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## Greetings from Business Men

## YEAR 1916 FINDS STEAMER SUNK AUSTRIA'S REPLY ARMIES ACTIVE BY SUBMARINE MEETS DEMANDS

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A BULLY NEW YEAR  
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From  
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For  
A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR  
HOTEL RAMMEL

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From  
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We Thank You For  
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tinue Same in Future  
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A HAPPY AND PROS-  
PEROUS NEW YEAR  
R. C. Acton and Sons  
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Saloniki Utters Defiance, Allies Con-  
fident They Can Fight Off Any  
Force of Invaders.

London, Jan. 1.—The last day of  
the year found the European belligerents  
too busily occupied with matters  
of pressing importance to pause  
long enough to do any extensive men-  
tal stock-taking regarding the war  
situation.

To the most of the fighting nations  
the war probably seemed nearer its  
end a year ago than now. For Great  
Britain its unfortunate year passes  
into history with a fresh naval calamity—  
the sinking of the cruiser Natal.

The last day of the old year was  
a busy one for the Cabinet, which  
accomplished peacefully the almost  
unprecedented task of holding two  
meetings in a single day. It now ap-  
pears that the momentous transition  
to compulsory service in Great Brit-  
ain is likely to be accepted with tran-  
quillity. The press of all shades of  
opinion already is exulting that "no  
change of equal importance was ever  
enacted with such a lack of distur-  
bance or with so close an approach to  
public unanimity."

On the fighting fronts the year  
ends with a promise of many interest-  
ing developments.

Greece has protested against the  
arrest of consuls of the central pow-  
ers by the allies at Saloniki, which  
it claims is a violation of Greece's  
sovereign rights, says Reuter's Ath-  
ens correspondent.

The arrest of the German, Austrian,  
Turkish and Bulgarian consuls at Sa-  
loniki on orders given by General  
Sarrail, the French commander, re-  
ported early yesterday from that city,  
were the outgrowth of a German aero-  
plane attack upon the city, which was  
considered an act of belligerency, ac-  
cording to a dispatch to the Evening  
News from Saloniki yesterday.

British and French troops surround-  
ed the consulates, arrested all the  
members of their staffs, and seized the  
archives, the dispatch states.

#### WEDDING AT THE SEMINARY.

On Tuesday last, the 28th, Mr.  
George C. Caton, of Midland Fauquier  
county, and Miss Sarah L.  
Stephans, who had lived for many  
years in the home of the Rev. Dr. and  
Mrs. S. A. Wallis, were married at  
Oakwood, Theological Seminary, near  
this city, by the Rev. Dr. Wallis. The  
bride was given away by her brother,  
Mr. Brackett Stephans. She was  
the recipient of many presents. She  
is well known to many of the clergy  
and students who were visitors at  
Oakwood. Mr. and Mrs. Caton left  
after the wedding for their home in  
Fauquier, with the good wishes of  
their friends for a long and happy  
life together.

The Christmas holidays at the  
Seminary will close at 6 o'clock next  
Tuesday evening, and lectures will  
be resumed on Wednesday morning,  
January 5th.

The Rev. Dr. Crawford and family  
are spending their holiday with his  
son-in-law, the Rev. Oscar de Wolfe  
Randolph, at Lexington, Va., and the  
Rev. Prof. and Mrs. Bell are with  
relatives in Wilmington, Del. The  
great majority of the students went  
home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Stuart,  
proctor of the Seminary, spent their  
Christmas with his mother at Cedar  
Grove, King George county. While  
he was there his mother was ill, but  
her condition was not thought to be  
serious enough for him to remain at  
Cedar Grove. However, on his return  
to Seminary Hill, he received a tele-  
gram calling him back at once, but  
his mother, Mrs. Rosalie Stuart, pass-  
ed away, before he reached the old  
home. Mrs. Stuart was a lady of the  
old school, honored and respected by  
her friends for her noble qualities  
and bright christian character, as  
well as beloved by all her relatives  
and a large circle of acquaintances.  
Mr. and Mrs. Stuart have the sin-  
cere sympathy of all their friends  
on the "Hill" in their bereavement.

