



CRISIS RAISED BY PERSIA SINKING BEFORE CABINET

Devote Meeting to Submarine Warfare Discussion; Awaiting Full Details

OBTAIN 21 AFFIDAVITS

Survivors Swear "No Warning Was Given and No Vessels Seen"

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—The submarine crisis, still of uncertain status because of lack of details, was placed by President Wilson before the cabinet to-day in its first meeting since his return from Hot Springs, Va. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee also met to consider the situation but as Chairman Stone was detained at the White House by a conference with the President, adjourned without action.

Although more than a week has passed since the Persia was sunk in the Mediterranean with the loss of American life, officials were to-day still unanimous as to whether the vessel was torpedoed and if so, the nationality of the submarine and other details which would determine the nature of the action the White House has announced. It will take developments continued to-day to indicate that the American government would withhold action pending official advices determining these points.

Austria In Ignorance

Over night developments included the receipt of an official dispatch from Mr. Penfield at Vienna asserting that the Austrian government was without information concerning the incident up to the night of January 4 and from Consul Garrels at Alexandria, Egypt, stating that he had obtained affidavits from 21 survivors and that all confirmed previous statements "that no warning was given and no vessel was seen."

Ambassador Penfield's dispatch added that Baron Burián, the Austrian foreign minister, had asked what information concerning the incident was in possession of the United States.

Officers and crew of the Persia, Consul Garrels reported, have left Alexandria for England. Their affidavits, State Department officials believed would be obtained upon their arrival there.

Must Await Facts

As the cabinet meeting was made plain that the members agreed with the President that in the case of the Persia nothing can be done until all the facts were at hand. Some members expressed the opinion that it might never be learned whether the Persia was sunk by a submarine and if so what nation was responsible.

Regardless of the outcome of the Persia, however, the majority of Cabinet members are represented as believing that the time has come for making certain that no further attacks on merchant ships carrying Americans will be made.

Expect Lusitania Settlement

The Persia incident was taken up only briefly by the cabinet, because Secretary Lansing had no definite recommendations to make in the absence of specific facts regarding the sinking of the ship. One cabinet member said that the nation will be in a "only superficial."

President and Mrs. Wilson Will Open Social Season

Washington, Jan. 7.—The White House social season will open to-night with a reception in honor of the delegates to the Pan-American Scientific Congress. More than 4,000 invitations have been issued and hundreds have been refused.

The President and Mrs. Wilson will receive together in the Blue room, assisted by members of the cabinet and their wives. The reception will be the first appearance of Mrs. Wilson at an affair of the kind.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Generally fair to-night and Saturday; not much change in temperature; lowest to-night about 22 degrees.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Snow to-night; Saturday partly cloudy; moderate northeast to north winds.

The main river will rise this afternoon and to-night and begin to fall Saturday. A stage of about 100 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Saturday morning.

General Conditions: Unsettled weather prevails in the Southern States, except Florida, where it is clear, and rain and snow have fallen over most of the territory south and east of the Ohio river and in the Middle Mississippi and Lower Missouri valleys.

New Jersey Woman's Face on New Coins



MRS REBA PORTER

When the new Canadian coins, now ordered, make their appearance they will bear on their face a reproduction of the profile of Mrs. Reba Porter, of Island Heights, N. J., a well-known model in the New York studios.

Naturalists claim that the new issue of Canadian coins will be the most artistic ever issued.

WHOLE COUNCIL TO WORK ON NEW BUILDING CODE

Commissioner Bowman Collecting Data For Revising Regulations

Within the next few weeks Harrisburg's proposed new building code will likely be submitted for Council's consideration.

The chances are that the measure will be introduced in skeleton form. The various provisions will be threshed out by the entire body of commissioners before the regulations are acted upon.

City Commissioner Harry E. Bowman, under whose department the building inspection bureau is conducted, has already collected a lot of data on the subject, and Building Inspector James H. Grove has gathered a lot more. Similar ordinances in use in other cities will be obtained so that Council may have a working basis along modern lines with which to begin the preparation of this city's new code.

The present regulations are old, obsolete, the appearance of the automobile garage with its attendant gasoline possibilities is not provided for. This will be one of the chief features which will require consideration.

British Submarine Goes to Bottom; Crew Saved

London, Jan. 7.—The sinking of a British submarine off the coast of Holland was officially announced this morning. The crew were saved.

The Admiralty reports says that the submarine, the name of which is not given, was sunk yesterday off the island of Texel, the largest and most southwesternly of the Frisian group.

The entire crew, numbering 32, was rescued by the Dutch cruiser Noord Brabant and brought into the Dutch port of Helder.

The Hague, Netherlands, Jan. 7, via London, 12.30 P. M.—The Ministry of marine announces that a British submarine which was flying signals of distress was encountered by the Dutch cruiser Noord Brabant outside of Dutch territorial waters.

