

U. S. NOTE TO VIENNA BRIEF BUT TO THE POINT

SINKING OF ANCONA "WANTON SLAUGHTER, AN ILLEGAL AND ENTIRELY INDEFENSIBLE ACT"

Note to Austro-Hungarian Government Most Emphatic Declaration from United States Since War Began — Strict Accounting Demanded Under Penalty of Severing Diplomatic Relations.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The text of the American note to Austria-Hungary regarding the sinking of the Italian steamer Ancona, made public tonight, reveals a formal demand by the United States for prompt denunciation of the "illegal and indefensible" act, for punishment of the submarine commander, and for reparation by the payment of indemnity for the killing and injuring of innocent American citizens.

These demands follow a statement informing Austria-Hungary that "the good relations of the two countries must rest upon a common regard for law and humanity." The note arraigns the shelling and torpedoing of the liner as "inhuman," "barbarous," and

a "wanton slaughter" of "helpless men, women and children."

In official and diplomatic circles the communication is regarded as being the most emphatic declaration to come from the United States government since the beginning of the European war. No attempt is made to conceal the fact that unless the demands are quickly complied with diplomatic relations between the two countries will be in grave danger of being severed.

The text of the note, which was handed to the Austrian foreign office Thursday by Ambassador Penfield, follows:

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TWENTY-SIXTH HAS 3 MORE IN CASUALTIES

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The casualty lists issued tonight contain the name of Albert McLennan Luke, Chatham, N. B., member of the First Battalion, reported wounded.

The lists also contain the names of three members of the 26th Battalion among the wounded: W. P. Sterling, 225 Sydney street, St. John; Sydney L. Kilmister, Wales, and Myles J. Sullivan, Moncton, N. B.

Midnight List

Third Battalion
Suffering from shock—Roy Curtis, Toronto; Charles Green, Chatham, Ont.

Wounded—Howard Flanagan, Toronto.

Ninth Battalion

Seriously ill—Geo. Moore, England.

Thirteenth Battalion

Previously reported wounded and missing, believed dead, now unofficially reported killed in action—Captain Linnet Ward, Whitehead, Montreal.

Fourteenth Battalion

Wounded—Wm. H. Moffatt, Montreal.

Sixteenth Battalion

Killed in action—Lance Corporal Francis John Ward, Winnipeg.

Severely wounded—Sergeant David S. Robertson, Winnipeg.

Nineteenth Battalion

Suffering from insomnia—Capt. F. J. Buchanan, Ingersoll, Ont.

Twenty-Fourth Battalion

Wounded—Harry Johnston, Chicago.

Twenty-Sixth Battalion

Wounded—W. F. Sterling, 225 Sydney street, St. John, N. B.

Thirty-First Battalion

Killed in action—Arthur Robert Adamson, Chicago.

Thirty-Ninth Battalion

Seriously ill—Oscar Henderson, Hamilton, Ont.

Second Canadian Mounted Rifles

Wounded—Wm. J. Wilkinson, Victoria, B. C.; Ernest W. Melcombe, Vancouver.

