



U. S. WILL MARK TIME UNTIL FULL FACTS ON PERSIA ARE ASCERTAINED

Administration Will Not Determine Next Move in Crisis With Teutonic Powers Until Definite Information Concerning Sinking of Liner Is at Hand

ONLY TWO AMERICANS KNOWN TO BE ON BOARD

President Wilson Takes Steps Designed to Ascertain as Speedily as Possible Facts in the Case; Wants to Know if Vessel Was Actually Torpedoed and by Whom

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—President Wilson conferred with Secretary Lansing for an hour to-day over the submarine crisis. No additional facts beyond the definite knowledge that only two Americans were aboard the liner Persia, had been received by the State Department over night from either Ambassador Penfield at Vienna, Ambassador Gerard at Berlin or American Consular agents along the shores of the Mediterranean. Such information as had already been received, however, was carefully reviewed by both the President and Mr. Lansing.

There still was every indication, no action would be taken pending the receipt of fuller advice. Whether the status of the Persia was changed from an unarmed liner to that of a vessel which might technically be classified as armed by the fact that she mounted one gun, at a point which United States Navy experts will be called upon to help determine. They will be asked for advice on how the liner's one gun might have been used. Meager dispatches have failed to indicate whether the gun was mounted for defense or offense.

Badly Bruised Survivors of Persia Describe Their Experiences When Landed

London, Jan. 4.—The survivors of the British steamship Persia which was torpedoed in the Mediterranean last Thursday reached Alexandria, Egypt, according to the account sent

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Three Americans Held in Austria by New Regulation

Vienna, Jan. 3, via London, Jan. 5.—The American embassy announces that on account of the new German passport regulations three Americans thus far have found it impossible to go from Austria to Germany.

Ambassador Penfield has called this matter to the attention of Washington because the regulations involve hardships upon Americans who hold passports but are unaware that certificates of birth and nationalization also are demanded.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS

Washington, Jan. 5.—Senate met at noon. Lands committee worked on the waterpower leasing bill. House met at noon. Representative Humphrey, Republican of Washington, in an attack on the tariff attributed prosperity solely to the war. Administration bill for development of waterpower on the public domain was debated. Naval committee began hearings on the naval bill. Post office committee resumed hearings on the postal bill.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled, probably light rain tonight; Thursday probably snow-drizzle and much colder. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Rain tonight; Thursday local rains or snows and much colder; strong southwest to northwest winds. River The main river and its principal tributaries will fall except the upper portions of the North and West branches will probably begin to rise to-night under the influence of local rains and high temperatures. General Conditions The storm from the Pacific ocean that was central over the Upper Mississippi Valley, Tuesday morning, has moved eastward and is now central over the lake region, extending, through the southwestward into Texas. Light rains have fallen generally in the Ohio and Middle Mississippi valleys and locally in the Southwest. There has been a general rise of 2 to 26 degrees in temperature east of the Mississippi river. Temperature: 8 a. m., 40. Sun: Rises, 7:28 a. m.; sets, 4:53 p. m. Moon: First quarter, January 11, 10:38 p. m. River Stage: 0.4 feet above low-water mark. Yesterday's Weather Highest temperature, 38. Lowest temperature, 28. Mean temperature, 33. Normal temperature, 30.

HALIFAX MADE RUBBER GLOVES USED IN WAR

Little Town 20 Miles North of City Booming With Domestic and Foreign Orders

SHOE BUSINESS GOOD

New Factory Will Be Opened in February For Manufacture of Soft Goods

Halifax, Pa., Jan. 5.—"Bright prospects for the future" is the forecast of the owners of industrial plants in Halifax and their prophesy is putting the borough's residents in good mood. Although all of the industries here are not as rushed with orders as some plants in other towns, it must be said that when hard times existed a year or so ago manufacturing places here were struck just the least bit harder than those in some other towns. Hence, it can readily be seen that industries of Halifax would require a larger period to recover.

War Helps

The war in Europe is undoubtedly directly or indirectly helping this borough because of the money it has pushed into circulation. The two shoe factories are running full time and a third will soon be established; a rubber goods factory is producing a number of goods.

