

ITALY HAS NO FACTS REGARDING ANCONA

Ambassador Page Says His Conferences with the Foreign Office Are Fruitless.

MAY ASK BERLIN OR VIENNA

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Ambassador Thomas Nelson Page at Rome cables that his conferences at the Italian foreign office thus far have failed to develop the details or facts concerning the sinking of the Italian liner, Ancona.

The Italian government, according to Mr. Page, is having considerable difficulty establishing just what occurred when the vessel went down. Secretary Lansing has been waiting to learn whether it was a German or Austrian submarine which destroyed the Ancona, and therefore has not instructed either Ambassador Gerard or Ambassador Penfield to call at the Berlin and Vienna foreign offices, respectively, to ask for information.

It appeared, however, today, that in order to obtain officially such information as is in the possession of the German and Austrian governments, such instructions might be sent.

French Report of Rescue. The most connected official narrative of the rescue of survivors from the torpedoed Italian liner, Ancona, yet to reach the State department, arrived today by cable from Ambassador Sharp at Paris, who transmitted telegrams to the French minister of marine from the prefect at Biscara. They follow:

"November 7.—One hundred shipwrecked persons, of whom six are wounded, from Ancona, torpedoed Sunday noon, brought to Biscara.

"November 8.—Two torpedo boats this evening brought in twenty-one survivors and four bodies to Biscara. Survivors are 153 out of 200, and are being cared for at the Sidi Adallah hospital. The submarine which sank the Ancona, according to concordant information received by me, was from 80 to 100 meters long and armed with two fairly large guns forward and two smaller guns aft.

"November 9.—A boat from the Ancona arrived this morning at Cape Bon with twenty-eight persons, bringing total survivors up to 187. Of the 181 cared for at the Sidi Adallah hospital is an American woman, one is a Russian, sixteen are Greeks and the balance Italians.

"November 9.—Two of the Ancona boats have just arrived, one at Zembra with twenty-eight survivors, and the other at Tunis with thirty-seven others. Total survivors, 223."

This was all the official information in the hands of the French government. Edwin Kemp, American consul at Marseilles, has instructions to proceed to Biscara, if he finds it necessary, to get information.

ONE OF THE FRENCH "BLUE DEVILS"—By their queer costumes some of the French infantrymen at the front have earned the sobriquet of "Blue Devils." As a result of discarding rifles and bayonets and equipping themselves instead in steel helmets, goggles, anti-gas masks, revolvers and formidable knives, the modern French soldier resembles a movie highwayman.



FRENCH "BLUE DEVIL"—INTERNATIONAL FILM SERVICE

ITALY DENOUNCES ANCONA SINKING

Issues Protest to All Neutral Governments Against Destruction of Liner.

ASSERTS NO WARNING GIVEN

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—A protest against the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona by a submarine was handed to Secretary Lansing today by the Italian ambassador, Count V. Macchi Di Cellere.

The protest was in the form of a denunciation cabled from Rome declaring that, without warning or without observing any formalities accompanying the right of search, the submarine opened fire upon "the unarmed passenger liner," recklessly shelling the wireless apparatus, the decks and lifeboats and killing and wounding many passengers.

Issued to All Neutrals. The denunciation was then presented to the neutrals. It stated that many passengers swimming in the sea approached the submarine in the hope of rescue, but were driven off with "jeers." It concludes as follows:

"The royal government regards it as a duty to denounce solemnly to all nations the circumstances described above. Their sentiments of justice and humanity will cause them without doubt to judge as it deserves the conduct of an enemy which is obviously contrary to the dictates of civilization and the recognized principles of international law."

It is not stated in the denunciation whether the submarine which sank the Ancona was an Austrian or German. It was presumed by the officials of the State department that the Italian government had not definitely cleared up that point.

Text of Statement. "The government of the United States is doubtless aware of the particulars reported by the press in connection with the outrage perpetrated by the enemy upon Italian shipping on November 7.

"More than the destruction of Italian merchantmen had taken place under circumstances which permitted no other explanation than that there was behind the procedure a ruthless purpose to use British force against private property of innocent persons. Noncombatant passengers and crews already have been the victims of these methods, but never has there been an instance of such unparalleled atrocities as in the case of the sinking of the Ancona.

"The unarmed liner, on route to New York, was steaming westward between the coasts of Sardinia and Tunisia, carrying passengers and cargo destined for America.

Not Carrying Arms. "It was out of the question that the vessel could have been suspected of carrying arms or contraband or persons in the service of any of the belligerents. In fact none of the circumstances alleged in other cases in an attempt to justify actions described by their authors as a necessity of war or as a reprisal was present in the case of the Ancona.

