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European War News

The following dispatch has been received by the state department at Washington from United States Consul Garrels at Alexandria: "Liner Persia, carrying four seven-inch guns, sunk west of Alexandria. Presumably torpedoed. One hundred and fifty-five out of 400 passengers and crew were landed at Alexandria. Charles H. Grant of Boston was saved. McNeely, consul at Aden, lost."

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Austro-Hungarian and German submarines sank in the Mediterranean eight troopships, 25 transports and 34 merchantmen, with a total tonnage of about 225,325, in the last two weeks of October and the month of November, according to claims made in authoritative quarters at Vienna. Five thousand men were lost.

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Defeat of the Serbians after a three-day battle in central Albania, is reported by the Overseas News agency, at Berlin, which says it received its information from French and Italian sources. The battle is said to have taken place between Elbassan and Mirat.

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The Pall Mall Gazette of London prints the following from its Petrograd correspondent: "Russian joint operations with Roumania are on the point of beginning. Roumania will fight with us, although not for us. Her siding with the entente is not the result of French or English sympathies, but an endeavor to realize the Roumanian dream of sovereignty over Bukowina and Transylvania.

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It is reported at Geneva on good authority that Italian troops have occupied the Albanian seaport of Durazzo.

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French troops have occupied the Turkish island of Castelorizo (Kasteloryzo), in the Aegean sea, between the island of Rhodes and the Gulf of Adalia, according to the papers in Paris. The possession of Castelorizo as a naval base is characterized as indispensable.

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An official report to Rome from Cetinje states that the Montenegrin army, re-enforced by a Serbian corps, has driven the Austrians from Montenegrin territory and now have also driven them from the Sanjak. The Austrian losses are estimated at 10,000 men.

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Fragmentary information received at London from various sources indicates that a great battle is in progress on the southern part of the Russian front, the most important action for many months.

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Two Austrian destroyers have been sunk in the Adriatic sea off Durazzo, one by allied warships and the other by a mine, says a dispatch from Paris. They were the Lika and the Triglav.

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Domestic

Henry Ford, who led a peace expedition to Europe "to bring the boys out of the trenches by Christmas," returned to New York on the Bergensfjord.

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Gen. Victoriano Huerta was operated on at El Paso, Tex. One surgeon said Huerta may be suffering from cancer of the gall bladder, in which case he had only a short time to live.

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Three men were burned to death when the Farmer's Inn, a boarding house at Traverse City, Mich., was gutted by fire. The dead are: Jacob H. Kinter, proprietor of the hotel; William Wurburg of Kinsley, Mich., and C. A. Bowen of Lake City, Mich.

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"Skate" Young of South Dakota was killed and John Luffy of Tulsa, Okla., probably was fatally wounded by Dick Wade when they attempted to hold up a gambling house at St. Joseph, Mo.

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Chief of Police Perrott, five police officers, Herman Adam, city sealer, and others were named in 15 indictments returned by the Marion county grand jury, at Indianapolis, charging violation of the election laws in the election of November 3, 1913.

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Charles R. Carpenter, cashier, and B. Hinrichs, president, of the defunct Commercial and Savings bank, Racine, Wis., were named in five true bills which were returned by the grand jury. Both men were taken into custody.

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Six men perished in a fire which practically destroyed the big plant of the Cleveland Linseed Oil company, a subsidiary of the American Linseed company at South Chicago. General Manager Brown said the loss would amount to $2,000,000.

Henry Muessel, millionaire and general manager of the Muessel Brewing company, and his chauffeur, Frank Chrobot, were instantly killed by two masked robbers who attempted to loot the safe in the brewery office in South Bend, Ind. William Muessel, aged fifteen, was shot in the abdomen by the robbers and it is feared mortally wounded.

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Capt. Karl Boy-Ed, former naval attache of the German embassy in Washington, before sailing from New York for Rotterdam defended his action in sending supplies to German warships at sea, and blamed a Providence newspaper for starting what he termed "spy hysteria" throughout the country.

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Coal mine owners in Illinois and in Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania received an invitation from John P. White, international president of the United Mine Workers of America, to meet with the miners for a conference to discuss a new wage scale in Chicago January 6.

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Washington

The most extreme expression as to the meaning of Pan-Americanism, the absorbing topic before the second Pan-American scientific congress at Washington, came from John Barrett, director of the Pan-American union. He declared that before the war in Europe ended the countries of the new world would perfect an alliance that would be ready to meet possible aggression from the victorious side.