Fourth Canadian Mounted Rifles

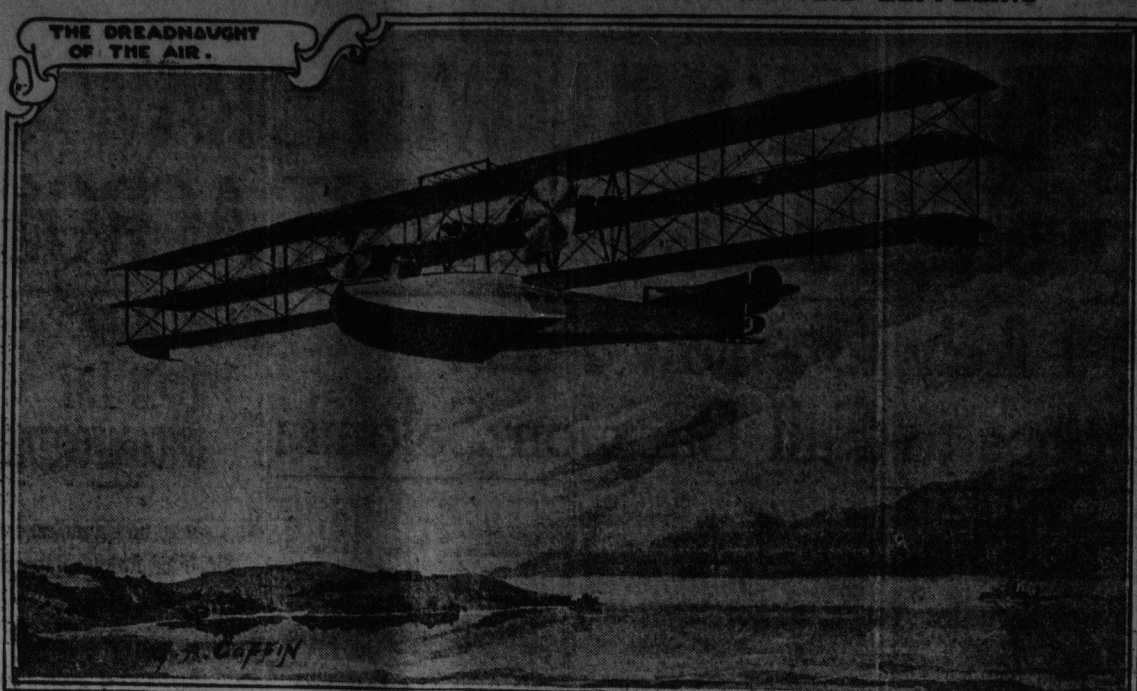
Died of wounds—Robert S. Hodges, Winnipeg.

Depot Company Army Medical Corps.
Died—Arthur W. Holmes, Toronto.

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS HELP SAVE FURNITURE IN HALIFAX FIRE

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 12.—Fire, smoke and water combined to effect damage to the extent of about \$6,000 today in the building at the corner of Granville and Sackville streets, occupied by the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, the South Typewriter Company, the National Cash Register Company and others. While the northern end of the building was badly damaged by fire, the flames did not make their way into the offices of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, at the southern end of the building, and most of the loss there was occasioned by some water and the hurried moving of furniture to the street. The little building adjoining this property on the north and occupied by J. T. Dorey, electrical supplies, and Thomas Lloyd also suffered severely from the fire. Soldiers and sailors figured prominently in the work of salvaging office furniture from the buildings.

TEN TON MONSTER TO FIGHT SUBMARINES AND ZEPPELINS



The "aeroplane battle ship," so long regarded as an engineering impossibility, is here. In embryo at present, it is true, yet still it is in Buffalo, N. Y. Many of its parts are already finished and ready to go to the assemblers, and within a very few months a flying monster will emerge from the Curtiss factories to astonish the world. For this dreadnought of the skies, which is being built for England, is to be approximately six times the size of the America. It will have a wing spread of 153 feet, and seven motors, and will weigh, with armament and full load, 21,451 pounds. The above picture shows how it will appear when completed.

getting the signature of the Governor General.

Parliament usually assembles on a Thursday, but when a speaker has to be appointed it meets one day earlier in the week. Hon. T. S. Sproule, who has been speaker since 1911, has been translated to the senate, and a speaker has to be appointed in his stead. Albert Severyn is deputy speaker, and it has been decided to appoint him to the vacant position.

This is not according to precedent for hitherto when a speaker has been appointed for the balance of a parliamentary term, he has been of the same nationality as his predecessor, the practice being to appoint English and French speaking speakers in alternate parliaments. However, this is an unusual year and as parliament will probably extend for a year or two more than the usual period it has been decided to appoint a French speaking successor to Dr. Sproule.

Mr. Severyn has been in parliament only since 1911, so that his promotion has been extraordinary rapid.

The approaching session of parliament has been called for the purpose of avoiding if possible an election during the session.

Raid on Enemy Stores Depot at Miraumont by British Air Squadron

London, Dec. 12.—The following British official communication from the army in France was issued to-night:

"On Wednesday sixteen of our aeroplane bombers bombed a stores depot at Miraumont (Somme district) and the aerodrome at Hevilly. The attack was carried out in a high westerly wind, which made flying difficult. All the machines returned safely, and considerable damage is believed to have been done to both objectives.

"Our artillery has continued the bombardment of portions of the enemy's lines at Wes-Marquart, and La Bouteillerie. The parapet has been broken in several places. A fire started by our artillery yesterday in Cité Saint Elie, was still burning this afternoon. The enemy's shelling of Armentieres, in reply to our bombardment, caused two fires which were quickly got under control.