2 RESIDENTS OF SAME HOUSE DIE WITHIN 6 HOURS

James M. Bowers and Frank M. Lengle, of Mechanicsburg, Are Grip Victims

Mechanicsburg, Pa., Jan. 7.—Grip caused the death of two men last night, residents of the same house, Frank M. Lengle, aged 70 years, died about midnight at the home of James M. Bowers, West Keller street, where he and his wife were caretakers for the latter. Mr. Bowers died at 6 o'clock this morning at the home of William Ott, about two miles below town on the Bradywine road, where he had gone for a visit on Christmas day.

Stricken with grip and later a paralytic stroke his condition became serious and he was unable to return home. He was aged 79 years and a veteran of the Civil war. He was a member of the Col. H. I. Zinn post, No. 415, Grand Army of the Republic. He was also a member of the First United Brethren Church. One brother and sister survive: Samuel, of Mechanicsburg, and Mrs. Leah Warren, of Mentone, Ind.

Mr. Lengle was ill about ten days with grip which developed into pneumonia. He was a member of the Church of the Brethren. He was born in Pine Grove, Schuylkill county, and lived here the past four years. His widow and five children by a former marriage survive: Mrs. Miles Gano, of Burnham; Mrs. George P. Moyer, of Anville; Harry and George, of Lebanon, and Wilson, of Philadelphia.

Downes Presents Report on Continuation Schools

The continuation school problem was formally put up to the school board at its meeting this afternoon in an exhaustive report on the subject that had been prepared by Dr. F. E. Downes, the superintendent. This included all the data relative to the census of eligible employes, etc.

The board also acceded to the request of Miss Lottie Haehlen, assistant principal of the Macley building, for retirement. She has been in the service of the city school for thirty-three years and eight months.

The special committees appointed by President A. Carson Stamm on the truancy problem and on the workmen's compensation requirements also reported this afternoon.

TIMBER LAND SOLD All the timber land in Dauphin, Perry and Juniata counties which was owned by W. P. Zartman and the Pine Creek Lumber Company was sold at trustee's sale to-day in the rotunda of the courthouse by F. A. Witmer, Sunbury. R. M. Loudernath bought practically all of the timber land at cost of \$4,524. The Zartman farm and hotel at Dornisville, Northumberland county, was sold yesterday to Louis Wenzler, of the Lykens Brewing Company, for \$4,500 and \$5,500, respectively.

FURTHER ADVANCE AGAINST GERMANS CLAIMED BY RUSS

Take Czertorysk and Now Threaten Teutonic Stronghold at Kovel

ARE NOW BALKAN POWER

Allies in Macedonia Are in Danger; Domestic Crisis Concerns British

London, Jan. 7.—The principal gain announced for the Russians yesterday along the Bessarabian frontier was at Czertorysk, the scene of many sanguinary struggles, where it is said the Austrians were driven from the cemetery.

Any further advance in this region will threaten Kovel, one of the strongest Austro-German positions. It is believed that even though no further gain had been made Russia's forces have attained a position which will give the nation a degree of power in Balkan affairs it has not had since its armies were driven back from the Carpathians.

Allies Still Threatened The Teutonic allies still threaten to expel the French and British from their Macedonian positions, but no forward move has been detected thus far in that direction. Strong Turkish forces are said to be concentrating on the Thracian frontier of Greece and it is suggested the Turks may attempt to make good some of the territorial losses they suffered during the Balkan wars.

The British public is still concerned with the domestic crisis. Notwithstanding the heavy majority for the compulsion bill on first reading in the house of commons, the press is speculating on the possibility of a break-up of the political truce with a general election as the final chapter of the controversy.

There is no indication in official reports or news dispatches of marked activity on any of the war fronts except along the line in the east from Volhynia southward to Bessarabia. Even here the fighting between Austro-German and Russian forces seems to have slackened. The most notable development reported is the driving back of the Russians in the neighborhood of Czertorysk, Volhynia, Berlin declaring they were expelled from the

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State St. Market to Be Dark Tomorrow Night

The old market house at Fourth and State streets will be dark to-morrow night for the first time on market day in half a century. This property, which is owned by Mrs. A. R. Shellenberger, will shortly be taken over by the State.

The State street market is one of the oldest in Harrisburg. It was built in 1861. For twenty-five years market was held on Tuesday and Friday mornings and Saturday nights. When the other market companies started business the morning markets were cut out. When the State street market was started there was a rule that no one could begin to sell produce until signalled to do so by the ringing of a large bell. The bell was also rung when sales were to stop. This was done in order to prevent forestalling and a combination on prices between farmers.

