

VIENNA PUNISHES SUBMARINE CHIEF

Unofficial Text of Austrian Note
Meets Views of United States
in Principle.

AGREES TO PAY INDEMNITY

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The reply of the Austrian government to the second American note on the sinking of the steamship Ancona with the loss of American lives is forwarded to Reuter's Telegram company from Vienna by way of Amsterdam. The note says:

"In reply to the second American Ancona note, the Austro-Hungarian government fully agrees with the Washington cabinet that the sacred laws of humanity should be taken into account also in war and emphasizes that it, in the course of this war, has given numerous proofs of the most humane feeling.

Concurs in Principle.
"The Austro-Hungarian government, too, can positively concur in the principle that enemy private vessels, so far as they do not fly or offer resistance, shall not be destroyed before the persons aboard are secured.

"The assurance that the United States government attaches value to the maintenance of the existing good relations between Austria-Hungary and the United States is warmly reciprocated by the Austro-Hungarian government, which now, as heretofore, is anxious to render these relations still more cordial."

The Austro-Hungarian government then communicates the results of the inquiry into the sinking of the Ancona, which was recently concluded.

Fires Warning Shot.

The inquiry showed that the commander of the submarine from a great distance, in the first instance, fired a warning shot on the steamer, sighted at 11:40 in the forenoon, which he at first believed to be a transport steamer at the same time giving a signal for the vessel to stop. As the steamer failed to stop and tried to escape the submarine gave chase and fired sixteen shells at the steamer, of which three were observed to hit. The steamer only stopped after the third hit, whereupon the commander ceased firing.

During the flight, it is declared, when at full speed, the steamer dropped several boats filled with people, which at once capsized.

After the steamer stopped the commander of the submarine observed that six boats were fully manned and they speedily rowed away from the steamer.

Sees Panic Reign.

"Approaching nearer the commander of the submarine saw that a great panic prevailed aboard the steamer and that he had before him the passenger vessel Ancona on account of which he gave those aboard more time than was necessary to leave the vessel in lifeboats. At least ten lifeboats were still aboard, which would have more than sufficed to rescue the persons still on the vessel, but as no other preparations were made to hoist out the boats the commander decided after the expiration of forty-five minutes to torpedo the vessel in such a manner that it ought to remain afloat for a still longer time, in order to leave sufficient opportunity for the people aboard to be rescued."

Shortly afterwards a steamer became visible, which steamed toward the submarine. As the commander of the submarine, who believed the steamer to be an enemy cruiser, had to reckon with an attack, he submerged at 12:25 o'clock, firing a torpedo into the foremost cargo hold of the Ancona. No more boats aboard the vessel were lowered, although persons were still visible aboard.

The steamer sank so slowly that the submarine commander at first doubted whether the steamer would sink. Only at 1:20 o'clock did it sink, bow first.

During these further forty-five minutes, it is averred, all the persons aboard could have easily been saved with the available boats. From the circumstances that did not occur the commander concluded that the crew, contrary to all the rules of the sea, accomplished their own rescue in the first boats and left the passengers to themselves.

Cause of Casualties.

The entire loss of life, the note sets forth, cannot be attributed in the first instance to the sinking of the vessel, but in some degree to the dropping of the first boats while the steamer was proceeding at full speed and to the fact that the crew only thought of their own safety and did not rescue the passengers from the capsized boats, though, also to the shells which hit the fleeing vessel. But the death of the persons drowned with the sinking vessel, must, above all, be ascribed to the "culpable behavior" of the crew.

The Austrian reply then states that the American note in several points is based on incorrect suppositions and describes as incorrect that a shell was at once fired, that the submarine, on pursuit, overtook the steamer, that only a short time was allowed for those aboard to enter the boats and that several shots were fired on the steamer even after it had stopped.

The commander of the submarine, the note continues, allowed the steamer more time than was necessary for the passengers to take to the boats and then torpedoed the vessel in such a manner that it would remain afloat as long as possible to enable the passengers to disembark—"an object which would have been obtained, if the passengers had not been forsaken by the crew."

