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BRITISH REPULSE TURKS WITH LOSS OF 800 TROOPERS

Throw Them Back Along the Tigris; King Peter Arrives Off Coast of Italy

TEUTONS TO ADVANCE?

Conflicting Reports Say They Will Start Drive Through Greece

A severe repulse for the Turks by the British Mesopotamian army at Kut-el-Amar, on the Tigris is reported by the British commander, General Townshend. The Turks attacked determinedly but were beaten off, their losses being from 600 and 800 killed and wounded. It is declared the British casualties were under 200. King Peter, of Serbia, arrived at Brindisi, Italy, on Christmas Day, having been conveyed from Avlona, Albanian, on an Italian cruiser. He announced before leaving Avlona that he wished to go to Saloniki to consult with the Serbian minister of war as to military plans. Berlin has received reports through Constantinople, that the Russian army opposing the Turks in the Caucasus is demoralized from various causes, notably illness and lack of proper equipment. The latest official Russian report announces the recesses for the Turkish detachment and breaking Turkish fortifying operations. Advices through Berlin declare that M. Gouraris, the Greek statesman, whose party won the recent elections has announced his willingness to support the present Skouliou ministry, relinquishing his own claims to the premiership. In an interview with a French news-

SINKING OF JAP SHIP TO TIGHTEN ANCONA SNARL?

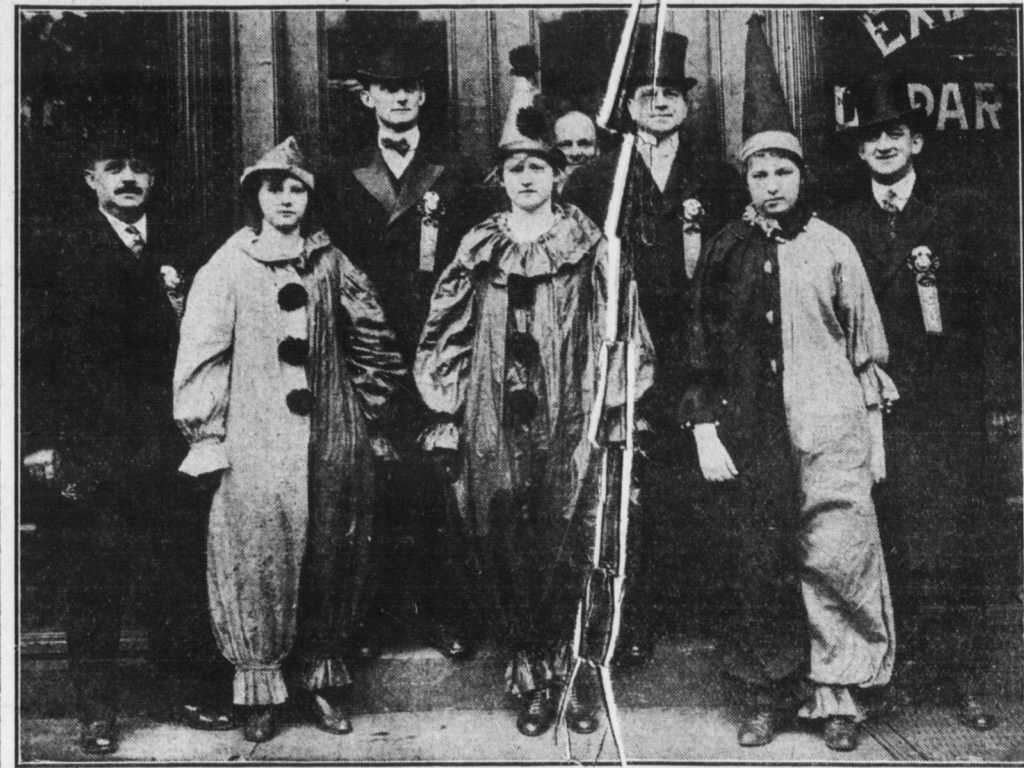
Consul Cables It Was Sunk Without Warning; Austria Believed Responsible

