

Austrian Dreadnought Is Struck By A French Submarine Torpedo

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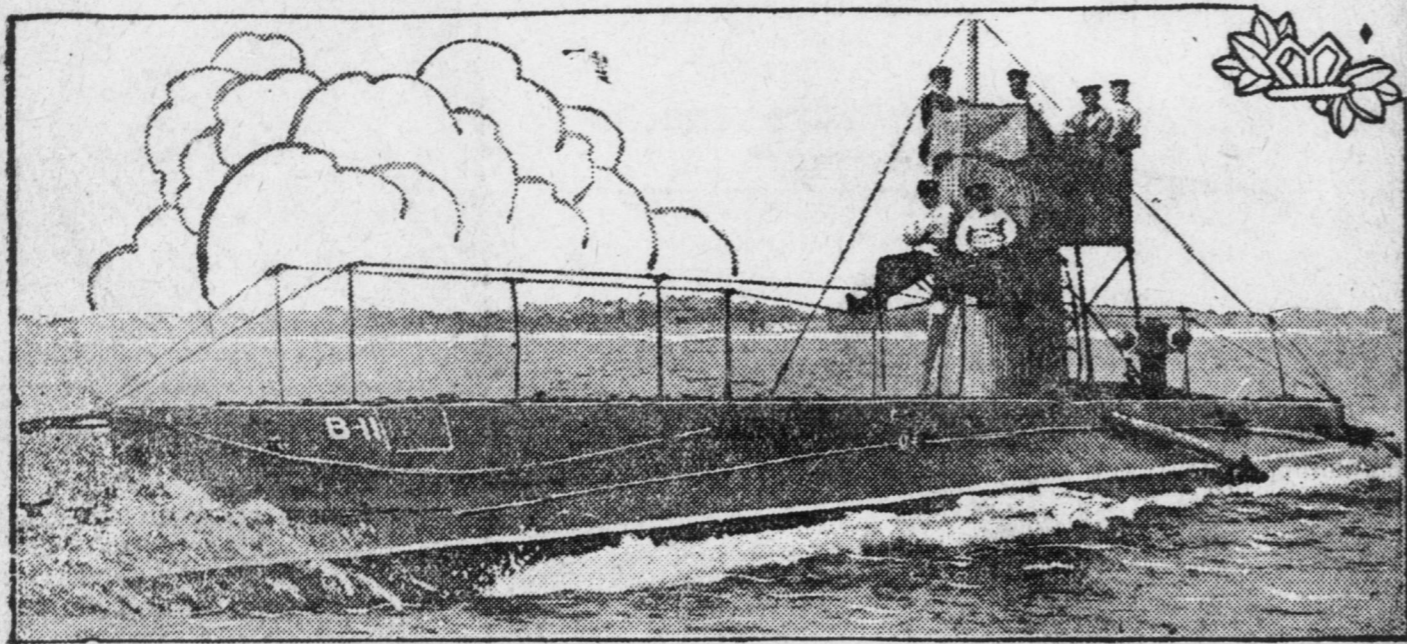


Photo by American Press Association.

London, Dec. 31—3:32 a. m.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Venice contains a report that a French submarine boat has torpedoed the Austrian dreadnought Viribus Unitis at Pola.

It is said the hull of the dreadnought was pierced, but that she succeeded in reaching her dock.

The Viribus Unitis is of 20,000 tons displacement and has a complement of 1,000 men. She is one of the four ships constituting the largest type of the Austrian navy.

A London newspaper dispatch from Venice in September said that one side of the Viribus Unitis had been badly damaged in a fight in the Adriatic, but that she escaped her pursuers.

ITALIAN MOVE IS A PRELUDE TO NEW WAR

London Dec. 29—"Italian occupation of the Albanian port of Avlona is another step toward participation in the war."

This statement, made by a prominent diplomat to the International News Service Saturday, sums up the general belief in English official circles. While the forces landed at Avlona are sailors, it is expected that troops will follow.

No one doubts that Turkey will protest against this action, and the direct result of such a protest, if pressed, would be the alignment of Italy with the allies.

KAISER HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM BOMBS

Amsterdam, Dec. 30—That Emperor William had a narrow es-

cape from death at the hands of a French aviator while he was at German field headquarters in Hest Flanders on Christmas day was the information contained in a dispatch received here today. While the Kaiser was dining with his officers, a French airman flew over the German camp and dropped bombs, one of which landed less than 200 yards from the emperor. The dinner party stily broke up.

Shrapnel Steel Is Made in Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Dec. 29—Orders for 65,000 tons of high carbonized steel for shrapnel shells have just been placed in the Pittsburg district, it was learned yesterday. Fifty thousand tons go to France; the balance to Russia.

CLEAR WAY FOR A FINE BUILDING

The Loss to La Mantia Bros. Will Amount to \$3,000

What is known as the "Judge White building", a dilapidated story-and-a-half frame structure, which clung like a parasite to Indiana's new skyscraper, the Savings and Trust company building, was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning. The old building was one of the landmarks of Indiana and was located in the business heart of the town. It was occupied by La Mantia Bros., who lost fruit and other contents valued at \$3,000, and who were protected by \$2,000 insurance. The fire was caused by an overheated stove in a storage room.

