

63 SURVIVORS OF SUNKEN STEAMER ARE PICKED UP

Eight Are Reported Drowned Following Capsizing of Packet in Ohio River

SCATTERED ALONG RIVER

Passengers and Crew Are Found Along Both Shores by Rescuers

By Associated Press. Parkersburg, W. Va., Jan. 6.— Captain Brady M. Berry, and sixty-two of the passengers and crew of the steamer Kanawha which sank in the Ohio river last night arrived here early to-day on a train sent out to pick up the survivors scattered along four miles of river front on the West Virginia side, Captain Berry said that while he saw no one in the water and did not know that any had been lost he felt there had been fatalities.

“We were moving down stream with the flood last night with a crew of about 40 men and some 20 passengers on board,” said Captain Berry. “Just as we were approaching the lower end of a lock wall on the West Virginia side, we were struck by a severe storm and the Kanawha had struck an iron pier and started to sink.

“Rolled Over and Over. I shouted for the boats. The cries of the passengers roused the men at the lock. They put out and came to our assistance. We managed to get the people on the hurricane deck and as the Kanawha turned on her side kept them moving toward the top while we were taking them off. The Kanawha continually turned and when we finally got the last man ashore he was clinging to the bottom of the boat as she had turned completely on her side, drifting down stream bottom-side up.

Eight Lives Are Reported Lost in Packet Sinking

By Associated Press. Gallipolis, O., Jan. 6.—It was reported here to-day that eight lives were lost when the river packet Kanawha sank below Parkersburg, W. Va., last night. The drowned were said to include Steward Lloyd Gee and purser Bert Wolfe, of this city, a watchman and five passengers including four women and a child, the names of whom could not be learned here to-day. Government inspectors in this district were planning to-day to investigate the disaster.

Women's Feet Bigger, Hosiery Orders Show

Special to the Telegraph. New York, Jan. 6.—Discussion of the present export business in hosiery brought out the fact that not only are the feet of American women larger than those of their sisters south of the Panama canal, but that they are growing.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair with much colder to-night, with lowest temperature about 20 degrees; Friday fair, continued cold. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair, much colder to-night with a cold wind; Friday fair; fresh to strong north wind.

VIENNA IS ASKED FOR INFORMATION ON LINER SINKING

Ambassador Presents U. S. Request Concerning Persia to Austria

UP TO FOREIGN RELATIONS

All Available Matter in International Situation Before Committee

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.— Ambassador Penfield cabled to-day he had presented informally to the Vienna Foreign Office the American government's request for any information on the destruction of the British liner Persia and at the time of filing his dispatch had received no reply.

American Consul Garrels at Alexandria reported that the affidavits he has gathered from the Persia survivors gave no more proofs that a submarine torpedoed the liner, or regarding its nationality than was contained in his first dispatches.

Ambassador Penfield was instructed to ask the Austrian government informally for any information it might have on the Persia which would develop the facts in the case and help the American government decide how the liner was destroyed. Consul Garrels was instructed to get affidavits for the same purpose.

So far the only actual statement tending to prove that the ship was torpedoed came from one of the officers of the ship. He said he saw what he thought was the wake of a torpedo. No submarine was seen at any time.

Further dispatches from Ambassador Penfield are expected at the State Department probably late to-day and at any event to-morrow. Meanwhile other consular agents along the Mediterranean coast are, like Consul Garrels, seeking further information.

Before Foreign Committee. The general international situation, including the attitude in the relations between the United States and the Central Powers over submarine warfare, will be considered at a meeting to-morrow of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The meeting has been called by Chairman Stone.

The committee had before it to-day a mass of data bearing upon Great Britain's attitude toward neutral shipping and negotiations with Germany over submarine warfare. The information was sent by Secretary Lansing in response to a Senate resolution. All available information on the destruction of the British steamer Persia also was said to be before the committee.

Propose to Spend Millions to Repair U. S. Warships

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.—Estimates submitted to Congress to-day disclose that the Navy Department proposes to spend \$205,000 each in remodeling the submarines F1, F2 and F3, sister ships to the F4, which sank in Honolulu harbor last year with the loss of all aboard.

Wreck Injuries Fatal to Passenger Engineer

By Associated Press. Trenton, N. J., Jan. 6.—William J. Jordan, of Trenton, engineer of the wrecking train who was scalded in the collision of trains at Lawrence, N. J., on the New York division of the Pennsylvania railroad last night, died in a hospital here early to-day. The fireman, A. J. Keenan of Jersey City, was severely injured but will recover. A derailed freight car was being hoisted on to a track when a passenger train ran into the engine of the wrecking train. The tracks were blocked for several hours and trains were detoured over the Reading railway.

