

### ASKS A DISAVOWAL OF ANCONA ATTACK

Washington Sends Note to Vienna Demanding Reparation for Americans Lost on Liner.

#### ASSURANCES ALSO REQUESTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The United States has sent to Austria-Hungary a note asking for a disavowal of the submarine attack upon the Italian liner Ancona, assurances that such an act will not be repeated, some degree of punishment for the commander of the submarine and reparation for the American lives lost.

The communication started by cable yesterday from the State department to Ambassador Frederik C. Penfield at Vienna, who was instructed to hand it to the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, Baron Burián. Word of the delivery of the note had not been received by the department tonight.

**Terms Are Firm.** Friendly but firm terms, it is said, characterize the document, which is understood to make a particular point of prompt assurances for the future safety of American lives. Austria-Hungary has never informed the United States whether the commanders of its submarines had been given instructions similar to those which the German government gave to its commanders after the Lusitania tragedy.

It is understood the note referred particularly to the charge that shells from the submarine killed or wounded some passengers on the Ancona after it had lapsed and asked for an explanation on that point.

In dispatching the note Secretary Lansing acted with the approval of President Wilson. It is stated authoritatively that the document, which is described as being comparatively brief and decidedly vigorous in tone, was so drafted as to attempt a settlement of the controversy at once, without bringing on a series of communications such as followed the sinking of the Lusitania.

**Situation Grave.** High officials are said to be of the opinion that the situation is one which calls for grave consideration, the state of affairs having become more complicated since the note was dispatched by repetitions of attacks on American oil-carrying vessels in the Mediterranean, presumably by Austrian submarines.

News that the note had been sent came as a complete surprise to official Washington, the reports which emanated from the state department early in the week being that no positive and corroborated evidence as to what actually had occurred when the Ancona went down had been received. It was said that the reports received were fragmentary, conflicting or contradictory, and that until a reply to the inquiries submitted to Austria-Hungary was received, it was probable that no communication would be sent to Vienna.

**Definite Data Received.** Tonight it was suggested in some quarters that information of a most conclusive nature had come to Secretary Lansing, probably late Monday night, and that it has been decided that the protest should go forward immediately. Whether Ambassador Penfield had transmitted the reply of the Vienna foreign office to the list of queries submitted by the United States could not be ascertained.

The belief prevails, however, that the state department had received answers of some sort to the queries. In the inquiry Austria-Hungary was asked, among other things, whether a warning shot had been fired before the ship was shelled, whether time was given the passengers to get to a place of safety and after it had come to a standstill and before the torpedo that sank it was launched. The Austro-Hungarian embassy here had not been advised tonight that the inquiry had been answered and it was said that the Italian ambassador, who had transmitted much information upon the sinking of the Ancona, had not furnished the United States with anything additional.

**Dr. Grell's Deposition.** The Ancona was sunk in the Mediterranean sea on November 9, while bound from Naples for New York. The only testimony of a native American survivor of the liner before the department is in a deposition by Dr. Cecile Grell of New York. In her deposition Dr. Grell asserts specifically that the liner was torpedoed while the men, women and children in the cabin and stateroom were scrambling to get into the small boats. The department has been inclined not to accept this single statement as positive proof unless corroboration was received from some source.

Much weight was given, however, to what Dr. Grell had to say. Her testimony was considered so much important that she was taken to Rome, where she told her story to Ambassador Page. A report of this conversation reached the State department recently. After the inquiry of the United States office several days Ambassador Penfield reported that more time was desired in which to frame a reply. Late last week Secretary Lansing instructed the ambassador to urge a prompt reply. **What Note Sets Forth.** The American note, it is understood, sets forth that the United Kingdom cannot believe that the commanders of Austrian submarines have committed an alleged act of lawlessness except under a misapprehension of orders issued by the Austrian naval authorities. It is declared that under methods of warfare such as those employed in the sinking of the Ancona it practically is impossible under such circumstances to remain within the rules of fairness, justice and humanity.

The principles of humanity and justice which were championed in notes to Germany are understood to also be called strongly to the attention of the Austro-Hungarian government in this communication. Warning before submarine attacks is insisted upon. While every opportunity is said to be left for an amicable reply, the belief prevails in usual well informed circles that the communication is more vigorous than any dispatched to Germany while the controversy with that country over the conduct of submarine warfare was in progress.

