

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

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The Secretary of State to Ambassador Penfield, Department of State, Washington, Dec. 6, 1915.

Please deliver a note to the minister of foreign affairs to the following:

"Reliable information, obtained from American and other survivors who were passengers on the steamship Ancona, show that on November 7 a submarine, flying the Austro-Hungarian flag, fired a solid shot toward the steamship; that thereupon the Ancona attempted to escape; but being overhauled by the submarine, she stopped; that after a brief period, and before the crew and passengers were all able to take to the boats, the submarine fired a number of shells at the vessel, and finally torpedoed and sank her while there were yet many persons on board; and that by gunfire and foundering of the vessel a large number of persons lost their lives, or were seriously injured, among whom were citizens of the United States.

"The public statement of the Austro-Hungarian admiralty has been brought to the attention of the government of the United States, and received careful consideration. This statement substantially confirms the principal declaration of the survivors, as it admits that the Ancona, after being shelled, was torpedoed and sunk while persons were still on board.

Wanton Slaughter.

"The Austro-Hungarian government has been advised, through the correspondence which has passed between

the United States and Germany, of the attitude of the government of the United States as to the use of submarines in attacking vessels of commerce, and the acquiescence of Germany in that attitude, yet with full knowledge on the part of the Austro-Hungarian government of the views of the government of the United States, as expressed in no uncertain terms to the ally of Austria-Hungary, the commander of the submarine which attacked the Ancona, failed to place in a place of safety the crew and passengers of the vessel, which they purported to destroy because it is presumed, of the impossibility of taking it into port as a prize of war.

"The government of the United States considers that the commander violated the principles of international law and of humanity by shelling and torpedoing the Ancona before the persons on board had been put in a place of safety, or even given sufficient time to leave the vessel. The conduct of the commander can only be characterized as wanton slaughter of defenseless non-combatants, since at the time when the vessel was shelled and torpedoed she was not, it appears, resisting or attempting to escape; and no other reason is sufficient to excuse such an attack, not even the possibility of rescue.

"The government of the United States, is forced, therefore, to conclude either that the commander of the submarine acted in violation of his instructions, or that the imperial and royal governments failed to issue instructions to the commanders of its

submarines, in accordance with the law of nations and the principles of humanity. The government of the United States is unwilling to believe the latter alternative and to credit the Austro-Hungarian government with an intention to permit its submarines to destroy the lives of helpless men, women and children. It prefers to believe that the commander of the submarine committed this outrage without authority, and contrary to the general or special instruction which he had received.

"As the good relations of the two countries must rest upon a common regard for law and humanity, the government of the United States cannot be expected to do otherwise than to demand that the imperial and royal government denounce the sinking of the Ancona as an illegal and indefensible act; that the officers who perpetrated the deed be punished; and that reparation be made for the injury done to the citizens of the United States who were killed or injured by the attack on the vessel.

"The government of the United States expects that the Austro-Hungarian government, appreciating the gravity of the case, will accede to its demand promptly; and it rests its expectation on the belief that the Austro-Hungarian government will not sanction or defend an act which is condemned by the world as inhuman and barbarous, which is abhorrent to all civilized nations, and which has caused the death of innocent American citizens.

"(Signed) LANSING."

