

AUSTRIA GUILTY BY OWN WORD.

United States Stresses Admission of Submarine Commander.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The United States contends, in its second note to Austria on the Ancona case, made public here to-day, that the official admission of the Austrian admiralty that the liner was torpedoed after she had stopped and while passengers still were aboard, alone is sufficient for the American demand for disavowal, reparation and punishment of the submarine commander.

The note renews the demands of the United States and says the details to which Austria referred in its reply to the first note are in no way essential to the discussion. It emphasizes the continuance of good relations depends upon the action of the Austrian government.

Cable dispatches indicate that the note already has been delivered to the Austrian foreign office.

Text of the Note.

The text of the note which Ambassador Penfield was instructed to deliver to the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs reads as follows:

"Department of State, Washington, Dec. 21, 1915.—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 wilfully violated the recognized law of nations and entirely disregarded those humane principles which every belligerent should observe in the conduct of war at sea.

United States Justified.

"In view of these admitted circumstances the government of the United States feels justified in holding that the commander of the submarine which fired the torpedo was guilty of a crime against the law of nations and that the government of Austria-Hungary is responsible for his actions. The rules of international law and the principles of humanity which were thus wilfully 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 its naval commander and to renew the definite, but respectful, demands made in its communication of the 6th of December, 1915. It sincerely hopes that the foregoing statement 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.

Commerce to Have Overall Plant.

Commerce, Ga., Dec. 21.—The city will receive as a Christmas gift an overall plant, the capital stock being \$25,000, all of which has been subscribed, and will be paid on demand. A temporary organization has already been perfected, and it is thought the plant will be ready for work by the middle of January. The new plant is in the hands of bankers and leading business men, who have the means and the brains to push it to a success.

Ag. Dept. Doctor Killed.

Athens, Ga., Dec. 21.—Dr. Emmett K. Butts, of Newark, N. J., at work in Oglethorpe county in the tick eradication work prosecuted by the bureau of animal industry, Department of Agriculture, was killed late Sunday night in an automobile accident near Lexington.

WILSON NEGRO SCHOOL BURNED

1,150 Negro Pupils March Out in Perfect Order While Structure Burns.

Florence, S. C., Dec. 21.—The "Wilson School," for negro children, of the Florence city graded schools, was burned to the ground about 1 o'clock this afternoon. The building was one of the largest and best in the State. It was a two-story frame structure with 18 large class rooms and additional cloak rooms and auditorium. It was erected about two years ago, and cost the city upwards of \$175,000. It could not be duplicated to-day, it was stated for \$18,000. It made a tremendous blaze.

It is stated that this building was the next biggest and best school building in the State for negro children, the Charleston building coming first. Dr. Bird Styles, who recently visited the school, pronounced its lighting perfect in every detail.

A most remarkable "get away" was performed by the pupils of the school. When Prof. Singleton, the principal in charge, discovered the flames, which were then eating their way between the ceiling and roof on the top floor, he sounded the fire alarm, and the 1,150 pupils left the building in actually one minute and thirty second and not a child was shocked about or an injury sustained.

The "Wilson School," named in honor of the late Rev. Joshua E. Wilson, a presiding elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was burned some two years ago, having been the victim of crap shooters. To-day's fire was caused from a defect in one of the chimneys from which the woodwork became ignited. The school board carried insurance on the building and furniture amounting to about \$10,000. The building will be immediately replaced. The school was dismissed until after the holidays.

AMERICAN KILLED IN RIOTING

At Juarez—Several Mexicans Also Lost Their Lives.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 21.—Three hundred former soldiers of Francisco Villa rioted in Juarez, opposite here, this afternoon, and before order was restored one American had been killed, and, according to reports, a number of Mexicans lost their lives.

The Villa soldiers reached Juarez to-day from the interior in a desperate condition. The streets were filled with the bodies of the dead and the wounded. The American killed was a member of the United States military police.

Heavily armed Mexican and American troops lined opposite banks of the Rio Grande to-night.

One shot from south of the border, believed by the United States military authorities to have been fired on American troops, toppled Geo. A. Diepert, of El Paso, a brakeman, from an El Paso and Southwestern railroad freight car. He was dead with a bullet in his heart when a corporal's guard reached him.