British Cabinet Members Opposed to Conscription



REGINALD MCKENNA AND WALTER RUNCIMAN

London, Jan. 6.—Although Sir John Simon, Home Secretary of the British Cabinet has resigned over the conscription issue, Reginald McKenna, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Walter Runciman, president of the Board of Trade, two of the strongest opponents of the compulsory military measure are still in the cabinet. It was expected that McKenna and Runciman would follow.

GARY PREDICTS PROSPERITY BUT ISSUES WARNING

Protective Laws Must Be Passed; Not Matter of Politics, but Patriotism

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The United States Steel Corporation to-day decided to increase the wages of virtually all of its unskilled employes about ten per cent. A statement issued by the steel corporation said that the increase had been decided upon largely on account of present prosperous conditions. It added that in addition to the new wages for common laborers, employes in practically all departments of the corporation will receive proportionate increases.

Steel Corporation Gives All Unskilled Men 10 Per Cent. Raise

Special to the Telegraph. New York, Jan. 6.—One of the men most able to gauge that great barometer of business conditions, the iron and steel trade—Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the United States Steel Corporation—said in a statement reviewing the condition of that trade: “Conditions pertaining to this industry reflect, more or less, those of other lines and perhaps are an indication of the general situation. Certainly, there are evidences which cannot reasonably be questioned of great prosperity. It is not my purpose to discuss the reasons for these satisfactory conditions. They exist, and it now seems probable that they may continue for months to come.

WILLIAM PENN WAY BOOSTED BY JOHNSTOWN

Committee From That City Will Confer With State Highway Commissioner

The Johnstown Chamber of Commerce advised the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce to-day that its Good Roads Committee yesterday acted favorably upon the Harrisburg Chamber's suggestion to co-operate in the William Penn Highway Conference, to be held in Harrisburg in March. The Johnstown people are so keenly interested in the proposition that a sub-committee of theirs will visit Harrisburg some time in the near future to confer with State Highway Commissioner R. J. Cunningham and the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce.

Jitney Bonds Cost \$200; No Unlicensed Cars After Jan. 18

While half a dozen or more inquiries relative to license fees, bonds, etc., have been made by jitney men, not a single bond has been presented to City Solicitor D. S. Seltz for examination as yet. Jitney owners have until January 18 to comply with the terms of the new jitney regulation ordinance.

PREPAREDNESS OF CHIEF INTEREST

National Defense Plans Are Taken Up by Congressional Committees. By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.—The question of national preparedness again to-day occupied the center of the stage in congressional committee activity. Hearings on the administration's national defense program were begun to-day before the House military affairs committee, with Secretary of War Garrison as the star witness, and the House naval affairs committee continued its hearings on the annual naval appropriation bill.

GERMANS BEING BATTERED HARD ON ALL FRONTS

Russian Pressure on Teutonic Lines From Volhynia to Bukowina Proving Too Much

AGAINST COMPULSION

Labor Forces Defeat Measure by Overwhelming Vote; Another Leader May Quit

Russian pressure on the Austrian lines from Volhynia southward to Bukowina continues heavy and official reports from both sides indicate that the fighting is of a desperate and sanguinary character.

The great labor congress in London, that is to decide upon the position of British labor regarding conscription, defeated by an overwhelming vote to-day a proposition that the congress should support a measure of conscription by forcing single men to attest.

Assert Men of Even Higher Standing Than Congressman Involved in Bomb Plot

By Associated Press. New York, Jan. 6.—A special federal grand jury panel to-day to continue the investigation into the activity of German agents in alleged plots against American neutrality.

The new grand jury will examine fully 100 witnesses and is expected to go not only to the munition factories, but also that of the numerous explosions and bomb outrages which have occurred both in ships and factories. District Attorney H. Snowden Marshall said to-day that he hoped the work of the jury would be completed within a month, but that this did not mean that the government investigation would be closed in view of the many new angles which had been discovered.

Cumberland Co. "Samson" Dies From Old Age at Home in Mechanicsburg

Special to the Telegraph. Mechanicsburg, Jan. 6.—Samuel Myers, aged 85 years, once famous as “the strongest man” in Cumberland county, and one of the strongest in the State, died this morning from old age at his home in West Allen street.

Food in Town Snowbound For Week Running Short

By Associated Press. Grand Junction, Col., Jan. 6.—Gateway, a mining town in Southwestern Colorado, which has been snowbound for nearly a week, was further walled up to-day by a four-inch snowfall which drifted badly in a forty-mile gale. Food supplies, it is feared here, are running low in the town. Cattlemen planned to-day to resume efforts to break a trail into Gateway with fifty horses driven in single file.

