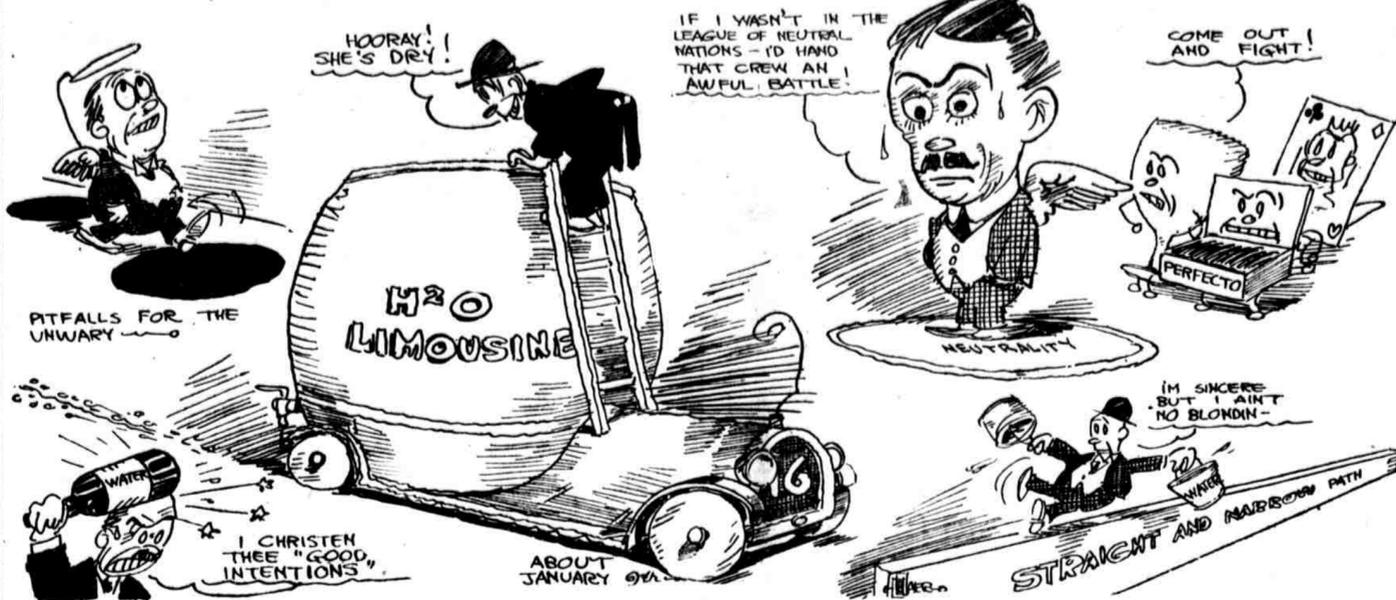


ALL ABOARD, BOYS, THE SHIP HAS STARTED FOR 1916



the Administration and the State Department because the new note from Austria on the Ancona case is regarded here as favorable to a solution of the whole submarine controversy. That Austria in that note was not speaking in good faith, and that the Persia was deliberately sunk in defiance of the principles which Austria says she will observe, is deemed almost unbelievable here. Consequently, in spite of the reports as to the scope of the horror, it is thought possible the Persia tried to escape or in some way forfeited immunity.

What officials were given to know is whether warning was wanted and whether the Persia tried to escape or resist. It seems plain that, if the early reports are correct as to the enormous loss of life, there could have been no warning.

**Assumed To Be Austrian.**  
The P. & O. liners are traveled on freely by Americans bound for the Orient, and it would be remarkable if there were not a number of them on board.

It is not yet definitely known whether the submarine was Austrian. But Austrian submarines have been active of late in the Mediterranean and so it is assumed this craft was also Austrian.

Unless the submarine was justified in its attack, the United States will call on Vienna promptly for disavowal, punishment of the captain and reparation. The circumstances of the case, on the surface are correct as to the enormous loss of life, there could have been no warning.

**Complications Threaten.**  
From any possible viewpoint, unless the command of the submarine was justified, ugly complications loom up in threatening fashion.

Having made it plain it would break relations with Austria unless that government yielded in the Ancona case, the Administration cannot do less in this instance, provided the attack was in wanton disregard of law and Austria does not move speedily to a disavowal, and to amends of a satisfactory sort.

The dispatches thus far shed no light on the nationality of the vessel that did the torpedoing. One of the possibilities is that its nationality cannot be established.

Secretary of State Lansing is taking the necessary steps to secure full information about the facts. It is assumed the consul at Aden, who is to furnish a detailed statement at an early date.

Consul McNeely was saved, his version of the affair will be of extreme importance. If he was lost, the State Department is impelled to go into the matter all the more speedily.

Consul McNeely was a recent graduate of the University of North Carolina. He was appointed consul in Aden to the consular service and was going to his first post, at Aden. He was a member of the school for consuls conducted by the State Department and was there given the training to fit him for his position.

Whether Consul McNeely was lost or any of the Americans on board was lost, provided American life was wantonly placed in jeopardy, the essential difference so far as the action of this Government is concerned.