Shortly afterwards two Mexicans were shot at the Mexican end of the Santa Fe bridge by Mexican customs guards.

Reports of fatalities in Juarez varied to-night from two to ten.

"Plugs" to Furnish N. Y. Meat.

New York, Dec. 23.—Sale of horse meat for food will be permitted in New York after January 1, the board of health announced to-day. Commenting upon the revocation of the section of the Sanitary Code which prohibited the use of horse flesh, Commissioner Emerson said that, while the department did not exactly recommend it, no harm can be seen in its use.

"The horse never has tuberculosis, and almost never communicates a malignant disease to human beings," he said. "Hereafter old horses, instead of being sold for their bones, which are worth little or nothing, will be fattened and disposed of for meat."

Dr. Emerson announced that special precautions would be taken to prevent the sale of horse flesh in the guise of veal or beef.

Lighthouse Keeper Takes Own Life.

Charleston, Dec. 22.—Charles F. Johnson, lighthouse keeper at South Island, near Georgetown, committed suicide Saturday night by shooting himself with a revolver, according to information received at district lighthouse headquarters here to-day.

For some time Johnson had been suffering from tuberculosis of the throat and recently had been unable to swallow food. He is said to have made several threats to take his life and a few days ago selected his own casket.

The largest two direct-current dynamos ever built have been completed in Germany, each with a capacity of about 50,000 16-candle power lamps.

A GREAT NAVY IS URGED

Dewey Says U. S. X. Should Be Equal to Most Powerful in the World.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The navy should be "equal to the most powerful maintained by any other nation of the world" in 1925, in the opinion of a general board, headed by Dewey.

The annual report of the board just made public, disclosed that the navy should be equal to the most powerful maintained by any other nation of the world in 1925. The board's conclusion is that the navy of the United States should ultimately be equal to the most powerful maintained by any other nation of the world.

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At the same time the board presented a building program in compliance with the request for "a program of the most definite terms, consistent and progressive development of this great debt of the nation."

Details of the board's report revealed, as subsequent reports of this year, the Secret board to prepare "a bill for the navy that will provide for a period of five years a budget of about \$100,000,000 for five years on a continuation only." The administration for the construction of ships within five years is the board's answer.

Mob Victims Left Hanging.

Eastman, Ga., Dec. 21.—Late this afternoon the bodies of Sam Bland and Willie Groves lynched last night were buried by a mob. There were no indications of an investigation of the crime.

It was believed that another negro, Stevens, was implicated. The two negroes before being hung, however, confessed, it is said, that they alone were guilty. The hunt for Stevens then was given up. Several hundred persons, including many women, viewed the bodies of the negroes before they were cut down. This section was quiet to-night.

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Booker Washington's Successor.

New York, Dec. 21.—Major Robert R. Moton, of the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, Hampton, Va., was selected to succeed Booker T. Washington as president of Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., at a meeting of the special committee of the trustees of the institution here yesterday. The choice was unanimous.

Major Moton will not be installed as head of the famous negro institute until the commencement exercises in May, 1916. Until that time he will give his services to the campaign for the Booker T. Washington memorial fund.

Cashier Arrested for Stealing.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 21.—W. H. Hooser, cashier of the First National Bank of Wartrace, Tenn., was arrested late yesterday on a charge of embezzling funds of the bank to the amount of \$59,999, according to a Wartrace dispatch. The Comptroller of the Currency closed the bank last week. Hooser was released on \$20,000 bond. The dispatch says that at his preliminary hearing he pleaded guilty. The bank's deposits amounted to \$120,000.

18,000,000 Francs Saved by Serbs.

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300 GERMAN WOMEN KILLED

By Explosion—In Western Arena the French Capture 1,200 Germans.

London, Dec. 22.—According to advices to the Amsterdam Telegraaf, awarded by Reuter's correspondent, a powder factory and several ammunition depots at Muenster, Westphalia, have been blown up. Great damage was done to the town, the newspaper adds.

Later advices from Amsterdam state that, according to accounts received there, 300 of the 600 women employed in the Muenster powder mill were killed.