ROOSEVELT TO SPEND TWO MONTHS IN WEST INDIES

By Associated Press. New York, Jan. 6.—Announcement that Colonel Theodore Roosevelt will start on February 15 on a trip to the West Indies, from which he will not return until April 1, was made to-day. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt. Colonel Roosevelt will speak in Philadelphia before the National Americanian Committee on January 20.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS

Senate—Met at noon. Adopted a resolution asking the War Department if it is not possible to abolish or consolidate some army posts. Representative Hensley asked for an investigation of the charges that an illegal combination is about to advance prices of binder twine. Adopted resolution asking President to designate a Jewish relief day.

ERSTWHILE SUSAN WINS OVER HUGE H'B'G AUDIENCE

Helen R. Martin's Dramatized Novel Delights the People of Her Adopted City

CAPABLE CAST CHARMS

Tragedy Occurs in Middle of Night; Child May Die From His Injuries



MRS. HELEN R. MARTIN

“Erstwhile Susan,” the dramatization of Mrs. Helen R. Martin's novel “Barnabette,” which received its premiere in New York State last week, was presented to Harrisburg last night at the Orpheum by Mrs. Minnie Madern Fiske and a company of marked strength. “Barnabette,” as everyone knows, is a novel of life among the Pennsylvania Dutch. By many it is considered remarkably true to life.

TANNER ILL WITH ANTHRAX

Special to the Telegraph. Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 6.—Abraham Rineer, a tanner, is confined to the isolation building of the county hospital, a victim of anthrax. He contracted it while handling hides.

WOMAN DRAGGED THIRTY FEET BY CAR

Mrs. H. B. Byrley, aged 28 years, a resident of Enola, shortly after noon to-day, was knocked down by a Progress car at Fourth and Market streets. She received possible internal injuries and was dragged thirty feet.

FOUR CHILDREN BURN

New Martinsville, W. Va., Jan. 6.—Four children of John Morgan were burned to death to-day.

THREE MORE EXPECTED TO QUIT

London, Jan. 6.—It is expected that Arthur Henderson, president of the Board of Education and leader of the party; William Bruce, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Home Affairs, and George P. Roberts, Lord Commissioner of the Treasury and labor whip in the House of Commons will resign their government positions. As a result of the military compulsion bill.

SECOND CALL FOR RUSS RESERVES

Philadelphia, Jan. 6.—A second call to the colors for Russian reservists was received here to-day by William R. Tucker, Russian consul for Philadelphia.

HELD FOR BRUTAL MURDER

Harrisburg.—Nikolo Kotur this afternoon was held by Alderman C. E. Murray, of the Third Ward, on a charge of murder. Kotur is charged with killing Joso Mokic, of Steelton, two weeks ago.

MONROE DOCTRINE SOURCE OF DANGER

Washington, Jan. 6.—Representative Kahn, Republican, asked Secretary Garrison if the Monroe Doctrine was not a constant source of danger to the country, against which preparation must be made. “Absolutely,” said Secretary Garrison. “We must be prepared to defend it or abandon it.”

MARINE WOUNDED

Washington, Jan. 6.—Rear Admiral Caperton reported to-day a minor outbreak among Haitians in Port Au Prince, at 2.30 a. m. yesterday, in which the marine barracks were fired on and Corporal Weder was wounded, not seriously. One Haitian was killed and others wounded.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Frank E. Deaven and Lizzie M. Patrick, West Hanover. William Rheam, Steelton, and Sara Bowman, city.

HATCHETS WIFE AND BABE ASLEEP THEN KILLS SELF

Truck Farmer Insane Because He Was Beaten in Horse Trade, Runs Amuck

BLOWS OFF OWN HEAD

Tragedy Occurs in Middle of Night; Child May Die From His Injuries

By Associated Press. York, Pa., Jan. 6.—After attacking his wife and a 3-year-old son with a hatchet as they slept, inflicting wounds which in the case of the child may prove fatal, C. C. Richards, 55 years old, a truck farmer living five miles east of York, blew off the top of his head with a shotgun at 2.30 this morning. An older son, Norman, awakened by the cries of his mother, escaped from the house.

Steamer Deserted by Crew Menace to Ships

By Associated Press. New York, Jan. 6.—The disabled Greek steamer Thessaloniki, which was abandoned at sea by 300 passengers and 100 officers and crew, is still afloat and a menace to navigation, according to a radio message received to-day by the Anchor line from its steamship Perugia. The message said the Perugia had rescued ninety of the crew and all of the mail from the Thessaloniki and expected to arrive here to-morrow night.

GRIP TAKES AGED WOMAN

Special to the Telegraph. Mechanicsburg, Pa., Jan. 6.—Grip in four days caused the death of Mrs. Christina Harlocker, aged 80, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sim Sherman of this place.