



MANY LOSE LIVES WHEN BIG BRITISH CRUISER IS SUNK BY AN EXPLOSION

Natal Goes to Bottom of Harbor as Result of Internal Accident; Of Crew of More Than 700 Only 400 Have Been Saved; Biggest Naval Loss Since Sinking of Triumph and Majestic

SERBS ANNIHILATED IN THREE-DAY BATTLE

Suffer Crushing Defeat at Hands of Bulgars; Teutonic Forces Are Withdrawing From Macedonia to Oppose Russian Offensive; Believed English Cabinet Will Adopt Final Draft of Compulsion Measure

TEXT OF LATEST AUSTRIAN REPLY BEING DECODED

Meets American Demands in Connection With the Destruction of Ancona

COMMANDER IS PUNISHED



Austrian foreign secretary, who is conducting the Ancona correspondence with Secretary of State Lansing, is considered one of the ablest of European diplomats.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—The official text of Austria's Ancona note was received early to-day at the State Department.

Count Bernstorff, the German Ambassador called at the State Department and conferred with Secretary Lansing for nearly half an hour.

Later, it was learned the German views is that Austria-Hungary has granted complete concessions to the American demands.

Departure of Americans Is Barred by Germany

Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.—Americans in Vienna not possessing certificates of birth or naturalization are being refused entry by the German consuls to visit their passports for travel in the German empire.

KING BOOZE WILL BE KNOCKED OUT IN SEVEN STATES

Prohibition Becomes Effective at Midnight; 3,000 Saloons to Be Closed

GRAND BARGAIN DAY RUSH

\$3,000,000 Spent For Rum in Colorado During Last Week; Laws Are Drastic

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 31.—State-wide prohibition of the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquors will become effective in seven states at midnight to-night, putting out of business more than 3,000 saloons.

According to one authority, between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 has been expended for liquor in Colorado within the last week.

Bargain Day Rush

In Iowa "bargain day sales" in the 402 saloons of the state are in progress to-day preparatory to the final

Ex-President Taft Here; On His Way; but Knows Not Where He's Going

William Howard Taft spent a half hour in Union Station this morning on his way from Washington to Troy, Pa., where he is scheduled to make an address this evening.

Mr. Taft has been in Washington on Red Cross matters, having spent yesterday there enacting business as the chief executive of the Red Cross Association.

STRIKE PLOTTERS ASK PRELIMINARY HEARING AT ONCE

Demand Surprises Federal Officers Who Understood They Would Give Bonds

Washington, Dec. 31.—Former Representative H. Robert Fowler, Henry E. Martin and Herman Schulteis, identified with Labor's National Peace Council and indicted in New York under the Sherman anti-trust law for conspiracy to restrain trade in munitions, demanded a preliminary hearing when they appeared to-day before United States Commissioner Taylor to make a formal return to the indictment.

Representative Frank Buchanan, of Illinois, indicted on the same charge, sent word to the Department of Justice to-day that he would waive all question of immunity, go to New York as quickly as possible, probably within a week, furnish bail and adopt no dilatory tactics.

The demand for a hearing came as a surprise to the government. Assistant United States District Attorney Arthur E. Fowler, in person and through his attorney, former Representative Robert P. Hill, of Illinois, asked that the hearing be postponed at least 25 days.

LET CONTRACT FOR MODERN CIGAR FACTORY

Dauphin Cigar Company to Build Big Fireproof Structure at State and Cameron

Contract has been let by the Dauphin Cigar company to Herman Voigt, of Philadelphia, for the erection of a new all-daylight, fireproof, concrete, brick and steel five-story factory building at State and Cameron street.

The plans for the new factory were made by C. Harry Kain, architect, of Harrisburg, and the number of bidders was unusually large, Mr. Voigt being lowest.

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"GO FIGHT," SHE SAID, BUT HE TOOK POISON



MISS MURIEL WHEELER

Edward Ellfroth, a young Frenchman, who is a bank clerk in New York, saw Miss Muriel Wheeler at her home and begged her to wed him.

NOISY WELCOME TO '16; MUMMER PARADE AT 1:15

Watch Night Services and Carnival Scenes in Street Mark Old Year's Passing

Harrisburg has turned the last page in the 1915 date book, the work that will be done in the old year is done and everything is in readiness for greeting the new year.

WILL URGE CITY WIDE FIRE LINE

Building Inspector Collecting Data to Submit to Council

Codification of the building regulations and the adoption of a city-wide "fire" district will be recommended to City Council early in the new year by Building Inspector James H. Grove.

Mule Dies Waiting For Bryan to Be President

Petersburg, Ind., Dec. 31.—Maud, aged forty-two, the famous mule owned by W. R. Berridge, who figured prominently in Bryan's first campaign for President was chloroformed last night by its owner.

