

# ARMY TRANSPORT YARMOUTH BRITISH FREIGHTER YARMOUTH SINKING

Boston, Jan. 18.—The army transport Powhatan, with 400 passengers aboard, sent word by radio today that she was in distress about 300 miles east of New York. The boiler room was said to be flooded, with the water gaining and help from the pumps uncertain. The steamers Western Comet and Cedric, which replied to the distress calls, were asked to stand by.

The coast guard cutters Osprey and Portsmouth, N. H. Acushnet at Woods Hole and Gosman at this port tonight were ordered to the assistance of the Powhatan.

The Powhatan, which formerly was the Hamburg-American liner Hamlet and prior to that the private yacht of William Hohenzollern, sailed from New York for Antwerp on Friday morning with 271 military and civilian passengers. It was announced at the army transport office. She carried a crew of 120 men and had aboard a cargo of military supplies.

The first wireless message received at the army transport office from Captain Randall, the ship's commander, gave the vessel's position at latitude 41.65 and longitude 62.14, which army officials said was approximately 300 miles east of New York. The message said:

"Ship leaking in fire room. Fire room flooded. Steam not sufficient to operate pumps. Assistance requested. Non-Boatmen safe. Blowings."

Shortly afterward another message reported that the White Star liner Cedric was standing by.

Colonel Mitchell, in charge of the army transport office, asked the naval authorities at Halifax to send tug boats to the assistance of the distressed vessel immediately.

It was on the Powhatan that former Emperor Wilhelm visited England in 1905. At this time he was reported to have paid the Hamburg-American line \$1250 a day for the use of the liner, which was then known as the Hamlet.

Later the vessel was used to carry Theodore Roosevelt and his party to Europe in March, 1907, when he made his trip to Africa hunting big game. In 1914 the liner was chartered by the American Red to take doctors and nurses to the European war zone and a number of troops to this capacity, under the name Red Cross.

When the United States entered the war in 1917 the Red Cross was reorganized to transport soldiers to Europe and return without incident, making her last trip on Sept. 23, 1918.

**THE BRITISH FREIGHTER YARMOUTH IS SINKING**  
Boston, Jan. 18.—The British freighter, Yarmouth, which left New York for Havana yesterday with a cargo of liquor, reported in radio message today that she was sinking. She was last reported as having a position latitude 41.65 and longitude 62.14, which is 300 miles east of New York. The message said "forward bilge tank leaking into engine room." A heavy mist prevailed. The Yarmouth registers 725 tons.

**STEAMERS SENT TO ASSISTANCE OF YARMOUTH**  
Philadelphia, Jan. 18.—The communication officer of the Philadelphia navy yard tonight that the coast guard cutter Osprey, stationed at New York, and two steamers had gone to the assistance of the steamer Yarmouth. The distressed vessel sent her S. O. S. from a position 34 miles east of North and latitude of about 35 miles east of Cape May, N. J.

**HAS CARGO OF LIQUORS VALUED AT \$200,000**  
New York, Jan. 18.—The cargo of liquor carried by the freight steamer Yarmouth, consisting of whiskey, gin and champagne, is valued at \$200,000. The vessel left the port yesterday afternoon for Havana with a heavy list to starboard owing to the haste with which longshoremen loaded her in an effort to get her away before prohibition became effective at midnight Friday.

Revenue agents were at the pier watching to see if the ship would put to sea before the amendment went into effect. But at midnight there were still two barges filled with cases of liquor alongside, and large stacks of it on the pier. The entire shipment was stopped by the revenue agents yesterday afternoon. The Yarmouth was permitted to proceed with what had been put aboard.

About 3,000 cases of liquor said to be worth between \$250,000 and \$300,000 at present prices were on the pier under police guard when the steamship pulled out.

**STEAMER STUCK IN MUD OFF CAPE HENRY**  
New York, Jan. 18.—The shipping board steamer Independence, which left Newport News Thursday for Rotterdam, reported by wireless today that she was stuck in the mud off Cape Henry and near Virginia Beach. She asked for the assistance of a tug and said her need was "urgent." The Independence is a vessel of 7,000 tons gross.

The shipping board tanker Wilhelm Jeisen reported that she was disabled and was resting on a reef in latitude 38.50 north and longitude 75.55 west. The coast guard steamer Yamacraw was notified of her difficulty. The Wilhelm Jeisen has a gross tonnage of 7,204, left New York Tuesday for Palo Blanco, Mexico.

**PAN-AMERICAN FINANCIAL CONFERENCE MEETS TODAY**  
Washington, Jan. 18.—The second Pan-American financial conference will begin tomorrow a week's discussion of financial and industrial problems involving the future stability of many of the republics. The conference will meet in conference with 200 financial and business leaders of the United States.

Among American committee members are James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel corporation; Edward N. Hurley, former chairman of the shipping board; Joseph P. Grace, of W. R. Grace & Co.; John Hays Hammond, mining engineer; Frank A. Vanderlip, former chairman of the International corporation; James Speyer, banker; Max General William C. Goreau, new with the Rockefeller foundation; President John D. Rockefeller, Jr.; J. G. White, engineer; former Governor Manning of South Carolina, and W. Cameron Forbes, former governor general of the Philippines.

International loans, upbuilding of railroad and steamship lines, modernizing public utilities of Latin-American countries, the construction of a trans-Atlantic cable, and the promotion of private business are among subjects to be taken up.

**BLACK PUTS SILENCER ON HEALTH OFFICE**  
Hartford, Conn., Jan. 18.—Employees of the state department of health at Hartford, the state health commissioner, Dr. John P. Black, has issued orders forbidding the press to publish any reports or news items regarding epidemics throughout the state and these reports are sometimes a day or two delayed in reaching the health office, which is located in Church street. The state commissioner desires to remain in the health office, but other state officers, located in other parts of the city, are not in the health office, only his help overlooking the quarters there.

Previous to the resignation of Dr. P. Eben Rees, deputy state health commissioner, information regarding serious epidemics were given to the public, but the latest edict of the health commissioner, which puts a stop to this, according to the employees of the department. Incidentally, the weekly letter always accompanying the weekly reports, which were gotten up by Dr. Rees as a means of health education has been discontinued.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS WITHDRAWS FROM SIBERIA**  
Washington, Jan. 18.—Withdrawal of American Red Cross personnel from Siberia is being hastened by the movement of the American Siberian expeditionary force homeward has been ordered in instructions forwarded to government. The personnel, which includes 400 American doctors, nurses and other workers and a thousand native helpers.

**Small Change**  
Ten million silver dollars are being melted up at the mint to be converted into small change. It looks as if the government were optimistic enough to think that there is going to be use for small change again, one of these days. —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Long Enough**  
Four million income tax blanks will be mailed to victims on January 19. However, you'll get a couple of months to study them, and if you are clever enough the blanks will be long enough. —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Will Amuse Him**  
Mr. Gerard says his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination is not meant to annoy Mr. Wilson. And our guess is it won't.—Macon Telegraph.

**Not the First One**  
That wealthy resident of Dallas who was robbed in a New York hotel is not the first Texan to be robbed in a New York hotel.—Houston Chronicle.

**Holds World's Record**  
Was there ever another as glutinous a glutton for punishment as William Bryan? Memory does not retain one.—Chicago Tribune.

**Danbury**—William P. Guinan, new business manager of the Danbury and Bethel Gas and Electric light company, has gone to Southern Pines, N. C., for a three weeks' stay for the benefit of his lungs.

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