

STORM BREAKS IN CONGRESS OVER CONDUCT OF DEFENSE OF OUR RIGHTS ON THE SEAS

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PLACE PROBE ON HIGHEST GROUND

More Important to Secure Protection to American Citizens Than to Simply Vindicate Our Rights as Neutral Trade

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The long expected storm in congress over the administration of the defense of American rights on the seas broke today when Senator Hoke Smith, democrat, demanded an investigation of Great Britain's interference with neutral trade and Senator Lodge, republican, replied with a demand that any investigation include the loss of American lives.

ANGLO-FRENCH RETIRE FROM SOUTH SERBIA

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The Anglo-French forces have commenced a general retirement from Southern Serbia and it is suggested that their destination is the region of Saloniki.

The question now arises whether the Bulgarians and Germans will follow the allies across the Greek frontier and what attitude the Greek government will adopt.

Fear Vessel Be Blown Up Japanese Sailors Quit

SEATTLE, Dec. 10.—Fearing that the vessel would be blown up because she was carrying war munitions to Vladivostok twelve Japanese sailors served notice today on the captain of the Japanese steamer Shintou Maru leading here that they would not go to sea in the vessel.

Thousands Shout For Peace Outside The Reichstag

LONDON, Dec. 11.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Copenhagen says it is reported that a peace demonstration of large proportions occurred outside the Reichstag in Berlin Thursday evening.

GRAVE DANGER OF DIPLOMATIC BREAK WITH AUSTRIA OVER SINKING OF THE ANCONA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Diplomatic relations with Austria are in grave danger of being broken off over the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona with the loss of American lives.

The Austrians admit seriously delayed their advance. The Austrians are now attempting a new advance from the region of Bervani west of Ischl.

MINNESOTA HAS BUNKER FIRE TO ADD TO HER TROUBLES

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—Through the announcement that fire in the Minnesota's bunkers had been brought under control, it was learned here today for the first time that a threatened conflagration was among the troubles, real and surmised, with which Captain Garlick of the Great Northern Steamship company's big freighter, has had to contend since his ship left Seattle November 14, for London with a 16,000 ton cargo of foodstuffs.

MAKES RECORD TRIP OVER FROM HONOLULU

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—The Great Northern Pacific company's turbine liner Great Northern established a new record between Honolulu and San Francisco when she arrived here tonight, three days, 23 1/2 hours from the island port.

ARIZONA IS IN NEW PROVINCE

SANTA BARRABA, Mex., Dec. 10.—The new Mexican province of Santa Barbara, to include the states of Coahuila, Durango, Tamaulipas and Veracruz, has just been created by order from the federal authorities at Mexico. This was done on petition. This section was formerly part of the State of Coahuila.

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FIRST EXECUTION IS WITHOUT HITCH

Murderer Refuses Food on His Last Day; Declines New Clothes; Walks with Firmness to Gallows, Wearing Rose Bouquet

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A Final Attempt

At the last moment attorney for Villalobos served Warren Sims with a notice raising a question as to the legality of the execution within the attorney general being present.

No Exclusive Contract Is Promise of Secretary Lane

Late yesterday afternoon, following an amicable meeting of the commission, when a resolution was adopted protesting against the execution of any exclusive contract between the reclamation service and the Pacific Gas and Electric company, it was received too late to be read at the meeting of the city commission, but its contents were seen afterward imparted to the officers of the Young Men's Business association, who felt that it was a fore-runner of victory in the battle they have started looking to the freeing of the city from the workings of a contract which at present provides for the sale of electricity to the city by a municipal electric light plant which would be permitted to furnish electric lighting energy to residential and private concerns.

ASSURANCES FROM LANE

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lighting and for municipal power uses, but also of whether or not the city, after creating a municipal plant, will be able to obtain a contract, to purchase this energy to private individuals for lighting of business houses and residences.

Major Young last evening expressed the opinion that this message from the head of the interior department settles local controversy, except that of whether or not the terms of Phoenix desire a municipal plant.

