

WOMAN PLUNGES TO DEATH IN FLYING BOAT

PASSENGER, 74 YEARS OLD, KILLED WHEN SHE SEIZES AVIATOR

ANOTHER AUSTRIAN DIPLOMAT WHO MAY GO AWAY FROM US



BARON ERICH ZWIÉDINEK. In official circles in Washington it is believed that the United States may ask the Austrian government to recall Baron Erich Zwiédinek, who is now head of the Austrian embassy in the United States.

GERMAN AGENTS MAY HAVE MAPPED SEATTLE HARBOR

Complete Chart of Tacoma Waterfront Showing Where All Vessels Loading With Munitions Were Berthed Discovered in House of Witness Against Crowley—Leads to Belief That Same Thing Was Done Here by Spy Propaganda.

HAVE German agents in Seattle accurately sketched the local waterfront, showing where all vessels loading with munitions were berthed? It is now being checked to the minutest detail by a special corps of secret operatives of the United States government, the federal officers using maps as a basis for their investigations. It is also known they are investigating the existence of such a map in Seattle.

The map, disclosed by an exhaustive search of Smith's former residence at 4210 Ferdinand Street, revealed a detailed sketch of the Tacoma waterfront, the location of the four vessels loading munitions for the Allies, which Crowley and his assistants planned, it is alleged to destroy, and also certain marks of identification, later determined by investigation to be places where dynamite was concealed.

Other marks placed on the map with great exactitude, it has been demonstrated to the federal authorities, indicated points of vantage from which the plotters could obtain a close view, without fear of detection, of the work of loading the ships being kept under surveillance, and also of the railroad yards.

In this connection the government has evidence to show that Smith, upon his arrival in Tacoma last spring, took a house near Steilacoom, outside the zone indicated in the map, and that he was directed by Crowley to move to the place.

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THE WEATHER

IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA FOR YOU FIVE CITY DADS TO BRUSH UP ON THIS, WHAT?

CITY CHARTER

DAIRY

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PEACE

HIGH TAX

1915

1916

Rain tonight and Friday; strong southerly gales. Temperature at 1 P. M. Today, 39. Temperature during last twenty-four hours: Maximum, 42; minimum, 27. Relative humidity, 94 per cent.

TIDES AT SEATTLE TOMORROW.

First high water... 3:24 a. m., 12.1 ft. Second high water... 8:40 p. m., 12.6 ft. First low water... 8:05 a. m., 9.4 ft. Second low water... 1:40 p. m., 1.7 ft.

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AUSTRIA'S NOTE MAY NOT CLEAR SITUATION

Vienna's Reply to Lansing's Demands in Ancona Matter Likely to Prove Wholly Unsatisfactory.

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ARE AT BREAKING POINT

President and Secretary Are Reserving Comment Until They Have Official Text in Their Hands.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Thursday, Dec. 16.—Austria's reply to Secretary Lansing's note on the Ancona is regarded, on the basis of the unofficial reports received today from London and Amsterdam, as wholly unsatisfactory, unacceptably and disappointing to the United States.

Diplomatic relations between the two countries may safely be described as standing at the breaking point.

President Wilson and Secretary Lansing are reserving comment until they have the official translation and text at hand, but it is stated authoritatively that the United States will enter into no exchange of opinions with the Vienna legation, but that the news dispatches containing excerpts were taken in official quarters in Austria, and that the rejoinder is on its way to Washington.

From such part of the unofficial text as is contained in news dispatches, officials considered the reply vague in many respects, but they were not able to borrow or raise by issuing warrants was indicated today by the attitude of the high-tax majority, headed by Councilman Oliver T. Erickson, in refusing to agree to the eliminating of two of the three tax levy items in dispute.

Following a meeting of the council, at which a new tax levy bill was introduced and referred to the finance committee, the finance committee held a meeting, and on the second vote came to a deadlock. The new bill is identical with the one adopted by the council majority and set aside by the supreme court, with the exception of three items—\$227,969 as insurance of the city, \$100,000 for the redemption fund, \$26,400 representing the difference between the cost of street lighting at a rate of 4¢ per foot and \$200,000, representing a payment due on refunding bonds July 1, which are eliminated.