CUTTER UNABLE TO LOCATE DISABLED GREEK STEAMER

New York, Dec. 31.—Search was continued to-day by the coast guard cutter Seneca for the overdue Greek liner Thessaloniki last reported in radio messages yesterday as being in distress, due to storms about 200 miles east of Sandy Hook.

TWENTY REPORTED DEAD IN BIG PLANT EXPLOSION

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Reports that 15 or 20 men had been killed in an explosion which set fire to the plant of the American Linseed Company in South Chicago, were received by the police to-day.

BIG RAILROAD IMPROVEMENTS COMING IN '16

Rutherford Yards to Be Enlarged Announces Superintendent Stackhouse

PENNSY TO PUSH WORK

South Harrisburg Freight Station to Be Pushed to Completion

Railroads were a big factor in Harrisburg's prosperity this year, and promise of greater things for the New Year is given.

Knights of Pythias Meet and Elect New Officers

Mechanicsburg, Pa., Dec. 31.—Last evening the Melita Lodge, No. 83, Knights of Pythias held a meeting and these officers were chosen for the ensuing six months: Chancellor commander Mervin L. Beck; vice-chancellor S. S. Brenner; prelate, E. S. Cocklin; master of work, Frank Rowe; master of arms, L. G. Haverstock; inner guard, Bruce R. Mowery; outer guard, John S. Whitman; trustee, E. S. Cocklin; host, John S. Whitman; musician, Bruce R. Mowery; trustee, E. S. Cocklin; keeper of records and seals, George W. Hershman; master of finance, E. C. Gardner; master of exchequer, D. J. Beitzel.

WILL REPEAT CANTATA

The cantata given Christmas Day by the Sunday school of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church will be repeated this evening by special request.

HOLIDAY DANCES SPREADING GRIP SAYS RAUNICK

Watch Your Step or "Germs'll Git You," Declares the Health Officer

TERPSICHOIRE ITS ALLY

Fur on Girls' Boots Doesn't Seem to Protect Their Necks From Chills

Listen, girls! Are you fond of the one-step? And could you "simply die" maneuvering the intricacies of the "fox-trot" and the strenuous activity of the "pigeon walk?"

REPUBLICAN CLUB BALL

The annual ball of the Harrisburg Republican club will be held to-night at Chestnut street hall.

BIG METHODIST SCHOOL BURNS

Bristol, Tenn., Dec. 31.—Sullivan's College, a large Methodist female school here, was destroyed by fire which originated in the boiler room early to-day.

BUYS NEIDIG'S STORE

Mechanicsburg, Pa., Dec. 31.—Henry C. Hertzler, of Upper Allen township, purchased the harness and feed store, owned by W. O. Neidig on the corner of South Market and West Locust streets. He will take possession immediately.

STEAMER BEARING FORD DELAYED

New York, Dec. 31.—The steamship Bergensfjord, on which Henry Ford is returning from his peace expedition has been delayed by high western gales and will not reach this port until Sunday morning, according to a radio message from the steamer to-day.

CHINESE GENERAL REVOLTS FROM EMPEROR

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—General Lishun, commanding Chinese government troops in the province of Kiang-Si has declared his independence of Yuan Shi Kai, prospective emperor, according to a cablegram received here to-day from revolutionary headquarters at Shanghai, China, by Tong Kong Chong, former member of the Chinese Senate and president of the Chinese republic association.

LAST MARKET OF YEAR CLOSES STRONG

New York, Dec. 31.—Wall Street.—Oils, mercantile, marine pd., tobaccos and other higher-priced issues dominated the later dealings. The closing was strong. Strength in investment issues and buoyancy in specialties featured the final day of an extraordinary year on the Stock Exchange.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

David Samuel Smith, Steelton, and Mabel B. Harry Franklin Shafer, city, and Katharine...

THE WEATHER
For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair, continued cold to-night with lowest temperature about 26 degrees; Saturday unsettled and warmer.
For Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy to-night, followed by unsettled Saturday; rising temperature; light, variable winds.
River
The Susquehanna river and all its tributaries will continue to fall. A stage of about 62 feet is indicated for Harrisburg, Saturday morning.
General Conditions
An area of high pressure covers the eastern half of the country with its center over the Susquehanna Valley. The barometer has fallen decidedly in the Northwest and a disturbance of considerable magnitude is now central over Alberta, Canada, moving southward. The center of the south-western storm has moved from southern California to Arizona during the last twenty-four hours.
It is warmer over most of the territory between the Rocky mountains and the Mississippi river, in the Great Gulf States, Upper Ohio Valley and a portion of the lake region.
Temperatures: 8 a. m., 24. Sun: Rises, 7:27 a. m.; sets, 4:52 p. m. Moon: New moon, January 4, 11:45 a. m. River stage: 67 feet above low-water mark.
Yesterday's Weather
Highest temperature, 31. Lowest temperature, 28. Mean temperature, 30. Normal temperature, 31.