**The Austrian Contention.** No intimation could be obtained tonight whether the United States had determined whether any "misinformation" appeared in the statements of the occurrence which have been issued by the Austrian admiralty. The Austrian contention was that a warning shot was fired, that the

### CANADIAN CAVALRYMAN WORKING IN FLOODED TRENCH

The Canadians now in training in England before being sent to the fighting front are put under conditions closely resembling actual warfare.



CANADIAN CAVALRYMAN IN FLOODED TRENCH. © HILF PUNSBURG.

ship tried to escape, and that when it finally came to a stop after being hit several times, fifty minutes was given in which the passengers might have taken to the boats.

At the end of that period it was claimed another vessel appeared and the submarine submerged and torpedoed the Ancona, which sank at the end of another period of forty-five minutes. It was denied that any lifeboats were fired at, but it was said that some of the loss of life was caused by failures of the commander of the Ancona to act promptly.

The Italian statement on the subject alleged that no warning was given before the submarine started shelling the ship, which immediately came to a stop and that shells were exploded on the decks of the vessel and in the lifeboats, killing and wounding many passengers.

Just how many American lives were lost on the Ancona never has been definitely established. It is known that several naturalized citizens were lost. Reports on this point, however, have been so conflicting that the State department never has been able to compile an accurate list. The text of the American note, it was said tonight, will be given out for publication in the morning papers of Friday.

### Asquith Replies to Question Regarding Peace Negotiations

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Any peace proposals of a serious character made by the German allies directly or through a neutral power will first be discussed by the entente governments, according to a statement made to the British house of commons by Premier Asquith.

Until this contingency arose, the premier added, he could give no further pledge. The premier was replying to a request of a socialist member of the chamber for a pledge that no negotiations based on the evacuation of conquered territory should be rejected by Great Britain without the knowledge of parliament.

**The Habit of Taking Cold.** With many people taking cold is a habit, but fortunately one that is easily broken. Take a cold sponge bath every morning when you first get out of bed—not ice cold, but a temperature of about 90 degrees F. Also sleep with your window up. Do this and you will seldom take cold. When you do take cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and get rid of it as quickly as possible. Obtainable everywhere.—Advertisement.

### BRITISH RED CROSS GIFTS FRIDAY FOUR MILLIONS

LONDON, Dec. 9.—It was announced at a meeting of the British Red Cross in London this afternoon that a recent one-day collection taken throughout the empire resulted in the receipt of \$4,000,000.

A "For Sale" ad will turn second-hand furniture into cash.

### Gulls from the Wire

Resolutions containing plans for a change in demurrage rules so as to relieve the congestion of port freight and promote a freer distribution of freight cars, were formulated by the committee of relations between the American Railway association at Chicago and the Interstate Commerce commission at Washington.

The Cambria Steel company, Lackawanna Steel company, Newport News Shipbuilding company, Youngstown sheet and tube company and either the Inland or Iroquois plants near Chicago are to be merged into another gigantic steel corporation. The deal will go through within the next ten days if plans do not miscarry, according to J. Leonard of head of the syndicate.

Mrs. Margaret Wilson, daughter of the president, will preside at a session of the annual convention of the American Civic association which meets at Washington December 20.

Thomas Mott Osborne, warden of Sing Sing prison, in an address before the Washington branch of the woman's department of the National Civic Federation, advocated the indeterminate sentence as the only effective means of dealing with criminality.

### TO ASK REICHSTAG FOR TEN BILLIONS

German Legislature Will Be Requested at Its Meeting Today to Vote Huge War Credit.

### PEACE PROSPECT DISCUSSION

BERLIN (Via London) Dec. 9.—The Reichstag will meet at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. First on the order of the day is the speech of the imperial chancellor dealing with the political and military situation. The Reichstag then will discuss the socialist interpellation regarding the prospects for peace.

The Reichstag will be asked to vote a credit of 10,000,000,000 marks (approximately \$2,500,000,000) supplementary to the 1915 budget.

### Kaiser Postpones His Son's Wedding Till 'After the War'

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Emperor William has fixed the date for the marriage of his youngest son, Prince Joachim, to Princess Marie of Anhalt for the end of February at Potsdam, says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Amsterdam, which gives a message from Casel, Prussia, as authority for the statement.

