

**BIG ITALIAN LINER SUNK.**

**ANCONA TORPEDOED BY AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE.**

Two Hundred Missing—Some of 270 Survivors are Wounded—Rescued Passengers and Sailors Landed at Bizerta.

Rome (via Paris), Nov. 9.—The Italian liner Ancona has been sunk by a large submarine flying the Austrian colors. She carried 322 passengers and 160 in the crew. Two hundred and seventy survivors, some of them wounded, have been landed at Bizerta.

**SINKING CAUSES SENSATION.**

**News Startles Washington Which Expects New Controversy With Austria-Hungary.**

Washington, Nov. 9.—News of the sinking of the Ancona caused a sensation here tonight, as it was regarded as foreshadowing a new controversy between the United States and Austria similar to the critical dispute with Germany which followed the torpedoing of the Lusitania. Before making any comment, however, officials awaited information on two points—whether the vessel was torpedoed without warning and whether any Americans were among the victims.

Should it develop that the liner was warned and ignored the warning, or attempted to escape, the rules of naval warfare, according to the Washington government's view, justified the use of force. If she was attacked without warning and a case parallel with that of the Lusitania develops, the attitude of the United States probably will be along the lines already followed with Germany—the dispatch of a note demanding disavowal of the act, reparation and assurances that such incidents will not occur in the future.

Officially Austria never has given the United States notice that she regarded the waters of the Mediterranean surrounding Italy as blockaded or that her submarines would torpedo merchantmen without warning. This fact raises in the minds of some officials the point as to how far the negotiations and exchange of notes between the United States and Germany morally bound the Teutonic allies. It was recalled tonight that Dr. Dumba, then the Austro-Hungarian ambassador here, participated in some of the informal conversations with Secretary Bryan subsequent to the sinking of the Lusitania, and became thoroughly familiar with the American position.

In its negotiations thus far with the belligerents the American government has dealt principally with Great Britain for the entente and with Germany, in regard to some matters at least, for the Teutonic allies.

Should later disclosures show that the Ancona was sunk without warning and that Americans aboard her lost their lives, the first step would be a note of inquiry to Ambassador Penfield at Vienna, for available information regarding circumstances of the sinking. Ambassador Page at Rome also would be directed to get such information as he could obtain from survivors of the circumstances under which the vessel was sunk. Probably no formal action would be taken pending receipt of data.

**SAILED FROM NAPLES.**

**Ancona Due to Leave That Port Nov. 8th.**

New York, Nov. 9.—The Ancona sailed from New York for Naples on October 17. She had on board 1,215 Italian reservists and a general cargo. She arrived at Naples on October 29 and was due to sail from Naples for New York November 8.

The Ancona was built at Belfast in 1903. She had a gross tonnage of 8,210, was 482 feet in length and 58 feet beam.

For several months before Italy's entrance in the war the Ancona was engaged in carrying home Italian reservists from this country and supplies for the Italian government. On one of her trips from New York to Naples late in August last year, the Ancona was stopped by the British at Gibraltar and 24 Germans and one Austrian were taken off the ship. Late last summer the Ancona left here for Italy with 75,000 bushels of wheat, 2,000 tons of hay and 200 horses for the Italian government. On the same voyage she carried 300 Italians in the steerage, who went back because, it was said at the time, they could not get work on the New York subway.

When the Ancona left New York on her last voyage from here on October 17 she was in command of Capt. Pietro Massardo. All her officers, engine room force and crew were Italians, who shipped from Italy.

William Hartfield, general manager of the Italian line, tonight characterized the sinking of the Ancona as "an unnecessary crime and absolute murder." He immediately cabled the Naples office of his firm, asking for

**RECALL PETITION FILED.**

**THREE SPARTANBURG OFFICIALS ARE UNDER FIRE.**

**Charges Are Filed With Governor Against Mayor Floyd and Councilmen Waller and Fielder Accused of Extravagance.**

Columbia, Nov. 10.—A petition asking a recall election for Mayor John F. Floyd and Councilmen C. B. Waller and John B. Fielder of Spartanburg has been filed with Gov. Manning by citizens of Spartanburg. The petition is signed by 390 persons, of whom 312 are said to be qualified electors.