HELD ON MURDER CHARGE

Thomas Smith, colored, was held for court without bail, charged with the murder of Mrs. Ella Albright, last June, at a preliminary hearing in the offices of Alderman Edward J. Hilton, in Court street, this afternoon. Robert T. Fox, assistant district attorney, conducted the case. He pleaded "not guilty."

SEARCHING FOR BROKER WHO FLED WITH \$300,000

Providence, R. I., Jan. 7.—The police to-day instituted a search for Albert Miller, Jr., an investment broker, who is wanted on a charge of the embezzlement of \$300,000 in funds entrusted to his care by clients.

KEISTER SLIGHTLY IMPROVED

The condition of Daniel L. Keister, 316 Crescent street, was to-day reported as slightly improved. Mr. Keister is not out of danger.

MISSIONARIES WITHDRAWING

Shaighai, Jan. 7.—The authorities of the province of Sze-Chuen have been advised of the withdrawal of Christian missionaries from interior stations.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS

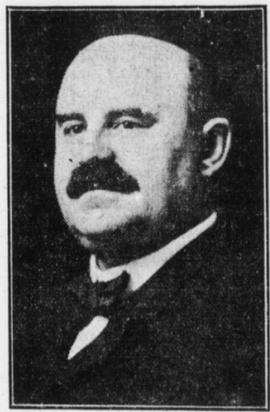
Washington, Jan. 7.—Senate.—Met at noon. Bill amending law to prevent disclosures of national defense secrets introduced by Senator Overman. Senator Hitchcock introduced resolution calling on Post Master General for information on interference with American mails by censors. Foreign relations committee met, took no action on submarine question or nomination of H. P. Fletcher as Mexican ambassador. Suspension of tariff provision free listing sugar May 1 proposed in resolution introduced by Senator Broussard.

House.—Met at noon. Rear Admiral Stanford continued testimony before naval committee. Foreign relations committee agreed to consider next Friday proposed legislation to regulate water power at Niagara Falls. Representative Gardner in speech opposed embargo on arms and war munitions. Representative Kent introduced a bill to create national park service under interior department.

C. H. BACKENSTOE, ATTORNEY, DIES FROM PTOMAINE

Clayton H. Backenstoe Succumbs After Two Weeks' Illness

MENTIONED FOR JUDGE



CLAYTON H. BACKENSTOE.

Clayton Hershey Backenstoe, attorney and prominent member of the Dauphin County Bar Association, died last evening at 6.30, at his home, 1528 North Second street. He was 52 years of age. Death was due to ptomaine poisoning, contracted from eating oysters. Mr. Backenstoe was ill two weeks. During most of this time he was unconscious.

The funeral will take place Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Services will be conducted at the residence, 1528 North Second street, by the Rev. George Edward Hawes, D. D., pastor

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Porto Rican Student Goes to Chair For Murder

Ossining, N. Y., Jan. 7.—Antonio Ponton, the Porto Rican student was put to death in the electric chair this morning shortly after six o'clock for the murder of Miss Bessie Kromer, a Schenectady, N. Y., school teacher, with whom he was infatuated. Three shocks were administered before Ponton was pronounced dead.

Revolutionaries Loot Chinese Custom House

Canton, China, Jan. 7.—One hundred armed men at midnight attacked and looted the Chinese custom house on the boundary of Kowloon. The marauders posted proclamations describing themselves as revolutionaries. Further trouble is expected here at any time, as it is believed the rebels have corrupted the government troops.

The town Kowloon is situated in the peninsula of the same name opposite the island of Hongkong. The boundary referred to in the above dispatch evidently is that which divides Chinese territory from the British colony.

Another Body Washed Up From Wrecked Steamer

Parkersburg, W. Va., Jan. 7.—Reports reaching here early to-day from the point on the Ohio river where the Pittsburgh and Charleston packet, Kenawa, was wrecked Wednesday night said that the body of Mrs. Beegle, of Racine, O., a passenger, had been picked up on the river bank soon after daybreak.

The river is falling, but those at the wreck are awaiting for a further fall before investigating the cabin where it is believed, some at least, of the persons still missing may be found. O. E. Sisson, second mate, has made up a list of those he recalls as being on the boat and places the passengers at 24 and the crew at 38. Of this total 46 have been accounted for, he said.

Police May Soon Wear "Keystone" Badges

The keystone from Harrisburg's city flag may be substituted for the metal shield badges of the police force as the emblem of authority.

The idea, which has followed for the last several years in New York and other metropolitan cities, has been suggested to Mayor Meals by City Clerk Charles A. Miller. It is understood that the Mayor has asked for estimates on sufficient emblems of the proposed design with a view to adopting the change.

Physician Killed by Train Just After He Attends Dying Mother

Huntingdon, Pa., Jan. 7.—Just after attending his dying mother, Dr. J. Spangler, aged 55, one of the most prominent physicians of Huntingdon county, was struck and instantly killed by an east-bound express No. 20 on the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad at Mapleton at 8 o'clock this morning.