The outline of the reply was disappointing because some American officials had been led to believe by previous statements of the Austrian commander that it would be favorable, or at least would propose something which the United States would accept.

As Secretary Lansing based the representations in his note upon the official statements of the Austrian commander, it is believed that American officials are at a loss to understand where there is much room for discussion or dispute of facts.

News from Vienna recently that the submarine which sank the Ancona was missing led some officials to believe that a new element had been introduced into the situation, which held promise of carrying some weight. That point, however, seems to have been investigated by the state so far as officials can judge from the unofficial text received here.

American officials believed that taking as a basis the official admission of the Austrian admiral that the Ancona was shelled, torpedoed and sunk while passengers were still aboard, there would be little room for discussion of Secretary Lansing's contention that the commander violated the principles of international law and humanity, and that it was "wanton slaughter of defenseless noncombatants."

Officials pointed out today that a thoroughly unsatisfactory and unresponsive reply from Austria would have been tantamount to a declaration of the closing words of Secretary Lansing's note, "and the Austrian government must bear the responsibility of good relations between the two countries rest upon a common regard for the rights and humanity of those who suffered. The note stands as the most vigorous of all the American correspondence by the war and was not equalled even by the note at the close of the submarine controversy with Germany."

Austria's diplomatic relations with the United States since the recall of Ambassador Dumba by her connection with plots to cripple American munition plants have been maintained by the embassy here with Baron Zwiédinek as chargé d'affaires.

Baron Zwiédinek had no official dispatches from Vienna today, but after

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THE NEW STAR - - - By THURLBY



STRUGGLES IN MIAIR IN PANIC OF FEAR

Mrs. Lulu Comstock Victim of Fatal Accident After Expressing Wish to Take Flight "Before Retiring."

FALLS INTO WATERS OF SAN DIEGO BAY

Grabs Man Steering Machine and He Loses Control—Craft Is Wrecked and Enthusiast's Neck Broken.

SAN DIEGO, Thursday, Dec. 16.—Expressing the desire to "fly once before retiring to a quiet life," Mrs. Lulu Comstock, 74 years old, of this city, arranged for a flight with Anton Meyerhoffer, Jr., that ended today with the falling of the flying boat into the waters of San Diego Bay and the death of the woman.

Mrs. Comstock, before the beginning of the flight, stated that she wished to be taken to a height of at least 1,500 feet. Within a few minutes after the flight had been started, according to the story told by Meyerhoffer, Mrs. Comstock was seized with fear and, reaching out, grabbed the aviator in a firm grasp.

Meyerhoffer says that he struggled desperately to free himself from the embrace of the woman so that he could control the machine, but before he could release himself from her grasp the flying boat, which was about fifty feet in the air, turned over and fell into the waters of the bay. The force of the impact with the water completely wrecked the flying boat.

Meyerhoffer and Mrs. Comstock were hurled clear of the wreckage, and several parties within five minutes reached the shore. Mrs. Comstock, however, was found by beach party fishermen who examined the body of the woman stated that her neck, one leg, one arm and her shoulder were broken, in addition to other injuries.

Meyerhoffer escaped with a few scratches on the face and a woman, a number of years, and is survived by a son and a daughter, both grown.

COUNCIL IN DEADLOCK OVER TAX LEVY FOR 1916

NEW BILL, REPETITION OF OLD, FAILS TO PASS

Majority, Headed by Erickson, Still Refuses to Eliminate Items in Dispute—City Business Threatened.

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SALONIKI, Thursday, Dec. 15.—Two months of debate and uncertainty were concluded at a deadlock Tuesday morning when the Greek army began to evacuate that strip of Greek territory stretching from Dolran to Saloniki.

This ends a situation of the greatest embarrassment to the British and French armies here. Instead, as stated in the German communiques, of the Anglo-French leaving Saloniki, it is a sign that they have just begun to fight. It is the clearing of the prize ring. The Allies now control the customs.