President Wilson, well satisfied with the Austrian note, which he had planned to remain at Hot Springs until Wednesday. This may hasten his return.

Another phase of the matter is the possibility that there will be renewed efforts to break the question of a break with the central powers submitted to Congress before a rupture is decreed by the White House.

**WIRGINIAN'S MEET WILSON AND BRIDE**  
Public Reception Held at Hot Springs This Afternoon by Chief Executive and Wife.

**HOT SPRINGS, Va., Jan. 1.**—Virginia mountaineers will rub shoulders this afternoon at 5 o'clock, with New York society leaders in the first New Year reception of William Administration. Dressed in their Sunday best, farmers for many miles around came at the President's invitation to the fashionable Homestead Hotel. There they were presented to the President and his bride, along with W. K. Vanderbilt's, Harriman's, and Mrs. McCulloughs of New York and Newport.

**CAPITAL AWAKES LATE AFTER NOISY NIGHT**

**Spirit of Revelry Which Greeted Little Nineteen Sixteen Last-ed Until Early Hours.**

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3 o'clock this afternoon in honor of its president, Theodore W. Noves. A life-size portrait of the boys will be presented to the association. The presentation address will be made by Henry H. Macfarland, and the portrait will be accepted by Henry H. Macfarland, one of the vice presidents of the association.

The Twelfth street branch of the Y. M. C. A. celebrated the day by keeping "open house." A musical program included selections by the symphony, Mandolin Orchestra.

The evening was celebrated at the Central Union Mission by a dinner to the unemployed. Religious services will be held this afternoon and evening.

A reception was held by the wives and members of the executive board of the Gospel Mission, followed by religious services.

Officers of the W. C. T. U. held a public reception at 522 Sixth street northeast and the State officers also received.

**Gaiety Until Monday.**  
Washington, which has been in a merry-making mood since the beginning of Christmas week, will not settle down to the regular business of making 1916 prosperous as well as happy until Monday morning.

Tomorrow morning will witness a general exodus of college boys and girls and thousands of others who came here early last week to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

**Little Nineteen Sixteen Greeted With a Bedlam Of Noise in Washington**  
If unprecedented volume and variety of noise be a good augury for the new year, 1916, which was ushered in with merrymaking and a bedlam of sound by thousands of gay men and women owners and others, has bright prospects of proving "happy and prosperous."

Washington has revelled in many merrill and hilarious New Year Eve celebrations in its day, but last night's demonstration was unique in many respects for the National Capital in the measure of reverberating din, prodigality of the feasting and number of happy lanchons on the shelf with more than the usual spectacular ceremony, and that with 1916 is that it probably will not have more than one December 31.

**Streets Are Jammed.**  
Although the downtown streets of the city were packed and jammed with men, women, and children bent upon watching the old year out and the new year in, all of them being armed with some sort of noise-making device, the real ceremony of ushering in the new year was conducted within doors.

Every hotel and cafe in the city was packed to its capacity, and some of them beyond that, by watchers whose evening's merriment reached its climax when cannon began to boom and whistles screeched out the dirge of the old year and the birth-song of the new.

All eyes were riveted on clocks from 1:45 until 12 o'clock, and on the first stroke of the midnight hour, the revelry reached its transcendental point, and joy reigned unrestrained until well into the new.

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**Will Be Big Social Event of New Year Day in Washington.**

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day at the Pan-American building, had to be postponed because of the inability of the various sections and subsections to get in shape the various resolutions which they will have to present to the general body.

Among these resolutions are likely to be a number recording the belief of their authors that the serious crisis through which the world is passing demands a closer union of the American republics for purposes of mutual protection and defense.

**Republics Send Congratulations.**  
Up to an hour before the session was to have assembled, however, only a few of these resolutions were in shape for presentation. These few included that introduced in the conference of women at their first meeting, creating a committee to bring about the creation of a permanent Pan-American Union for Women, and to start a movement to urge funds for the erection in Washington of a building similar to the present Pan-American building.

Also ready for presentation is a resolution prepared by the delegation from Argentina endorsing the establishment of a system of exchanging professorships between the colleges and universities of Argentina and the United States.

The postponed session will probably be held during the first week of the congress, the Presidents of all the Latin-American republics, including Argentina, Chile, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela, are expected to attend.

**Visiting Savants Have Chance to See the Real Thing in Musical Comedy**  
Latin America was introduced to the spirit of musical comedy as it pervades the United States at the gala theater party given by the members of the official delegation from this country to the Pan-American Scientific Congress to their South and Central American conferees at the New National Theater last night.

Music and sport are part of the national life of the Latin American, and the United States version of musical comedy is fairly well known in former days, without the stars that made it popular.

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By CHARLES P. STEWART.  
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Governor Hanna, of North Dakota, who was seriously ill in a hospital here, is better, it was learned today. The first Charles F. Auld, of San Francisco, remained at Stockholm, on the verge of a nervous collapse. Many delegates are suffering from severe colds.

Only twenty-three persons greeted the delegates upon their arrival here yesterday. There was no formal reception. They were met at the police station where the party to Copenhagen to make arrangements was awakened at her hotel at night and warned by the police that she would not be permitted to arrange for public meetings.

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