Mayor Floyd called at the governor's office yesterday and made a copy of the petition and the signatures. He declared that he was not worried. Councilman Waller is head of the chemistry department at Wofford college. Mr. Fielder is a merchant.

At the last session of the legislature an act was passed reducing the number of commissioners in Spartanburg from four to two. Under the terms of this act O. T. Gallman and J. T. Hudson will retire from office next Saturday. The other commissioners, under the law, hold over for two years. The commissioners receive a salary of \$1,200 each a year.

Reasons for a recall election are given in the petition to Gov. Manning as follows:

"Because of the extravagant and improper management of the city's finances by the mayor and councilmen or commissioners above named.

"Because the mayor and councilmen above named did not use proper diligence nor exercise due business care or prudence in managing affairs of the city, especially in arranging its financial affairs.

"Because the mayor and councilmen above named have shown indifference and improper management of the city's affairs, by accepting a loan of about \$85,000 from a local bank and agreeing to pay 4 1-2 per cent. interest for the same, when another local bank offered to make the same loan at 3 3-4 per cent., thus extravagantly expending on said loan \$400 or \$500 of the city's money."

**RHETT HEADS COMMERCIAL BODY.**

**Former Mayor of Charleston Elected President of City's Chamber of Commerce.**

Charleston, Nov. 9.—R. G. Rhett was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce for the ensuing year at a meeting of the chamber board of directors held this evening for the purpose of electing officers. Other officers elected were: W. H. Mixson, first vice president; J. Ross Hanahan, second vice president; Montague Triest, secretary of the board; W. K. McDowell, treasurer; A. V. Snell, managing secretary.

The president was authorized to appoint a committee of three to entertain W. C. Redfield, secretary of commerce, who will be in Charleston on Saturday and who will be the principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Saturday evening.

**U. D. C. TO PRESENT FIFTH.**

**Mr. Geo. Shaw of Rogers Producing Company Here to Stage Play.**

Mr. Geo. Shaw of the Rogers Producing Company is in the city to put on "Fido," a play which will be given on December 1 under the auspices of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. This play has been given at a number of other places under the same director and has proved very successful. Rehearsals will begin on next Monday night and will be held regularly thereafter.

All information regarding the disaster. Although he had no list of passengers, Mr. Hartfield said the Ancona on her last few voyages to this country had carried 300 or 400 passengers, among them a number of American citizens in the first cabin and in the steerage. Most of her passenger lists, Mr. Hartfield said, had been made up of women and children. He believed she carried a large number of women and children on her present voyage.

The Ancona, he added, carried a crew of 160 men. At no time, said Mr. Hartfield, did the Ancona carry guns or munitions of war because it was against the rules of the company to carry war munitions on the same vessels with passengers.

The Ancona has been in the Italian line service for six years and without cargo was valued at more than \$1,000,000. She played a prominent part in the rescue of passengers from the burning Fabre liner Santanna in mid-Atlantic September 12 last. She came to the Santanna's aid and took off more than 600 passengers. The Santanna carried more than 2,000 passengers, but succeeded in checking the fire and proceeding to the Azores without more assistance from the Ancona.

**MANNING RECEIVES PRAISE.**

**AMONG COUNTRY'S LEADING PROGRESSIVE GOVERNORS, SAYS SMALLS OF NORTH CAROLINA.**

**People Believe in Wilson, Says Manning—For National Warehouse System—News of Interest From Capital City.**

Columbia, Nov. 9.—At the public reception last night to the more than 150 delegates en route to the Atlantic Deeper Waterways Convention at Savannah, J. H. Small, member of Congress from North Carolina, a leading spirit of the movement for the development of the natural resources of the country, in an address, referred to Gov. Manning as one of the most progressive executives in the country. He declared that Gov. Manning had paved the way for progressive measures, and that the other States were watching the development in South Carolina with interest. Several delegates from Columbia left this morning for the convention, which is the largest ever held by the Waterways Association.