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Rumored Attempt to Blow Up Steelton Mills

An attempt was made several nights ago to bring explosives to the Pennsylvania Steel Company works with the intention of blowing up parts of the plant supposed to be used in manufacturing war supplies and shrapnel, according to men fired seven shots, it is declared, reloaded the boat and disappeared down the river. No trace of them has been found, it is reported. A patrol of steel company officers has been established along the section of the plant where the landing was said to have been made, it was said unofficially to-day. Steel company officers will probably give the right to arrest suspects on the property of the Pennsylvania Railroad surrounding the Steelton plant, it is said.

American Marines Kill Haitian Rebel in Outbreak

Port au Prince, Haiti, Jan. 5.—A revolutionary outbreak occurred at 2 o'clock this morning at Port au Prince. The force of American marines maintained the city was attacked. One of the rebels was killed by the Americans, who suffered no losses. Several groups of insurrectionists were seen in the streets of the city through the streets discharging rifles. The Americans met them and they were rapidly dispersed. The outbreak is generally condemned and has been characterized as a piece of folly.

Howard Mutchler Dies From Pneumonia Attack

Easton, Pa., Jan. 5.—Howard Mutchler, former congressman and for many years the Democratic leader in Northampton county and prominent in State politics, died last night of pneumonia. He was twice a member of Congress, the first time filling the unexpired term of his father, the late William Mutchler, who was a member of the ways and means committee. He was again elected in 1909. Mr. Mutchler was proprietor of the Easton Daily Express. He was 59 years of age and is survived by a widow.

Unseaworthy Ships to Be Used as Targets

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—Five ships no longer fit for even reserve duty have been stricken from the navy list by order of the department. Two of them, the old monitors Terror and Miantonomoh, now at the Philadelphia navy yard, will be used as targets. The other ships are the old wooden steam frigate Lancaster, which has been used recently as a marine corps floating hospital; the gunboat Concord, at present assigned to the Washington state naval militia, and the fuel ship Justin, on duty on the west coast.

Upper End Post Office Jobs Subject of Gossip

It was reported in Democratic circles to-day that W. H. Miller, who has been considered in the lead for appointment to the Elizabethville post office, might be dropped in favor of C. W. Cook. At any rate, it is said, the race has narrowed down to Cook and W. F. Swab, with chances good for Cook. Another post office that is giving the Democrats trouble is that at Millersburg, where Charles W. Rubendall has been butting into what Hay Bowman regards as his preserves. Bowman, it was said to-day, as well as Rubendall, has been sidetracked and the job may now go to Charles W. Miller, a school teacher and justice of the peace.

ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL ROMANCE



MISS IDA MAY SWIFT & COUNT JAMES MINOTTO.

Miss Ida May Swift, daughter of Louis F. Swift, of the noted Chicago packing firm, and her fiance Count James Minotto, photographed recently in California. The engagement has just been announced and the wedding will take place on January 15.

Count Minotto is the son of an Italian nobleman with a large estate near Venice. At present the count is in charge of the South American business of the Guarante Trust Company of New York.

ANOTHER RIPPLE IN NEW COUNCIL

Harmony of New Body Again to Be Disturbed Municipal Circles Believe

Will the question of who's to be assistant fire chief disturb the apparent harmony of Harrisburg's brand-new City Council that moved along without a ripple yesterday in approving Mayor Meals' recommendations for police appointments? City circles asked that question to-day when it became known that councilmanic waters are likely to be troubled again before long—and troubled in a new way.

Report Cancer of Kaiser So Serious That He Is Now Unable to Speak

Paris, Jan. 5.—The Matin affirms, notwithstanding denials, that the German emperor is suffering from cancer of the throat and is no longer able to talk. "February, 1911," according to the Matin, "the doctors were considering whether it was necessary to remove the entire larynx in order to stay the progress of the disease. They raised the question as to whether the emperor would be able to speak if such an operation were performed. The leading specialists of every capital in Europe were consulted. It was learned that an eminent surgeon in Paris had, with an artificial larynx and a breathing tube opening into the trachea, restored the power of speech to numerous patients who had undergone total ablation of the affected organ.

Lloyd-George Says Task of Turning Out Munitions Is Becoming Serious

London, Jan. 4, 10:59 A. M.—The House of Commons to-day passed a bill designed to facilitate the output of munitions. The bill is in the form of an amendment to the munitions act. In appealing for the passage of the measure, David Lloyd-George, minister of munitions, said: "I hope the commons will not render more difficult the task of turning out munitions—a task more serious than I dare tell. Everything depends upon it. The length of the war depends upon it. Everything depends upon whether we turn out munitions in sufficient quantities to bring the campaign to an end this year.