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The Austrian reply to the second American note on the sinking of the Ancona states that the commander of the Austrian submarine has been punished and fully agrees with Washington that the sacred laws of humanity should be taken into account also in war. Austria also agrees to pay indemnity for every American killed or injured on the Ancona.

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Ambassador Penfield at Vienna reported to Washington that Americans in Vienna not having certificates of birth or naturalization were unable to leave, because German consular officers were refusing to vise their passports for travel through Germany, en route for Holland to embark for home.

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The Swedish minister informed the state department at Washington that Norwegian mail from Christiania, detained by Great Britain, has been allowed to proceed. The packages, mostly parcel post, were not opened

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Mail from the German foreign office to Ambassador Bernstorff at Washington has been seized by the British, say reports from German sources. It is said the mail contains instructions from Von Jagow on the Lusitania case.

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Personal

Associate Justice Joseph Rucker Lamar of the United States Supreme court died at his home in Washington after an illness of several months. He was fifty-eight years old and had been on the Supreme bench five years.

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Al Ringling, the oldest of the Ringling brothers, died at his home in Baraboo, Wis., from heart trouble and Brights disease. Mr. Ringling had suffered from a heart affliction. He was born in Chicago on December 13, 1852. He leaves a widow.

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Emperor William, who is suffering from a suppurating phlegm in the neck, has been given some relief, his doctors having resorted to lancing, says dispatch from Zurich, Switzerland.

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Gov. Winfield Scott Hammond of Minnesota died suddenly in a hotel at Clinton, La., from a stroke of apoplexy which physicians said apparently had been superinduced by a recent attack of ptomaine poisoning. He died before physicians could arrive.

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Thomas L. Shevlin of Minneapolis, millionaire lumberman and Yale football coach, died at his home in Minneapolis, Minn., of pneumonia. Mr. Shevlin contracted a cold while training the Yale football squad this fall.

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J. A. A. Burnquist was sworn in at St. Paul, Minn., as Minnesota's nineteenth governor, to succeed Winfield S. Hammond, who died at Clinton, La.

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Sporting

Ritchie Mitchell, the Milwaukee candidate for the lightweight title, had a clear shade over Featherweight Champion Johnny Kilbane at the Music hall, Cincinnati, O. The bout went the limit of ten rounds.

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The twenty-round fight for the heavyweight championship, scheduled for March 4 in New Orleans between Jess Willard and Fred Fulton of Minnesota, was definitely declared off by Tom Jones, Willard's manager, and Tommy Burns.

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Foreign

Lieut. Col. Robert Simpson of the Canadian medical corps was arraigned in Bow Street court at London on an extradition warrant charging him with the theft of $100,000 in Manitoba.

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Fifty-five bags of rubber, consigned to a German agent in Sweden, were removed from the Ford peace ship, Oscar II, at Kirkwall, the foreign office announced at London.

H. ROBERT FOWLER

H. Robert Fowler, a former congressman from Illinois, is one of the men under indictment for alleged complicity in a plot to foment strikes in American munition plants.

ONLY SURVIVING AMERICAN

GRANT'S STORY OF PERSIA SINKING IS IMPORTANT.

Dispatches State More Than 240 Passengers on Torpedoed Liner Are Missing.

London, Jan. 4. — Consul General Skinner has cabled the American consul at Alexandria to obtain at once a detailed statement of the sinking of the British steamer-liner Persia from Charles H. Grant, believed to be the only American survivor. The story told by Grant will be of the utmost importance. On it may depend whether the United States will take drastic action in the new crisis resulting from the torpedoing of the British steamer.

Say 300 Lost Lives.

Cable dispatches from Alexandria and Cairo put the number of missing at between 247 and 255, accounting for a crew of 150. Others declared more than 300 persons lost their lives, estimating that the liner carried a crew of more than 200. Hope that others have been saved is diminishing, as four days have now elapsed since the sinking.

Torpedoed, Officers Say.

Reports from Alexandria say surviving officers of the Persia landed at that port declare positively that the steamer was torpedoed, and ridiculed the idea that a mine might have sent the vessel to the bottom with the loss of probably more than 250 lives.

duct its service. Former Senator Julius Haycraft of Madelia, a long-time friend of the late governor, delivered the eulogy, touching upon the life and works of the departed brother.