FURTHER COMPLICATIONS

U. S. Will Broaden Diplomatic Correspondence; Expects Full Reply to Note

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—American Consul Bristow at Port Said, cabled to-day that no warning was given the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru before she was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean last Tuesday by a submarine of unestablished nationality. The liner, he added, made no attempt to escape. The consul's dispatch, which came in response to Secretary Lansing's call for reports on the disaster, was the first official information on the incident which probably will be the subject of further diplomatic correspondence with the Teutonic powers. Should it develop that an Austrian command was responsible for the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona will be further complicated, as the diplomatic correspondence with Austria will be broadened to take in the general subject of attack without warning, as it did in the last stages of the negotiations with Germany. Full Reply to Note Unofficial reports of a favorable reply by the Vienna Foreign Office to the last Ancona note have not served to alter the attitude of the State Department in the Ancona case and there are direct indications that nothing but meeting the demands of the United States fully will leave diplomatic relations between the two countries unimpaired. The word that the reply "will be guided with concern for the good relations" between the two countries, officials take it, means that Austria-Hungary probably expect more diplomatic correspondence upon the subject. The United States is disinclined to enter into any such negotiations. Should it develop that an Austrian submarine torpedoed the Yasaka Maru without warning the Vienna foreign office undoubtedly will be asked to disavow the act to give assurance to govern future conduct of the submarine warfare. As was done in the correspondence with Germany, the United States will hold to the position that if submarine warfare is to be conducted, commanders cannot be sure that an American life will not be placed in danger.

MUMMERS WHO ARE HUSTLING FOR CASH



Every day will be a busy time for the members of the finance committee of the Harrisburg Mummies' Association. With the annual parade only five days off, there is more cash needed to take care of prizes and other expenses. Assisted by three attractive women, the committee has visited a number of business places and received additional contributions, beginning to-day. The committee will be out every day. In the picture, from left to right back row—E. Frank Hoffman, William E. Orr, Clarence O. Backenstoss, Ross R. Seaman; front row—Miss Mary Backenstoss, Miss Emma Kahn and Miss Leona Neil.

CITY SLEEPY ON TWO-DAY LOAF

Christmas Celebrated in Good Old-Fashioned Way by All Harrisburg

If a whole city of celebrators got up a bit reluctantly this morning they could scarcely be blamed perhaps; the two-day loaf after weeks of hustling preparation was bound to have that effect. Christmas, 1915, has become history now and all Harrisburg looks back with much, much satisfaction on a thoroughly enjoyable Friday evening. The lighting of the municipal Christmas tree at Front and Market streets, from then on it was a mighty big occasion. The "Day" had not dawned before carolers were in the streets and the first faint tip of the rising sun of Christmas was greeted with the chiming of "Adeste Fideles" from the towers of Zion Lutheran church. In most churches there were early morning services after which all Harrisburg settled back to enjoy itself in its own way.

IMPROVEMENTS FOR WEST SHORE GIVEN BIG BOOST

R. L. Myers, of Camp Hill, and Sen. Martin, of West Fairview, Make Addresses

West Shore improvement and territorial development were given a big boost during the Christmas celebration in two cross-river towns. Robert L. Myers, president of the Lemoyne Trust Company and a resident of Camp Hill, spoke at the municipal tree celebration in Lemoyne and urged the various towns and boroughs to work together for the future welfare of the community. He spoke chiefly on the establishment of a community high school and also took occasion to suggest that the residents of the West Shore towns secure the services of experts to map out plans for development. In West Fairview, during the carrying out of the Christmas celebration Friday evening, Senator Frank Martin also spoke of West Shore improvement and the growth of public spirit, especially during the past few weeks, or since the agitation for development was started. He remarked that the big celebration in his town was one of

PAN-AMERICAN PLAN APPROVED

Speakers at Scientific Congress Endorse Idea Broached in President's Message

Washington, Dec. 27.—A Pan-Americanism practically identical with that advocated by President Wilson in his message to congress, was supported to-day by speakers at the inaugural session of the second Pan-American Scientific Congress. A composite address of the twenty-two speakers made would leave the impression of general endorsement of the idea. Secretary of State Lansing in his capacity as officer of the United States invited the congress to meet here, and as presiding officer of the governing board of the Pan-American union discussed Pan-Americanism as an "international policy of the Americas and the Monroe Doctrine as a national policy" pointing out that the two were not inharmonious. Eduardo Suarez, ambassador of Chile, president of the congress, replied expressing in general the attitude of Latin-American nations, and heading the list of 19 chairmen of delegations, Ernesto Quesada of Buenos Aires, made the first of the five-minute replies. The first general session took place in Memorial Continental Hall, national headquarters of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Nearly fifteen hundred men and women from every capital of South and Central America (from scores of other Latin-American cities and from all parts of the United States) were present. Ambassador Suarez, who was elected president at the first congress in 1907 in Santiago, Chile, took charge of the session and Vice-President Marshall welcomed the delegates in behalf of the United States government. The next speakers were Secretary Lansing and Ambassador Suarez. Responses, limited to five minutes were made by members of the various delegations. The scientific discussion will begin Tuesday morning with the formal opening of the nine main sections of a congress at which arrangements will be completed for consideration of the general subject assigned to each.