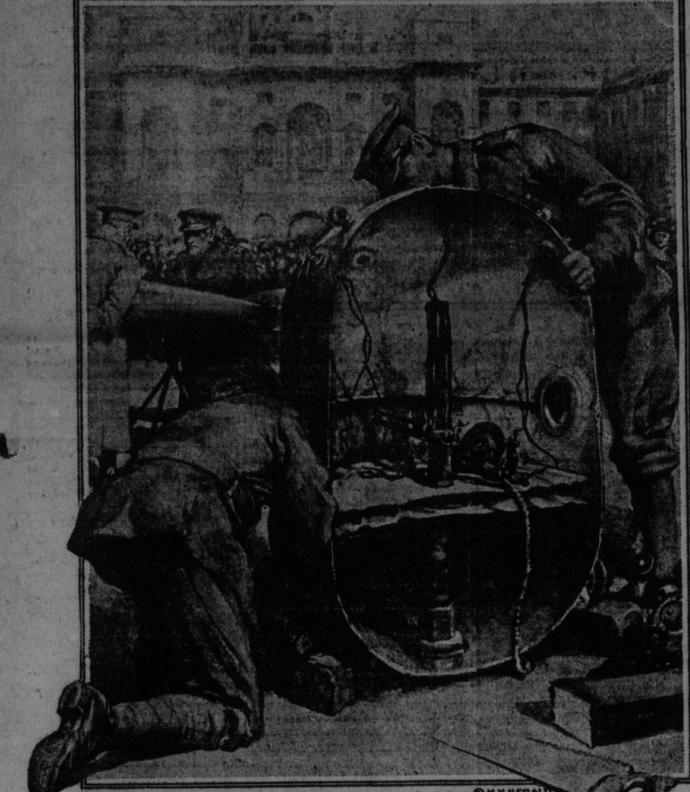
## Live Sporting News and Notes

STARS WHO EARN PLACES ON ROLL OF HONOR



Naming an All-Eastern football team for the season of 1915 is no simple task. It was made extremely difficult because of the wealth of material in almost every position. There have been years when it has been hard to find eleven players who stood out as incense and backs. Not so this year. It has required a minute study of ability and a sort of elimination process before making the final selection. But these players are offered as the best in the East. With Mahan, of Harvard, Oliphant, of the Army; Hastings, of Pittsburg, and Barrett, of Cornell, playing behind the line what a world of power is represented on attack! It is a versatile power. There would be Mahan and Barrett to do the kicking and all four to do the running. It would carry line plunging as well as end running ability, and all four are without peers in running back kicks. Furthermore, they would be as formidable a collection on defensive play as could be gotten together.

### GERMAN SEA TERROR CAUGHT BY THE BRITISH



GERMAN SEA MINE, NOW ON EXHIBITION IN LONDON

One of the most interesting exhibits among the war trophies which are now being daily inspected by crowds of Londoners is a section of a German sea mine. This mine has been cut in half in order to show the internal mechanism. The upper portion of the mine contains the detonating apparatus in the centre (fulminate of mercury). This very high explosive fires the mass of gunpowder or other explosive, which occupies the lower section of the mine. The upper portion contains air, thereby supplying the necessary buoyancy for the mine. On the outside of the mine case project certain knobs, which, when pressed inward, make an electrical contact, which fires the fulminate already referred to.

### OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

Following are the results of the principal English and Scottish games on Saturday:

**ENGLISH LEAGUE.**

(Northern Section.)  
 Burnley, 4; Preston North End, 1.  
 Bolton Wanderers, 1; Bury, 2.  
 Everton, 2; Manchester United, 0.  
 Manchester City, 2; Liverpool, 1.  
 Oldham Athletic, 2; Blackpool, 0.  
 Southport Central, 2; Rochdale, 2.  
 Stock, 0; Stockport, 2.

(Midland Section.)  
 Bradford City, 1; Sheffield United, 2.  
 Derby County, 3; Hull City, 1.  
 Grimsby, 4; Barnsley, 3.  
 Huddersfield, 1; Leicester, 1.  
 Notts County, 0; Notts Forest, 0.  
 Sheffield Wednesday, 0; Leeds City, 0.

(London Section.)  
 Fulham, 4; Brentford, 1.  
 Crystal Palace, 4; Tottenham Hotspur, 2.  
 Clapton Orient, 0; Woolwich Arsenal, 2.  
 Watford, 3; Croydon Common, 0.  
 Millwall, 1; Chelsea, 0.

**SCOTTISH LEAGUE.**

Aberdeen, 2; Aldrich, 1.  
 Ayr United, 0; Celtic, 4.  
 Clyde, 1; Hamilton, 2.  
 Dumbarton, 2; Partick Thistle, 0.  
 Motherwell, 3; Dundee, 0.  
 Queens Park, 2; Falkirk, 1.  
 Raith Rovers, 1; Hearts, 2.  
 Hibernians, 0; Third Lanark, 1.  
 Morton, 2; Kilmarnock, 0.  
 Rangers, 4; St. Mirren, 0.

### HORSE NOTES

Nettie King, 2:20 1/4, the only mare that ever produced two trotters having records of 2:05 or better, is dead, at W. B. Dickerman's Hill and Dale Farm, near Mamaronock. She was the dam of The Abbot, 2:03 1/4, holder of the world's record fifteen years ago, and of Bonington, 2:14 1/4, one of the fastest stallions of 1915, as well as of eight others in the 2:30 list. She was twenty-eight years old, and was fruitful only two years ago, when she gave birth to Stella Maris, that earned a record of 2:26 1/4 this season. Follow.

### NEW RECORD FOR SIX DAY BICYCLE RACE

New York, Dec. 12.—Fred Hill, of Boston, and Alfred Grenda, of Australia, an American-Australian team, won the twenty-third annual six-day bicycle race, which closed at 10:05 o'clock last night in Madison Square Garden. The final score was 2,770 miles, and 8 laps, which bettered by 11 miles and 6 laps the best previous mark, which was set by Goulet and Grenda in New York in 1914.

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