"Fully appreciating the attitude of the commander, who had in view the rescue of passengers and crew," says the note, "The Austro-Hungarian naval authorities have arrived at the conclusion that he apparently neglected to take sufficiently into consideration the panic among the passengers, which rendered disembarkation more difficult and the spirit of the regulations that Austro-Hungarian naval officers should refuse assistance. The officer was therefore punished for violating the instructions embodied in the rules in force for such cases."

The note continues:

"The Austro-Hungarian government

does not hesitate in view of the circumstances to draw the appropriate conclusion concerning the indemnity of American citizens affected by the sinking of the prize, but for the damage caused by the doubtfully justified firing on the fleeing vessel, the Austro-Hungarian government cannot well be made responsible, or for the damage which resulted from the incorrect disembarkation or the capsizing of the lowered boats before the torpedo was fired.

"The Austro-Hungarian government must suppose that the Washington cabinet is able and willing to communicate to the Austro-Hungarian cabinet the necessary information referring thereto. But in case appropriate evidence is lacking and the United States government should not have knowledge of the particulars of how the American citizens came to grief, the Austro-Hungarian government, in consideration of the incident, which from a humane standpoint is deeply to be regretted and guided by the desire once more to manifest its friendly feelings towards the United States, is ready and prepared to pass lightly over this deficiency of evidence and also to indemnify for damages whose proximate cause could not be fixed.

AUSTRIA AGREES TO MEET VIEW OF UNITED STATES

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much interested in the experiences of Mme. Schwimmer, the Austro-Hungarian delegate, who was requested to visit the minister of justice and received the instruction that no public peace meetings would be permitted. Mme. Schwimmer was summoned from her hotel by the police. Later the committee of arrangements issued a formal public statement, which was printed and a copy given to each member of the expedition. This statement said:

"Long ago the conditions bearing upon neutral countries made it necessary for the authorities of this country to decide against public meetings where any discussions of war or peace were to be held. For this reason we must refrain from holding public meetings for the Ford expedition."

"But to show our hearty sympathy and interest we have provided for private receptions for different groups, where we may meet and exchange ideas. After a consultation with the Danish authorities we have promised that every one connected with the expedition will abide by these conditions."

"No invitations for public or private functions, other than those officially arranged by the Danish committee may be accepted. Embarrassment for the receiving nation will be avoided only by carefully abiding by these conditions. Anyone ignoring them will automatically separate himself from the expedition."

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HYMENEAL

HARMS-LIESEMEYER.
SYRACUSE, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—William Liesemeyer and Miss Mary M. Harms, two well known Otoe county young people, were married yesterday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerd J. Harms. They will make their home on a farm near here.

KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Rev. Richard Brill, pastor of the United Brethren church at Broken Bow was married last night at Pleasanton to Miss Grace Gilbert of that city. The wedding took place at the home of the bride and was performed by Rev. Mr. Bishore, a former schoolmate of the groom. The couple will make their home at Broken Bow where Rev. Mr. Brill is pastor.

BUFFALO LAND OF HAPPY HOMES.
KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Married life in Buffalo county is conducive to happiness according to the records of the county judge's office and that of the district court compiled here today. Just 10 per cent of those who are married find the life too binding, say the figures. In 1915 Judge Sherrill has issued a decree over 24 licenses while Judge Hostetler has severed the relations for twenty-four couples during the same period, an average of two each month.

BEST SKATING IN YEARS ON BLUE.
CRETE, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—This winter is proving exceptional in more ways than one. The low temperature of the last few days has had its effect and the river is a sheet of glass for ten miles above the mill company's dam located at Crete. Old residents pronounce it the best since they were young and all the people of this vicinity, young and old, are enjoying it. The ice is about five inches thick.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(Special Telegram.)—Miss Kate A. Schwarz has been appointed postmaster at West Burlington, Des Moines county, Iowa, vice E. E. Niemela, resigned. Mrs. M. E. Cummings, Clifton, Weston county, Wyo., vice John H. Leck, resigned.

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EXPLOSION SETS FIRE TO OIL PLANT

Eight Men Reported Burned to
Death in Linsseed Oil Mill at
South Chicago.

