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WILSON PLEDGES **DECISIVE ACTION IN PERSIA CASE**

President "Will Satisfy All Patriotic Americans," Senators Are Told

ANOTHER AMERICAN LOST

WASHINGTON Jan. 6. Action which "will satisfy all particular institution arising from the loss of Amer-can be and the second state of the second institution arising from the loss of the second institution are second in the second second institution are second as a second second in the fact are available he will act de-defined by the second second second second in the second second second second in the second second second second arises of a crastic character.

ANOTHER AMERICAN LOST. Ambassador Page at London today con firmed press reports to the effect that another American is believed to have been lost on the Persia. In a dispatch to the State Department Ambassador Page said the Rev. Homer R. Sallsbury, formerly of Tacoma Park, District of Conbia, is believed to have been lost of the Persia. Ambassador Page's dispatch

The Rev. Homer R. Salisbury, native The Rev. Romer R. Sansoury, nalter-born American citizen, sailed from Mar-sellies, France, on Persia. He formerly lived in Tacoma Park, D. C. Steamship emptain confirms his sailing and believes him lost." The Rev. Mr. Sallsbury was a mission-try and was on his way to join his wife

The Rev. Mr. Salisbury was a mission-ary and was on his way to join his wife at a post in India when he boarded the Persia at Marselles. His mother lives at Battle Creek, Mich., and a brother, W. R. Salisbury, lives at Glendale, Cal. Ambassador Penfield at Vienna today objed the 'tate Department tha. he had received its instructions to ask the Aus-trian roreign Office for information re-garding the nationality of the submarine which sank the Fersia. The Ambassador stated f rther that he had gone to the Foreign Office and made the inquiries. His dispatch did not indicate when he ex-pected to receive a reply from he Aus-trian Foreign Office. The State Department also received

The State Department also received word from Consul Garrels at Alexandria today, stating that he is collecting affi-davite from survivors of the Persia. He stated that all agree they saw no submarine. The President later conferred with Sen-

ator Stone chairman of the Senate For-eign Affairs Committee, and urged him to prevent any further public discussion in international relations in open session.

EXPLAINS SENATE ROW.

The President made it very plain to the Missouri Senator that such a "free-for-al" handling of a critical international situation which took place yesterday might be very dangerous to the United States. Senator Stone is understood to have explained to the President that the discussion broke loose without warning discussion broke loose without warning and that it would have savored too much of "gag rule" to have attempted to choke it off.

The Senator told the President that there is a wide difference of opinion in Senators regarding the authority of the executive to break off friendly ____ilons with any Power without at least finsult-ing the Senate, and explained the many of the members of the upper h. the view that Americans have no right to travel in armed beligerent vessels. The ontire situation as it now stands and the plans prepared by the President and Secretary Lansing were outlined to Senator Stone, and he then agreed to do his best to prevent any further free discussion of the foreign relations of the United States.

PERSIA DEATH LIST 333; TWO AMERICANS LOST

LONDON, Jan. 6 .- According to latest



PERSIA VICTIM'S FIANCEE Miss Wilma Whitacre, of West Liberty, Iowa, who was to have been the bride of Robert Mc-Neeley, United States Consul to Aden.

IL NEMICO E' BATTUTO E MESSO IN FUGA SUL FRONTE DELLA CARNIA

Austria e Germania Avevano Offerto la Pace e Concessioni all'Italia Che Rispose Riflutando

L'ITALIA E L'EPIRO

ROMA, 6 Gennalo. Un comunicato ufficiale pubblicato questa matting dice che violenti combattimenti sono in corso sulle Alpi Carniche e ie finora i risultati sono favorevoli agli aliani. Ecco il testo del comunicato: "Nella zona di Monte Croce il nemico untary action (the continental army plan) taliani and that fails, then policies based on universal service or some form of com-pulsory service will be enacted as the only remaining remedy," said Garristato obbligato dalle nostre truppe a ritirarsi verso Moos. "Su altri punti del fronte di battaglia

in Carnia la nostra artiglieria ha dis-trutto le opere di difesa degli austiaci, mettendo in fuga il nemico."

