

AUSTRIA BLAMES ANCONA SAILORS

IF HER CREW HAD PROTECTED
PASSENGERS, LIVES WOULD
HAVE BEEN SAVED.

THEY FLED IN FIRST BOATS

Text of the Austrian Note on Aucona
Case Received.—No Shots Fired
After Vessel Stopped.

Vienna, via London — Austria's note, dated December 29, in answer to the American Government's demands concerning the sinking of the Italian steamer Aucona by an Austrian submarine has been delivered to American Ambassador Penfield. It says:

"In answer to your very esteemed note, No. 4397, of the 21st instant, the subscriber has the honor to lay before His Excellency, the Ambassador of the United States of America, Frederick Courtland Penfield.

"The Imperial and Royal Government agrees thoroughly with the American Cabinet that the sacred commandments of humanity must be observed also in war. Just as it has hitherto given at no time and to no person occasion to doubt its respect for these commandments, in like manner also in the whole course of this war, which presents such pictures of confusion of moral conceptions, it has given numerous proofs of humanitarian sentiments toward enemies as well as toward neutral states and it was not due to this government that it was, a short time ago, not in harmony with the Washington Cabinet precisely on a question which it (the Austro-Hungarian Government) in harmony with the entire public opinion in Austria-Hungary, regarded as principally a question of humanity.

"The Imperial and Royal Government can also substantially concur in the principle expressed in the very esteemed note that private ships, insofar as they do not flee or offer resistance, may not be destroyed without the persons aboard being brought into safety.

"The Imperial and Royal Government is very responsive to the assurance that the Federal Government has vainly upon seeing that the good relations which happily exist between Austria-Hungary and the United States of America are maintained. It

reciprocates this assurance most warmly, and is now as heretofore concerned to render these relations more hearty, so far as lies in its power.

"Guided by the same spirit of frankness as the government of the Union, the Imperial and Royal Government, although it does not find in the note frequently referred to, the answer to all the legitimate questions submitted by it, is willing to communicate to the Federal Government the result of the investigation, which, in accordance with existing departmental regulations, was begun immediately after the receipt of the fleet report on the sinking of the Aucona, and which was just recently received."

BIG BRITISH CRUISER SUNK.

Armored Cruiser Natal Sunk After an Explosion.

London. — The British armored cruiser Natal has sunk after an explosion. Official announcement to this effect has been made here.

The Natal's sinking is the severest loss which the British navy has sustained in several months. No British naval vessels of importance had been sunk since last May when the Triumph and Majestic were torpedoed at the Dardanelles. The Natal, although a powerful man of war, was laid down 11 years ago, and her displacement was only about one-half of the largest British sea fighters. The Natal's complement was 704 men. Her displacement was 13,600 tons.

The Natal was sunk while in harbor as the result of an internal explosion. There are about 400 survivors.

Canada Has More Soldiers.

Ottawa, Ont. — Canada will celebrate the coming of the New Year by increasing the number of men authorized for overseas service from 250,000 to 500,000, Premier Robert L. Borden announced "yesterday," the premier's statement said. "The authorized forces of Canada numbered 250,000 and the number enlisted was rapidly approaching that limit. The first of the new year our authorized force will be 500,000. The announcement is made in token of Canada's unflinching resolutions.

Only First Class Mail Free.

London. — According to official information to the Associated Press, the British government takes the stand that any parcels sent by mail, no matter what class of postage is paid on them, are liable to seizure if they contain goods which under the censorship cannot be shipped to or from Germany or her Allies. First class actual postal correspondence, according to this stand, is not liable on vessels stopped in high seas.

News Want Ads Are Business Builders

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Town lots, farms and timber lands for sale.—Frank Jenkins, Brevard, N. C. tf

For Rent—Nice room house with bath and lights. Apply to Bank Nicholson. 11 19

WANTED—To sell builders material. Brevard Lumber Co. See Frank Jenkins, manager. Close to depot. Phone 120. tf

SALESMEN WANTED to solicit orders for lubricating oils, grease and paints. Salary or commission. Address The Victor Oil Co., Cleveland, O. 17 2t pd

FOR SALE—One pair of good young mules and all kinds of farm tools; wagon and buggy and seven town lots. A good five-room house and barn. See John C. Bagwell, Brevard. 17 4t-pd

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