MAY INVESTIGATE EMBARGO

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—Investigation by a special Senate committee into the freight embargo on trunk lines leading into New York city, alleged excessive ocean freight rates, alleged discriminations against certain shippers and the ocean shipping situation generally was proposed in a resolution to-day by Senator Walsh, of Montana.

CONTINUATION SCHOOLS OPEN HERE ON FEB. 1

150 Pupils Will Fill the Desks, Says Superintendent F. E. Downes

PLANS MATERIALIZING

Ten Firms Will Discharge All Boys and Girls Under Sixteen Years

The new continuation schools, instituted by State law to go into effect upon the first of January or reasonably soon thereafter, allowing a number of days of grace in which to perfect the details of the plan, will in all probability open in this city February first.

A recommendation that the schools be opened on this date will be made by F. E. Downes, superintendent of schools, at the meeting of the school board on Friday evening. School board officials have been extremely busy of late preparing information and working out details preliminary to the establishment of the continuation schools. Every employer of child labor in Harrisburg some time ago received a slip to be filled out, giving information as to the status of his business as applied to the minors in his employ. Replies have been received from practically all the firms thus addressed, and they have been divided into classes, comprising under one head all establishments that employ minors; under another head those who employ minors before and after school; under another, a list of those who do not employ minors at all; and lastly, a group of ten firms that will discharge all boys and girls under sixteen years of age as soon as the law is actually in effect.

150 Will Attend Schools

From these replies it was estimated that a few less than 150 boys and girls in the school age between 14 and 16 will have to attend the continuation schools according to law. The number is very moderate, and somewhat less than was anticipated, but it was materially decreased by the thirty or more minors who have been or will be discharged.

The names of all pupils who will have to be schooled have been obtained and everything is in readiness for the working out of the plans and the appointment of teachers and the location of the schools. These details will probably be determined upon Friday evening at the board meeting. Thereafter correspondence will be held with all the employers and pupils concerned and the report itself with its recommendations will be made public.

Two Schools Likely

It looks to Dr. Downes now as though two schools will have to be opened and he will probably make that recommendation to the board. In his letter to employers of child labor in this city, the superintendent quoted sections of the law which are the most vital, referring to the employment of minors, and telling in detail of the method of procedure with reference to the issue of certificates, which become the property of the employer and must not be given to the minor at any time. Until employers shall receive notification that the schools have been established, the new administration must be sworn in like new appointees. Other city officials hold that the old officers who are retained are simply "hold-overs" and need not necessarily take the oath.

Mayor Meals to Swear in Whole Force January 15

The entire city police force will be sworn into municipal service January 15, despite the more or less general belief that the "holdover" officers alone will be required to take the oath. Mayor Meals has contended right along that the old police force automatically quit with the retiring executive and that the officers who serve under the new administration must be sworn in like new appointees. Other city officials hold that the old officers who are retained are simply "hold-overs" and need not necessarily take the oath.

PREACHER TAKES BRIDE

The Rev. James R. Musser, of Elkwood City, Pa., and Miss Mary E. Long, of Manheim, Pa., were united in marriage yesterday afternoon at the parsonage of the St. John's Reformed Church by the Rev. G. W. Hartman, pastor. The Rev. Mr. Musser is pastor of the Elkwood City Reformed Church.

BURNED LIGHTING HEATER

Miss Ruth Shirley, of 2218 North Second street, was dangerously burned this afternoon while lighting a hot water heater at her home. Her condition at a late hour this afternoon was said to be critical.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

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NEW COMPULSORY MILITARY BILL IS IN BRITISH HOUSE

Asquith Provides All Males Between 18 and 41 Years Are Liable

CZERNOWITZ EVACUATED

Russians Making Progress in Bessarabia; Greeks Protest Consul Arrests

London, Jan. 5, 3:46 P. M.—Under the terms of the compulsory military service bill, introduced in the House of Commons to-day, all males between the ages of 18 and 41 who are bachelors or widowers without children dependent on them are liable for military service.