"The marriage was to have taken place before Christmas," says the dispatch. "The emperor and empress hope that the war will be ended by February and they therefore postponed the marriage ceremony until that time. Should the war not have been concluded by the date set for the wedding the ceremony will be extremely simple."

### WILSON'S MESSAGE IS NOT EXCITING BERLIN

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—(Via London, Dec. 8.)—The German newspapers received no direct reports on the opening of the United States congress and President Wilson's message. The possibilities of securing an independent news service by wireless from the United States are being utilized to the most insignificant extent by the German press. The newspapers were supplied this afternoon with a resume of the message transmitted by way of London, but as yet there has been no comment on Mr. Wilson's declarations regarding intrigues and conspiracies against American neutrality.

The dispatches from London arrived so late that only a few of the newspapers were able to print the bare telegrams. Comment on the message, however, presumably will be restricted to a minimum, as in the case of the conviction of the Hamburg-American line officials in New York last week.

### Rates for Big Four Operators

CINCINNATI, Dec. 9.—Over thousands of telegraph operators of the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis railroad will receive an increase in wages that will cost the road \$45,000 yearly, according to an agreement reached today. The telegraphers had demanded increases total-

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### MELBA HOLDS HER PLACE WITH OMAHA

Wonderful Australian Diva Again Charms a Multitude of Devoted Local Admirers.

#### THIRD CHARITY CONCERT A HIT

By HENRIETTA M. BEES. One of the greatest favorites of all the opera stars is Madame Melba, and Wednesday she appeared at the Auditorium under the auspices of the Associated Retailers of Omaha, upon what is known as the Charity Concert course, Omaha again paid its enthusiastic tribute to her wonderful singing.

As at the other concerts given in this course, the vast auditorium was well filled, with hardly a vacant seat on the lower floor and only a few back rows empty in the gallery. To judge from the general and spontaneous applause which was given to each artist on the program, every one of the large crowd thoroughly enjoyed the music. Double encores were demanded after several numbers, and the prolonged applause brought at least one encore and many bows of acknowledgement for each number, but the first two.

**Melba's Voice a Marvel.** Madame Melba's voice is in its prime. Clear as crystal, brilliant, and full of that same purity of tone beauty which has made it one of the world's greatest. One is impressed at each returning visit with the wealth of tone, its power, and the flexibility of its great range. Madame Melba contributed three numbers to the program, "The Mad Scene from Hamlet," by Ambrose Thomas, and a number, "Adello," from "La Boheme," and "Chant Venetian," by Bombard, and a waltz song, "Fe Saran Rose," by Ardit, which Melba has made her own and without which no Melba concert would be complete. Madame Melba sang a dramatic highlight in the first number, which is a tremendous composition, making taxing demands upon the singer. "Adello" Melba sang in Omaha at her last visit and her interpretation of it and the Venetian song were satisfactory to the utmost. The brilliant waltz song was sung with all the ease noticeable throughout the entire program and it delighted, as always, with its scintillating joyousness.

Madame Melba was most gracious with encores, and at the last when the audience would not be content without another, she sang "Tosti's 'Mattiinae,'" to her own accompaniment.

**Her Assistants Capable.** Madame Melba was as fortunate in her assistants as was Miss Farrar, for both Miss Harrison and Mr. Parker were worthy to be upon the program, and Mr. St. Ledger was an excellent accompanist.

Miss Harrison is a thorough mistress of her instrument, playing with a musicianship and fluency of technique that instantly won her a sure place in the favor of the audience. Her contributions to the program were "Sonata in A Major," by Beethoven—played with great beauty of tone and care of phrasing—a novel and unique "Orientale," by Casar Cul—remarkable for its effect of oriental instruments and melody—the "Prize Song" from the "Master Singer," a lovely adagio by Schumann and the Kreisler "Leibesleid." Miss Harrison responded the date for the marriage of his youngest son, Prince Joachim, to Princess Marie of Anhalt for the end of February at Potsdam, says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Amsterdam, which gives a message from Casel, Prussia, as authority for the statement.