The War Secretary read a lengthy state-ment to the committee in opening his ex-amination, outlining the Administration Si e' appreso da telegrammi trasmessi a Parigi che la Germania aveva recenteamination, outlining the Administration army preparedness program, including in-crease of the standing army to 140,000 men, the continental army of 400,000 volunteers, and increase of munition supplies and strengthening of coast fortifications. "The people are now insisting that such proper measures for national defense shall be taken," said Garrison. "The in-teration of the volume and its years of mente offerto in nome dell'Austria, poco prima che l'Italia desse la sua adesione al Patio di Londra, di concludere la pace separata con l'Italia. La notizia ei data ora a Parigi del Petit Journal. Queste giornale dice che la Germania aveva pro-posto all'Italia la cessione del Trentino posto all'Italia la cessione del Trentino e della zona ora occupata dalle forze italiane sul fronte dell'Isonzo con Gorizia e le posizioni del Carso. Inoltre l'Italia avrebbe ritenuto per se' Valona senza che l'Austria o la Germania protestas-sero. Oltre a cio' Germania ed Austria si sarebbero impegnate ad ottenere per l'Italia concensioni nell'Asia Minore ed avrebbero serettito II possesso delle tegrity of the nation and its very ex-istence may depend upon what is done at this time. The people have passed the point of requiring further debate or reaons for necessity for such action "We may not solve our problem by either a regular standing army or atwwe tempting use of the militia." avrebbero garentito il possesso delle colonie africane di Tripoli, dell'Eritrea e Regarding invoking the Swiss or Aus-tralian universal training systems, Gar-rison said:

della Somalia. Queste offerte furono immediatamente igettate dull'Italia che per risposta si affretto' a firmare il Patto di Londra. affretto affretto' a irmare il Patto di Londra. Un telegramma da Londra dice che il Times afferma che il governo italiano ha promesso alla Grecia che le sue forze operanti⁶ nell'Albania al fermeranno al confine settentrionale dell'Epiro e non entreranno in territorio greco. La sit-uazione in Albania non e' ancora chlarita completamente, ma si crede in questi circoli che l'Italia ha preso tutto le misure necessarie per far fronte ad un possibile attacco delle forze austriache e bulgare inteso ad occupare Durazzo o qual-siasi altro punto della costa albanese. LA STAMPA E GLI STATI UNITL

I giornali italiani pubblicano con grossi titoli i dispacci da Washington circa l'affrettato ritorno alla capitale del presicirca dente Wilson non appena egil ebbe notizia dell'affondamento del Persia. Natural-mente la stampa italiana mostra il piu' grande interesse all'atteggiamento degli Stati Uniti di fronte al nuovo massacro di innocenti. Il Giornale d'Italia scrive: "Dopo un tale tragico avvenimento come l'affondamento del Persia ne' tre-gua ne' pace possono esser date a nemici п che commettono simili atrocita'. presidente Wilson continua a mandare pezzi di carta mentre i sottomarini ri-spondono affondando piroscafi ed assassinando passeggeri senz' armi ed innocul donne e ragazzi. Ormai e' tempo che l'America agisca o si disinteressi com-pletamente di ogni normi di umanita' nella guerra, siano i responsabili i tedeschi, gli austriaci od i turchi."

FOE WEAKENS DAY BY DAY, JOFFRE TELLS HIS ARMIES

PARIS, Jan. 6.-The order of the day issued by General Joffre, the French commander-in-chief, to the army on New Year's Day has appeared in an army bulletin.

Soldiers of the republic," says the order, "at the moment when this "Soldiers of the republic," says the order, "at the moment when this year of war is terminating, you may consider your work with pride and measure the grandeur of what you have accomplished. In the Artois, in the Champagne, in the Woevre and in the Vosges you have inflicted upon the enemy resounding blows and caused him sanguinary losses, losses incomparably greater than ours. The German army still holds out, but sees its numbers and resources diminishing each day. Obliged to succor weakening Austria, Germany must seek in secondary theatres temporary and easy successes that she has failed to gain on the principal fronts. All the German colonies are either isolated from the world or in our hands. our hands.

our hands. "On the other hand, the Allies are reinforcing themselves unceas-ingly. Let us be proud of our might and our right. Let us think of the past only to find in it reasons for confidence. Let us think of our dead only to avenge them. While our enemies are talking of peace, let us think only of war and victory. "At the beginning of a year that will be, thanks to you, a glorious one for France, your commander-in-chief addresses to you from the bottom of his heart the most affectionate greetings. J. JOFFRE. "General Headquarters of the French Army, December 20."

