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## **MULE CRAFT SUNK ACCORDING TO THE** LAWS OF NATIONS

Sinking of Armenian Justified by Reported Attempt of Ship to Escape and Its Being a British Transport.

SUCH IS WASHINGTON VIEW

If Press Dispatches Officially Confirmed it is Unlikely Complaint Made to Kaiser.

LITTLE TENSION OVER INCIDENT

WASHINGTON, July 1 .- Official information regarding the sinking of the British steamer Armenian with the loss of a number of American lives was lacking tonight, and until all details are available Secretary Lansing stated that the position of the American government could not ALFRED C. KENNEDY, be determined.

From news dispatches, however, and a closer reading of official reports of yesterday officials were inclined to the view that inasmuch as the Armenian apparcommand of the German submarine to halt and attempted to escape, according to international law, the sinking of the vessel was justified, even though noncombatants were on board.

There was little tension over the incldent in official quarters here after it became known that the Armenian and sought to evade capture.

No Cause of Complaint. plaint would be added to the issues pend-

ing between the United States and Ger-One or two officials suggested that inwarning that enemy ships would be torpedoed without warning, a merchantman carrying contraband might be justified

the last American note to Germany on the Lusitania and Falaba cases said: "Nothing but actual forcible resistance or continued efforts to escape by flight when ordered to stop for purpose of visit on the part of the merchantman ever has been held to forfeit the lives of its

passengers and crew." These officials were inclined to argue that the German submarines might not of the pioneers of the city and was the order vessels to stop merely "for the purpose of visit." Others, however, declared that the rules of warfare do not

In Admiralty Business.

only fact of importance received in a report from Ambassador Page, who admiralty business.

opinion could not be given until the ex- ing. tent of the belligerent government's control over the ship and crew was defi-

nitely known. When it was suggested to officials that if the Armenian were a public ship of cation and for two terms a member of war it could not have sailed from the United States without violating neutrality, it was pointed out that there had the Board of Education, president of the been cases before the federal courts in which this point arose and it had been rector and corresponding secretary of the ruled that the chartering of a vessel by a foreign consul for his government to transport munitions of war or supplies did not constitute a violation of federal statutes.

Treated as Ships of War. In the case of vessels which are loaded

to supply a belligerent fleet at sea, however, the American government has ruled of war

The question of charter and belligerent control was overshadowed in official quarters by the press dispatches telling of the desperate attempts of the Ar- Knight Templar and a Shriner. He was (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

#### The Weather

Porscast till 7 p. m. Friday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity Cloudy; slightly cooler,



Comparative Local Record. 1915. 1914. 1913. 1912. Lowest vesterday... Mean temperature. Precipitation Temperature and precipitation depar-

tures from the normal:

Normal femperature

Deficiency for the day

Total deficiency since March 1

Deficiency for the day

15 inch

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Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State

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Station and State Temp. Highof Weather. 7 p. m. est.
Cheyenne, parth cloudy 62 75
Davenport, clear 18 54
Denver, cloudy 10 54
Denver, cloudy 10 54
Nor's Flatte, clear 51 55
Nor's Flatte, clear 52 55
Sioux City, cloudy 58 75
Sioux City, clear 71 55
Valentine, clear 75
T' indicates trace of precipitation WELSH, Local Forecaster.

PROMINENT BUSINESS MAN DIES AT HIS HOME.



ALFRED C. KENNEDY.

# LONG ILL, IS DEAD

Known for Public Service, Passes Away.

HEART TROUBLE CAUSES DEMISE

Alfred C. Kennedy, one of the most prominent of Omaha's business probably will represent a compromise not men, widely known for his activity, It was admitted that if official reports in public affairs, died at 4 o'clock bore out the press dispatches there was yesterday at his home, 1024 South Austrian Salesman no likelihood that any new cause of com- Thirty-second street, after a lingering illness, which cut short his life at the age of 53.