In all of the addresses last night the strategic importance of the development of the inland water route was stressed. Rear Admiral Grant, head of the submarine service of the United States navy, was present as the personal representative of Secretary Daniels of the navy. Secretary Redfield, of the department of commerce, was the personal representative of President Wilson in the party. "This is my first visit to Columbia, and I wish that I might remain longer," said Mr. Redfield. More than 200 delegates to the convention were appointed by Gov. Manning.

A movement for a State system of cotton warehouses in North Carolina will be launched this month at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Farmers' Union at Durham. John L. McLaurin, State warehouse commissioner of South Carolina, has accepted an invitation to deliver an address on November 16, on the result of the system in this State.

The question of forming a State system in Georgia is now before the legislature of that State, which has been called for an extra session. It is said that a bill providing for a warehouse system will be introduced at the next session of the North Carolina legislature.

The McFaddin-Millsap Company, of Sardinia, has been commissioned with a capital of \$5,000. The petitioners are: W. L. Millsap, L. B. McFaddin, and T. H. McFaddin.

The New York American sent Gov. Manning the following telegram: "Do the people of your State approve President Wilson's plans for strengthening army and navy?"

The governor replied as follows: "People of South Carolina have implicit confidence in the honesty, judgment, patriotism and broad-minded statesmanship of President Wilson, and so far as I am able to learn, heartily endorse his stand for national defence."

**FOOTBALL GAME ON FRIDAY.**

**Rock Hill High School Team Will Come Here for Contest With Locals.**

A football game which promises to be the best staged on the local grounds this season will be played here on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the horse show park, when Rock Hill and the Sumter high schools mix for a fifty minute bout. The Sumter men were defeated on their recent trip to Rock Hill by a good score, but at that time the Rock Hill boys ran in ineligible players on them, which will not be allowed here. The Sumter boys have been spending this week in getting ready for the game and it is expected to show up some classy football. The boys need the patronage of the public, as the game entails heavy expenses. They also need a good crowd on the side lines to root for them and encourage them on to victory.

**BLUE TO CONTINUE SURGEON GENERAL.**

**McAdoo Recommends to President Reappointment for Another Term of Four Years.**

Washington, Nov. 10.—Reappointment of Surgeon Gen. Rupert Blue of the public health service has been decided upon. Secretary McAdoo recommended to President Wilson a reappointment for another term of four years, beginning January 1.

**Cyclone Kills Thirteen.**

Kansas City, Nov. 11.—Reports indicate that the death list of the cyclone which swept Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, and South Dakota will be at least thirteen. Twelve are dead at Great Bend and Seyba and about two hundred injured. Communication with many places is still interrupted.

**INQUIRE ABOUT ZEALANDIA.**

**PAGE TO ASK INFORMATION CONCERNING SEARCH.**

**American Vessel Forcibly Boarded and Examined at Progreso by Party From British Man of War.**

Washington, Nov. 10.—Great Britain was formally asked today by the United States for information concerning the recent search of the American ship Zealandia in the Mexican port of Progreso by a landing party from a British cruiser. Ambassador Page was instructed to make the inquiry through the London foreign office.

A report from American Consul John W. Germon at Progreso, stated that the Zealandia was forcibly searched by men from a British cruiser now lying outside the harbor, presumably waiting to seize the vessel. In the absence of complete data, state department officials were not inclined to comment on the case, but it was indicated that it might develop new points in the neutrality situation prompting Mexico as well as the United States to enter protest to Great Britain.

