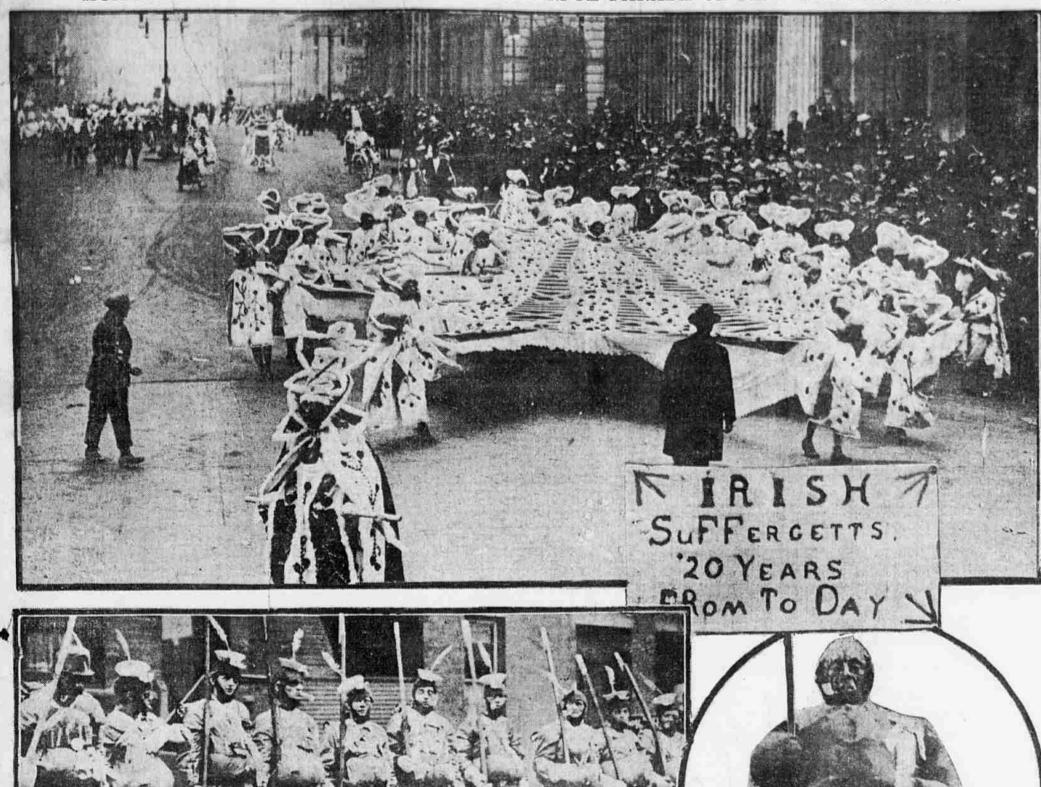
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# HUMOR AND SPLENDOR ALTERNATE IN COLORFUL PARADE OF NEW YEAR MUMMERS



Above, the Silver Crown Club is shown as it appeared in the line of march. Below, are two selections from the comic division. The baseball players belong to the M. A. Bruder Club.

# BRITISH LINER TORPEDOED OFF EGYPT; MANY LIVES LOST; AMERICAN CONSUL ON BOARD

Nationality of U-Boat Not Known. Many Women and Children Among 300 Passengers-Ship Carried No War Material

tension.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 .- A new and

most serious submarine controversy to-day confronted the United States in the torpedoins of the British Peninsular and Oriental liner Persia in the Mediterran-

ean. Hot on the heels of the virtual settlement of the Ancona case with Austria the sinking of the Persia revived

Presence abourd the Persia of Ameri-

can Consul R. M. McNeely, of Aden, en route to his post, added to the seriousness of the situation.

The State Department received reports

from American Consul General Skinner,

At London, regarding the sinking of the Persia, and that Consul McNeely was a passenger, and other Americans were believed to be on board. Skinner said most of the passengers beginned McNeely's

of the passengers perished. McNeely's fate was in doubt. If the American diplomat met death, the attack upon the Persia

promises to make one of the most acute and serious issues which the Government has yet had to face.

President Wilson and Secretary Lansing gave the Perzia disaster their personal attention. The President was promptly sent every acrap of information received at the State Department.

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While officials were openly amazed at the attack on the Persia, particularly so shortly after the transmission of Austria's

reply on the Ancona case, they were dis-posed to withhold judgment and comment until the facts are more fully ascertained.

