

AMERICAN SHIP SUNK BY BOAT

ANOTHER OIL STEAMER FIRED ON BY AUSTRIAN SUB-MARINE.

GRAVE CRISIS MAY RESULT

If American Oil Shipping to Gallinellas May Be Object of Attack By the Central Powers.

Washington—Unofficial reports reaching Washington late Tuesday night of the sinking of the American oil tanker Communipaw off the coast of Tripoli has created grave apprehension in official circles, where the fear is expressed that Austria may have begun a campaign against the American oil ships engaged in carrying fuel oil to warships of the Allies operating in the Mediterranean.

It is regarded as significant that this report should come on the heels of an official dispatch Tuesday from the commander of the United States cruiser Des Moines, telling of the attack by an Austrian submarine on the Standard Oil tanker Petrolite, which was fired on, but appears to have escaped. One member of the crew of the Petrolite is reported to have been wounded by the shell-fire.

Whether or not the two attacks are part of an organized effort on the part of Austria to break up this traffic in American fuel oil, the fact that they followed so shortly on the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona, on which a number of American lives were lost, is conceded to be a matter of deep concern regarding the already strained relations between the United States and Austria.

Details of the latest attacks are being awaited here with great interest, for it is realized that if Austria has taken up submarine warfare which Germany left it following the sinking of the Arabic, it simply means that the United States will follow the same critical path to follow which she was compelled to take with Germany.

If, on the other hand, it develops that both the Petrolite and Communipaw were trying to escape after a warning to liquid to the United States will have little grounds for protest.

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New York—Members of the peace exposition organized and financed by Henry Ford to create a conference of representatives of neutral nations in the hope of ending the war, left Hoboken Saturday on board the Scandinavian-American line steamship Oscar II. One hundred and forty names are on the list of Mr. Ford's guests. Of these 87 are peace envoys, 54 newspaper and magazine correspondents and three motion picture men. For their use, Mr. Ford chartered the entire first and second cabins of the steamer.

A great crowd was at the pier when the boat steamed out shortly after 3 o'clock. Many prominent persons were on hand to wish the expedition "God Speed."

GREAT SHOW IS FINISHED

Panama Exposition at San Francisco Was Financial Success.

San Francisco—The Panama-Pacific International exposition closed Saturday night. Hundreds of thousands of incandescent lights twinkled and trembled the farwell signal a few minutes before midnight and at 12 o'clock the lights went out for the last time. The exposition of 283 days' duration officially was at an end, though the fairway carnival continued into the morning hours. In a financial way it is expected the exposition will show a profit of something like \$2,000,000—perhaps more. All indebtedness was paid before the exposition was two-thirds over. The expense of preparing the site and the buildings for the opening date was said to be approximately \$20,000,000.

TELEGRAPHIC FLASHES

Versailles, France—The Franco-American poet Stuart Merrill died suddenly Friday at his home here.

Chicago—Forty-six indictments, naming 54 defendants, were returned Friday as a result of the grand jury's inquiry into alleged labor graft.

Springfield, Ill.—The state tax commission raised the tax rate of Illinois for the coming year 48 cents to 55 cents, because of extraordinary expense incident to the food and mouth disease.

Paris—The French section of the Women's International League for Permanent Peace has been ordered by the Paris police authorities to discontinue their circulation of peace pamphlets.

Mexico City—Typhus fever which has been prevalent among the lower classes in Mexico City and vicinity for the last two months, has grown to such alarming proportions as to terrify the entire population.

Berlin—The amount paid in cash by subscribers to the third German loan in the last week of November was about \$61,000,000 marks. The amount up to the total paid to \$10,452,000 marks (\$2,613,251,000), or about 86 per cent of the entire subscription.

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Snake in Peculiar Trap
 Reptile Firmly Caught in Blotout Can Whirl in the Act of Chasing Mice.
 A naturalist tells us of an odd kind of snake trap that caught a victim securely, the Washington Star observes. It was a blotout can, and in the bottom of it were some macaronis.
 A cobra slipped the can, but a mouse was ahead of the cobra. The little thief was having a good time regaling himself on the macaronis, all unconscious that a snake was preparing to regale itself on mouse. Into the can went the head of the snake, but the head that went in was destined to come out less easily. The rough edge of the can irritated the cobra, and involuntarily it dilated his hood. That hood that went in was destined to dilate the head could not be withdrawn, and the cobra remained in its tin prison until morning, when it was easily captured and killed.
 Stranding who knows the natives of India as well as he knows the snakes of that land, tells of an interesting theory held by these people. They are firmly convinced that for every human being a snake bites it, loses his joint. When the number of deaths the snake has caused equals the number of its joints the venomous head slips remains. The snake has now reached the height of its wicked destiny, and at this point it develops wings and triumphantly disappears. An exception to this rule is found on the other side of the world, in the case of the rattlesnake, for the natives of many parts of this country are said to believe that this snake gains a thimble for every man it kills. By counting these some people pretend to an ability to calculate with precision how many persons a particular rattlesnake has bitten. But this is, of course, as great a superstition as that held by the Hindus.

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