"There are principles that no state ought to disregard and no private individual could violate with impunity. Respect for the lives of persons in no way participating in a war is among those fundamental rules of humanity and international law. This rule imposes upon belligerents the strict obligation to do all in their power in every circumstance to protect the lives of such passengers.

"Without any warning whatsoever, without observing any of the formalities accompanying the visit of an enemy which is obviously contrary to the acts of civilization and the recognized principles of international law."

Many Killed. "Many of the passengers were killed outright or wounded. Some who approached the submarine in the hope of rescue were driven off with jeers. As a result of this inhuman procedure more than 200 men, women and children lost their lives.

"The royal government regards it as a duty to denounce solemnly to all nations the circumstances described above. Their sentiments of justice and humanity will cause them without doubt to judge, as it deserves, the conduct of an enemy which is obviously contrary to the acts of civilization and the recognized principles of international law."

MELLEN TAKES TROLE LINES ACQUIRING BROWLEY LINES. NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—Charles S. Mellen, former president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, took upon himself today the responsibility for the New Haven's acquiring trolley lines in New England which the government in the trial of the eleven former directors of the road charges was a part of the New Haven's alleged plan to monopolize commerce.

Mr. Mellen testified that in 1904 he urged on the board the necessity of a comprehensive plan of acquisition of trolley properties or else drop the lines it had already acquired.

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Zeppelin Shot Down Near Grodno, Russia

LONDON, Nov. 15.—The Central News correspondent at The Hague says information has been received there from Frankfurt that a Zeppelin has landed near Grodno, Russia, after being damaged badly by Russian artillery. The message says the dirigible was destroyed in greater part by fire after the crew was rescued.

"High Living" Club Topic. MINDEN, Neb., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—The Ladies' club of Minden met at the home of Mrs. W. E. McBain. The subject for discussion was the "High Cost of Living."

To Get Rid of Wrinkles and Bad Complexions

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CHURCHILL SAYS KITCHENER MADE ANTWERP PLAN

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ment," Mr. Churchill continued, "but that they had not yet reached the point where definite offers or promises could be made to the Belgian government, and that the same afternoon the Belgian government had telegraphed their decision to evacuate the city with the field army and practically abandon the defense. The British government was extremely distressed by this decision, as it seemed everything was going to be thrown away for the sake of three or four days of continued resistance.

"I offered to go to Antwerp to report on the situation and the offer was accepted. I crossed the river on the next day after consultation with the Belgian government and British staff officers at Antwerp. I proposed telegraphically that the Belgians should continue resistance and that the British and French governments should say within three days whether or not they could send a relieving force."

Labor Federation Adjourns to Tuesday

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 15.—Because the resolutions committee of the American Federation of Labor requested more time to consider the question in hand, a recess was taken today until tomorrow, after a brief session of the federation.

NO ARMY OF UNEMPLOYED IN CHICAGO THIS YEAR

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—There is no "army of the unemployed" in Chicago this year, according to the Daily News today.

The first blast of winter, which sent the mercury down to 23 last night, was the test. For years this has been the signal for a horde of vagrants to appear upon the streets begging or seeking employment, and at night to crowd the cheap lodging houses and lockups.

DEATH RECORD

John W. McNabb, a former member of the First Nebraska cavalry, and a member of the George A. Custer post of the Grand Army of the Republic, died at his home in Los Angeles, Cal., November 10 and was buried there. He lived for many years in Omaha, and was about 85 years of age.

HYMENEAL

Miss Diana Stanley, daughter of Mitchell Stanley, and Peter Stevens, both of Indianapolis, Ind., were married by Rev. Charles W. Savidge at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Boss, 519 North Twenty-fourth, Sunday afternoon.

Department Orders

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Nebraska pensions granted: Catherine M. Broadstone, Steele City, 115; Elizabeth B. Ferguson, York, 81; Mary McElroy Nabb, Seward, 81.

Tri-weekly rural mail service has been ordered established on February 1 at Stock Mill, Brunswick county, Nebraska; length of route, thirty-three miles. Oscar Stewart has been appointed rural letter carrier at Osawata, Ia.

ANTI-TRUST LAW IS TO BEAT WAR PLOTS

Government Considers Using that Means to Prosecute Violators of Neutrality.

TURNS TO AN OLD STANDBY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Handicapped by the lack of specific laws to protect the nation's neutrality, the Department of Justice has turned to one of its old standbys and is investigating alleged war plots with a view to instituting criminal proceedings under the Sherman anti-trust act.