COMPULSORY SERVICE ALLIES DIRECT FURIOUS

FOR U.S. ARMY HINTED **CANNONADE UPON LENS** AT BY WAR SECRETARY Sustained Attack Admitted by Berlin General

Garrison, Before House Committee, Urges Defense Plan on Voluntary Military

tained attack is being directed against Lens by the Allies' artillery, the German War Office announced today. Two SEEKS SPEEDY ACTION Allled aeroplanes have been shot down by the Germans, one of them being destroyed by Lieutenant Boelke, who has WASHINGTON, Jan. 6. - Americans

now seven air victories to his credit. must adopt voluntary military training or face compulsory service. This was secretary of War Garrison's warning to-The text of the statement follows:

Staff

Secretary of War Garrison's warning to-day, when he opened the army national defense hearings before the House Mill-tary Committee. The Secretary declared a large stand-ing army undesirable and "utterly futtle." and reliance upon State militia "utterly unwarranted" as an "unstable founda-tion." His continental army plan, he said, was the only feasible alternative if compulsory military training and con-scription for service was to be avoided. "If you adopt a system based on vol-untary action (the continental army plan) 'West front-Artillery duels are taking place at numerous points on the West front. The enemy is shelling the town of Lens uninterruptedly. A hand grenade attack by the enemy northeast of Le Meanli was easily repulsed. Enemy alt craft attacked Doual with success. Ger-man aviators shot down two English aeroplanes. One of the British machines fell a victim of Lieutenant Boelke, who has now disabled seven machines of the enemy." enemy."

TWO BRITISH SHIPS SUNK BY SUBMARINES

Both Torpedoed in Mediterranean Without Warning. Some Lives Lost

MARSEILLES, Jan. 6.—The British steamships Middleton and Helia have been torpedoed and sunk in the Mediter-ranean. It was ..nnounced have today. There was some loss of life on the Helia. Both vessels are reported to have been destroyed without any warning from the submbarine that attacked them.* Seventeen passengers of the Helia and 13 members of the steamer's crew were

rescued. All mer crew were saved. mbers of the Middleton's The Middleton was a vessel of 2506 tons

built in 1905 and halling from Hull, Lloyd's register does not list the Helia.

CHOPS UP FAMILY; KILLS SELF

York Farmer Blows Off His Head After Attacking Wife and Baby

"There is a belief among some that we are now facing a crisis. This is not the proper view. There is common agree-ment that we should have 500,000 men while to instant cell?" YORK, Pa., Jan. 6 .- Brooding over recent business transaction, C. C. Rich-ards, a truck farmer, attempted to kill his wife and three-year-old son with a subject to instant calL" Federalizing of the National Guard, Garrison said, was impossible, because hatchet in their home near Stony Brook several miles east of here, today. He later committed suicide by blowing off his the Government lacks authority over State militia. He disapproved the Fed-eral militia pay bill. That the militia be head with a 12-gauge single shotgun. given the right to enter the continental

The woman and baby are in a serious condition, but are expected to recover.

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cial statement from Austrian general CZAR'S COLUMN

years had made it their trade to scous him without reason of breaking fails. None could say, he continued, how many young men could be spared or who were hanging back. In the House of Lords, Lord Kitchans, the War Minister, said the voluntary system had been given the fullest and courset trial. quarters. n the Bessarablan front, after "On strong artillery fire early in the noon, another infantry attack was led mgainst our positions near Very afternoon, another infantry attack was directed against our positions man Toporuts and on the frontier east of Rannace (seven miles northeast of Czernowits), where the enemy at some points advanced in eight lines close to our position. His columns collapsed before our obstacles. The Crontian and South Hungarian regiments distinguished themselves. AT CZERNOWITZ

system had been given the fullest and fairest trial. "We are now asking Parliament to sanction a change," continued Lord Rit-choner, "as it has been proved that in the special circumstances of this upprox-dented struggle the existing system, with-out modification, is not equal to main-taining the army which is needed to ma-"Russian attacks against the bridge-head near Uscieczko and in the sector of Jaslowice (on the Stripa) also failed, Further north there were no important events.