More than a year ago it was asmuch as Germany had in effect given learned that Mr. Kennedy was suffering from a serious heart trouble. For the last two months he had been in attempting to escape, since to halt unable to leave his bed and for eight night, charging that in a letter mailed would mean certain destruction, with no months he had been confined to his assurances of an opportunity for the home. The members of the family crew to escape. It was pointed out that were at the bedside when death pay him \$900. The money, it was charged, Crops Over Large Area in Vicinity Conditions in the Capital of Mexico

> Alfred Conkling Kennedy was born in New Lebanon, Columbia county, New York, April 7, 1862. He was brought to Omaha by his parents when he was a child and grew up here, obtaining his education in the Omaha public schools, His father, Howard Kennedy, was one school system was inaugurated, November 19, 1859.

said the British admiralty had informed receiver of the South Omaha Land comhim that the Armenian was engaged in pany. He was assistant secretary of the South Omaha Land company from March, Officials at the department declared 1887 until 1909, later becoming a member the question of whether a ship so en- of the firm of Howard Kennedy & Son. something for my rescue. Should you gaged should be treated by hostile ves- In 1965 he engaged in the real estate deny me the indemnity asked for, then sels as a public ship of war or a de- business for himself, in which he confenseless merchantman was "a close tinued until the time of his death, with whereby you can still prevent the greatquestion of international law, and an offices in the First National bank build-

> Public Services in Omaha. Mr. Kennedy was an active participant in public affairs. For two terms he was a member of the Omaha Board of Edu-

> the board of directors of the public library. He served as vice president of Prospect Hill Cemetery association, di-Omaha Masonic library, and treasurer of the Omaha City mission. Mr. Kennedy was a member of learned societies and stood high in Masonic cir-

cles. He was a member of Correspondence circle, Quatuor Coronati lodge 2076, London, England, a member of the St. Andrew society of Edinburgh, Scotland, and a member of the Nebraska that such ships must be treated as ships Academy of Science. He belonged to Capitol lodge No. 3, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and to Clan Gordon. Order of Scottish Clans, and was a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the Omaha club and the Happy Hollow club, and an elder in the First Presbyterian church,

Mr. Kennedy was married twice, His first wife was Elizabeth H. Leisenring; to whom he was married in Omaha, February 20, 1885. She died March 8, 1995. In September, 1897, Mr. Kennedy married Jessie Cameron Godso in Omaha.

The following children have been born him: Donald L., Margaret, Alfred C. jr., Gilbert Verner, Jean Gardiner and George Long. Judge Howard Kennedy of the State Board of Control is a

#### Jealousy Causes Tragedy at Oxnard

Wheeler, a negro, shot and killed C. E. Crexler, driver of a 5-cent fare automo bile, her today, and fatally wounded "Happy" Adams, a negro. Ruby Miller, a negress, was also injured by the fire from Wheeler's revolver. The shooting occurred at the railroad station. Crexter was killed in his automobile. tragedy was due to lealousy.

### Six Are Killed by Oklahoma Tornado

MUSKOGEE, Okl., July 1.-A tornado that swept part of Ottawa county, notheastern Okiahoma last night, today each. was reported to have killed six persons. Three deaths have been verified. The casualties were in the rural districts, near the Department of Agriculture announced Miami, difficult to reach, the telephone lines being out of commission. Considerable property damage is reported.

IN KAISER'S HANDS

Note Probably Will Be Presented by Foreign Office to Ambassador Gerard on Monday or Tuesday.

OFFICIALS SEEK SETTLEMENT

They Have to Reckon with Public Opinion, Which Opposes Granting Demands.

LIKELY TO BE A COMPROMISE

BERLIN (Via London), July 1 .-As the result of conferences on the German reply to the American note it is now in the hands of Emperor William. The emperor's decision is expected so that the note can be presented to James W. Gerard, the American ambassador, probably July

High officials are endeavoring to bring about a friendly settlement of the ques-tions with America, and there is every reason to believe that they are anxious ! ently refused to submit to the warning Omaha Business Man, Widely to make the proposals as acceptable as possible. The officials, however, have to reckon

with public opinion, which undoubtedly will oppose anything savoring of a complete asquiescence in the American post-Friends of a settlement are working with considerable difficulty and the note

in accordance with their desires. Who Threatened Wilson Under Arrest

NEW YORK, July 1.-The federal grand jury today indicted Rudolph Malik, an Austrian salesman, arrested here last June 23 to President Wilson he threatened the president with "a political crime" should the president refuse to was demanded as an inder tity for Malik's inability to return to his family in Austria. The letter read in part:

"My finances are exhausted and I am here without any help. The Austrian consul will not help me, as he is in duty bound to do, because his government had called for this horrible war. The United States is also guilty of my misfortunes. Through the delivery of war ing the war indefinitely.