Aged King Peter, Broken in Health, Arrives in Italy to Go into Exile

Brindisi, Italy, Dec. 25, via Paris, Dec. 27.—King Peter of Serbia has arrived here on board an Italian cruiser. The sovereign had refused resolutely until now to leave his army and it was only at the urgent entreaty of his son, the Prince Regent, that he at last agreed to go into exile. The prince pointed out to his father that it would be better for him to preserve his strength so that he would be able after his health had been restored to return to his country at the head of a reorganized army.

A Rome dispatch of December 16 said King Peter had accepted Italy's offer of a palace for his use at Caserta near Naples, but it later was reported that the king had declared he was determined to die among his own people and not to abandon his army. The king has been seriously ill for months but frequently was on the firing line with the Serbian troops before they were overwhelmed by Austro-Germans and Bulgars.

Paris, Dec. 27.—King Peter of Serbia was brought from Durazzo to Avlona on an Italian cruiser, says the Journal's Avlona correspondent. "The voyage was rough and the king had to be carried ashore in an army chair. It was a tragic and heart-rending spectacle. An automobile carried the monarch to a secluded inn opposite Italian headquarters where he declared he was shown into the poorly-furnished room he occupied. His clear eyes, what depths of bitterness they concealed, his features, hollowed and suffering, that sorrowful countenance was the epitome of the whole tragic epoch."

Germans Lose 8,000 Men in Attack on British

Special to The Telegraph Paris, Dec. 27.—"Information received regarding the fighting on December 21 between Ypres and Arras indicates that the German forces sustained a loss of more than 8,000 men without gaining any ground," says a dispatch to La Liberté from its correspondent on the northern front. "The fighting was most severe, and a large quantity of asphyxiating gas was used, but the English lines remained intact. The attack is thought to have been for the purpose of testing the strength of the English front." (This is the first mention of any infantry fighting between Ypres and Arras since December 21.)

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled weather, probably light rain to-night or Tuesday; warmer to-morrow; with moderate temperature about 35 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Cloudy and warmer; rain to-night; unsettled with probably rain; moderate to fresh southwest wind. River The main river will rise. The branches will probably fall slightly except the lower portion of the North Branch territory somewhat to-night. A stage of about 6.2 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Tuesday morning. General Conditions A disturbance central north of Lake Huron is causing cloudy weather throughout the Lake region and adjacent territory and some precipitation has occurred locally. Temperature: 8 a. m., 24. Sun: Rises, 7:25 a. m.; sets, 4:46 p. m. Moon: Rises, 10:40 p. m. Wind: Stage: 5.2 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 37. Lowest temperature, 29. Mean temperature, 33. Normal temperature, 39.

Big French Steamer Is Sunk in Mediterranean; Many Passengers Saved

Paris, Dec. 27, 5:35 P. M.—The French steamer Ville de la Clotat, with passengers on board, was torpedoed without warning and sunk in the Mediterranean by a submarine on December 24, the ministry of marine announced to-day. Most of the passengers and members of the crew have been rescued. The Ville de la Clotat was one of the largest of the steamships sunk recently in the Mediterranean. Her gross tonnage was 6378. She was 487 feet long and 50 feet beam. She was built at La Clotat, France, in 1902 and was owned by the Messageries Maritimes of Marseilles. She was last reported on her arrival at Saigon, Indo China December 1, on a voyage from Yokohama to Marseilles.

Two American Ships Are Condemned in Prize Courts

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—The steamer Solvay, owned by the American Trans-Atlantic Company, has been condemned by the French prize court. The owners will appeal. Official addresses announcing the condemnation by a prize court in Hamburg, Germany of the American sailing ship Pass of Balmaha reached the State Department to-day.

DELIVER NEGROES SAFELY FROM HAND OF LYNCHERS

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 27.—With the safe removal from the county jail here of two negroes arrested in connection with the murder of a policeman, Muskogee returned to normal condition today and there was nothing on the surface to show that the jail had been besieged for five hours late yesterday by a mob of white men threatening to lynch the negroes.

TWO NEW PENNSYLVANIA POSTMASTERS APPOINTED

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—The Post Office Department has appointed James W. Bohn postmaster at Pine Grove Furnace, Cumberland county, vice Charles H. Coburn, removed, and Harry W. Albrecht at Turnpike, York county, vice Henry W. Rehmyer.

IN JITNEY COLLISION Mrs. Harry Matter, aged 32 years, 426 North street, last evening received a contusion of the hip and leg when two jitneys collided at Third and North streets. She was in one of the buses.