Ireland is excluded from the terms of the measure. Mr. Asquith opened his address with an analysis of the figures in the Derby report. He emphasized the fact that during the Derby campaign nearly 3,000,000 men had offered their services. Even deducting those rejected on the ground of physical disability, the total was still in excess of 2,500,000.

"These are wonderful, encouraging figures," the premier continued. "They ought to convince both our allies and our enemies that the people of this country have their hearts in the war." Czernowitz Evacuated The Russian campaign in Bessarabia takes an undeniable first place in the war news with the announcement in a news agency dispatch from Petrograd that the Austro-German forces have evacuated Czernowitz, which had become untenable because of the Russian capture of the heights surrounding the city. The dispatches describe

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WAR RISKS ADVANCE

New York, Jan. 5.—The activity of submarines in the Mediterranean sea caused an advance in war risk insurance by local companies to-day on cargoes for Mediterranean points and shipments for the Far East through the Suez Canal. A rate of 10 per cent. is quoted on cargoes in ships of belligerent countries, as compared with three-eighths of one per cent. before the sinking of the Ancona and the Yaska Maru.

BIG CANDY FACTORY BURNS

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 5.—Fire of unknown origin to-day damaged the plant of the Bellemead Sweets Company in this city to the extent of \$100,000.

TRADE COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE GAS

Washington, Jan. 5.—Investigation of the rise in the price of gasoline will be left to the Federal Trade Commission and not undertaken at the present time by the Department of Justice.

BRITISH CASUALTIES 60,000 AT LOOS

London, Jan. 5, 3:02 P. M.—The British casualties in the battle of Loos, France, last September totaled 2,378 officers and 57,288 men, according to an announcement made in the House of Commons this afternoon by Harold J. Tennant, parliamentary under secretary for war.

INSURANCE MEN WARNED

An official statement was issued to-day by the State Insurance Department warning insurance companies that they must not write Compensation insurance at rates less than those approved by the State.

ANOTHER AMERICAN REPORTED ON PERSIA

London, Jan. 5.—The American embassy here has received a report saying that the Rev. Homer R. Salisbury, an American, was a passenger on the liner Persia which was sunk in the Mediterranean, but that he was not included among the survivors.

TAFT SELLS CHICAGO NATIONAL CLUB

Cincinnati, Jan. 5.—The Chicago National League Club was sold to Charles Weeghman by Charles P. Taft. Harry F. Sinclair, the Oklahoma oil magnate assisted in closing the negotiations whereby Weeghman obtained control of the Cubs.

BOY HIT BY AUTO

Lemoynne, Pa., Jan. 5.—John Nicholas, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Nicholas, of White Hill, was struck this afternoon in front of the Lemoynne Trust Company by an auto driven by Harry Fortney, of White Hill. The boy was taken to the Harrisburg Hospital. It is believed he is suffering from concussion of the brain.

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COMMISSION TO TAKE UP MOTHER PENSION PLANS

Stine Will Confer With Charitable Institutions on Subject

ASCERTAIN LEGAL STATUS

Problem Will Be Worked Out With Co-operation of Organizations

Within a few days the new board of county commissioners will consider the mothers' pension plan with a view to determining upon the advisability of its adoption for Dauphin county mothers. Commissioner Henry H. Stine will start the ball rolling with a conference with John Yates, general secretary of the Associated Aid Societies before the end of the week. Data will be obtained, and the views of other charitable institutions, the Civic Club and similar bodies who have been advocating the movement since the passage of the act, will be asked.

The legal status of the problems insofar as Dauphin county is concerned will be investigated a little more thoroughly. The commissioners, it is understood, are desirous of learning definitely whether by adopting the provisions of the act they will be irrevocably committed to carrying out its provisions.

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EVANGELIST STIRS LEMOYNE

The evangelistic campaign now in progress in the Evangelical Church, headed by Evangelist Davis, promises to be the greatest revival ever held in Lemoynne. Large crowds are in attendance every night and the interest is growing with every service. Preparations are being made to accommodate a record crowd on Sunday at 2 p. m., when the Rev. Mr. Davis gives his lecture on "Booze and Boozeholders." This afternoon the Rev. Mr. Davis will preach on "What is the New Birth?" The music by the evangelistic chorus continues to be a big factor in this campaign. A song service is conducted every evening from 7:30 to 7:45.