The Zealandia sailed from the United States for Tampico and was reported to have hoisted a German flag at sea, though this was denied by the owners. She is said to have a German crew aboard and a cargo of rosin consigned to Sweden. Varying reports concerning the cargo and alleged purpose of the captain of the Zealandia to undertake commerce raiding caused the British admiral in charge of the patrol off the Atlantic coast to dispatch a vessel to determine the merchantman's status and intentions. It is reported that on searching the Zealandia the British officer in charge of the landing party found no armament. What his conclusion was as to the character of the cargo has not been revealed, but the consular report indicated that the ship would be seized as soon as she attempted to leave Progreso.

Since the vessel is American owned with no change of registry involved the Washington government desires to know on what grounds search was conducted in a neutral port. In the natural course Mexico also would enter a protest but as Great Britain has not yet recognized the de facto government in Mexico, the situation is somewhat complicated. As soon as the facts are established, however, the state department probably will advise the Mexican government of what occurred. In the event that it should develop that the Mexican port authorities had no means of resisting the entry of the British seamen, the good offices of the United States to prevent a recurrence of such incidents might be enlisted by Mexico.

It was suggested in some quarters here today that if the Zealandia was armed for raiding purposes, her sojourn beyond the 24 hour limit in a neutral port, especially where the authorities were powerless to intern her, might be advanced as a justification for entering the territorial waters to seize the vessel.

It was recalled that this defense was offered in one case in which British warships entered territorial waters off Chile. Mere suspicion that a merchant ship is armed, however, is not regarded by officials here as sufficient ground for such action.

**GEORGIA CASHIER FOUND DEAD.**

**A. M. Haddon, Formerly of Rock Hill, Found Slain, Probably by Own Hand.**

Cornelia, Ga., Nov. 10.—A. M. Haddon, cashier of the First National Bank of Cornelia, was found dead in his bedroom here today. Friends indicated their belief that he had shot himself, but assigned no motive for such an act. T. H. Little, president of the bank, stated that an investigation showed that there was no connection between Haddon's death and the institution's business affairs.

Haddon, who was about 30 years old, came here several years ago from Rock Hill, S. C. It was not known whether an inquest will be held.

**PREACHER ASSASSINATED.**

**As Yet No Trace of Murderers Near Hamlet, N. C.**

Hamlet, N. C., Nov. 9.—The Rev. George C. Sweatt, a Wesleyan Methodist minister, was shot and killed last night by an unidentified assailant while returning to his home in the country. The body with a bullet through the heart, was found by two men who had heard the shooting, and who only a short time before had been stopped at the same place by a man. The coroner is investigating, but no trace of the assailant has been found, so far as has been announced.

**Booker Washington Ill.**

New York, Nov. 10.—Booker Washington is in St. Luke's hospital suffering from a nervous breakdown and hardening of the arteries. The trustees of Tuskegee are alarmed over his condition.

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**HELD FOR MAKING THREATS**

**GEO. T. HOWELL ARRESTED AT SPARTANBURG ON REQUEST OF FEDERAL AUTHORITIES.**

**Accused Man Says He Wrote Commissioner of Indian Affairs Some "Strong Letters."**

Spartanburg, Nov. 10.—Charged with "threatening the life of a prominent government official," George T. Howell was arrested by the Spartanburg police here today at the request of the Washington police and is held in the city jail awaiting the arrival of an officer from the national capital to take charge of the prisoner.

Chief Hill received Tuesday a telegram from the chief of police of Washington giving a description of the man stating that he had had his mail forwarded here and asked that the local police hold him. Chief Hill and his men were able today to locate the man and placed him in the city jail. The Washington police were telegraphed and a reply was received this afternoon stating that an officer would be sent here today to take charge of the man. The name of the man is given as George L. Hamell or George T. Howell but the latter is believed to be correct.

In his cell at the city jail this afternoon, however, Howell talked freely about his troubles to a reporter and disclosed the fact that the government official whom it is alleged he threatened was Cato Sells, commissioner of Indian affairs. He said however, that he had not threatened the life of the commissioner but had merely written him some "strong letters" in which he had declared that he would defend himself to the last if necessary against the oppression to which he had been subjected by the department.