ACID OR BLOOD ON OLD HAT OF ALLEGED SLAYER?

To Submit Stains to "Blood Test" by City Bacteriologist

CASE GOES TO GRAND JURY

Fifteen Additional Cases Will Supplement Criminal Calendar

Nicola Kotur, charged with the murder of a fellow-countryman at Steelton, marched from Alderman C. E. Murray's office to the Dauphin county jail yesterday afternoon—hatless.

The old felt hat that Kotur, the Steelton foreigner, wore the night he is believed to have hammered his one-time friend to death bears three or four curious brownish stains on the crown and brim. Kotur declares the stains were made by dropping acid at the Pennsylvania Steel Company's plant. County Detective Walters wants a chemical analysis of the stains, however—and the hat will be turned over to Dr. George R. Moffitt, the city bacteriologist, to subject the stains to the blood test. So, after the hearing, Kotur was told to depart without his hat. He was held without bail for murder and will be heard by the January grand jury Friday or Saturday of next week. Kotur's case is one of fifteen additional criminal cases which will supplement the January criminal calendar. The original list contained 176.

The other additional ones include James Parker and William Faust, larceny; James Kelley, forgery and bastardy; Hampton Washington, carrying concealed weapons, felonious assault and aggravated assault and battery; Henry Grosser, wantonly pointing firearms; Gottfried Herbele, Walter W. Leck and Tony Chiara, assault and battery; Clyde Jackson, carrying concealed deadly weapons; Albert K. Caley, forgery, and William E. Shoop, felonious assault.

BANK PAYS DIVIDEND Halifax, Pa., Jan. 7.—The Halifax National Bank has paid an extra dividend of 1 per cent, in addition to the regular semiannual dividend of 4 per cent. This places the stock on a 10 per cent basis per annum. This institution has never been in better condition.

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ALL DEMANDS OF UNITED STATES IN LUSITANIA CASE MET BY GERMANY

Proposals Which, It Is Believed Will Satisfactorily End Controversy Received; Berlin Agrees to Pay Indemnity For Americans

WILL WARN SHIPS BEFORE TORPEDOING

Gives Assurances in Regard to Submarine Warfare; Agrees With U. S. That Small Boats Are Not a Place of Safety For Passengers; Concessions Complete

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—Proposals which the German government believes will end the controversy over the Lusitania disaster in a manner satisfactory to the United States were understood to have been received here to-day from Berlin. Count von Bernstorff had an appointment to confer with Secretary Lansing this afternoon.

Germany is believed to have agreed to pay an indemnity for the Americans lost when the liner was torpedoed; at the same time basing a reservation of any wrong doing upon the contention that the destruction of the vessel was an act of reprisal in retaliation for the British blockade of Germany.

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ROBBER GETS MILLION IN NEGOTIABLE STAMPS

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 7.—From six hundred dollars to \$5,000 in cash, and internal revenue stamps which may total \$1,000,000 in value, were stolen from the office of the collector of internal revenue last night when the vault door was blown open. E. J. Lynch, revenue collector, who immediately after the robbery was discovered, joined St. Paul and Minneapolis police departments in an investigation, said the robbers carefully and picked up the negotiable stamps, leaving unnegotiable ones in large amounts.

ONE KILLED WHEN 7 BUILDINGS BURN

Cleveland Ohio, Jan. 7.—Howard Bankhardt, 45, a chauffeur, died to-day from injuries sustained last night when fire destroyed a six-story warehouse and six dwellings in East 188th street. Two other persons were injured. The property loss was \$90,000.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—Vance McCormick yesterday appointed director Philadelphia Reserve Bank, may be promoted to deputy reserve agent it was reported late this afternoon.

MILLIONAIRE TO BE GIVEN HEARING

Harrisburg.—Efforts will be made before the Superior Court to free George C. Bayless, millionaire president of the Bayless Paper Company, owners of the Austin dam which broke in 1911, of the charge of involuntary manslaughter growing out of the death of a woman in the flood. The millionaire accompanied by his attorney and a sheriff will arrive here this evening.

COMPANIES D AND I TO BE INSPECTED

Harrisburg.—Companies D and I of the Eighth Regiment will be inspected at headquarters this evening by Captain J. B. Kempel of the United States Army.

Joseph Ibach, who retires as city detective on January 15, to-day filed his application for a license to be private detective.

Cincinnati Ohio, Jan. 7.—The large three-story depot and office building of the Adams Express Company here was destroyed by fire early to-day. The loss is estimated at \$200,000. During the fire the police removed 17 bags said to contain \$1,000 each.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

George W. Wetzel and Violet M. Hoover, city.