"I, therefore, have the right to demand Alfred C. Kennedy began his business indemnity from your government. This surveying party from April to December, send to my address within a week at 1879. He then became clerk in the coal the latest. Should this amount, howdepartment of the Union Pacific, which ever, not be placed within the time, I position he held until September, 1886. will, without further ceremony, commit officially by the State department came From then until March of the following a political crime, for it is absolutely imyear he was clerk to Herman Kountze, possible for me to live longer in my critical situation.

"Observe once more that it is my firm resolution to give no wit, my knowledge (sic) no longer any rest. I must do pray let me be immediately arrested. est misfortune. The salutation to the letter was honor

Mr. President."

#### Senator Sues Head of Anti-Saloon League for Libel

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., July 1. (Special.) -The commencement of a damage suit by State Senator W. E. Van Demark of the most intense. A hard windstorm pre-Dakota, where both the defendant and attorney for South Dakota. He has spent his entire life in Hanson, '& Cook and adjoining counties, and has instituted the action for the purpose of being vindicated of charges which were made against him by Mr. Holsaple in connection with his official course in the state senate last winter.

The plaintiff has engaged the services of Gamble, Wagner & Danforth of Sloux Falls, who will represent him at the tria; of the case, which will take place in Hanson county. The trial in Hanson county will be in accordance with the wishes of the plaintiff, who wishes to be vindicated among the people with whom he has resided all his life.

The plaintiff does not seek to profit Municipal Saloon financially from his suit, so he has placed the amount of damages at \$99-the lowest amount possible under the South Dakota statutes. He seeks only a vinalcation and will prosecute the suit vigorcusty with only this object in view. The damage suit is based on an article alleged to have been written by the de-

Cotton Area is Reduced by Nearly Six Million Acres

periodical published at Westerville, O.

WASHINGTON, July 1.-Repeated apreals by the sovernment to southern farmers to reduce their cotton plantings in view of the stagnation in the market caused by the war has resulted in a reduction of 5,871,000 acres from last year's acreage, which would, according to last year's yield, reduce cotton production approximately 2,454,078 bales of 500 pounds

A total area of 31,535,000 acres of cotton is under cultivation in the United States,

today The condition of the growing crop o June 25 was \$0.3 per cent of a normal

LORD NORBURY, one of Britain's wealthiest noblemen. who has "taken a job" in an aeroplane factory to do his share and encourage by his example others to go to work in the shops for the country.



## DAMAGE BY HAIL IS THREE MILLION

of Giltner and Fairfield Practically All Destroyed.

BIG DAMAGE NEAR TECUMSEH FEAR IS FELT FOR AMERICANS

HASTINGS, Neb., July 1 .- (Spematerials to the alites, you are prolong- area twenty-five miles square be- tional government, nominally in contween Giltner and Fairfield, near trol there, are charged with inciting After hard fighting. Villa officials said,

ings in Johnson county Thursday in a The damage was principally from hall, acute, though in some places, where there was No prospect of relief for the starving not a great deal of hall, the wind blew civil population of Mexico City is held learned the entire path of the storm was that until the railroad to Vera Cruz is At the widest point, which is directly east is stated "claim to have repulsed" the of Tecumseh in Lincoln precinct, the Carranza forces, under General Gonzales. damage extends for four or five miles. Apparently whatever fighting has taken thirty to forty bushels to the acre was suburbs, so distant from the residence was stripped to the ground and alfalfa knowledge of the result has come to was riddled. Some of the farmers think the foreigners in the city, who probably that a part of the corn will make half a do not venture into the fighting zone crop, while other fields are past redemption. Fruit trees were stripped of their branches, windows were broken from houses and barns where the storm was Alexandria against R. N. Holsaple, pres- valled and fully an inch of rain fell in ident of the State Anti-saloon league, a comparatively short time. Some of will create a sensation throughout South the farmers will put in "ninety-day" corn, millet, rape and other grains in the hope plaintiff are well known. The plaintiff of getting feed, if nothing better. A very formerly was assistant United States few of those affected had hall insurance.