They especially were interested in whether the Persia was warned and her passengers given opportunity to reach

False Fire Alarm Breaks Up Parade

When the mummers' parade arrived at Broad and Tasker streets today, some

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nises to make one of the most acute

The big Peninsular and Oriental liner Persia was torpedoed in the Mediterranean Sea on Thursday afternoon with tremendous loss of life by a submarine, the nationality of which is unknown.

The Persia was sunk off the Egyptian coast, southeast of the island of Crete, according to advices received here.

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Among the first class passengers on board were Robert N. McNeely, United States Consul at Aden, Arabia, and Baron John Walter Edward Douglas Montague, of Beaulieu.
Four boatloads of the Persia's surviv-

ors were picked up by a steamship bound for Alexandria. It is believed they were landed at Alexandria this morning. Officials of the line stated positively that there were no war materials aboard

the liner.

The Persia left London December 18.

She touched at Marseilles and left that

Port on December 26. Port on December 28.

It was estimated this afternoon that between 75 and 200 persons lost their lives, including many women and children.

Officials of the company later gave out an estimate that there were about 21 passengers aboard, including 86 women and 25 children. Besides American Concul General McNeely two other Americans, Charles H. Grant and Edward Rose were passengers when the liner

were passengers when the liner Continued on Page Four, Column Three

# THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity— Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday, with aloudy vising togeperature; Sun-day unsatiled with probably rain or mow; light variable winds.

# LOST AND FOUND

Blackfur Los. Friday, Dec. 31, gold curt begins a noise roum Sh and Chesinat to 110, and Market Repaired it returned to 1, h Patwell & Co., 502 Chestnat her Classified Ads on Pages 14 and 12.

# 1916, LEAP YEAR, ROARED IN WITH WILD REVELRY

Great Crowds Throng to City's Centre—Hotels Scene of Gaiety

LASTS TILL WEE HOURS

This is a bigger little year than we thought it was. There is an extra day in it. Counting last nig't there are two extra days in it. The one that is going to be tucked in at the end of February. to be known as February 29, will not be nearly so eventful as last night. Perhaps because this is a leap year they made more of its entry into history than is

Every patriotic child, giri, boy, woman Every patriotic child, giri, boy, woman and man was out with a horn. Most of the horns were painted red, white and blue, but it was not patriotism for America that the people tooted; it was something greater than that; it was patriotism for the universe, which was turning over a new leaf. The city was cheering something more than the stars and atripes; it was cheering the stars.

EVERYBODY MAKES FRIENDS.

It must be fascinating to dust the face of a total stranger with a feather duster at the corner of Broad and Chestnut streets. Thousands of faces, few of which were strikingly handsome, were as carefully dusted off as if they were the valuable marble features of the Apollo Helvidere or the Venus de Milo. It was symbolic of the cleansing change which New Year's stands for—the spirit of noble resolution, of putting on a new face.

But, more than that, it showed how important was this festival, which Philadelphia makes more of than any other city—so important that for an hour or two everything turned topsy-turvy and EVERYBODY MAKES FRIENDS. two everything turned topsy-turvy and one did not claim even the usually acknowledged privilege of keeping his nose, eyes and ears as private property, but poyously accnowled the tickling of the little of feather dusters and sneezed and chorded and stack out his chin for more. For one brief hour the word "stranger"

It was a clear, dry night. The people who drink too much nearly every night in the year did it amain last night. But, as a rule, they kept themselves off the streats; they were hidden away in solemn, gilded rooms. The gay, fresh streets, the rich and race night, the spley air—they left these to the children, as in former years. It was the children's night, the one in which are always sure to be al-lowed to stay up late. If a census had been taken of the crowds it would have

# \$250,000 BLAZE IN WILMINGTON **FURNITURE PLANT**

Foard - Massey Company Building Burned-Cause Is Not Determined

TWO NEW YEAR'S FIRES

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 1. - Fire which caused damage of \$250,000 destroyed the Foord-Massey Furniture Company building at 7th and Shipley streets, to-day. It was the second fire of the early morning, the first having damaged the warehouse of the Charles Warner Com-

The fire originated in the third floor of the Shipley street building and used by the Foord-Massey company as its upholstering department, but Robert Foerd, president of the firm, who was at the scene shortly after the alarm was turned in, said he did not know the cause. The police are of the opinion that apontaneous combustion was caused by the large course. ombustion was caused by the large quantity of paint and varnish stored on the third floor.