LABOR PROTESTS AGAINST "DRAFT"

LONDON, Jan, 6. Continued from Page One Much uncertainty is felt in military

HOLDS HEIGHTS

Dominating Position Won

in New Russian Offen-

sive in Galicia

SLAVS STRONG ON PRUTH

Czernowitz already has changed hands

Czernowitz already has changed hands four times in the course of the war. Cernowitz lies in a deep valley. The town itself is not of great strategic value except for its railroads. Its fall is likely to have greater political than military significance, as an outstanding success by the Russians at this time would be likely to have a far-reaching effect on Rumania.

While the battle on the borders of Bes

is apparently still far from de-claion, each day finds the Russians claim-ing the occupation of additional enemy positions, and Petrograd believes that if

this process continues a short ime longer a break must come somewhere in the lines of the Central Powers.

The whole energy of the Russian army

is being directed to making a gap be-tween the German armles in the centre and the southern Austrian forces, and the desperate Austrian attacks in the re-

gion of Kolki are designed to prevent this. The fighting must continue for a consid-erable time yet, but upon the result will

dopend in large measure the strategy of both sides when spring comes.

A dispatch to a Berlin newspaper from the Bukowina front describes t's fighting there since Christmas Day as unexam-pled. The Russians have concentrated

more than 200 guns and three divisions of infantry (36,000) men on a front of three-quarters of a mile. The battle reached

its height on December 28, when the Rus-

slans attacked 14 times and there was furious hand-to-hand fighting.

AUSTRIANS WIN EVERYWHERE

IN THE EAST, BERLIN TOLD

along the river Pruth.

blindfold because the Premier has been blindfold because the Premier has been trapped into a pledge he ought never to have given. The fault of the war is not lack of men. It lies with those in high command, who landed troops at Suvla Bay without artillery and hurled them to death when, if properly directed, they circles here as to the fate of Czernowitz. capital of the Austrian province of Bukowina, which unofficially has been reported evacuated by the Austrians. Reports to death when, if properly directed, they could have been in Constantinople long from Austrian sources received here indicate that at least part of the city has been abandoned by the Austrian troops.

"If conscription is intended, the first step ought to be to clear out the War Office." The Czar's attacking column holds the heights dominating this city, and 's strong

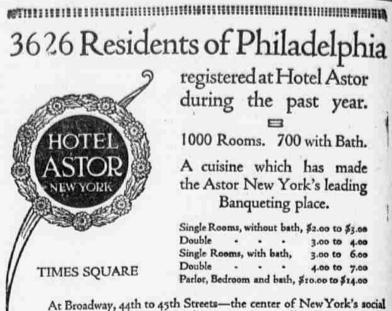
Sir John Simon, whose resignation as Sir John Simon, whose resignation as Home Secretary was announced yester-day, made a speech in which, after ex-pressing regret that he had found it nec-essary to sever his relations with Premier essary to sever his relation when relation of the Asquith, he pleaded for rejection of the compulsory bill. He said it must be re-pellent to his late chief to recall that among the most effusive of his present among the most effusive of his present WEITER PRESERVE AND ADDRESS OF supporters were the very men who for

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REPLIN, Jan. 6 - A furious and sus-**Training Basis**

perished when the Peninsular and Ori-ental liner Persia was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean. Among the ine in the Mediterranean. Among the victims were two Americans. United States Consul Robet H. McNeely and Rev. Homer R. Salisbury, of Washington. Rev. Salibury boarded the Persia at Marseilles, but it wis not definitely learned until today that he was o pard. The following figures showing the cas-melles in connection with the Dersis diualties in connection with the Persia disaster were made public her today: Persons on board, 502, known rescued,

