

PERSIA CASE MAY BE DROPPED

CAPTAIN SOUND ASLEEP DURING VIOLENT STORM

Mutiny on Board Greek Liner Thessalonika When Passengers Were Not Permitted to be Transferred.

THE SUPPLIES WERE GETTING LOW

Ship Abandoned at Sea After All Were Taken Off by Steamers Which Came to Her Aid.

[United Press Leased Wire Service] NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—When 177 passengers of the abandoned Greek liner Thessalonika, together with two of the crew landed here today from the steamship Patria, they told a vivid story of their sufferings at sea and of a mutiny aboard the Thessalonika, in which all but three of the vessel's complement turned against Captain Goulondis.

Williams said the Patria arrived while the Thessalonika was dickered with the steamer Florizel for a tow to New York. Negotiations with the Florizel were dropped and the Patria made three efforts to tow. The lines snapped each time and the third time, during a storm, the vessels drifted apart.

William Williams, for three years a member of the second United States cavalry, on duty on the coast, acted as spokesman for the passengers today. Williams returned to Greece to visit his mother and embarked at Athens, November 16.

Escaped From Prisoner. MARSEILLE, Jan. 7.—The French steamer Meinau raced into Marseilles today after eluding a submarine which pursued her through the Mediterranean. The submarine fired at least one hundred shells after the fleeing steamer, but none of them struck.

The real mutiny broke December 25, when the storm swept away a small boat. On the night of December 28, contrary to Captain Goulondis' orders, Chief Officer Nikol Orloff sent a wireless message to the United States government, asking aid, signed "Steamship Thessalonika."

Revolution in China. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] PEKIN, Jan. 7.—Practically the entire province of Yunnan is now in revolt, it was officially admitted today.

PEACE PARTY THREATENED BY SEVERAL LAW SUITS

Delegates Are Worried About Their Coming Trip Through Germany.

[By Charles P. Stewart, United Press Staff Correspondent.] COPENHAGEN, Jan. 7.—Life for the Ford peace party is just one threatened law suit after another. The Bennett Tourist agency today threatened to sue for fifty thousand kroner (\$13,500), alleging the Ford lieutenants cancelled reservations for a ship voyage to The Hague, after getting permission to travel by land through Germany.

tween America and the central empire may break out while they are on German soil. The Danes are full of horrible stories about the war bread interned persons in Germany must eat.

Before leaving for The Hague, the Ford steering committee contributed \$2,700 to Copenhagen peace societies. U. S. McClure, New York publisher, who led the "insurgents" in the battle aboard the Oscar II, has left the party and is enroute to Berlin.

ENGLAND

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LONDON, Jan. 7.—The government's position is most critical today. Faced first by bitter hostility of labor toward its conscription bill, the cabinet found itself also under heavy fire because of the Dardanelles failure.

Powerful men of all parties, however, are coming to the government's assistance to prevent a general election in the midst of the world war. The conscription orifice that threatens a cabinet upheaval, at the same time is welding together many discordant groups in parliament in support of the Aquith ministry.

Admittedly one of the most serious factors in the whole situation was the thinly veiled hint dropped by President Bellamy of the railwaymen's strike, that a railway strike might follow an attempt to enforce conscription.

DARDANELLES FAILURE. LONDON, Jan. 7.—The whole Dardanelles failure may be subjected to an official inquiry, it was reported today, as the result of General Hamilton's report. General Stopford, mentioned by General Hamilton, has demanded that the war office make an immediate investigation of the Suvla bay failure, the Pall Mall Gazette announced.

ITALY

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] BERLIN, (via wireless to Saville) Jan. 7.—Italy received \$400,000 from the allies for signing the London treaty agreeing not to make a separate peace, the Swiss newspaper Neue Zeuricher Zeitung declared today.

RAN HIM DOWN LIKE A RABBIT

Prison Guards Chased Man Over the Roof While Execution Was Halted.

MADE WARDEN WEEP

Witnesses Wept an Hour Until the Condemned Man Was Brought in Strapped to Chair.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] OSSINING, N. Y., Jan. 7.—A sensational chase of an escaped prisoner over the roof of Sing Sing early today delayed the execution of Antonio Ponton, a young Porto Rican, and gave prison officials one of the most harrowing hours that has marked the killing of men by order of the state in months.

After the execution, Deputy Warden Miller wept as he talked to reporters. He made a brief speech, attacking capital punishment as the worst blot on the twentieth century.

