

The sinking or disabling of the Breslau and Goeben since they entered the service of the Ottoman navy.

RUMANIA SELLS GRAIN.

500,000 Additional Tons Bought by Central Powers.

TO FREE MRS. FARWELL.

Bulgars Will Send Her From Monastir to Army Headquarters.

TURKS CRIPPLE CRUISER.

Five Torpedo Boats Also Forced to Retire at Dardanelles.

French Shell Trucks Trenches.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

ZEPPELIN AFTER U. S. SHIP.

Supposedly Trying to Capture Andrew Welsh, Held by Sweden.

KAISER AT HOME FOR XMAS.

Confined to Palace, but Able to Join Celebration.

XMAS TREES GLEAM IN GERMANS' TRENCHES.

1,500,000 Packages Sent to British Soldiers—French Refuse Day's Truce.

SUGAR QUOTATIONS STOPPED.

France May Drop Customs Super-tax to Reduce Prices.

GERMANY APPEALS FOR SUGAR.

Asks All Farmers to Increase Their Acreage of Beets.

ITALY ISSUES NEW BONDS.

25 Year 5 Per Cent. Issue to Sell at 97 1/2.

WANT MORE FOR U. S. SHARES.

London Bankers Say McKenna Plan Doesn't Protect Owners.

HARDEN'S PAPER SUSPENDED.

German Editor Reported Under Ban of Military Authorities.

FRENCH CLAIM VICTORY IN VOSGES PEAK BATTLE.

Say Violent German Attacks Were All Repulsed—Berlin Declares All Lost Ground Was Recaptured—Heavy Fighting Reported in Mountains.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Germans made a terrific attack to-day on the remaining positions held by the French since Tuesday's fighting.

Official French Statement.

The night communiqué issued in Paris says:

Artillery fire was particularly active.

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N. Y. MAN GAVE UP NISH TO BULGARS.

D. M. Dodd, Relief Worker, Was Asked to Deal With Invading Army.

BLINDED BY HARSHNESS CALLED CAPITALIST PLAN.

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DEFENCE IDEAS STIR SOCIALIST PROTEST.

Russell's Stand Branded as Inconsistent by State Committee of Party.

U. S. CABLES FOR DATA ON YASAKA MARU SINKING.

American Consuls Instructed to Report Full Details of the Submarine Attack—May Protest Again to Vienna.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Instructions have been sent to American consular agents at Mediterranean ports to cable to Washington any information they can gather regarding the circumstances of the submarine attack on the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru, reported to have been torpedoed without warning by an Austrian submarine.

As an American is said to have been on board the liner, the State Department, in the event that the press reports are confirmed, will make inquiries at Vienna with a view to laying the basis for a note of protest.

In view of the fact that the "informal conversations" in progress between Secretary Lansing and Baron Zwiernick, the Austrian chargé d'affaires, have led to the belief that Austria is anxious to reach an amicable settlement with the United States in regard to the Ancona case, the new development has caused apprehension.

The United States Government has made it a fundamental proposition in all its correspondence with Germany that under no circumstances shall an armed merchant ship be attacked without warning.

Of equal interest in official and diplomatic circles here as bearing on the attack on the Yasaka Maru was the statement emanating to-day from Japanese Embassy quarters that the Japanese Government probably will take a more active part in the European war on the side of the Entente Allies if it develops that Austrian submarines have begun a campaign against Japanese merchant ships.

Baron Zwiernick had another long conference to-day with Secretary Lansing in the course of which it is understood that he expressed doubt as to the accuracy of the report that the Yasaka Maru was attacked without warning.

Soon after his calling on Mr. Lansing the charge d'affaires sent to the State Department a code message for transmission by wireless to Vienna.

It is generally understood that Baron Zwiernick's object in conferring with Mr. Lansing has been to acquaint his Government more fully with the attitude of the American Government on the Ancona case.

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BANK CLERK ADMITS HE GOT KOENIG'S \$25.