French Capture 1,200 Germans.

Paris, Dec. 22.—Announcement was made by the war office to-day that 1,200 Germans had been captured in the operations at Hartmanns-Weilerkopf, which have enlarged the French positions to an appreciable extent. The statement follows:

"There were few events of importance last night. In the Vosges the attack delivered yesterday by our troops made it possible for us to enlarge appreciably our positions on the east slope of Hartmanns-Weilerkopf. The number of Germans made prisoner is now 1,200, of whom 21 are officers. They belong to six different regiments."

The successful action of the French at Hartmanns-Weilerkopf was made for the purpose of bringing to an end a situation which the French regarded as intolerable. On the summit of this mountain there has been incessant firing by both sides. The trenches were separated by only a very small distance. The result of this fighting was an appreciable loss of men each day.

The French success resulted from careful artillery preparation and the dashing onslaught of the troops. The Germans have been forced back some distance on the eastern slopes of the mountain.

The British Report.

London, Dec. 22.—Along the western line, according to British official reports, the Germans suffered heavy losses while exposing their forces in an attempt to occupy craters which their mines had opened along the front near Armentieres. French operations at most places are hampered greatly by bad weather.

The Russians are reported to have occupied Kum, which indicates they are making an important advance toward the interior of Persia.

The British official report says that the British fleet bombarded attempted by a violent bombardment to destroy the stores which the British left behind them in their evacuation of the Sulva and Anzac zones on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

Berlin has Constantinople advices reiterating that the withdrawal from Gallipoli was disorderly, instead of systematic and virtually without losses, as the British official statements declare.

British Quit Aegean Isles.

From German sources come statements that nearly all the British troops have been withdrawn from the Aegean islands of Imbros, Lemnos and Tenedos, their destination being Saloniki. British bases for operations in the Dardanelles have been maintained on these Aegean islands. Reports of the troop withdrawal are in line with the impression that the abandonment of important sections of the Gallipoli Peninsula front marked the virtual end of the Dardanelles campaign, even though a footing on the peninsula has been retained by the allies.

1,000,000 More Men.

After an all-night debate the House of Commons early to-day granted an increase of 1,000,000 men in the British army, bringing up its strength on paper to 4,000,000. Although the question of conscription figured largely in the army debate, it was only an incidental part of the discussion. The country awaits with keen interest the debate which is certain to follow presentation to the House of the Earl of Derby's figures on the attestation plan.

Heavy Losses for British.

London, Dec. 22.—Comparatively heavy losses have been inflicted on the British army in Mesopotamia in the severe fighting near Kut-El-Amara, following the retreat of the British at that point.

The secretary for India, J. Austen Chamberlain, announced in the House of Commons to-day that the total casualties of Gen. Townsend's forces was 1,127, including 200 deaths.

Lone Austrian Captures Town.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The exploit of a youthful Austro-Hungarian cavalry captain in connection with the capture of Plevlje, in Northern Montenegro, is recorded by the Overseas News Agency as follows:

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TURKEY HAS SUPPLIES PLENTY

For Teutons—It is Now Only a Question of Transportation.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—"Turkey has an abundance of foods and other material of all kinds which she can supply to Germany if Germany needs them," Dr. Nazim Bey, secretary of the Young Turks' committee, said in a statement to the Associated Press on his arrival in Berlin yesterday. "It is only a question of transportation, which seems to be in a fair way of solution."

"There is no lack of anything in Turkey. For example, we have 30,000,000 kilograms of cotton which Germany can have the moment she solves the transportation problem, not to speak of 10,000,000 kilograms of reserve supply in the shape of mattresses and other articles in Turkish homes.

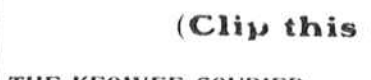
"The same is true of copper. Of this we have at least 40,000,000 kilograms, which Germany can have at any time."

Dr. Nazim Bey predicts eventual victory for the central powers. He is certain Germany will find a way to effect transportation communications with Turkey in a short time.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 22.—A stock dividend of 100 per cent was declared at the annual stockholders' meeting of the Reo Motor Car Company to-day. The capital stock of the company was increased from \$4,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

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