The destroyed structure was occupied by attorneys for law offices and real estate firms many years ago. It later housed the plant of the Indiana Progress, which was issued there for a number of years.

Gen. Harry White, owner of the structure, has announced that a modern three-story brick structure will rise from the ruins of the old building.

Military Ball January 3.

The annual military ball of Co. F, Tenth regiment, N. G. P., will be held on Wednesday evening, January 13. A committee of the non-commissioned officers is in charge. The ball will follow the annual inspection by the United States army officers.

Fire at Blacklick Is Blamed on Incendiaries

Three families are homeless and property valued at \$8,000 was destroyed as the result of an early morning fire at Blacklick Sunday. The blaze started in the shoe repairing shop of John Ross shortly after 1 o'clock, spread to the home of Mrs. Duncan, and then to the Nirick hotel property, from which place it leaped across a narrow alley to the home of Dr. E. M. Bushnell, destroying all of the buildings in its pathway. Little of the contents of the burned buildings were saved. Rose, proprietor of the shop in which the fire started, was not at home at the time and lost practically all of his possessions. It is believed that the fire was of incendiary origin.

List of Letters

Remaining uncalled for in the Indiana office December 26, 1914:

N. Brady, Miss Florence Buckley, Mrs. Emma Campbell, Louis Hamaut, Vernon Hunt, Mrs. Fannie McFadden, Mrs. Bertha Miller, Samuel Morgan, Miss Lizzie Mundorff, Max Ponceranz, Reliable Phonograph Co., Reliable Phonograph Co., Miss Hattie Sarvey, D. L. Simpson.

When inquiring for letters in this list please state that they were advertised, giving date.

HARRY W. FEE, P. M.

GAME PROTECTOR DOES NOT LIKE ORLANDO'S COAT

Orlando Nicholitti is in jail for hunting without a license and Jno. Parfetti for hunting without being naturalized. Game Protector Kinter B. Rodgers, of Johnstown, and Constable Enoch Miller, of Ebensburg, made the arrests Saturday.

Nicholitti was wearing a coat several sizes too large for him. It bore a hunter's license tag. Orlando explained that he bought a big coat because he expected some day to be fat. Rodgers wanted to be sure he had not borrowed or stolen it and Orlando admitted he took it from another man to wear while hunting. Parfetti had no good story. The pair had been hunting several times during the season. Guns and dogs were confiscated, but the father of one of the men claimed the dogs, which were licensed.

Incendiary Caused \$200,000 Blaze

DuBois, Dec. 29—Officers throughout this section are searching for incendiaries who fired the big storage house of the Buffalo Rochester & Pittsburg railroad at this place, which was totally destroyed with a loss of \$200,000. The building burned to the ground after two fires in unfrequented places from mysterious causes had been extinguished by workmen.

Advertise in The Patriot.

PLEASING PROGRAM GIVEN LAST NIGHT

Large Audience Witnessed Closing Exercises at Municipal Christmas Tree.

The second and closing celebration incident to Indiana's first Municipal Christmas Tree, was held last evening before a large and appreciative audience of citizens of Indiana and vicinity.

The program for the evening was:

6:55, Ringing of all church bells.
7:00, Tree lighted and trombone solo.

Invocation, Rev. Dr. J. W. Cary.
Adeste Fidelis, band, choir and audience.

New Year's Greeting, Prof. Ernest Work,
"Star Spangled Banner," band, choir and audience.

Greeting to Italians, Rev. Joseph Sanna.
Three songs, school children.
"America," band, choir and audience.

"Columbia," band choir and audience.
Selections by the band.
J. Blair Sutton acted as master of ceremonies. The choir was placed on the stand facing Brillhart's store; the school children on the side next to R. W. Wehrle & Company's store and the band occupied a position directly in front of the tree.

Each night since Christmas the tree has been lighted from 7:00 o'clock until 9:00 o'clock and the beautiful sight has attracted hundreds of persons, as like celebrations have done in so many towns and cities in this neighborhood. The success of this, the first tree, has been the means of making it an annual event in Indiana. The committee having the matter in charge feel well repaid for their efforts, and the public in general has seemed to be well pleased.

Retires After 40 Years in U. S. N.
Word has been received by General Harry White, of this place, that his son-in-law, John N. Speel, of Harrisburg, pay director of the United States navy, will retire on July 30, 1915, after 40 years' active service in the United States navy. At present Mr. Speel is doing special work in Washington, D. C., but has been in service in nearly every part of the globe. He entered the navy when 22 years of age and since then has visited many of the countries with United States battleships. He was in charge of the ship that took the U. S. engineers to Nicaragua to survey the proposed canal route in that country. He married Mrs. Virginia White Hitchcock, a daughter of ex-Judge Harry White, of this place.