Scheindl, Formerly With City National, Is Held Under Anti-Tipping Law.

Frederick Scheindl, a clerk in the National City Bank, who was accused of turning over to Paul Koenig, editor of the New York Evening Post, a list of names of the German secret service, valuable papers concerning shipments of supplies to the Allies, was held in the Tombs police court yesterday on two complaints that were submitted for the charge of grand larceny.

The first complaint alleged that he was guilty of "taking a letter, telegram and private paper belonging to another, and a copy thereof, and publishing the same."

The second was a novel application of the anti-tipping statute, accusing him of accepting a gratuity without the knowledge of his employer when he accepted \$25 from Koenig on November 21 in return for handing over important documents from the bank.

Scheindl, who did not take the stand, was declared to have "published" specifically a letter from the National City Bank to Koenig, a Lombard Street Company of Rochester. George L. Fisher, a clerk in Koenig's office, testified that he copied this letter on October 8 after Scheindl had delivered it to Koenig. Detective Barnitz swore that Scheindl confessed his dealings with Koenig and a written statement to that effect by Koenig was read into the record.

KIENZLE QUERIES PRESS.

Judge Approves Sending to Germany for Facts in Plot.

Judge Mayer in the Criminal Branch of the Federal District Court approved yesterday a list of interrogations to be given by Benno Loewy, on behalf of his client, Dr. Herbert Kienzle, to be sent to Germany in preparation for the trial on the indictment which accuses Kienzle with others of plotting to blow up munitions carrying ships. Dr. Kienzle also wants a separate trial.

The questions are to be sent to the American Consul at Stuttgart, and are to be followed in the examination of certain persons, living in Wurttemberg, where Dr. Kienzle's family live. They are designed to show that Dr. Kienzle's father did not know Robert Fay, the alleged chief conspirator.

John C. Knox, assistant United States Attorney, offered a list of interrogations designed to combat Kienzle's assertions. Judge Mayer, however, struck out six of the questions.

The trial of Detective Otto F. Mattia of the warrant squad, charged with having been employed by Paul Koenig, was adjourned yesterday until next Friday. The complainant, a Police Inspector Joseph A. Faurot. The witness expected to testify are Inspector Joseph A. Faurot, Paul Koenig, Frederick Metzger, Frank McAdams, the police stenographer, and Lieutenant William J. Funston of Police staff.

The specific charges against Mattia are that he gave false answers to the questions asked by Inspector Gray.

White Slave Gets Long Term.

James Gregory, a saloon keeper at 24 Grand street, Brooklyn, convicted of white slavery, was sentenced yesterday to from eight years and four months to sixteen years and eight months in Sing Sing by Supreme Court Justice Charles L. Jackson.

FRUIT CARGOES RELEASED.

Britain Frees Big Shipment Consigned to Neutral Countries.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The huge consignments of fruit detained by British warships on the way from the North Pacific Fruit Distributors Association to Scandinavian countries were released to-day by the British Government.

An undertaking was given for one consignment of apples to Denmark. The release on the remainder of the fruit was unconditional. The consignments represent the products of some 10,000 Washington and Oregon growers.

PLANNING CANAL DEFENCES.

Army and Navy Experts Lay Out Submarine Bases.

PANAMA, Dec. 24.—Plans are being prepared for the establishment of large submarine bases at the ends of the canal, where increased underwater fleets are to be stationed.

Rear Admiral Grant, commanding the submarines of the navy; Major-General Goethals and Brig-General Clarence R. Edwards, commanding the canal zone, are taking part in the discussion. Plans also are being made for other water defenses for the canal, in which extensive mine fields will figure.

Reports India is Quiet.

Missionary Who Travels Much No Writes Bishop Warns.

Conditions in north India have not changed in the last year according to word received here yesterday by the Rev. Father M. J. M. of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Bishop Frank W. Warne, until recently stationed at Lucknow, in north India, has received a letter from a friend there who says that "India is as quiet to-day as it was a year ago."

The letter was written one month ago, and it is written from India far and wide.

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