The inquiry it was learned tonight is directed particularly at plots supposed to have been formed in connection with efforts of pro-German and pro-Austrian sympathizers to cause strikes in munition plants in the United States. The department's theory is that if there is a conspiracy to interfere with the manufacture of munitions it is a conspiracy in restraint of interstate and foreign commerce.

Publication of notices in foreign language newspapers calling on subjects of Austria and Germany to quit work in munition plants is said to have been one of many methods employed of causing strikes and disrupting the organizations of plants making war munitions for the allies.

The investigation has not progressed far enough to enable officials to tell whether indictments can be obtained or to develop who is at the head of the conspiracy, if one exists.

Russians Defeated in Galicia, Says the Berlin War Office

BERLIN, Nov. 15.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—A defeat of the Russians in Galicia is announced today by the war office which says that the troops of General von Lindemann drove back the Russians from the west bank of the Ruy river. The entire west bank has now been cleared. Russian attacks near Smorgon, east of Vilna, were repulsed.

MRS. HUNTINGTON WILSON GRANTED DIVORCE AT RENO

RENO, Nov. 15.—A decree of divorce, on the ground of cruelty, has been granted by the district court here to Lucy James Wilson from Huntington Wilson. Wilson was assistant secretary of state under Philander C. Knox, during the Taft administration. The decree was granted on grounds of cruelty. Wilson brought the suit alleging desertion, but the court denied him relief and granted the decree to the wife, who set up a cross complaint, alleging mental cruelty extending over a period of several years. She was allowed to resume her maiden name, Lucy Warham James.

KATY SUBSIDIARY IS SOLD TO BONDHOLDERS

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 15.—The New Orleans, Texas & Mexico railroad, a subsidiary of the St. Louis & San Francisco system, was sold at public auction here today by order of Judge Rufus Foster of the federal district court, to Walter L. Taylor, representing the bondholders, for \$5,000,000.

Schmidt Defense is Trying to Prove It Was Gas Explosion

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 15.—When the trial of Matthew A. Schmidt, charged with murder in connection with the blowing up of the Times building five years ago, was resumed today, attorneys for the defense continued questioning witnesses along a line apparently designed to show that gas or printers' ink might have had something to do with the explosion which killed twenty men.

John Beckwith, a newspaper reporter, on duty at central police station, less than 100 yards from the Times building, on the night of October 1, 1910, was the first witness. Under cross-examination he was asked: "Were the men you saw jump from the windows covered with ink?"

Beckwith, answering another question, said the men he saw coming from the basement of the flaming building were spattered with printers' ink.

A witness on the stand last week testified that ten barrels of ink had been stored in the pressroom in the basement near the point where the prosecution alleges a dynamite bomb was placed by James B. McNamara, who confessed and is now serving a life term in prison.

Beckwith, in direct testimony said he heard the explosion, rushed into the street and saw a huge column of smoke and dust rising from the rear of the structure. Immediately afterward flames burst from the windows of the Times composing room on the second floor. Beckwith ran into the police station to call up his city editor and a minute or two later, when he ran to the Times corner, he said the building was in flames. Beckwith also said he saw four men in the uniform of United States sailors slip an awning from a nearby store front and use the canvas as a life net, into which a number of Times employes leaped from the second and third floors.

Schmidt's attorneys asked Beckwith if the flames burst from all the windows of the Times building simultaneously.

"They seemed to spread from window to window," was Beckwith's reply.

EIGHT THOUSAND SERBS CAPTURED

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(twice Vesles and Babuna pass, supported by powerful artillery. The Serbs were hard pressed and for a time it seemed as though they must give way, which would have meant the loss, not only of the army, but of Monastir. The situation was unchanged, however, by the tactics adopted by the Serbian commander, Colonel Vamsh. He permitted the Bulgarians to advance as far as the Perlepe road and then fell upon them with all his forces, smashing through their first and second lines with the bayonet and driving the Bulgarians beyond Klotzank.

"On the following days the Bulgarians attempted to recapture the lost positions, but the Serbians, though poorly supplied with food and munitions, were able to hold them back.

Bulgarians Repulsed at Cerna. PARIS, Nov. 15.—The French war office this afternoon gave out a report on the progress of hostilities in the east, which read:

"During the day of November 13 we made progress to the north of Babrovo, in the direction of Kosturino. Bulgarian troops delivered a violent attack along the entire front of the left bank of the River Cerna. They were driven back with heavy losses."

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