

EVERY FRIENDLY BUT FIRM

Austrian Admissions Warrant Reparation Is Demanded.

THE IS DELIVERED

Continuance of Relations Depends on Austrian Government.

Dec. 22.—The United States in its second note to the Ancona case, made public, that the official admission of an Austrian admiral that his torpedoes after she and while passengers were safe is sufficient for the demands for satisfaction, repayment of the submarine, and the demands of Austria referred in its first note, are in no way to the discussion. It emphasizes the action of the United States upon the action of the Austrian government.

MORRIS DIES IN KENTUCKY.

Dec. 22.—Mrs. Sal-Isabel Morris, eighty-one years of age, a member of the Confederate Congress, died at her home in this city.

Morris was born in Kentucky. At the beginning of the war she turned her home into a hospital and personally cared for the Confederate soldiers.

MISS Y. WALKER DIES SIXTY YEARS

Dec. 22.—Mr. and Mrs. W. Walker observed the anniversary of their marriage today. They are the parents of Mrs. Walker and Mrs. B. L. Walker. Mrs. Walker is now living with them.

AMERICANS RELEASED BY HIM

Dec. 22.—The release of the Americans held at Chihuahua, it became known, was a condition of the granting him permission to return to his American home.

Captures Two Men, Ammunition, Whiskey and Tobacco

After taking their prisoners, the wagon, which appeared to be loaded with leaf tobacco, was searched, and in the bottom of the bed was found a barrel containing about sixty gallons of whiskey; a can containing about five gallons and three 1-gallon jugs of whiskey. There were sixty-eight gallons of whiskey in all, and none of it was stamped.

FULL TEXT SECOND NOTE TO AUSTRIA

Washington, Dec. 22.—The text of the note which Ambassador Penfield was instructed to deliver to the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs reads as follows:

Department of State,
Washington, Dec. 19, 1915.

The government of the United States has received the note of your Excellency relative to the sinking of the Ancona, which was delivered at Vienna on December 15, 1915, and transmitted to Washington, and has given the note immediate and careful consideration.

On November 15, 1915, Baron Zwiedenck, the Charge d' Affairs of the Imperial and Royal government at Washington, transmitted to the Department of State a report of the Austro-Hungarian Admiralty with regard to the sinking of the steamship Ancona, in which it was admitted that the vessel was torpedoed after her engines had been stopped and when passengers were still on board. This admission alone is, in the view of the United States, sufficient to fix upon the commander of the submarine which fired the torpedo the responsibility for having wilfully violated the recognized law of nations and entirely disregarded those humane principles which every belligerent should observe in the conduct of war at sea. In view of these admitted circumstances the government of the United States feels justified in holding that the details of the sinking of the Ancona, the weight and character of the additional testimony corroborating the admiralty's report, and the number of Americans killed or injured are in no way essential matters of discussion. The culpability of the commander is in any case established and the undisputed fact is that citizens of the United States were killed, injured or put in jeopardy by his lawless act.

The rules of international law and the principles of humanity which were thus wilfully violated by the commander of the submarine have been so long and so universally recognized and are so manifest from the standpoint of right and justice that the government of the United States does not feel called upon to debate them and does not understand that the Imperial and Royal government questions or disputes them.

The government of the United States therefore finds no other course open to it but to hold the Imperial and Royal government responsible for the act of its naval commander and to renew the definite but respectful demands made in its communication of the sixth of December, 1915. It sincerely hopes that the foregoing statement of its position will enable the Imperial and Royal government to perceive the justice of those demands and to comply with them in the same spirit of frankness and with the same concern for the good relations now existing between the United States and Austria-Hungary which prompted the government of the United States to make them.

LANSING.

MILLION MORE MEN ARE TO BE ENLISTED SOON

British House of Commons Passes Act, Bringing Force to Four Million.

TEUTONS ARE STILL WORKING ON GREECE

Taking Full Advantage of British Withdrawal From Gallipoli Peninsula.

London, Dec. 22.—After an all night debate, the House of Commons today granted an increase of one million men in the British army, bringing up its strength, on paper, to four million.