Thousands Gather 'Round City's Christmas Tree

Thousands of people from the city were present at the Municipal Christmas Tree celebration Friday evening at 7:45 o'clock. Brief and impressive exercises together with musical selections featured the program. The school children were directed by Prof. E. G. Ross, while the singers from local churches and Sunday schools were directed by Prof. E. J. Deceve. The parade from Zion Lutheran church, led by Prof. J. Fred Weber, in charge of the Commonwealth Band proceeded out Fourth street to Market street, to Market Square. The procession halted a minute until the lights were turned on the tree, then marched to Front and Market streets, where the singers encircled the tree. The lights and power were furnished by the Harrisburg Light and Power Company. Warm commendation for the men on the committee in charge was heard on all sides. LAST SEWER BIDS OF 1915 OPENED; STUCKER BROS. WIN Stucker Brothers Construction Company was low bidder for the construction of the proposed new sewers extending from Seventeenth to Eighteenth street, 165 feet south of and parallel with Berryhill, and in Twenty-first from Market to Whitehall streets. The Stuckers bid \$535 and \$590 respectively. On the former job G. W. Ensign, Inc., bid \$481; William H. Opperman, \$567 and Henry Opperman, \$593; on the Whitehall job Ensign bid \$684, William H. Opperman and Henry Opperman tied at \$629.

Fire Endangers Thousands of Guns and Much Shot Bought by Germans

New York, Dec. 27.—Three million rounds of cartridges, thousands of Springfield rifles and revolvers, and other weapons were endangered by a fire in the storage room of a building in West Houston street early to-day. The fire was quickly extinguished with small loss, before reaching the ammunition. Police who investigated the circumstances said they learned that the ammunition was bought in this country by German agents seven months ago with the intention of shipping it to Germany by the way of South America and a neutral European port. The plan, they said, failed because sailors of British vessels refused to engage in work of carrying ammunition to the enemies of Great Britain.

Choral Society to Begin Rehearsals For "Atonement"

The Choral Society of Harrisburg will begin its rehearsals for Coleridge Taylor's "Atonement" on Tuesday, January 4, in the Fahnstock Hall, E. M. C. A. A big enrollment is expected, and already many have signified their intention of joining. The books for the oratorio have arrived, and work will be taken up on Tuesday with J. Fred Wolfe as conductor, and E. J. Deceve as assistant conductor and accompanist.

MRS. EMMA PERRINE DIES

New York, Dec. 27.—The death of Mrs. Emma Folsom Perrine, mother of Mrs. Frances Folsom Preston, who was Mrs. Grover Cleveland at Princeton, N. J., was announced to-day. Her death occurred late last night at the home of Mrs. Preston. Her first husband, Oscar Folsom, was a law partner of Grover Cleveland before he was elected President.

SAYS STARCH WON WIFE'S AFFECTIONS; ASKS \$10,000

Alleging that H. C. Starch, of Riverside, had won his wife's love from him, Isaac M. Miller, to-day began a suit for \$10,000 for alienation of Mrs. Miller's affections. Recorder O. G. Wickersham, counsel for Miller began the suit. The defendant it is understood, is also married, but according to Miller's statement, he frequently went to the seashore and other restful places with Mrs. Miller. In time this sort of thing had its effect and eventually Miller declares he noticed a cooling of his wife's regard for him. Finally the Miller's separated and the husband contends Starch caused it all.

BRITISH STEAMERS IN SUCCESS

London, Dec. 27.—The British steamship Hadley, 1777 tons gross has been sunk. The British steamer Eclair, 1732 tons, has been beached at the mouth of the Thames, astir forward. The crews of both vessels were rescued.

HOW CONGRESS MAKES LAWS

Uncle Harry Tells How the Senate and the House of Representatives at Washington Work Together to Make Our Laws.

Charles M. Graeff Is Tallest Applicant For Job as Traffic Officer

If Charles M. Graeff, 2212 North Sixth street, is appointed a city policeman, he will be the tallest officer that ever donned a patrolman's uniform. Graeff is one of half a dozen unusually big men who have applied for a job on the traffic squad. Mayor-elect E. S. Meigs has declared that he thinks the traffic men should be big men physically, and his announcement has produced a whole lot of broad applicants for places. The tallest is in his early twenties. He is a corporal in Company I of the Eighth Regiment, State Guard, and has seen guard service in other organizations in the State. Graeff is six feet, four and three-quarters inches tall.

FINE MIX-UP IN CITY POLITICAL CIRCLES RUMORED

Mayor-Elect to Take Bit in His Teeth, Opposing Lynch and Bowman?