Woman Judge Presides In Los Angeles Court.

Los Angeles, Dec. 30—For the first time in the history of the American jurisprudence west of the Mississippi river a woman judge Monday presided over the department four in the Los Angeles police court. Attorney Georgia P. Bullock sat in the judge's chair, tried eight cases and imposed sentence in five cases. Judge T. P. White, whose place she was taking, sat at the side of the woman jurist to give some advice if necessary.
Only women were arraigned and all spectators and men were excluded from the court room. Policewoman Lillian Bowen acted as bailiff.

SENT TO JAIL FOR VIOLATING LIQUOR LAWS

Seventeen year old Rosy Girelli, of Homer City, is in the jail here, charged with the illegal sale of liquor. She is the youngest prisoner ever confined here on a charge of that nature. The girl is married and the police are searching for her husband, Tony Girelli, who is wanted on a charge similar to the one on which they are holding Rosy.

Homer City, where the offense is alleged to have been committed, is a prohibition town five miles from here. Residents there protest vigorously against any application for a license there. Almost every term of court produces one or more cases of illegal liquor sales there.

"Beau" Ritchie a Suicide in South

G. Devie Ritchie, known here as "Beau", formerly a resident of Indiana and Punxsutawney, according to a letter received by H. F. Sprankle from the Rev. W. R. McMillen, of Bamberg, N. C., committed suicide in that city December 14 and was buried in the Potter's field in that town the following day. Ritchie was well-known throughout this section as an athlete and volunteer fireman. Some time ago he joined a carnival company and his death came as a surprise to his many friends.

BLOW SAFE IN STATION

Robbers Make Get Away With Pennsylvania's Receipts.

Bolivar, Dec. 29—Pennsylvania railroad detectives are searching for robbers who broke into the Pennsylvania freight station here Sunday night and after blowing open the safe in the office escaped with the day's receipts. The exact amount of money taken by the robbers has not been announced but the Pennsy, but it is understood that it is a considerable sum.

A number of persons are said to have heard the explosion, but no one investigated and the robbery was not discovered until late on Monday morning.

Movie Theater Sold

By Sheriff Jeffries

Sheriff George H. Jeffries Monday sold the Pitt theater as the property of Frank Mackert to a Pittsburg man named Blitz. The new owner takes charge at once. At the same time household goods and other property of Mackert were sold under the sheriff's hammer. The Pitt theater was formerly the Globe theater and is in the Thomas building, adjoining the Moore hotel.

J. R. Stumpf Is 75.

J. R. Stumpf, of School street, celebrated his 75th birthday last Saturday. Mr. Stumpf was honored with a postcard shower and received about as many cards as he is old. The well known Indiana resident thoroughly appreciated the shower and takes this means of extending his thanks to the many friends who remembered him.

General White Had Much Chicken for Christmas.

General Harry White, head of the National Ex-Prisoners of War and former judge of Indiana county, had chicken for Christmas, although this had not been originally planned at the White estate. For some time the White domain has been furnishing a large number of chickens to persons who took chickens from the roost without the formality of asking the owner. As there was a tendency to raid the roosts just before Thanksgiving and Christmas, an alarm was arranged so that entrance to the chicken coops would arouse workmen on the White farm.

The alarm sounded. Joseph Strittmatter, an employe of the White home, responded and surprised a dusky colored man wringing the heads off of the chickens and putting them into a sack. The thief ran away. This bag contained eight fine chickens. Hence General White ate chicken on Christmas, instead of turkey.

Christmas Visit Gets Two in Jail.

William and Harry Palmer are in the county jail, charged with train riding and refusing to pay their fare. The information was made by Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg Officer Cohut and Sheriff George H. Jeffries, who aided in the arrest. The men were returning from Punxsutawney on Saturday evening and refused to pay their fares, it is alleged. It is also alleged an information on a more serious charge will be made against them.

Three Aged Persons Ill

Three aged Indiana persons are very ill and their recoveries are matters of doubt. They are: William McElhaney, aged 85 years; Robert Lowry, aged 90 years, and Mrs. Robert Lowry, aged 85 years. The Lowrys and Mr. McElhaney all live on Railroad avenue.

Civil Court Monday.

Judge Ruppel, of Somerset, will assist Judge S. J. Telford at the opening of the January civil court Monday. The first case on the list is the trespass action of Mrs. Ella Caldwell vs. W. A. Simpson.

Offers \$500 Reward for Vandals Arrest

Punxsutawney, Dec. 29—A reward of \$500 is offered for the arrest and conviction of the persons who placed iron or other substances in the glass tank of the Eldred Glass Company at this place. As a result of the deed the plant of the company is greatly handicapped and is only running part time. An immense quantity of raw material was ruined.

Aged Woman Burns to Death in Brookville

Mrs. Sarah Turner, aged eighty-seven, is dead at her home in Brookville from burns received when she was standing with her back to an open grate at her home there. A daughter, who succeeded in tearing the burning clothes from Mrs. Turner suffered severe burns about the hands.