Frank Ainsworth was struck by  
a train on the bridge ver Mushpot  
road today. One of his fingers was  
mashed off and he was bruised about  
the body. The injured man was plac-  
ed in the Alexandria Hospital.

Report That a Second British Passen-  
ger Ship Has Been Sunk By  
Undersea Boat.

London, January 1.—The Peninsular  
and Oriental liner Persia, flying the  
British flag, was sunk in the Medi-  
terranean, presumably by a subma-  
rine, on Thursday.

Dispatches received here today in-  
dicate that many lives were lost. Only  
four boatloads of passengers and  
members of the crew cleared the sink-  
ing liner.

Sinking of the British steamer  
Abelia by a submarine was also an-  
nounced today.

The Persia was en route from Lon-  
don to Bombay. She was one of the  
great fleet of liners owned by the  
Peninsular and Oriental Company, of  
London, engaged principally in trade  
between English ports and the Far  
East.

The Persia displaced 7,974 tons,  
being only slightly smaller than the  
Italian liner Ancona, which was sunk  
by a submarine. She was built in  
1900 at Greenock, Scotland, and was  
registered from that port. She was  
499 feet long and had a 58-foot beam.  
Her commander, as given by Lloyd's,  
was H. S. Bradshaw.

Excepting the Lusitania and the  
Arabic, the Persia is the largest Brit-  
ish liner to be sent to the bottom by  
a torpedo, it reports that she was sub-  
merged and substantiated. She is the  
first large British passenger-carrier  
sunk in the Mediterranean.

#### ROYAL GREETING.

King George Sends Congratulations  
to President Poincare.

London, Jan. 1.—King George has  
sent the following telegram to Presi-  
dent Poincare of France:

"January 1, 1916.

"At the commencement of a new  
year I desire, M. le President, to con-  
vey my earnest hopes that you will  
enjoy health and strength necessary  
to enable you to fulfill your exalted  
duties. Our two countries are united,  
in common with our allies, in the  
prosecution of a great cause, and it  
is a source of unfeigned gratification  
to me that the two people are bound  
together by ties which the heroism  
and sacrifices of our gallant soldiers  
and sailors have rendered indissol-  
uble.

"I beg you to accept on behalf of  
myself and my empire most cordial  
greetings to the great nation over  
which you preside and an expression  
of my deep admiration for the splen-  
did qualities of the land and set fore-  
es of France, which have been in  
this war of such inestimable value,  
and which offer a sure guarantee of  
ultimate victory. "GEORGE, R.I."

#### SUITS FOR DAMAGES

Man Asks \$50,000 for Wife Killed by  
Hospital Bed.

New York, Jan. 1.—Because the  
bed occupied by his wife is alleged to  
have collapsed twice in one day, Na-  
than Frank is suing the French Hos-  
pital for \$50,000 damages for her  
death. He says Mr. Frank died from  
shock, injuries and bruises sustained  
by the fall of the bed. She underwent  
an operation for intestinal disorder.

Fort Smith, Ark., Jan. 1.—A jury  
in the Circuit Court found a verdict  
for the defendant in the suit of Mrs.  
Della M. Gortz against Sam Stuart, a  
wealthy property owner, wherein the  
plaintiff sought \$5,000 damages on the  
ground that Stuart attempted to kiss  
her. Mrs. Gortz told the jury Stuart's  
advances caused her to lose her rea-  
son temporarily, and she further  
charged she suffered great physical  
discomfort. Stuart, who is seventy-  
one, alleged he had paid Mrs. Gortz  
\$100 and that she signed a waiver of  
all damages against him. The jury de-  
liberated seven minutes and held that  
Stuart had paid enough.