One Man's Loss Two Thousand. STELLA, Neb., July 1 .- (Special.) Farmers estimate their loss from Thursday's hallstorm into the thousands. The acres of corn is ruined. Two neighbors, each on eighty-acre farms, describe them- Americans. selves as "cleaned out." Wheat and oats are leveled to the ground, and corn cut off and ridled. An area nearly ten miles in length and in some places more than four miles wide is badly devas-

## With Two Bars Starts

STURGIS, S. D., July 1 .- (Special Tele gram.)-The Sturgis Municipal company, recently organized, opened its saloon here this morning for business. The fendant and published in the April, 1915. three saloons which were running here issue of the American Issue, a monthly for a number of years closed their doors last night and quit. Sturgis is entitled to only two saloons, therefore the new company took out two Ecenses, a double set of bar fixtures being installed in one

> STOP OFF LINZ THE GATE CITY OF THE WEST

Omaha is a well illumin ted city so that people can go about by night almost as well as by day. The bright lights offer the visitor a continuous welcome.

## ZAPATA TROOPS ARE INCITING RIOT

Are Growing More Chaotic Each Hour.

Thomands of dollars in damage was done The texts have not been made public, growing crops trees and farm build- but they are known to state than the circultous storm which prevalled in Ne- insubordination of "some Zapata of-

the wheat over. As nearly as can be out in the dispatches. It is declared some fifteen miles in length, though the reopened there can be no abatement of camaze was not severe the entire length. the suffering. The convention officials it Wheat that promised to make from place has been in the more remote driven into the ground in places. Corn and business sections that no definite

Battle May Be in Progress. Today's report was the most recent word from Mexico City from any source, What may have happened in the meantime no one here can conjecture. There has been no report of the occupation of the city by Carranza troops, although all rolling stock at Vera Cruz has been pressed into military service and a large shipment of relief supplies of the American Red Cross for Pachuca has been held up for lack of cars. Reports from Vera-Cruz said it was hoped the shipment would go forward today, indicating that the troop movements had been finished. loss to the wheat and oats on the W. E. If this is true, a battle for possession of Pilit's farm alone is more than \$2,000, and the city may now be in progress. Much besides on this same farm a hundred concern is felt for the safety of the 20,000 more foreigners, including many

Advices from the Carranza government to its agency here say General Gonzales has been instructed to use every effort to induce the Zapata troops to evacuate the capital without endangering concombatants. The Zapata forces are said to number 25,000 men. All are on the defense lines about the city, leaving the business and residence districts without military guards. The Carransa forces are smaller.

Carranza Reports Looting. The Carrange agency announced that serious looting by Zapata forces is re-

ported in Mexico City. A dispatch from Vera Cruz headquarters, it was announced, said a special train of eight cars of food had been sent forward to General Gonzales for distribution when he enters. Other food has been sent to Monterey and Laredo. Corn, the agency says, is selling in Mexico for \$5 a ton less than in the United States.

### Famous Bison is Sold to Butcher Becker is Given

NEW YORK, July 1.-Black Diamond the famous bison of the Central park zoological garden, whose image adorns one side of the nickel, will be slain within few days, but his massive head will be preserved and mounted. The animal has seen the model for muoy aculptors and painters. Despite his fame there were no pidders when he was put up at auction. out yesterday the bison was sold to a dealer in poultry and game for about \$700. Black Diamond was born nineteer years ago in the zoological garden.

## HUERTA-OROZCO TRIALS POSTPONED

Conspiracy Cases of Mexican Leaders Go Over Until July 12 at Request of Presecutor.