The enemies' councils are expected to leave at once, the spy nuisance will end and except for one battalion of Greeks remaining as a sign of Greek sovereignty, the entire Greek army will withdraw eighty miles west.

The unbroken column of Greek regiments has been departing with artillery, cavalry, pontons, ambulances and thousands of ponies and donkeys carrying fodder, supplies and tents.

The sidewalks are invaded by long lines of infantry. The waterfront along which the column is passing is blocked with spectators of all nationalities.

An unbroken column of Greek regiments to whom shore leave has been granted are giving the city an air of holiday. The best of order prevails.

ALLIES GET FREE HAND IN SALONIKI AND AWAIT FOES

Greeks Retire Inland and Anglo-French Force Prepares to Fight, Says Richard Harding Davis.

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PACIFIC COAST AT JAP'S MERCY, SAYS SENATOR

Works of California, Says Million Men Are Needed to Protect Pacific Coast—Would Give Them Land.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Dec. 16.—Senator Works of California told the Senate today that a standing army of 1,000,000 men would be necessary to defend the United States against possible invasions and declared that the Pacific Coast was completely at the mercy of Asiatic attack.

6-YEAR-OLD RAVENS DALE ORPHAN KILLED BY AUTO

Miner's Little Son Distressed From Perch on Rear of Truck and Run Over.

Peter Medaini, 6 years old, son of a victim of the Ravensdale mine disaster recently, was run over by an auto truck at a San Francisco intersection, according to telephonic report to Deputy Coroner Frank Koehnli, who is investigating.

The report states that the child had stolen a ride on the rear of the auto truck, which was driven by a man who identified Japanese. Witnesses declared the driver stopped his vehicle suddenly, and subject orders of the department in time of war.

\$700,000 IS CRANE'S GIFT TO EMPLOYEES

10,000 Workers Get Ten Per Cent With Firm to Get Six Per Cent of Salary.

CHICAGO, Thursday, Dec. 16.—Officials of the Crane Company announced today that the company's annual Christmas gifts to its employees consist this year of 10 per cent of the annual salary of each man or woman employed for more than six months, and the company will share in the company's gift, which will total more than \$700,000.

WASHINGTON MEMBERS AGAINST REVENUE BILL

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Dec. 16.—Representatives Humphrey, Johnson, La Follette and Hadley will vote against the war revenue bill, Representative Dill, Democrat, will vote for it. Senator Poindexter today announced that he would vote against the bill when it reaches the Senate, as he believed revenues should be raised some other way.

HUBBARD'S WILL FILED

TORONTO, Ont., Thursday, Dec. 16.—The wills of Albert Hubbard and his wife, who were drowned on the liner Lusitania, were filed here today for ancillary probate, as both hold stock in the Northern Crown Bank of Canada. The amount of Mr. Hubbard's total estate was declared at \$37,545, and that of Mrs. Hubbard at \$35,725. In each case the estates were divided equally between their children, Albert and Miriam. A direction in each will was to be given in the Salem N. B.

PERRY, ARTIST, DEAD

NEW YORK, Thursday, Dec. 16.—Enoch Wood Perry, 84 years old, widely known as an artist and as a former United States consul at Venice, died last night. His better known works were portraits of Jefferson Davis, General Grant and Brigham Young.

Bank Clearings

SEATTLE.	
Clearings...	\$2,177,911.44
Balances...	210,560.42
Portland.	
Clearings...	\$1,872,463.00
Balances...	159,358.00
Spokane.	
Clearings...	\$074,743.30
Balances...	111,985.00
Tacoma.	
Clearings...	\$402,754.00
Balances...	45,714.00

SPokane Congressman MUST PAY BACK QUARTER COUNTERFEITERS GUILTY

SAN FRANCISCO, Thursday, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Jean Bennett and Clarence Farlin of Portland, Ore., and Claude Lassus of Sacramento were found guilty today of counterfeiting United States notes by a jury in the United States district court. Mrs. Bennett and Farlin, according to federal authorities, came to the attention of the police in Portland in riots by Industrial Workers of the world. Sentences will be imposed Saturday.