Howell appears to be a man of about middle age of an earnest and honest countenance. His conversation, however, indicated that he was obsessed with the idea that the department was oppressing him and that his own life was threatened.

Howell stated that he was born in York county, the son of Joe Howell. He has, however, spent most of his life in the central Southern States. About five years ago, he stated, he received an appointment under the civil service as a carpenter in the Indian service at Black Rock, N. M.

Howell left Washington one day this week, he stated. He said he came to Spartanburg to see a half sister who, he thought, was still living here. He did not appear to remember the name of the woman. A kit of carpenter tools was shipped to Spartanburg by Howell, according to information obtained by the police.

**CHINA POSTPONES CHANGE.**

**Won't Alter Form of Government This Year—Majority for the Monarchy.**

Peking, Nov. 9.—The Associated Press was authorized today to state that the Chinese government had decided no change would be made this year in the form of government of the country.

Election returns given out today make it certain that the proposal to reestablish a monarchical form of government has been adopted. These returns show that 18 of the 22 provinces already have given solid support to the project. The election will be completed, but restoration of the monarchy will be delayed.

The decision to postpone the change in China's government results from representations made by Japan, Great Britain, France and Russia that such exchange might endanger the peace of the Orient, and should be delayed until after the war.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING.**

**COUNCIL LETS CARNIVAL SHOW FOR BENEFIT OF LOCAL MILITIA.**

**Jenkins Protests on Former Action Against Gasoline Tanks—Police and Library Reports—Other Matters.**

City Council held a regular meeting last night with Councilman Booth absent. A number of matters of some general interest were taken up and discussed at the meeting, action being taken on several of them.

Mr. T. B. Jenkins appeared before Council to protest against the action taken at the last meeting requiring gasoline filling stations to be so built that not more than a gallon of oil might remain above the surface of the ground. He stated that if this order was enforced he would have to change all of his stations which would entail a cost of about a thousand dollars. He said only nine gallons were kept in the tanks above ground and this had not in any case increased the insurance rate. Council after considering the matter decided to let his tanks remain as they were, provided that not more than nine gallons of oil was kept above the surface of the ground and precautions were taken to prevent leaks.

Maj. Bradford, Capt. Brown and other officers of the local militia organization appeared to ask that Council allow the Smith Greater Shows to bring a carnival here for their benefit, saying that they would probably get about \$600 out of it, if good weather prevailed, and they were guaranteed \$300. Council granted the request.

Bids for the work on the guard house was opened by Chief Sumter, who was directed to secure further bids and have the work done.

Petitions for the paving of Harby Avenue and a part of Kendrick street, that are not already petitioned for, were presented and Maj. Lee was instructed to secure measurements for all streets where petitions were presented for paving.

Supervisor White was directed to get further estimates on the cost of installing a light in front of the opera house.

The report of the librarian of the City Library showed that from June 1st to October 11th, 2,512 books had been loaned out and between October 11 and November 9th 420 books had been loaned, making a total of 2,932.

Number of books in the library 418, and twenty-five dollars worth of new books had been ordered in October. The librarian reported that there were many calls for standard works. A set of Dickens had lately been presented to the library by a citizen and stated that there would be place for such additions from other citizens, if donations were made, as plenty of readers wanted the works of standard authors.

A permit was granted J. K. Crosswell to repair a wooden structure on South Main street recently damaged by fire. Council stated that only repairs must be made on the building.

The Sumter Electrical Company complained of lack of a sidewalk on Telephone street and Supervisor White was instructed to remedy such conditions as were complained of.

The report of the chief of police for October showed 66 arrests, fines amounting to 530 days and \$786.05, totalling \$892.06; fifteen gallons of whiskey and 120 bottles of beer destroyed.

**Fire Damages Baldwin Works.**

Philadelphia, Nov. 10.—A mysterious fire occurred today in the storage house of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, which is working on war orders for the Allies.