With the increase come changes in higher commands. Lieut. General Robertson, chief of the general staff in London, succeeds Lieut. General Murray, who is about to receive an important command. These changes are accepted here as indicating closer co-operation among the allies on the western front.

The Teutonic powers are represented as taking full advantage of the withdrawal of the British forces from the Gallipoli peninsula by attempting once more to swing Greece and Roumania to their side in the Balkan operations.

If the news of the bombardment of Varna by the Russians is true, they are losing no time in attempting to forestall these efforts, from several sources. Paris dispatches stated that the Russian warships were accompanied by a fleet of transports which, according to morning newspapers, already has landed a sufficient force to hold the town.

The Greek election has given a large majority to former Premier Gounaris, a powerful member of the present cabinet, who is not over friendly to the entente powers. It is not believed here the change will have much effect on the attitude of the Greeks, which is now much more allied to the possibility that the Bulgarians will cross the frontier, than by the formation of a new government.

Along the western line, according to British official reports, the Germans suffered heavy losses while expending their forces in an attempt to occupy the craters which their mines had opened along the front near Arras. The French operations at most places are hampered greatly by bad weather, but a considerable portion of the German works on Hartmann's Wulferkopf has been carried.

The Russians are reported to have occupied Kum, which indicates they are making an advance into the interior of Persia.

Altho the question of conscription figured largely in the army debate last night in the House of Commons, it was only an incidental part of the discussion. The country awaits with keen interest the debate which is certain to follow presentation to the House of the Earl of Derby's figures on the attestation plan.

More British Troops Withdrawn

Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, Dec. 22.—The Cologne Gazette reports that British troops which have been stationed on the islands of the warm Mediterranean have been withdrawn to be sent to Saloniki.

New Commander For Dardanelles.

London, Dec. 22.—Lieut. General Sir Archibald Murray has been appointed to succeed Sir Charles Monro as British commander at the Dardanelles, says an official statement issued this afternoon.

SUCCESSFUL HALF-YEAR AT BOONE TRAINING SCHOOL.

Boone, Dec. 22.—The Appalachian Training School closed today. A large number has enrolled for term for any fall term in the school's history. Many of the students and teachers will spend the holidays at home. By the opening of the new term the young ladies of Lovell Home, the old dormitory, will be occupying the elegant new dormitory, "The White House," so named in honor of Senator R. B. White, who was one of the chief instruments in getting the bill through the legislature for the establishment of the school.

SIX MEXICAN BAD MEN PUBLICLY EXECUTED

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 22.—Six members of the bandit gang, recently captured today, according to a message received by Juan T. Burns, Mexican consul here. Four others condemned to death, were given respites at the last moment. Five women arrested with the bandits, were sentenced to long prison terms, the dispatch added. The robbers were enabled to avoid capture for sometime by means of forged documents which led the police to believe they were army officers.

New York and Chicago Mayors Shake Hands



Left to right: Mayor Thompson of Chicago, Mayor Mitchell of New York, a committee of fifteen prominent men of the city, was received by Mayor William Hale Thompson, Mayor of Chicago.

Forsyth Jailer Frustrates Plan In Time To Prevent Escape Of Prisoners

Sheriff Flynt and Jailer Blackburn on Tuesday afternoon frustrated a plan put in motion by the prisoners in the cells for white people for a jail delivery. There were about a dozen prisoners confined in that department. During the day they were allowed to leave their cells and exercise in the corridor formed by bars in front of the individual apartments.

The prisoners were closely examined as to the operators, and it was found that all but three had taken their turn at the saw. Finally the last one working on the job entered a cell under command of Sheriff Flynt and produced two small saws. They were brought in by one of the prisoners a day or two ago, he having secreted them under his clothing before trial.

All Tuesday afternoon the prisoners seemed to be in unusually good spirits, singing continually. Efforts to quiet them were of no avail, and Jailer Blackburn became suspicious and began a watch over them.

The importance of the discovery is emphasized from the fact that Samuel Christy, under sentence of death for his part in the murder forming the "Muddy Creek Mystery," was confined in this department, and had the plans of the breakers succeeded he would have doubtless taken advantage of this opportunity to escape.