When the fire was discovered smoke was issuing from the roof of the John T. Feeney Company building, which adjoins the Foord-Massey Shipley greet property. Que.k action by the firemen prevented the flames from reaching the Feeney store, although it is believed it may have suffered considerable damage.

smoke and water. For more than three hours the Foord-Massey property was ablaze, with the flames shooting high into the air and licking the sides of the apartment house on 7th and Orange streets.

More than 2000 persons, including many women, some of whom were scantily clad, witnessed the fire. In order that

witnessed the fire. In order that water might be put through the window. Robert Foord, head of the concern, climbed a 30-foot hadder and shot holes in the win-dows with a revolver. The damage is fully covered by insurance. The building was a five-story atructure, once used as

The fire in the Charles Warner warehouse had just been extinguished when firemen were called to the Foord-Massey fire. One side of the warehouse was burned and the damage will reach \$10,000. On account of the Foord-Massey fire, which firemen are still watching, the Seventh street line of trolley cars had to be abandoned.

Fifty Years a Fireman; Resigns SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 1.—Heary F. Ferber, superintendent of the Sureau of Fires, retired from office today after com-Continued on Page Turce, Column Two

# **MUMMERS VIE** IN SHOWING WORLD EVENTS

Broad Street a Splendid Scene as 12,000 March in Glittering Army

VIVID AND SPECTACULAR

An army of happiness chasing the

Such was the mummers' parade today,

What words can picture it? Color, galety, music and enthusiasm all blended together by fully 12,000 merry marchers made Philadelphia's own big show a pacemaker which will live long in

Regular New Year's Day weather pre-vailed until 12:45, when a very light flurry of snow followed by rain fell just as the Talbot String Band wes turning City Hall. Most of the crowd, who were vet-eran mummer rooters, held until the last ciub in line passed. Umbrellas popped

cran mummer rooters, held dufit the last club in line passed. Umbrellas popped up here and there, and the majority took the rainfall as a matter of course. From Porter street to Girard avenue Broad street was an immense stage, upon which the doings of the entire world were graphically shown in picturesque and daring originality. And the constant laughter and applause when echoed from the thousands who packed the aldewalks attested appreciation. It would have brought loy even to the heart of a Henry Ford, for all nations marched along arm and arm. German barons danced with French leutenants. Turkish dignitaries laughed with English lords and Russial generals mingled happily with Austrian dignitaries.

NEUTRALITY THE KEYNOTE.

NEUTRALITY THE KEYNOTE Bringing the spirit of peace closer home there were feroclotts-looking Indians coverting with diaphanous chorus girls, and brigandish Mexicans dancing vigorously with Unice San's cowboys. And everywhere you looked there were clowns, clowns and clowns. Some of se were not as foolish as they looked, they wore glittering raiment which I undoubtedly figure in the prize money be awarded as the city's apprecia-

The mummers dealt candidly with ques-tions which are puzzling rulers, diplomats and peacemakers, and they took a fling, too, at thins, at home to show that they were both broad-minded and neutral. The world of industry, the fads and fancies of women, the dreams of castle builders and inventors did not excape the builders and inventors did not escape the

There were Governors in petticoats and Continued on Page Two, Column One

# EXTRA!

### PRIZE WINNERS IN

### PARADE OF MUMMERS

FANCY DIVISION

Eirst Prize, \$650 LOBSTER NEW YEAR ASSOCIATION

Second Prize, \$400. CHARLES KLEIN NEW YEAR ASSOCIATION

Third Prize, \$200 SILVER CROWN NEW YEAR ASSOCIATION

Fourth Prize, \$150 BOHLY MORROW NEW YEAR ASSOCIATION

### COMIC DIVISION

First Prize, \$650

WHITE CAPS

Second Prize, \$350 M. A. BRUDER NEW YEAR ASSOCIATION

Third Prize, \$200 ZUZU NEW YEAR ASSOCIATION

Fourth Prize, \$150 D. R. OSWALD NEW YEAR ASSOCIATION

Fifth Prize, \$75 HARRY WALL NEW YEAR ASSOCIATION

Sixth Prize, \$60 SAUER KRAUT BAND, OF POTTSVILLE, PA.