Both the Daily Mail and Daily Telegraph today expressed the view that a general election almost certainly will follow as a result of labor's opposition to conscription.

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NOTICE

The subscription price of The Daily Gate City by mail has been \$3.00 in the towns and \$2.50 on rural routes. These two different rates have caused so much confusion and dissatisfaction that after February 1, 1916, there will be but one price for the daily by mail and that \$3.00 per year.

GERMANY

[By Carl W. Ackerman, United Press Staff Correspondent.] BERLIN, Jan. 7.—Germany will send no armies to the Suez canal, it is generally believed here. Turkish forces, offered to some extent by Germans and supplied with munitions from Berlin, will constitute the force that will invade Egypt.

Retirement of the allies from a part of their positions at the Dardanelles is characterized by German military men as only another indication of the haphazard policy of the entente powers in the far east.

OVERTURES FOR PEACE.

LONDON, Jan. 7.—Count Okuma, Japanese premier, told interviewers (Continued on page 2.)

BALKANS

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] SALONIKA, Jan. 7.—Two hundred thousand Bulgarian, Austrian and German troops are now massed along the Greek border ready for a combined invasion and assault against the allies defending Salonika.

READY FOR ATTACK. LONDON, Jan. 7.—Reports of Count Tizsa's speech before the Hungarian parliament, denouncing the arrest of Austrian and German consuls at Salonika strengthen the belief that the central empire are preparing to begin the attack on Salonika.

RUSSIA

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LONDON, Jan. 7.—Russian aviators have bombed the railway station at Czernowitz several times in the last few days, according to Bucharest dispatches today.

MILLION DOLLAR ROBBERY OF REVENUE STAMPS

Safe Blown Open in St. Paul Internal Revenue Office and Big Package of Stamps Stolen Last Night.

ARE WORTH THEIR FACE IN VALUE

Robbers Escaped in Automobile With Three Hundred Pounds of Stickers and Also Quite a Little Cash.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 7.—Robbers last night broke into the offices of the internal revenue offices in the old federal building, blew the safe and escaped with \$1,000.00 in internal revenue stamps.

The documentary stamps are used on deeds, mortgages, express packages and in many commercial transactions. They range in value from half a cent up to \$50 each.

Also Some Cash. ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 7.—One million dollars worth of internal revenue documentary stamps, weighing 300 pounds, and between \$4,000 and \$5,000 in currency, were taken from the internal revenue department here last night.

Cannot Trade Stamps. CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Internal revenue officials here declared today that it was not uncommon for offices in cities as large as St. Paul to have more than a million dollars worth of documentary stamps on hand at one time.

How the robbers entered the building, located in the heart of St. Paul's business district, is unknown. The janitor, in opening the office of the department, discovered the theft.

Robbers who secured thousands of dollars worth of stamps from the Peoria offices recently, evidently have disposed of them successfully, an official declared.

Federal officials declared that the stamps are negotiable and worth at least half a million dollars to the robbers, if they can dispose of them at

Judge Shiras is Dead. [United Press Leased Wire Service.] DUBUQUE, Iowa, Jan. 7.—A telegram from Seabreeze, Florida, today announces the death there of Judge O. T. Shiras, United States district judge, retired.

Express Depot Burned. CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 7.—Fourteen carloads of express, valued at \$150,000 were destroyed in a fire at the Adams Express company's depot today. The loss to building and fixtures was estimated at an additional \$70,000.

NOT ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO SEND A PROTEST

Government's Hands Are Tied Until More Can Be Ascertained.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Cabinet and congressional councils today considered America's policy regarding the sinking of the liner Persia. At the first cabinet meeting in a month, the president and Secretary Lansing presented the scant evidence gathered regarding the catastrophe.

American viewpoint has been given the president in part, however, through advice of various senators and representatives. The white house feels that such expressions are a gauge of national sentiment.

All officials admitted this government's hands are tied until further evidence is produced. This is hoped for from Austria, following Ambassador Penfield's request to the Vienna office. Officials declared it unthinkable Austria would deny responsibility or withhold evidence if one of her submarines reports torpedoing the Persia.

No Submarine Seen. WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—American Consul Garrels, Alexandria, Egypt, today called the state department he had affidavits from Charles H. Grant, an American, and twenty other survivors of the sinking of the liner Persia, saying the vessel was sunk without warning and that no submarine was seen.