The suspicion of the jailer was substantiated by the finding of a short bar in the suspected cell sawed in two, and with ease it was lifted from its place creating an opening large enough for nearly every one of the

prisoners to have escaped. The prisoners were closely examined as to the operators, and it was found that all but three had taken their turn at the saw. Finally the last one working on the job entered a cell under command of Sheriff Flynt and produced two small saws. They were brought in by one of the prisoners a day or two ago, he having secreted them under his clothing before trial.

WILL BE NO PARDON FOR STRIPLING BY CHRISTMAS

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 22.—Thomas E. Stripling, who was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1907 and escaped from jail and during his fourteen years of freedom became chief of police of Danville, Va., probably will not receive a pardon from Governor Nat E. Harris, as a Christmas present, as had been expected.

IDA BALL WARREN IN CHARGE OF WORK ROOM AT JAIL

Sheriff Flynt has added an interesting department to the county jail, which is expected not only to be beneficial to the women prisoners, but also advantageous to the county.

DECISION DOES NOT AFFECT THIS CITY

It has been the custom in Morganton, as in other towns, to tax the owners of adjoining property with part of the cost of sidewalk and street improvement. Two property owners in Morganton refused to pay, the case went to court and Judge Shaw turned the case down on the ground that it was improperly instituted, having been brought first in a magistrate's court and then appealed.

The records have not been turned over to Governor Harris in time for him to act before Christmas.

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WILL ALLOW TRUSTIES TO GO HOME

Allow Them to Spend Three Days With Families During Christmas.

NEW MOVE BY GOV. CRAIG

Also Gives Other Prisoners Three Days' Vacation From Their Usual Work.

Raleigh, Dec. 22.—Governor Locke Craig is sending a letter today to the warden of the State penitentiary and to all the superintendents of the State farms and county convict camps in State where prisoners are in custody, ordering the authorities to allow all trusty convicts to go to their homes from Friday, December 24, to Monday, December 27.

The governor also announces three days holiday for other prisoners from their usual labors.

Governor Craig, in his order, directed the superintendent in charge of the prisons and camps, to make to him on or before January 1, a full and complete report of the paroles, giving names and the conduct of the prisoners during their three days liberation.

Forsyth county officers have not received official notice of this request of Governor Craig. Superintendent Joyce, of the county road forces, was in the city this afternoon and he states that he has in his camps about thirty-five prisoners who are "trusties," while Sheriff Flynt has seven or eight at the county jail. Those at the jail are women. Mr. Joyce states that probably one-third of his prisoners would be affected by such a request from the governor.

Just what action will be taken by the Forsyth officials cannot be stated at this time, and will not be considered until after the arrival of the official request from the State department. The opinion is generally expressed that it would be hazardous to comply in full with the executive's suggestion, as probably not more than one-half of those who would be released under a full compliance would act in good faith and return at the time set. Forsyth treats her prisoners well, and that accounts for the condition that one-third or more of the prisoners now serving sentences can be trusted as drivers, and to do other chores about the camps.

MOTON TO SUCCEED BOOKER WASHINGTON

New York, Dec. 22.—Major Robert K. Moton, of Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, Hampton, Va., was selected to succeed Booker T. Washington, as president of Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., at a meeting of the special committee of the trustees of the institute here.

ORDERED TO RETURN FIRE FROM THE AMERICAN SIDE

Washington, Dec. 22.—American troops at El Paso, the war department announced today, have been given orders "to return vigorously any further deliberate firing" from the Mexican side of the border. General Pershins, in command at El Paso, has reported that the firing which resulted in the death late yesterday of an American car inspector, was the deliberate act of a squad of Mexicans who appeared half a mile east of the international bridge.

Mexican troops, the report added, were covering the whole river front. During the rioting in Juarez, the report said there had been little firing and none towards the American side.

General Avila, who was in charge of the troops at Juarez, ordered several of the rioters shot, according to military reports from the border.

The department agent at El Paso reported that the American car inspector was killed by an irresponsible soldier who was afterwards killed by his own men.