

FINDS WEAK POINT IN AMERICAN NOTE

Feeling Assumption Dual Government Should Have Been Informed of Policy Wrong.

NO DIRECT ANNOUNCEMENT

VIENNA, Dec. 15.—The American note to Austria-Hungary concerning the sinking of the Italian steamer Ancona is regarded here as weak in one important point, which may deprive the note in general of its foundation.

This concerns the standpoint taken that the Austro-Hungarian government should be familiar with the attitude of the American government regarding the freedom of the seas because President Wilson had explained this to the German government, thus implying that Austria, as Germany's ally, should be acquainted with the principles laid down and desired by Washington.

Objection Raised. Against this stand of Washington the objection is raised in responsible quarters here that the government has knowledge of the negotiations in the Lusitania case only through the newspapers; that it could give to these reports no diplomatic value and that it has not concerned itself in any way with the Lusitania case. It is pointed out by the same authority that the American government can scarcely demand that the imperial government base its policy upon newspapers, and it is suggested in any case it would have been better if Washington at the time had communicated the memorandum of its standpoint to all belligerent governments, in which case the present note would seem more justified.

Will Accept Explanation. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The State department probably will accept the explanation made by Baron Erich Zwiadinek, charge of the Austro-Hungarian embassy here, regarding a letter he wrote to the Austro-Hungarian general in New York, suggesting that neutral passports be bought to assist reservists in this country to reach Austria-Hungary.

The letter was written while Dr. Constantin Dumba, the recalled ambassador, was in charge of the embassy. Baron Zwiadinek called upon Secretary Lansing the day after it was published and explained he was a subordinate official at the time and was acting under the instructions of Dr. Dumba. Secretary Lansing did not indicate what his view would be, but it is learned that there is no disposition at the department to question the charge's statement that he was not responsible for the letter.

No Word from Vienna. Acceptance of Baron Zwiadinek's explanation will clear up one of the incidents out of which grew the situation aggravating relations between the United States and Austria-Hungary. There probably will be no decision in the case of Alexander van Nuber, Austro-Hungarian consul general at New York, charged with objectionable activities, until after a reply has been received to the note to Austria-Hungary demanding reparation for American lives lost when the liner Ancona was sunk, and assurances that such attacks will not be repeated.

No word came today from Ambassador Penfield to indicate when a reply to the note might be looked for or how the communication was received. Officials were still of the opinion that the reply would arrive by the end of the week.

Sent to Wrong Address. COLOGNE (Via London), Dec. 15.—The Cologne Gazette prints the American note on the Ancona without extended comment. It merely maintains that the American statement of facts does not correspond with the Austrian official report, which asserted that the Ancona was fired upon only after it attempted to escape and that it was torpedoed only after fifty minutes of grace for saving passengers was allowed.

Keen Competition For Larry Flynn's Hand in Marriage

Why is Larry Flynn, deputy sheriff, a bachelor? Mr. Flynn answered this question seven times yesterday when as many different girls called him by telephone. "A bachelor is a man who has been crossed in love," he explained. "And a married man is one who has been double-crossed."

The girls kept the telephone wires busy as the result of publication of information that a New York girl is trying to marry Flynn. They all wanted to know why Omaha girls were not good enough for him.

Firemen's Ball is Successful Affair

The annual ball of the members of the Omaha fire department was given last night at the city Auditorium and the big floor of the municipal building was gay with dancers until the early hours of the morning.

Fifteen hundred persons attended and the affair was declared by the participants to be one of the most successful ever held by the firemen.

The ball was given for the benefit of the Firemen's Relief association, and City Commissioner W. H. Withnell and his daughter led the grand march.

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MILLIONS TO MAKE U. S. COASTS BRISTLE

Government Plans Elaborate Defenses at Great Cost for Nation's Extremities.

ESTIMATES ARE SUBMITTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Further light was thrown upon the scope of the administration's defense plans today when the department's estimates for coast defenses during the coming year were submitted to the military committee of congress in the form of a preliminary draft of the fortifications appropriations bill carrying a total of \$23,305,123 for all purposes, including the maintenance and increase of permanent works in the Hawaiian and Philippines.

Estimates for the Panama canal which will fall under the canal government will add another \$600,000 to this sum, and in addition the War department asks authority to make continuing contracts during the year to a total of more than \$10,000,000 for mobile and coast artillery and ammunition, the appropriation to be made next year. The bill last year granted such authority to the extent of \$50,000, covering contracts for mobile artillery, field guns, siege guns, mountain guns and howitzers only.

Engineering Work Estimates. For engineering work to be done on new fortifications the department asks for \$5,500,000, the only specified projects being

that at Cape Henry, where it is indicated eighteen gun emplacements are to be built and where huge sixteen-inch, wire wound guns eventually are to be installed with the necessary smaller weapons. On another section of the bill is an estimate of \$15,000, in gun wire alone, to be used in the first of these gigantic weapons to be manufactured by the government itself for all its major fortifications. While no details are revealed in the bill, it is shown that definite plans have been laid for all the contemplated 100-inch batteries which it is understood will be added to the defenses of New York and other important harbors. Estimates for \$618,000 are presented to complete the work of modernizing the present twelve-inch batteries by raising their elevation and increasing the range.