An abandoned auto truck was  
found by the police today on Duke  
street, between Alfred and Colum-  
bus. It belongs to A. Fuss, 526 Eighth  
street, Washington. The owner was  
notified and he later appeared and  
carried the machine away.

Attitude of Dual Monarchy Said to  
be More Satisfactory Than  
That of Germany.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Austria's re-  
ply to the Ancona note not only meets  
the cardinal points of the American  
demands, but gives assurances for the  
future which are considered more sat-  
isfactory in their extent than those  
given by Germany.

The full American view will not be  
known until after President Wilson  
has studied the Austrian reply, which  
was received from Ambassador Pen-  
field, and was immediately dispatched  
to Hot Springs.

It may be stated authoritatively,  
nevertheless, that danger of rupture  
of diplomatic relations has passed and  
the controversy now enters the  
same stage as the Lusitania negotia-  
tions with Germany on an even more  
favorable basis.

Austria in the Ancona case has sub-  
scribed to the principle that no ships  
will be sunk unless they offer resist-  
ance or flee without the persons on  
board being brought to safety. This  
is considered an assurance that is  
far-reaching and satisfactory.

Questions which Austria leaves for  
further diplomatic correspondence are  
not considered of a nature to bring on  
a new crisis. Chief among them are  
questions of fact which affect Aus-  
tria's responsibility for what happen-  
ed before the submarine commander  
torpedoed the Ancona, and their im-  
portance is minimized by the promise  
to pay indemnity for Americans lost,  
regardless of the absence of proof as  
to just how they met their death.

The mere statement that the sub-  
marine commander has been punished  
for not making allowances for the  
panic on the ship undoubtedly will be  
accepted without question and with-  
out further inquiry as to its nature.

Count von Bernstorff, the German  
ambassador, conferred with Secretary  
Lansing yesterday on the case, and  
it was said that, while no communi-  
cations were passed, views were ex-  
changed, and it is believed that the  
promised settlement is not far off.  
The ambassador let it be known that  
he considered the Austrian reply to  
be a complete compliance with the  
United States demands.

#### SEVEN STATES DRY TODAY.

White Commonwealths in Union Are  
Now Nineteen.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—State-wide prohi-  
bition of the sale and manufacture of  
intoxicating liquors became effective  
in seven states at midnight last night,  
putting out of business more than  
3,000 saloons, a large number of  
breweries, wholesale liquor houses  
and distilleries. According to figures  
offered by the Antisaloons League of  
America, the addition of the seven  
states that went "dry" today, brings  
the total of prohibition states in the  
Union to 19.

The states which are to enter the  
dry column are Iowa, Colorado, Wash-  
ington, Oregon, Idaho, Arkansas and  
South Carolina. Many counties in all  
of the seven states have prohibited  
the sale of liquors for a number of  
years under local option laws.

In Colorado, district attorneys, at  
a recent meeting, agreed that techni-  
cally the constitutional prohibition  
amendment and the enforcing statute  
do not become effective until midnight  
January 1, but it was also decided  
that the expiration of all liquor  
licenses at midnight last night would  
render liquor sales on New Year's day  
unlawful. According to one au-  
thority, between \$2,000,000 and \$3,  
000,000 have been expended for liquor  
in Colorado within the last week.

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual stockholder's meeting  
of the National Manganese Corporation  
will be held at No. 107 north  
Fairfax street, Alexandria, Va., on  
Tuesday, January 11, 1916, at 11:15  
o'clock, a. m., for the election of  
Directors for the ensuing year and  
the consideration of such other busi-  
ness as may be presented.

L. M. LARKIN, Secretary.

### BEST WISHES FOR A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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NEW YEAR  
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Wishes  
Its Depositors and All  
Its Friends  
—A HAPPY NEW YEAR

### A HAPPY NEW YEAR

From  
W. A. SMOOT and CO.  
"Good Luck for 1916"

### Compliments of the Season

From  
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
And  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR

### HOWELL THE HATTER

Wishes you  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR