



## TURK SHIP TORPEDOED BY BRITISH

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By Associated Press.  
London, Dec. 14, 11.25 A. M.—A communication issued by the official bureau to-day announced that the Turkish battleship Messudieh has been torpedoed by a British submarine. The official bureau's statement is as follows:  
"Yesterday submarine B-11 in charge of Lieutenant Commander Norman B. Holbrook, of the Royal navy, entered the Dardanelles and in spite of the difficult current dived under five rows of mines and torpedoed the Turkish battleship Messudieh, which was guarding the mine fields.  
"Although pursued by gunfire and torpedo boats the B-11 returned safely after being submerged, on one occasion, for nine hours. When last seen the Messudieh was sinking at the stern."  
Lieutenant Commander Holbrook, of the submarine B-11, is one of five brothers, all serving with the colors, the sons of Colonel Arthur Holbrook, a newspaper owner of Portsmouth.

The Messudieh was a very old boat, having been built at Blackwall, England, in 1874, and reconstructed at Genoa in 1903. She was 332 feet long, 59 feet beam and of about ten thousand tons burden. She had a speed of 17 1/2 knots and her main battery consisted of two 9.2 inch guns in turrets and twelve 6-inch guns in battery. In the war with Greece in 1912 the Messudieh was reported badly damaged in a naval battle in the Dardanelles. She carried a crew of 600 men.

### First Serious Blow to Turkish Navy

London, Dec. 14, 12.15 P. M.—The first serious blow inflicted on the Turkish navy since the entrance of the port into the war, the torpedoing of the Turkish battleship Messudieh by a British submarine in the Dardanelles, gave naval color to today's war news and was in fact the only striking occurrence chronicled by land or by sea.  
Little or no change has been reported on the western battle front and in the east Russia and Germany continue to fight a seemingly endless battle for the control of western Poland.

### Advance of Allies Predicted

English and French newspapers unite in declaring that the time is drawing near for the much discussed general advance of the allies through France and Belgium and some unofficial reports say this move is about to be undertaken, if it has not actually begun. Progress necessarily would be inch by inch and even the most optimistic of the British observers, assuming that a general forward movement of the allies is to be essayed concede that it would be spring before any appreciable eastern progress could be made.

### Boldest Marine Exploit of War

The feat of Lieutenant Commander Holbrook in diving under five rows of mines in the Dardanelles and torpedoing the Turkish battleship Messudieh is described here as perhaps the boldest marine exploit of the war. The submarine presumably was not scratched. She escaped from gunfire and the pursuit of torpedo boats in a manner truly remarkable and it was necessary for her crew to endure the ordeal of remaining under water for nine hours in a stretch.

Russian guns have from time to time inflicted some damage on Turkish warships bombarding Russian ports, but the disaster reported to-day robs the Porte of its first big ship. The loss of life is not estimated in the brief announcement of the episode given out by the British Admiralty, but, if the Messudieh was manned as other Turkish ships have been, then there were a number of German officers on board.

## SERVIANS CAPTURE OVER 2,000 AUSTRIANS, 16 GUNS

London, Dec. 14, 4.56 A. M.—According to a Nish, Serbia, dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company, an official communication issued there Sunday claims that attempts by the Austrians to halt their retreat have failed and that the Servians are continuing to sweep the country clear of the defeated Austrians.  
"The Servians are advancing successfully in the direction of Milonovatz and Belgrade," the communication continues. "The enemy is retiring southeast of Obrenovatz."  
"In the course of the day the Servians captured seven officers and 2,188 men, two flags, 16 mountain guns, other guns, munitions and supplies."

## LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

Vigorous thrusts at the German line in France were made again yesterday by allies but reports of successes in today's official statement from Paris are not borne out by the Berlin communication. The French war office states that German positions along the Aisne were demolished, that in the Wovre district a line of trenches 500 yards long were captured and that further progress was made in the Argonne and in Alsace. The German announcement says that nothing of importance has occurred in the west, with the exception of a few French attacks along the Meuse and in the Vosges, which were repulsed easily.

There have been no important changes in the east, according to the German statement. Dispatches from Petrograd, however, assert that the Russians have thrown back the German column which was attempting to strike at Warsaw from the north and that as a result the position of the Russians all along their front has been improved.

The French War Office announces that in Serbia further successes have been won against the Austrians, and that in the Montenegrin campaign, which has been almost lost sight of recently, the Austrians have suffered a reverse.

The German cruiser Dresden, sole survivor of the fight in the South Atlantic on December 8 in which four German vessels were sunk, is reported to

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## RUSSIA CLAIMS DECISIVE VICTORY OVER GERMANS IN FIGHTING ABOUT WARSAW

Petrograd, Dec. 14, via London, 2.20 P. M.—Reports reaching here today from the fronts state that the operations of Russian forces north of Warsaw, partial success of which was announced last week, have now resulted in a decisive victory, after having pierced the German front beyond Ciechanow and Prasnysz. The Russian successes on this front, according to these advices, have been clinched by a wide-swinging movement of the advancing Russian left on the main highway from Plock to Mlawka, concluding in a heavy cavalry engagement at Juromineta seven miles southeast of Mlawka.  
Russian successes of this nature have three important results. The immediate pressure north of Warsaw would be relieved and the German threat against the railroad lines leading east from the city would be answered. Russian troops on the right of the Vistula river would be freed to seek a crossing and endanger the position of the left wing of the German army in the region of Lodz. It is said here that the Russians will now be able to straighten their entire front running to the Mazurian lakes.

Petrograd, via London, Dec. 14, 7.59 A. M.—An official communication issued by the Russian army staff of the Caucasus says:  
"All day Friday fighting occurred on the front extending through the villages of Pyruok, Asmer and Tutaik (southeast of Erzerum). The enemy was everywhere repulsed and pursued beyond the Euphrates with severe losses."

## 20,000 CHRISTIANS NOW THREATENED IN ARMENIA

London, Dec. 14, 4.45 A. M.—A Petrograd dispatch to the "Times" says:  
"Advices from the front at Erzerum, Turkish Armenia, describe the position of 20,000 Christians there as precarious because of their Russian sympathies. Three hundred thousand Turkish troops are mobilized at Erzerum."  
"Hundreds of Armenians have been imprisoned and many hanged in the streets without trial as examples. Nevertheless remarkable anti-war demonstrations have been held in Erzerum, on one occasion the rioting lasting several hours."

### 170,000 JEWS FROM GALICIA FLEE FOR REFUGE TO VIENNA

New York, Dec. 14.—One hundred and seventy thousand Jews have fled for refuge from Galicia to Vienna, according to a letter received here today from the Austrian Relief Alliance in Vienna by the American Jewish Relief Committee.

"Galicia as the field of military operation" has been cleared of almost the entire civil population," reads the letter. "At the present time there are 170,000 Jewish fugitives from Galicia here, of whom 70,000 are absolutely penniless. Furthermore, 25,000 destitute Jewish fugitives have been placed in barracks in Moravia and 70,000 in Bohemia, where barracks are also being built. These 165,000 poor Jews are in pressing need."

### Son of German Chancellor Captured

Paris, Dec. 14.—Reports reaching here today from Berne state that a son of the German Chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, has been injured seriously at Pietkrow, Russian Poland, and that he has been captured by the Russians.

### \$1,000,000 to Fight Cattle Plague

Washington, Dec. 14.—An emergency appropriation of \$1,000,000 for fighting the foot and mouth disease was passed to-day by the Senate.

## "NURSES" WHO WILL SELL RED CROSS SEALS



Front row, left to right—Misses Emma Morrow, Ann Fissel, Mary Koons, Marie McCalley, Laura Miller, Ruth Kirkup, Irene McCalley, Mary Roth, Fannie Hoy, Kathryn McCloskey, Margaret Bacon, Emily Morrow. Back row—Misses Helen Roberts, Ann Fogarty, Emily Vanderloo, Esther Hutman, Kathryn Thorn, Esther Adam, Marie Melville, Mary Frances Ebel, Eleanor Copelin, Maudeline Shoaf, Hilda Fohl.

## ROTARY WEEK ON AT THE ORPHEUM

### Society Leaders Pres- ent to Aid Cause of Sufferers of War in Belgium

## BOX PARTIES MAKE IT SOCIETY EVENT

### Joe Jackson With His Funny Bicycle, Who Shares Headline Honors With Bessie Wynn, Dainty Singer, Trav- els All Night to Reach City

Graced by the presence of many society leaders in Harrisburg, who have entered heart and soul into making the Rotary Club week at the Orpheum theatre one of few empty seats and one of many filled stomachs in Belgium the special charity week opened to-day.  
A crowd as great as any Monday afternoon crowd at the Locust street



JOE JACKSON  
His Trouble in Mounting His Funny  
Bicycle Will Convulse Orpheum  
Patrons With Laughter

play house in recent years, ushered in the special week this afternoon while the sale of candy and lemonade through the operation of special concessions under the direction of a committee of the Home and Foreign Relief Commit-

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## WAR TAX PENALTIES EXTENDED

Washington, Dec. 14.—An amendment to the war tax bill providing that no penalties shall be imposed before failure to make returns on or before January 1, 1915, an extension from December 1, 1914, was passed to-day by the Senate. It now goes to the House.

## 34 OF CREW DROWNED

Dutch Steamer Strands on the Portu-  
guese Coast  
Oporto, via London, Dec. 14, 5.03 A. M.—Advices received here regarding the stranding of the Dutch steamer Bogor, near Leixoes, on the Portuguese coast, state that 34 members of the crew of 38 were drowned.

## PRETTY GIRLS AS NURSES TO SELL RED CROSS SEALS

### They Will Be an Attractive Feature of Zembo Drill and Band Concert in Chestnut Street Hall To-morrow Evening

To-morrow night is to be the "big night" in the 1914 Red Cross Christmas Seal Campaign.

Zembo band and patrol, of the Mystic Shrine, and about two dozen attractive young women, capped and gowned as Red Cross nurses, will be the features of the "Zembo" program in Chestnut street auditorium to be presented for the benefit of the Christmas seal sale to assist in the fight against tuberculosis. The band, under direction of Cornelius B. Shope, will submit a program that will make band-music loving Harrisburg sit up and take notice. Captain Frank H. Hoy, Jr., commander, and the forty-six members of his patrol, will demonstrate how well that famous prize-winning body can drill. The pretty Red Cross nurses will sell the seals in the audience.

To-morrow the "Merchants' Day" activities begin when "Haberdashers' and Clothiers' Day" will be observed. Among the merchants who have agreed to paste the seals on every package that goes out of their places of business are: Haberdashers, Shearer & Son, J. N. Kinnard; clothiers, Dornisch & Co., the Hub, the Globe, Sides & Sides; haters, C. W. Poulton; special, Harrisburg Bag and Box Factory.

## 147,635 PENNIES IN STOUGH COLLECTIONS IN SIX WEEKS

### Coppers Received if Laid Side By Side Would Extend Mile and Three- Quarters—They Lead All Other Coins in Numbers

There has been received at the Stough tubercule in collections during the past six weeks of the campaign a total of 147,635 coppers, according to announcement made to-day by Treasurer Heffelfinger. These coins, if laid side by side, would extend a distance of one and three-quarter miles.

Although the amount of money received in nickels, dimes, quarters and one and two dollar bills were each greater than the value of the cents, there were more coppers received numerically than any other coins.  
The contributions of the six weeks, according to denominations, follow: In twenty-dollar bills, \$40; ten-dollar bills, \$150; five-dollar bills, \$475; one and two dollar bills, \$1,821; half dollars, \$570; quarters, \$2,044.75; dimes, \$2,548.50; nickels, \$6,065.90, and cents, \$1,476.35.

There was raised yesterday at the meetings of the day, a total of \$639.18 sufficient to meet the expenses of the campaign for the ensuing seventh week, which were not included in the \$19,000 budget.

## WEEK'S WASH CATCHES FIRE

### Engines Called Out After Clothing Is Hung Too Near Furnace

Wash day was the cause of a fire at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the home of J. M. Shook, 1190 Christian street. Clothing had been hung on the line in the cellar too near to the furnace and caught fire. The blaze spread to several of the joists in the flooring, but was extinguished before doing any great amount of damage.

The fire companies of the district responded to an alarm sent in from Mulberry and Crescent streets.

## 9 SEEK DIVORCE IN ONE DAY

### Record Broken for Number of Such Suits Filed in 24 Hours

Charges of desertion or infidelity are contained in suits for legal separation filed in court to-day by nine men and women who were parties to unhappy marriages.

The mismatched ones all have retained E. E. Beidleman as counsel, and, so far as the records show, this is the largest number of divorce cases filed in one day in many years.

## WIFE OF SUICIDE CLOSE TO DEATH

### Mrs. Throne, Shot 3 Times by Husband, Is in An Alarming Condition

## QUARREL ABOUT A LITTLE DOG

### Man Sent Three Bullets Into His Wife, Another Into Woman Boarding House Keeper and Fired the Last One Into His Own Heart

Mrs. Beulah Throne, who was shot three times yesterday afternoon by her husband, who afterward killed himself, in a boarding house at 106 Linden street, is in a critical condition in the Harrisburg Hospital to-day. One of the bullets pierced her right lung and that wound bled during the night. She is very weak and physicians have little hope of her recovery.

Throne shot four times at his wife, one bullet entering her right breast and passing through her body; one lodging in her left shoulder and the third inflicting a flesh wound in the left side. She turned and half fell behind Mrs. Fortney, the boarding house keeper. In his eagerness to shoot his wife again Throne shot Mrs. Fortney in the right arm.

Mr. and Mrs. George Edward Throne until a month ago lived in the house with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fortney, 106 Linden street. Then Mrs. Throne left that house, going to 1221 Market street to live. She went to the Fortney home yesterday afternoon to see Mrs. Fortney when a quarrel started between Mr. and Mrs. Throne over the possession of a little white dog.

According to the story told by Mrs. Fortney, Mrs. Throne went to the front door accompanied by her husband where she said she was "leaving for good." Throne then struck his wife in the face with his fist and grappled with her. She ran to the kitchen. There Mrs. Fortney began washing the blood from Mrs. Throne's face. Throne returned

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## WINS ON THE 156TH BALLOT

### Boyer Re-elected President of the School Board When Bretz Changes Vote

Harry A. Boyer was re-elected president of the Harrisburg School Board at an adjourned session Saturday night. It required 156 ballots before the election, the deadlock having existed since last Monday, when 78 ballots were taken. Seventy-seven more ballots were cast Saturday night showing the same general result. On the seventy-eighth Director Harry M. Bretz, who had supported the Rev. Dr. William N. Yates throughout the balloting, shifted his vote to Mr. Boyer, resulting in the latter's election.

Bretz was then elected vice president of the Board over his Democratic colleague, George A. Werner. On Mr. Werner's motion to make the election unanimous Directors Houtz and Yates voted "no."

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## COLD WAVE SCHEDULED TO COME HERE TO-NIGHT

### Mercury Will Dip to Ten Above Zero Before Midnight, Say Weather Ex- perts—Yesterday's Snowfall Was Unusually Heavy for December

A cold wave from the middle Canadian provinces is scheduled to arrive in Harrisburg to-night and the mercury will drop to the lowest point of the present season. Weather forecasters predict temperature of 10 degrees above zero before midnight.

The storm of yesterday gave Harrisburg five inches of snow. This came within two inches of breaking the record for the depth of a December snowfall here. In the twenty-six years since the local office of the Weather Bureau was established there have been but three heavier December snowfalls here than that of yesterday. The storm was unexpected. It was not until late Saturday night that cognizance was taken of the rapidly approaching storm. Snow warnings were issued to the various offices of the Weather Bureau and by noon yesterday the warning had been sent throughout Central Pennsylvania by the local office.

Snow began falling in this city shortly after 9 o'clock yesterday morning. It turned to rain at 7 o'clock in the evening. Five inches had fallen and the rain turned it into slush which made walking very bad. The tempera-

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## DANCING INSTRUCTOR HAS SMALLPOX; 33 VACCINATED

### Patient Is Promptly Isolated in Muni- cipal Hospital and Steps Taken by Health Department to Prevent the Spread of the Disease

R. J. Hinkson, 29 years old, 209 State street, who conducts a dancing academy at 304 North Second street, last night was discovered to be suffering from smallpox this morning he was removed by the city health authorities to the municipal hospital, near the Dauphin county almshouse.

Hinkson gave instructions in dancing at his academy as late as last Thursday, and 30 of the more than 150 persons with whom he came in contact during last week were vaccinated this morning. City health authorities, headed by Dr. John M. J. Raunick, now are conducting a rigid investigation to learn the names of all the persons who came in contact with Hinkson, so that the vaccination work may be carried further.

The dancing master is married and had apartments at 209 State street. Mrs. Hinkson, the four members of the Academy orchestra, employes in restaurants at which Hinkson took meals and the other occupants of the State street apartment house were vaccinated this morning.

The apartment house, dancing acade-

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## THIEF ABANDONS STOLEN HAMS

### Drops Loot and Runs When Policeman McCann Gets Curious

Policeman James McCann early Sunday morning saw a figure at Walnut and Short streets bending over trying to put something under his coat and sneaked up to the figure, who recognized the well-known outlines of the policeman and dashed out Walnut street and through Capitol Park. The policeman emptied his gun at the fleeing figure but it had no effect.