"A successful bombing party was carried out by us last night about Neuve Chapelle. The German trenches were entered, although strongly held; one German machine gun was destroyed by bombs, and a number of casualties were inflicted on the enemy, and the party returned to our trenches safely. One officer and four soldiers were wounded.

"The weather since the last communication has been stormy and wet."

Paris, Dec. 12.—The following official communication was issued by the war office to-night:

"In Belgium there was marked activity on the part of our trench guns, which at several points silenced the bomb throwers of the enemy."

"A British cargo boat, having run aground this morning off the Belgian coast, three German hydro-aeroplanes attempted to sink her with bombs. Several of the allied aeroplanes, one of which was French, attacked them and put them to flight. During the time French torpedo boats from Dunkirk floated the vessel under the fire of a German battery.

"In Champagne, in the sector of Massiges, we replied to the enemy's fire of gas shells by a destructive fire on the enemy trenches at the Chausson ridge. In the sector of Hill No. 193, we effectively bombarded three lines of German trenches, as well as the tunnels leading to these.

"Intermittent cannonading has occurred in the Vosges, where a violent snowstorm has hindered the operations."

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ONLY WAR LEGISLATION

Special to The Standard, Ottawa, Dec. 11.—All doubt as to the date of the opening of parliament was removed today when the formal proclamation appeared in the Canada Gazette, announcing Wednesday, January 12th, as the date. This date was arranged last Monday, but it is understood that there was some delay in

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CHINA

CHINA AGAIN A MONARCHY

P 1993 of 21043 Representatives in State Council vote for it—Yuan Shi Kai accepts Throne.

Peking, Dec. 11.—Yuan Shi Kai president of the Chinese republic, has accepted the throne of China tendered to him by the council of state. Acting as a parliament, the council of state today canvassed the vote on the question of a change in the form of the government of China to a monarchy, and found that the votes of 1,993 representatives, out of 2,042 qualified to vote on the proposition, were favorable to the change.

The council of state immediately sent to Yuan Shi Kai a petition urging him to accept the throne. He declined at first, but when the petition was forwarded to him a second time he accepted, with the proviso that he would continue to act as president until a convenient time for the coronation.

China for centuries under the Manchur rule, became a republic on February 12, 1912, following the revolution of 1911, and after the adoption of a provisional constitution and the election of Yuan Shi Kai as president under its provisions, on October 6, 1912, he was inaugurated four days later, on October 10.

Indications of plans to abandon the republican form of government and revert to the monarchial system were first apparent in August last, when the publication of accounts of a meeting of prominent men in Peking who formed an association to discuss whether a monarchy was not the best form of government for China.

The march of events followed fast. The machine for obtaining an expression of the nation's opinion of the proposed change having been put into operation, it was announced in Peking on November 7 that fifteen of the eighteen provinces had voted in favor of a monarchy. Meanwhile the Entente Powers, noting with evident anxiety the progress of events in China, made representations to Peking regarding the proposal to upset the republican government and substitute for it a monarchy. It was pointed out to China that such a step, in the midst of the European war, was not feasible from the viewpoint of the powers, as tending to lessen the stability of conditions, and possibly lead to internal outbreaks which might ultimately endanger the peace of the Orient.

Japan took a leading part in the representations. China, however, was not moved by the attitude of the powers, answering them with a declaration to postpone the decision and assuring them that the government had been advised by the provincial officers that they would be able to maintain tranquillity in the events a monarchy was re-established.

REDUCES COST OF SENDING PARCELS TO MEN AT THE FRONT

Special to The Standard, Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 10.—Hon. T. Chase Casgrain, postmaster general, has been successful as a result of negotiations entered into with the imperial postal authorities in effecting arrangements whereby parcels from Canadian soldiers in France and elsewhere will be carried at the same rate of postage as applies to parcels from the United Kingdom for the expeditionary forces on the continent; that is—for parcels weighing up to three lbs. 24 cents; for parcels weighing over three pounds and not more than seven pounds 32 cents; for parcels weighing over seven pounds and not more than eleven pounds 38 cents. This means a material reduction on the cost of parcels, and it is hoped it will be a source of satisfaction to the Canadian public. This reduction has been brought about by Canada foregoing all postal charges for the conveyance of these parcels in Canada and on the Atlantic.

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