NONE QUIT MONDAY

Reported That Meals May Dig Up Certain Stories For Publication

Will Mayor-elect Meigs, surprised and hurt at the action of the city councilmen Friday morning in re-placing Detective Ibach's \$1,200 salary item in the city budget, take the bit in his teeth during the ensuing city administration and set up an organization of his own in opposition to Commissioners Lynch and Bowman? Rumors that the next mayor was contemplating such action have flown thick and fast in municipal circles ever since the action of the budget-makers so startled the next executive. Nor is that the only report which became general throughout political circles to-day. Disturbed by the failure of Messrs. Lynch and Bowman to let salary for Ibach out of the budget, Dr. Meigs, it is said, may attempt to tell why he considers the detective an obstacle to the efficiency of the police department. The Mayor-elect has fre-

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HIGH WIND TIPS CATHEDRAL CROSS CHRISTMAS NIGHT

Terrific Gale Late Saturday Loosens Huge Symbol at St. Patrick's

WEIGHS 1,000 POUNDS

No Danger of Falling Further Says Expert After Examination

The terrific wind which swept the city late Christmas night tipped over the large copper cross on the southwest corner of St. Patrick's Cathedral, State street. The cross, which was on top of a large copper ball, and was held in place by four steel rods, is leaning at an angle of 45 degrees. Two rods hold the cross in position and prevent it from falling to the ground. The condition of the cross was not discovered until noon yesterday. The cross and ball are of heavy copper and weigh nearly 1,000 pounds. The four rods holding the ball and cross in position run down through the roof. It is believed, the rods became loosened and when the wind blew a 40-mile-an-hour gale, it caught the cross broad-side, breaking off two rods and bending the other two. Joseph H. Benfer, of the firm of Stapp and Benfer, made an examination of the cross and will make immediate repairs. He says there is no danger of the cross falling further.

Thousands Followed Telegraph's Suggestion to Light the Candles

Thousands of candles were lighted in the windows of thousands of Harrisburg homes Christmas eve. The revival of the ancient Yuletide custom was suggested several weeks ago by the Telegraph and the way the tip had struck a popular and responsive chord was indicated by the many tapers in the windows. The home which did not boast of at least one candle was rare indeed. The Telegraph led the celebration by lighting the grandfather of Christmas candles in the office windows. The big taper was lighted at 5 o'clock Friday evening and is still burning.

BRYAN HAD INTENDED GOING

New York, Dec. 27.—Reports that William Jennings Bryan had contemplated joining Henry Ford in Europe were confirmed to-day, but because Mr. Ford is returning to this country, Mr. Bryan will not go.

SEVENTY-NINE WENT DOWN WITH SHIP

Washington, Dec. 27.—Seventy-nine persons were drowned in the destruction of the French liner Ville de la Clotat, the American consul at Malta reported to-day to the State Department. No Americans were aboard. The ship, he reports, was torpedoed without warning at 10:15 o'clock of December 24, and sunk in fifteen minutes.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK

London, Dec. 27, 6:06 P. M.—The 4500-ton British steamship Yeddo, from Calcutta, November 24, for Boston and New York has been sunk. Her crew was saved.

SERBS INTERNING 30,000 AUSTRIANS

Rome, Dec. 27.—Serbia has turned over to Italy 30,000 Austrian prisoners, who are being interned in Sardinia, being accompanied there by Serbian officers.

CREW OF SPANISH CRUISER WIN \$1,200,000

Ferrol, Spain, Dec. 27.—The capital prize of 6,000,000 pesetas (\$1,200,000) in the Christmas drawing of the government lottery was won by the crew of the cruiser Alfonso XIII. The prize will be divided among 719 men who subscribed to the ticket, the price of which was 1,000 pesetas.

RAILS LEAD AT CLOSING

New York, Dec. 27.—Wall Street—Rails took precedence in the final hour, with gains of 1 to over 2 points in such leaders as Central, Union Pacific, Canadian Pacific and Reading. The closing was strong.

TWO BOATS OF DESTROYED STEAMER MISSING

London, Dec 27.—Sinking of the Belgian steamer, Ministre Beernaert is announced. The crew left the steamer in boats, two of which are missing. The British steamer Cottingham of 513 tons has been sunk. The crew was saved.

Berne, Switz., Dec. 27.—Prince Von Buelow, former German chancellor, has returned to Lucerne. He has resumed his quiet life at MARRIAGE LICENSES

Onodt Ymre and Anna Tagaco, Steelton. Ernst F. Enstich and Ruth E. Fitzgerald, city. Samuel Orton Warburton and Matilda Ann Love, Philadelphia.