**Starstone a Hit.** Mr. Parker endeared himself to the audience at the start by singing the "Prologue" to "Pagliacci" in English. He is the possessor of a magnificent baritone voice, rich, powerful and of great range. His enunciation is remarkably distinct. He sings with taste and dramatic force. His numbers were well chosen and contained, beside the "Prologue," two Strauss songs which were excellently interpreted, the "Don Juan" Serenade by Tschalkowski, a number full of dazzling brilliancy. Mr. Parker is one of the finest baritone voices who has been heard for some time, and his many encores and hearty applause were well deserved.

The third concert of the series has upheld the high standard set by the first two and there is cause for much rejoicing in musical Omaha.

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### CLAIMANT APPEARS TO GET STOLEN CAR

Oklahoma Man Proves Ownership of Machine That Has Been Held By Omaha Police.

#### ENGINE NUMBERS REMOVED

For over six weeks the Omaha police have been holding a stolen Ford automobile, which was recovered by Officers Steve Thrasher and George Armstrong, awaiting a claimant.

Last night, W. H. Hanson, Drumright, Okla., walked into headquarters and claimed the car. He operates a garage here and the machine was stolen by a former employee, who returned to Drumright several days ago, and upon being arrested, confessed the theft of the car and told where it was.

The car thief left the car outside while he was in a house near Fourth and Dorcas, sleeping off the effects of a night of intoxication. Neighbors told the police the car had been standing in the street all day, and the authorities hauled it to headquarters, awaiting a claimant. When no one appeared for the machine, an effort was made to trace it through the license number, and it was then learned that the car had been stolen. The engine number had been removed, and the police were thinking the machine would make a splendid addition to the official rolling stock, when the owner showed up.

Hanson told Captain Helffeld the thief, in his confession, said he saw the police take the car away, and he followed a block behind, until he saw it hauled into the central station garage.

### MRS. LOUIS LEPPKE INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE SMASHUP

Mrs. Louis A. Leppke, wife of Louis Leppke of the Nebraska Clothing Company, living at 218 South Thirty-sixth street, was seriously injured last night at Thirty-eighth and Cass streets when she was thrown from an auto in which she was riding with Mrs. George Jones, of South Omaha.

A machine operated by A. H. Weir collided with the other car, damaging both, and hurling Mrs. Leppke half way across the street. The injured woman was taken to Lar home and attended by Dr. Rollins.

### SOLDIERS' WIVES HELD. NEW PASSPORTS LACKING

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Because they were not supplied with new passports required by the British government, 107 would-be passengers, mostly wives of Canadian soldiers, who were planning to go to England to spend the Christmas holidays with their husbands in the Canadian continent, were barred from sailing for Liverpool today on the White Star liner Adriatic.

A new regulation compels all British citizens entering England to be supplied with a passport from their port of embarkation.

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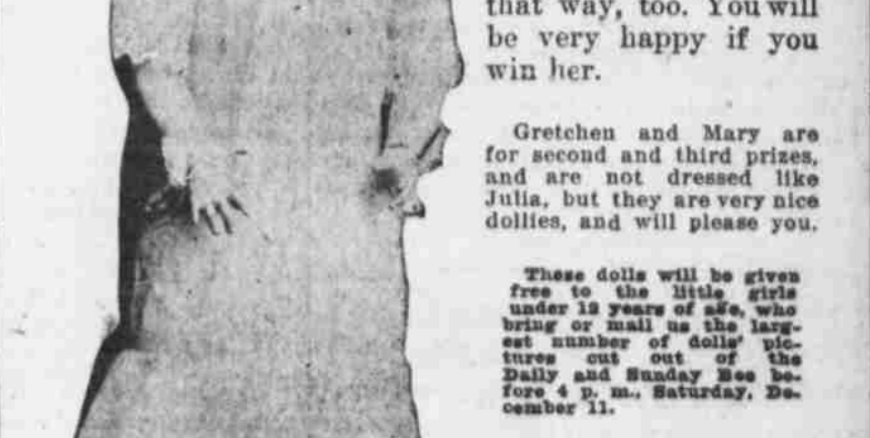
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These dolls will be given free to the little girl under 12 years of age, who bring or mail us the largest number of dolls' pictures cut out of the Daily and Sunday Bee before 4 p. m. Saturday, December 11.



Julia's picture will be in the Bee every day this week. Cut them out and ask your friends to save the pictures in their paper for you, too. See how many pictures of Julia you can get, and be sure to turn them in to The Bee office before 4 p. m. Saturday, December 11.

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