#### CHILD DIES OF HYDROPHOBIA

Rackel Cohen, 6 years old, of 2324 South Franklin street, died of hydrophedia the afternoon in the Polyclinic Hospital. According to physicians this is the first death of hydrophobia recorded this whiten She was blitten by a homeless dog at 20th and Pine streets

CARINET UNABLE TO AGREE ON CONSCRIPTION BILL

LONDON, Jan. L.-The Cabinet was unable to agree upon the form the consciption bill is to lake at yesterday's session. Another of mention will be held energy next week.

# SALONICA SHELLED BY AEROPLANES

PADIS, Jan. 1 .- Salonica was shelled by aeroplanes on Thursday, it was officially amicanced today. Heavy artillery fire is repartied from the Dardanelles.

# WIRELESS DISPELS FEAR FOR SHIP'S SAFETY

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.-The Greek steamship Thessalonika, for which grave fears have been felt, is safe in tow of the Greek ship Paris, and is slowly making her way toward New York, according to a radiogram received here teday from the coast guard cutter Seneca.

# "WITH GOD, FOR GERMANY," KAISER'S GREETING

BERLIN (via Amsterdam), Jan. 1.-Kaiser Wilhelm today sent the folowing New Year's greeting to the men of the German army and navy and the colonials: "Comrades, one year of severe fighting has elapsed. Wherever superio

enemies have tried to rush our lines they have failed. Before your loyalty and bravery everywhere I sent you into battle you were gloriously victorious. "Thankfully, we remember today above all the brethren who joyfully gave their blood to gain security for their beloved ones, their homes and the im-

perishable glory of the Fatherland. "What they began we shall accomplish. We enter the new year with

# God for the protection of the Fatherland and for Germany's greatness."

# VON PAPEN ARRIVES AT LISBON

LONDON, Jan. 1.-The Holland-America liner Noordam, bearing Captain Franz von Papen, the recalled military attache of the German Embassy at Washington, has arrived at Lisbon, according to a dispatch today to the Exchange Telegraph. The Noordam sailed from Hoboken December 21, bound for Rotterdam. Von Papen carried a safe conduct from the State Department.

# TEUTONIC ALLIES PROTEST AGAINST CONSULS' ARREST

ATHENS, Jan. 1.-The Central Powers, with Turkey and Bulgaria, today made a collective protest to the Greek Government regarding the arrest of their Consuls at Salonica. Premier Skouloudis made formal reply that Greeca already had ledged complaint with England and France, The German, Austrian, Turkish and Bulgarian Consuls at Salonica were placed under arrest by order of General Sarrail, commander of the Angio-French forces, Skouloudis said. French and British troops surrounded the Consulates and made the arrests after a German aeroplane attack on the city

# KING CONSTANTINE TO GO UNDER KNIFE

ATHENS, Jan. 1 .- King Constantine will be operated on today or tomorrow. Professor Strauss, the German specialist who attended the King during the summer, accompanied by Professor Esselberg, is expected to arrive here late today to perform the operation.

# KING GEORGE PRAISES FRENCH IN NOTE TO POINCARE

LONDON, Jan. 1.- King George has sent a New Year's telegram to President dent Poincare, of France, in which he says: "Our two countries are united. in common with our allies, in the prosecution of a great cause, and it is a source of unfailing gratification to me that the two peoples are bound together by ties which the heroism and sacrifices of our gullant soldiers and sailors have rendered indissoluble. I beg you to accept on behalf of myself and my empire most cordial greetings to the great nation over which you preside and an expression of my deep admiration for the splendid qualities of the land and sea forces of France, which have been in this war of such inestimable value and which offer a sure guarantee of ultimate victory.

# AUSTRIANS DROP GAS BOMBS ON ITALIAN FOSITIONS

ROME, Jan. 1.—The following official statement was issued by the Italian War Office today:

"On the whole front artillery combats are in progress. The enemy to employing the use of asphyxiating bembs, dropping many on our positions in the Daone Valley and on the left bank of the Chiese."

Broad and Tasker streets today, some person pulsed the fire hox at that corner. The engines and trucks byried through Broad street and Soyder avenue, and for a time the crossingtion of the parade was broken up. The excitement of the search for a fire araniy caused a riot in the crowds before it became known that the alarm was false. Montague Glass' Characters Discuss Christmas on Page 5; "Kazan," a Tale of Love, a Dog and Adventure, Is on Page 7,