italian Harbors Have Been Ordered Confiscated by Royal Decree.—Clash on Frontier.

Rome.—Italy has formally declared war against Austria-Hungary. The decree which brings the eleventh nation into the war was signed by King Victor Emmanuel at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, May 23. A declaration of war by Germany against Italy is expected.

Baron von Macchio, the Austrian ambassador, was handed his passport. The Duc d'Avarna, Italian ambassador at Vienna, has been recalled. Prince von Buelow has been ordered by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg to leave Italy immediately, as Germany has decided to support her ally, Austria.

The first clash between Italian and Austrian troops occurred at Forcellini di Montozzo soon after the declaration of hostilities had been signed. An Austrian patrol crossed the border in a pass between Point di Leggo and Pejo and was driven back by Italian Alpine chassateurs with slight losses.

All Austrian and German ships in Italian harbors have been ordered confiscated by a royal decree issued Sunday. Immense bodies of troops are massed on both sides of the border. It is reported here that 800,000 Austro-Germans are concentrated and ready to cross the frontier. An enemy torpedo fleet is cruising off Cattaro.

More than 3,000,000 men fully equipped with arms and ammunition, it is expected, will be put into the field within a month. Because of the work of preparation that has been going on for the past few weeks, mobilization is going forward rapidly. The regimental depots have been crowded since Sunday morning by reservists who have been expecting a call to arms since Thursday. The calmness and cheerfulness of the reservists and their families completely belie the temperamental excitement which is supposed to be an Italian characteristic and affords proof of the popularity of the war spirit.

The entrance of Italy into the world war which began last August brings the number of states engaged in the conflict up to eleven. Italy, allied with Germany and Austria-Hungary since 1882 in the triple alliance, was called upon last summer shortly after the assassination of the Austrian crown prince at Sarajevo, Bosnia, to support the German empire. She declined and there began a series of diplomatic negotiations which soon resolved themselves into efforts on the part of Germany and Austria-Hungary to induce Italy to remain neutral.

One great purpose of Italy in entering the war is to gain possession of "unredeemed Italy," a sweep of Austrian territory to the north and east near the head of the Adriatic sea. This region, which includes Trent and Trieste, is Italian in all but nationality. To attain it has long been her cherished ambition.

Italy's total war strength, including resources of all kinds, is figured at about 4,900,000 men.

## People of Poland Starving.

New York.—The Rockefeller foundation has received information that conditions in that part of Russian Poland within the German and Austrian lines are "much worse than the worst in Belgium or northern France," and that the population is now actually starving.

## Florist's Helper Kills Two Girls.

Catskill, N. Y.—Henry Lang, a florist's helper of Catskill, shot and killed two girls on the outskirts of the town Sunday, and then shot himself through the heart. Lang is believed to have been insane.

## Italians Interned in Austria.

Rome.—The report reaching Rome that the German and Austrian governments have prevented 30,000 Italians from leaving the territory of those countries has created a profound impression here.

# ENGLAND CONCEDES AMERICAN CLAIM

UNITED STATES NOT INVOLVED BY ARRANGEMENTS MADE CONCERNING COTTON CARGOES.

Representatives of American Meat Packers Are Now Attempting to Bring About Release of Shipments Valued at Millions.

Washington.—A formal statement, designed to clear up misunderstanding over the participation by the state department's foreign trade advisers in unofficial arrangements regarding cotton cargoes, was handed the department on Monday by Sir Cecil Spring Rice, the British ambassador. It says the British government "quite realizes the unofficial arrangements in no way involved the United States government."

Representatives of American meat packers who have been protesting for months against Great Britain's holding up of their products shipped to neutral European nations conferred here with their counsel, Alfred Urion, who has been in England since January attempting to bring about release of shipments valued at millions of dollars.

The state department on Monday announced the receipt of a cablegram from the American ambassador at Berlin as follows: "Foreign office states that it did not intend to leave unanswered the note in the William P. Frye case or to reply by sending the ship to prize court. A formal reply shortly will be sent. While under the German laws the action of the prize court in issuing the motion is imperative, it remains totally independent of diplomatic negotiations."

## Raisuli Starts Trouble.

Paris.—Official information from Morocco indicates that Raisuli, the Moorish brigand and pretender to Morocco's throne, is conducting an agitation among the natives in the district of Charb, in the northern part of the country. It is stated that Raisuli's actions have been inspired by German agents.

## ROBERT BACON



Robert Bacon, former secretary of state of the United States and American ambassador to France, has entered the service of the British government as an organizer of hospitals attached to the staff of Sir Arthur Sloggett, surgeon general of the British army in the field.

## Give Pledge of Loyalty.

Denver.—Resolutions appreciating efforts of President Wilson to "preserve peace and uphold the dignity of the United States" were adopted at the annual state convention of the Knights of Columbus held here.

## Italy in War to Finish.

London.—Italy has given her adherence to the agreement already signed by the allied powers not to conclude a separate peace. The signature of a formal document to this effect is imminent.

# VILLA FOR BEST

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## Jury Decides For...

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## Hungry Mo...

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