FLAMES CUT OFF ALL ESCAPE

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—The explosion of a naphtha tank at the plant of the American Linsseed company in South Chicago, today caused the death of eight employees and the injury of as many more, according to police estimates at 1 p. m.

Exact figures were not obtainable, as the building in which the men were at work was rendered impenetrable by flames.

Early reports placed the dead at from fifteen to twenty. Several firemen narrowly escaped injury.

The inflammable nature of the products manufactured at the plant made the blaze difficult to fight.

All the fire engines in the district were rushed to the scene and tons of water were poured on the blaze by fire tugs in the Calumet river.

The first explosion was in what was known as the percolator building. The roof of the building was blown off and the flames spread to three other buildings nearby.

Officials of the company said there were about thirty-five men employed in the building and all except eight had been accounted for.

The initial blast was followed by smaller explosions as the flames reached different tanks. An oil barge in the river caught fire.

Notes from North Bend.

NORTH BEND, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The University of Nebraska gospel team, composed of Messrs. Hall, Urbach, Krebe and Starboard began a campaign here Tuesday among the men and boys of the town. They are typical college men who know how to meet young fellows on their own ground and interest in their work is increasing.

Arthur Dodd, a local heavyweight wrestler, is billed for a match at Ashland Saturday, where he will wrestle with P. King, the champion wrestler of Saunders county.

The death of Mrs. James O. Hare of this place occurred early Wednesday morning at St. Joseph's hospital, Omaha, where she had been five weeks for surgical treatment. Funeral services and burial will be Saturday morning. She was 37 years old and leaves four children.

Notes from Gage County.

BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—The ball to have been given Friday evening by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen at Wymore has been called off owing to an outbreak of smallpox at that place. The revival meetings to have been held there for a few weeks have been postponed to February 6. The city authorities will close the moving picture theaters if the scourge keeps spreading.

Mrs. J. W. Mumford, living ten miles

northeast of Beatrice, fell down the stairway at her home Thursday evening and suffered a compound fracture of her arm. She is a pioneer of this county. The directors of the Beatrice Credit association met Thursday evening and elected these officers: President, Mercer B. Walker; secretary, Frank Webster; advisory committee, J. E. Lang, B. H. Conlee and J. Samish.

SEVEN STATES GO DRY AT MIDNIGHT

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permits them to reopen. The so-called mulct law repeal enacted by the thirty-sixth general assembly becomes effective at midnight tonight, and tomorrow citizens of the state will be living under statutory prohibition.

Attorney General Casson was interested in reports from Davenport that saloon keepers there had decided to make an open fight on the mulct law repeal, and that several of them at least would reopen their places of business next Monday in order to furnish test cases. The attorney general expected to go to Davenport to take personal charge of the state's side of the cases if the reports should prove true. A test case seemed certain at Keosauqua, where it was announced a single glass of intoxicant is to be sold over the bar of a prominent saloon on Monday.

According to information reaching here only scant supplies of liquors are held in the saloons of the various cities and towns of the state today. Most all superfluous "wet" goods were shipped out of Iowa more than a week ago, according to reports to the attorney general's office. It is expected that the saloon men will be afforded an opportunity of disposing of their fixtures during the coming two weeks.

In addition to the saloons fifteen breweries located in various parts of the state were being closed down today.

COURT DATES IN FIRST DISTRICT ARE ANNOUNCED

TECUMSEH, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Judge John B. Raper of Pawnee City, judge of the district court in the First Nebraska district, has set court dates in the four counties comprising the district for the year 1916. In each instance court opens on Monday and the dates follow:

Johnson County—February 21, June 5 and September 25.

Nemaha County—March 27, June 12 and December 4.

Pawnee County—February 7, May 29 and October 9.

Richardson County—March 6, June 26 and November 13.

Pettit juries are called for the first and last term in each county, but not for the summer terms. Juries will be called later for these terms if needed.

Two Tecumseh Couples Married.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—John Graf and Miss Hazel Goodman and Willis C. Roberts and Miss Hazel D. Harvey, all well known young people living east of Tecumseh, were married in University Place yesterday. The parents of all live on farms east of here, and the young people will settle on farms near those of their relatives.

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