Returning to the place the policeman found twelve hams that had been taken through a smashed window pane in the store of Myer Gross, on that corner. The hams were returned to Mr. Gross but the thief is still at large.

## Falls From Persimmon Tree

While gathering persimmons near his home yesterday afternoon, Ralph Deiber, 12-year-old of Edward Deiber, of Lykens, fell from a tree and fractured his left leg above the knee. He was treated at his home yesterday and this morning brought to the Harrisburg hospital. The tree was covered with snow and caused him to slip.

## "FORCE BAG" MAN WINS WILL FIGHT

### Instrument Giving the Bulk of \$12,000 Es- tate to Alleged Clair- voyant Is Probated

## LIVELY COURT FIGHT RECALLED

### Witnesses Testified That Harrison Set- ferd, So-called Spiritualist, Claimed Strange Powers for Odd Devices He Sold to the Late Mrs. Adams

The will of Mrs. Martha Adams, late of Harrisburg, which Mrs. Adams' sisters are contesting on the contention that the deceased was unduly influenced when she made a bequest giving the bulk of her \$12,000 estate to Harrison Seiferd, of South Cameron street, an alleged clairvoyant and spiritualist, today was admitted to probate under a decision filed by Roy C. Danner, Register of Wills.

This decision came after a hearing which lasted more than two weeks and at which testimony was offered in an effort to prove that Seiferd, the alleged spiritualist, induced Mrs. Adams to give him the greater part of her estate. Many of the witnesses said Seiferd represented himself as possessing supernatural powers. He sold "force bags," they said, by which he represented the purchasers could accomplish many wonderful things.

The "force bags," several of which were put in evidence, the witnesses further said, were represented as having healing properties, could prevent storms, preserve properties, build up a merchant's business and even could sway courts in their decisions. One of these "force bags" had been "worked" on Judge Kunkel, a witness said, but the Judge's decision was just the reverse of what was sought by the one possessing the bag.

### Found No Undue Influence

The Register holds that no evidence was produced before him supporting the claim that Mrs. Adams was unduly influenced at the time she made the will, and the costs of the contest, the Register directs, shall be paid by Mrs. Susannah Albright, a sister of Mrs. Adams and a beneficiary under the will, who started the proceedings.

Mrs. Albright is to receive \$500 of the Adams estate, the will provides. It is said that she personally will not bear the brunt of the costs since other beneficiaries under the will joined her in bringing the action in her name.

James G. Hatz, counsel for Mrs. Albright, at noon to-day said an appeal will be taken from the decision of the Register and the whole matter will be thrashed out again in the Dauphin County Orphans' Court. The appeal will be carried to the Supreme Court, if necessary, Mr. Hatz said.

The Register is of the opinion that the will in question as presented to him for probate, was the will of the late Mrs. Adams; that it was framed by Mrs. Adams and coincides with her plans of disposing of the Adams estate.

Since the will has been probated, the executor, Charles Myers, of York county, a nephew by marriage of Mrs. Adams, will take charge of the estate and proceed to settle the estate. Lawyers say this work would require a year's time.

However, it is conceded that since an appeal is taken from the decision of the Register, the estate may not be closed for three or four years. The appeal, when taken, will act as a stay to action by the executor. The hearing before the Register was conducted by Mr. Danner under the supervision of his legal adviser, Benjamin F. Nead.

## LICENSE TRANSFER DENIED

### Court Declines to Give Patrick J. Sul- livan Permission to Move His Liquor Business Uptown

The Dauphin county court, in an opinion given by Judge McCarrell this afternoon, refused to grant the application of Patrick J. Sullivan to transfer his liquor license from his hotel at 727 State street, to 1819 North Third street.

Sullivan's hotel as now located is within the Capitol Park Extension zone, is owned by Mrs. Anna Doehne, so Sullivan, at the hearing on the application, told the court, and soon will be taken over by the State and rized. Objection to the transfer of the liquor license to the Eleventh ward property was voiced by about 1,700 people, more than 900 of whom were women.

A year ago the court refused Sullivan's application to open a hostelry on South Cameron street.

## WALL STREET CLOSING

By Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 14.—The first full day of open trading in stocks was marked by substantial general advances in the initial hour. The late advance followed the announcement that from to-morrow all shares are to be readmitted to the list.

The closing was strong. There were some recessions in special stocks subjected to selling pressure, but elsewhere further improvement was noted. Amalgamated increased his gain to 5 1/4 points.