The sun was setting as the neighbors of Winfield Scott Hammond began passing the bier for a last look on the face of their friend. For more than an hour the long line passed through the church. Many were the tears shed as men, women and children stopped to pay their last respects.

Start for Cemetery.

It was dark when the long procession started for the cemetery. A company of the national guard and the Masons were in the lead. Then came the hearse, with the guard of honor walking on either side. The members of the staff followed. Hundreds of automobiles, furnished by the men of Watonwan and neighboring counties, carried the mourners, those who mourned a personal loss and those who mourned as representatives of the bereft state.

Taps is Sounded.

It was a weird procession. One by one the stars came out and by the time the cemetery was reached the heavens were dimly lightd. The twigs on the trees, covered with a thin layer of ice, glistened and sparkled. Under an arbor of evergreen, flanked by an immense pyramid on which were placed the floral offerings, the grave had been prepared. As the cortege entered the gates of Mount Hope, the band played "Nearer My God to Thee." The services at the grave were brief. The quartet sang a hymn. The Masons said their ritual. The casket was lowered. The final salutes were fired. Taps was sound And then all was still.

Minnesota had paid its last re to its late governor.

Robbers Get $3,000 from Hospital.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Two men entered the offices of St. Luke's hospital, pointed revolvers at Miss Mary Tobin, the cashier, and escaped with a tin box containing $3,000. It was pay day at the institution and the offices were crowded with nurses and other employes receiving their salary. The robbers made the 30 nurses in the room hold up their hands while they seized the cash box from the cashier and escaped in an automobile.

AN INTERESTING GOOSE FARM.

An Illinois Farmer is "Goose King". Usually has 20,000 Geese Ready for Market.

Bloomington, Ill. Christmas geese in carlots were leaving the Firke goose farm for the Chicago market. William H. Firke, the Piatt county "goose king," eclipsed all previous records last fall. He had 20,000 of the birds upon his farm, the largest collection of geese in the world. The din of the squawking hordes is deafening. Visitors come for miles to witness the extraordinary sight.

Mr. Firke has the assistance of two sons. One, Ralph Firke, has charge of the shipments and always accompanies the carload lots to the market. The second son, Frank, looks after the buying. He travels over Kentucky, Tennessee, and other southern states and buys the geese half grown.

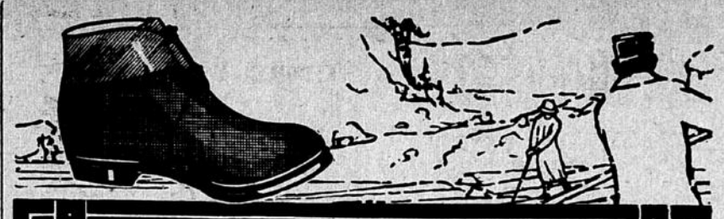
The birds are shipped north by the carload, fed all the corn that they can eat, and in a few weeks they double in weight and are ready for the market. The father, who is also a banker and farmer, looks after the geese pens while the boys are away. He has found after a series of experiment that corn is the best food for fattening. The fowls are given abundance of clean water and unlimited supply of shelled corn. Especial attention is also given to the birds during the stormy weather. Pens with carefully designed shelters protect the feathered tribe during the night or during rain or snow storms and few die.

One of the farm hands has charge of the goose hospial. This is a small pen in which are placed promptly all sick or injured birds. Geese are naturally hardy, in marked contrast to the delicate turkey. Turkeys are difficult to raise and quickely succumb to exposure. During the shipments from the south it frequently happens a few birds are damaged by overcrowding, rough handling of cars, or by other causes. Some have broken legs or wings. Under the skillful attention of the goose surgeon the majority recover and take the place of others in the feed yards.

There is also a special pen for the fighting geese. In every carload of geese there are one or two bullies constantly picking upon the more amiable members of the colony.

An interesting feature of the goose fattening industry is the buying and shipping in the south. A large proportion of the birds come from the mountains of Tennessee. Hillside farmers raise the birds in large numbers, as they appear to thrive in that state. Many geese colonies are far removed from the railroads, and the transportation problem proves serious. In some instances the roads are too rough for wagons. After a series of experiments it was found the most satisfactory method of getting the birds to the nearest railroad was to drive them overland. It is not uncommon to walk the flocks 20 miles or more.

As the birds would walk that far without developing tender feet they are literally shod before starting on their long hike.



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