For new guns, either field or seacoast and for ammunition to be purchased immediately \$2,961,000 is asked. Under these provisions come the experiments now in progress to determine how big guns can be mounted on motor cars or railroad trains and moved along the coasts to points of danger. They also embrace experimental work with new types of field, siege and mountain artillery.

An indication of the preparations planned is shown by the fact that \$1,202,500 is asked for submarine guns and ammunition to carry out training in marksmanship next year in addition to the work with full charges.

The appropriations ought cover new plans for submarine mines and torpedo stations as well as for the purchase of the Hammond radio dynamic torpedo for which \$97,000 is asked.

Given Seven Years. DULUTH, Minn., Dec. 15.—Joseph T. Nelson, former cashier, and G. L. Wodan, assistant cashier in the county treasurer's office here, both confessed defrauders, were sentenced today by Judge Danver in district court to a maximum term of seven years each in the state prison.

DANIELS AGAINST TOO BIG WARSHIPS

Thinks it Better to Increase Fighting Units in Number Rather Than in Size.

CITES LESSON OF THE WAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Super-dreadnoughts of the California class, displacing 32,000 tons, are declared to represent the high-water mark in the size of American battleships in a statement presented to congress by Secretary Daniels today outlining the lessons of the European war as to the best type of ship for war.

"It would be unwise," the statement says, "to build dreadnoughts so large that they could not easily pass through the Panama canal. It is also believed that in view of the increased efficiency of the torpedo, the very extensive use of mines and the bombs from aircraft, it is de-

cidedly better to increase the fighting units in numbers rather than in size, the high-water mark in size having been reached in vessels of the California class."

Closes the Debate. The statement was submitted in response to a requirement of the last naval appropriation bill that congress be furnished with a report "on building four warships of the type, power and speed which in his (the secretary's) judgment, based on knowledge gained from the prevailing war in Europe, are best suited for war on the sea."

In his reply Mr. Daniels apparently brings to a close the debate which has been agitating the Navy department for many weeks as to the general characteristics of the first battleships to be recommended under the administration's five-year building plan.

The Most Important Lesson. "The first and most important lesson," says the statement, "is that the British grand fleet, composed not only of dreadnoughts and superdreadnoughts, but also of battle cruisers, light cruisers, destroyers, submarines and auxiliaries, has to date maintained command of the sea, thereby assuring to Great Britain and its allies communication with all parts of the world and reasonably safe overseas transportation for its military forces and

supplies, at the same time denying similar advantages to its adversaries. It is further known that, despite the efforts of submarines and other minor craft, the losses of this fleet have not been serious.

"Another notable fact was brought out by the statement of the first lord of the admiralty to Parliament in November, 1914, that by the end of 1915 there would have been added to the fleet fifteen capital ships, together with a corresponding and adequate number of vessels of other types. All of these indicate conclusively that the command of the sea with the attendant security of the shores of a country exercising that command rests with the power possessing ships which in the aggregate have a preponderance in the prime military characteristics enumerated above."

OFFICER TOO SLOW, HE IS TOUCHED UP WITH LEAD

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Dec. 15.—Lieutenant Antonio Moreno, a Villa officer, is in the Agua Prieta hospital with a bullet wound through the lung, which, he said today, was inflicted by General Rafael Castro because Moreno was too slow in getting his men into action against the Carranza forces under General Angel Flores at Fronteras, Sonora.

Use The Bee's "Swapper" column.

DR. POWELL WILL GIVE FREE LECTURE MUSICAL

Dr. Alma Webster Powell will give a free lecture-musical at the University of Omaha January 15. Dr. Powell is touring the country with the purpose of arousing interest in the establishment of free schools for the study of music. The prima donna illustrates her lectures with some twenty selections from the music of different countries, playing all her own accompaniments.

Dr. Powell is an authority on her line of work, being a graduate of the University of New York and Columbia university. She travels at her own expense.

Washington Affairs

The house ways and means committee by a strict party vote reported favorably Majority Leader Kitchin's resolution to extend the emergency tax law to December 31, 1916.

An urgent deficiency bill appropriating \$10,000 to defray expenses in connection with the coming pan-American scientific congress and meet certain of the Federal deficits, was passed by the house. It is the first legislation of the kind this session.

Chairman Hitchcock announced after a meeting of the senate Philippines committee that the bill to provide more extended self-government for the Philippines would be pushed in the senate. A hearing on the measure will be held today.

Fancy Goods

Imported Tapestry Boxes, lined with Old Rose Satin, values up to \$3.00, at \$1.00

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