169; lost, 333. A fifth boat from the steamship Persia

has arrived at Malta, according to a dis-patch from that place to the Dally Mail received through its Milan correspondent. The survivors believe a sixth boat suc-

The American Embassy here has re-

The American Embassy here has re-ceived a report saying that the Rev. Homer R. Salisbury, an American, was a passenger on the Persia, but that he was not included among the survivors. The Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Company confirms the report that the Rev. Mr. Salisbury embarked on the Persia. The Rev. Mr. Salisbury's home was at '.akoma P.rk. Washington, D. C. He boarded the steamship at Marseilles, going to join his wife, who is a mission-ary in India

ITALIANS DRIVE BACK FOES IN CARNIC ALPS

Artillery Combats Rage Amid Snowclad Peaks and Valleys. **Progress** at Monte Croce

ROME, Jan. 6.

Violent fighting between the Italians and the Austrians is in progress in the Carnic Alps, with the advantage with the Italian forces.

the Italian forces. Artillery is booming amidst the snow-capped crags and in the snow-filled val-ing in a great artillery duel. The Italian War Office, in an official statement today, declared that the Aus-trians had been forced back all along the front in Carnia. The text of the official report follows: "At Monte Croce the enemy was forced to retreat in the direction of Moos. "At other points on the front in Carnia our artillery destroyed the defensive works of the Austriana, putting the anomy to flight."

THE WEATHER

Official Forecast

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6. form Pennsylvania and Naw Jer-and much colder tonight, with wave; Friday fair; fresh to strong

arth winds. The storm that covered the Lake region atomics has moved northeastward to be out of St. Lawrence, accompanied the basis of the source, the othern trough has parily filled, but it und ratus southweatward to Texas dur-time hast 14 hours. The storm has a classify followed by a subtree cold are, the isomeratures failing to degrees more in unost of the central valleys d in the Lake region during the law four the cale region is beginning to can the Alexberry Manufane this mag-a and the temperatures to Endasted

AVANZATA SU SALONICCO.

Tutte le notizie che si hanno oggi fanno redere che sia imminente l'avanzata delle forze teutoniche e bulgare su Salonicco, base delle forze alleate che erano andate al soccorso della Serbia. I giornali romani pubblicano telegrammi dal juali risulta che una battaglia e' immi-nente tra le forze teutoniche ed alleate in quali territorio greco, e d'altra parte anche la Frankfurter Zeitung annunci a che il marescialio von Mackensen ha ricevuto da Berlino l'ordine di avenzare su Salon-

reco. Truppe bulgare e tedesche sono andate concentrandosi in questi ultimi pochi giorni al confine settentrionale della Grecia dove sono stati ammassati una Grecia dove sono stati ammassati una grande quantita' di bocche da fuoco e grande quantità di Bocche da Tabco e molte truppe. Si dice che per questa ivanzata su Salonicco i tedeschi hanno concentrato 400,000 uomini sulla linea Gvegheli-Doiran. Si crede che primo obiettivo dei tedeschi sara' Kilindir.

La Western Union Telegraph Company ha annunciato che d'ora innanzi indirizzi telegrafici registrati prima dei i Luglio 1914 possono essere usati in telegrammi diretti in Italia, ma la firma dei mittente deve essere scritta per intero

Victor Company to Insure Employes

Announcement that the Victor Talking Machine Company, of Camden, would pro-vide an insurance of \$1000 for all employes vide an insurance of \$1000 for all employes of the company who have been on the payroll more than five years, was halled with delight today by the thousands of employes of the concern. Employes of less than five years will receive an in-surance of \$750. The policies, according to the placards, will be paid to relatives if at the time of death employees are in geodstanding in the Victor Employees' Banefiel Association. Beneficial Association.

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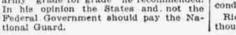
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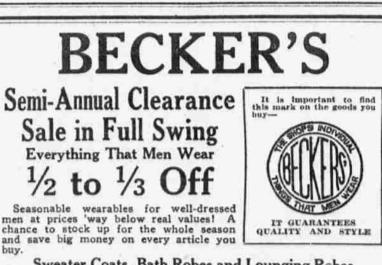
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