VILLA REPORTS A BIG VICTORY

EL PASO, Tex., July 1.-The case against Victoriano Huerta, Pascual Orozco and four others charged States neutrality laws was postponed oday to July 12. The defendants Supreme Effort Being Made to Capwere continued under the same

The postponement was granted on

R. F. Crawford, assistant United States district attorney, stated that the government had been unable to collect and arrange all its push the Russians back over the Galievidence or to bring important wit- can border in their own territor. nesses into court; that the state there are rumors in London of conwould proceed to trial on July 12.

government's request and briefly ex- the intention of making a formidable plained the status to the defendants, who attack on account of the enormous quietly left the court room. This agree-ment was reached shortly before 10 expenditure of artillery ammunition clock, the hour set for the hearing. The to the north of Arras, where a perspectators filed out of the court room sistent bombardment has been kept quickly and the crowd that surrounded the federal building, unable to gain admittance, dispersed rapidly.

As Huerta emerged from the federal and hand clapping by several hundred Mexicans, adherents and sympathizers, who thronged the streets. Huerta was taken to the offices of his attorneys and later driven to the home of his daughter.

List of Defendants.

General Victoriano Huerta, \$15,000 bond; General Pascual Orosco, \$7,500 bond; General Marcelo Caraveo, \$5,000 bond; Jose Zozaya, El Paso, \$7,500 bond; Ike Alderete, El Paso, \$4,000 bond; Frank Alderete, El Paso, \$4,000 bond.

The detention of Huerta and the subsequent arrest of five others has given glimpse of an alleged plot to launch a military expedition from the United States by members of the old Cientifico party and adherents of Huerta in Mexico. For weeks, government officials here have been cognizant of activity among refugees on this side of the border. Supplies of machine guns, rifles and ammunition suspected of connection with the new movement had been located in El Paso and kept under surveillance.

Villa Reports Victory. Although the chief interest here today without permanent result except in the centered in the appearance of General Vosges, where the French have con-Huerta in the federal court, more in- solidated substantial gains. WASHINGTON, July 1 .- Officers terest has developed in the news of the c'al.)—Damage to crops estimated of the Zapata forces in Mexico City, fighting south of Aguas Callentes. Villa to be showing renewed energy along the at \$2,000,000 by half yesterday in an disregarding orders of the conven-Carempa's offensive movement by getting to the rear of his enemy at Lagos, tion is reported. here, follows a \$1,000,000 loss by the masses to violence, in dispatches they drove General Benjamin Hill's men require the commander of a warship to state his purpose when directing a mer-June 25 to Vera Cruz by courtier and it was announced that Villa captured reads: TECUMSEH, Neb., July 1.—(Special.)- cabled today to the State department. caused Hill to abandon three trains, in the vicinity of Arras and as far as which were burned, however, before the Champagne. The German attack in the Villa forces could get to them. The Argonne, reported yesterday, was parvictory and the reports that Zapata has ticularly violent. It is estimated that been able to check the advance of Gen- the forces engaged amounted to two maha, Lincoln and Maple Grove precincts. ficers" is making the situation more eral Bablo Gonzales at the outskirts of divisions. This attack, however, was Mexico City caused Villa partistans here checked. Furthermore two fresh moveto believe the turning point in the strug- ments against our trenches at the east

gle with Carranza was near at hand. Miguel Diaz Lombardo, Villa minister of foreign affairs, expects to leave today the Germans in the vicinity of Metzeral for Washington to place before President has been complexely checked. The Ger-Wilson a plan to establish peace in mans suffered important losses." Mexico. He is expected to suggest that a commission of men selected from the ranks of both Carranza and Villa be named to choose a provisional president.

#### Carranza Forces Win Successes Near The Mexican Capital

first intimation here of the wreck, but GALVESTON, Tex., July 1.-General Ralphael Pacheco, in command of Zapata forces in Mexico City, was killed cently. The train was heavily loaded and yesterday during an eight-hour engagement with troops under Pablo Gonzales, according to a cable gram reaching the constitutionalist consulate here afternoon, General Gonzales reports San Pablo and Tacama, near Mexico City, had been occupied by his troops. PUEBLA, Mex., June 24 .- (Via Havana July 1.)-Fighting for possession of Mex-

ico City by the forces of General Carranza and General Zapata has been progress for eight days. Reports received in Puebla indicate that General Pablo Gonzales, at the head of the constitutionalist army of 30,000 men, which marched on the federal cap-

ital from Puebla, met with severe resistance by General Zapata's army and armed citizens, who barricaded the approaches to the city The constitutionalist forces on June 26 penetrated to Xochomilco, a suburb, hoping to gain possession of the water works.

back with heavy losses. Suffering among the poor in the capital is thought to be intence as traffic at present is cut off entirely and the projected Red Cross relief has been indefinitely interrupted.

but they are reported to have been driven

According to some advices received here, the people of Mexico City are said to oppose the return of the constitution alist forces because they say in the previous occupation of the capital by Carranza forces they were not treated roperly. The stubborn resistance of the population is reported to have greatly surprised the constitutionalists, as they expected to march into the city without

## a Short Reprieve

ALBANY, N. Y., July 1 .- Governor Whitman today granted Charles Becker. the former New York police Heutenant under sentence of death, a reprieve until July 26.

The governor said that he would take oo further action in the case than the granting of the reprieve. This means that if the United States supreme court does not interfere Becker will have to die.

## **ENTENTE ALLIES** ABOUT TO TAKE THE OFFENSIVE

London Experts Say French and British Troops Are About to Make a Strong Drive North of Arras.

with conspiracy to violate the United GREAT ACTIVITY IN GALLIPOLI

ture Hill Which Dominates Peninsula Below Narrows.

request of attorneys for the prosecu- DRIVE AT WARSAW CONTINUES

LONDON, July 1 .- While the Austro-German armies continue to templated offensives by the entente Counsel for the defense agreed to the allies. The French are credited with up for the last fortnight, while the Anglo-French forces on the Gallipoli peninsula are said to be on the point building he was greeted with "vivas" of making a supreme effort to capture the massive hill of Achie Baba, which dominates all the country south of the narrows of the Dardanelles.

The recent gains esaimed by the British and French on the southern end of the peninsula are considered important because they indicate an approach to the

Way to Warsaw Open. On the castern front every change leaves Warsaw, the capital of Russian Polland more open to the drive which Germans and Austro-Hungarlans evidently are making toward that city.

Along the northern line the Austro-Germans appear to be experiencing the greatest success, for the Russians seem to be making a stubborn fight along the Gnila Lipa, while retreating generally between the Vistula and Bug rivers toward Lublin.

In the west both sides have attacked in the Argonne forest and beyond the Meuse hills without decisive results. The fighting of the last night has been

From Vienna the Italians are reported more men and guns, but no decisive ac-

French Official Report. PARIS, July 1.-The French war office

night passed quietly in the north

of the Benarville road were repulsed. "Another violent attack delivered by

Carranza Troop Train Wreeked. LOREDO, Tex., July 1.-Three hundred Carranza soldiers and their wives and children were killed, and several hundred injured in a wreck of a military train near Monte Morelos, between Tampico and Monterey, according to an American. who arrived here today from the interior. The accident took place ten days ago, he said.

this was attributed to the censorship. which has bene extraordinarily strict reproceeding at full speed when it left the track, the American said, and tumbled into a small canyon.

The American traveler's story was the

The soldiers with their wives and children and scores of women camp fol-(Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

#### The Day's War News

OFFICIAL WASHINGTON It waiting for full information regarding the sinking of the Armenian from its representatives abroad. The situation, however, was regarded as clarified to a great degree, dispatches telling of attempts by the Armenian to evade the aubmarine after being ordered to stop. Such an attempt, it was held, would justify the sinking of the vessel under the rules of international law.

ALLIES ARE APPARENTLY making determined attempts to gain important ground on Gallipoli pe-FRENCH STATEMENT indicates

that the Gallie armies have been chiefly occupied in repulsing German attacks. ITALIANS CLAIM a favorable out-

come from actions in the Treating district and the repulse of Austrian attacks along the Isongo. RUSSIAN LINES are still being swung back in northern Galieia and southern Poland in an effort

by the Teutonic allies to clear the

way for a determined move Warsaw. GERMAN ATTACK by water on Windau, in Courland, on the Bat. tic just south of the Gulf of Rign, was repulsed by the Russians,

their official statement says. GERMAN SUBMARINE activity. brought sharply to the front by the sinking of the steamer Armenian, with the loss of a number of American lives, is further shown by news of the sinking of the British bark Thistlebank and the Norwegian steamer Marua through torpedo attacks.