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[illegible] CABINET CRISIS.

[illegible] GOVERNMENT [illegible] IN PARLIAMENT.

[illegible] Not Yet [illegible] Lloyd-George's Attitude Seems to Be the Most Important Consideration.

[illegible], Dec. 29.—The life of the [illegible] government hung in the balance today as the cabinet met to forward the final decision upon the conscription question. The possibility of a general election and the discomfiture of the government in its [illegible] was a possibility. There [illegible] among the leaders that report that Lloyd-George [illegible] unless [illegible] "slackers." Lord Kitchener has not announced his [illegible] but it is said he favors [illegible] of the chief means of enforcing [illegible].

[illegible] Stands by Suspension.

[illegible] council lasted five [illegible] Premier Asquith [illegible] to make any statement.

[illegible] Withdrawal.

[illegible] withdrawal [illegible] from France [illegible] announced yesterday [illegible] in the news of [illegible]. The war office [illegible] of the Indian contingent. It is believed [illegible] directed to Egypt to [illegible] canal. The war office [illegible] Turkish reports of [illegible] Peninsula. In the [illegible] report of [illegible] activity along the [illegible] of a Russian [illegible] Erzerum.

[illegible] ATTACKED.

[illegible] Dec. [illegible] coast [illegible] war [illegible] Salonika.

[illegible], Dec. 29.—Officials are [illegible] concerned over the renewal of [illegible] warfare by the central [illegible] in the Mediterranean by craft [illegible] nationality is unestablished. [illegible] are presumably Austrian. The United States' hand may be forced, inasmuch as Austria was sharply warned that its submarine campaign must be conducted with strict regard to the "principles of humanity."

British Steamer Sunk.

London, Dec. 28.—The British naval steamship Vanatorvm has been sunk by a German submarine.

Five Submarines Destroyed.

Paris, Dec. 28.—Nine German and Austrian submarines have been sunk or captured in the Mediterranean, says Figaro newspaper. It declared that this is probably too small an estimate.

May Invade Bulgaria.

Rome, Dec. 28.—There are fresh indications of an attempt by the Russians to invade Bulgiria, say Bucharest dispatches. There is great military activity along the Danube all the way from Tucha to Turnu Severinn.

Russia Wins in Persia.

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—The war office statement shows minor activity on the east front and claims further successes for the Russians in Persia. The Russians have occupied Assadabad.

Turkish Gunboats Sunk.

London, Dec. 28.—Russian torpedo boats sunk two Turkish gunboats in the Black Sea.

Italian King Wounded.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—King Victor Emmanuel who was wounded by an Austrian grenade, is now in a hospital, the Overseas News Agency announced today.

German Sortie Stopped.

Paris, Dec. 28.—German attempts to sortie from their trenches in Vosges were stopped by French fire, the war office announced today.

Rounded up Gamblers.

Rural Policeman Peavy rounded up a bunch of gamblers at Alcolu, and brought them before Magistrate Herlong yesterday. There were eight in the crowd, and his honor sent the whole business to the gang to spend New Years, and then some.—Manning Times.

LITTLE CHANGE IN SITUATION.

AUSTRIAN NOTE, SAID TO BE CONCILIATORY, REFUSES DEMANDS.

United States Also Protests to Britain on Seizure of Mails by That Country—In West Zone Russians are Invading Persia and Austrians are Conquering Albania — Germany Names Terms on Which it Would Consent to Peace.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Preparations are being made for a diplomatic break with Austria. The Austrian reply to the Ancona note which is conciliatory in tone but refuses the demand for the disavowal of the sinking of the Ancona was completed by the Austrian foreign office. Officials here understood that it sets up the suggestion that Austria does not accept the American interpretation of international law. They believe the threatened break must come unless German influence can force Austrian reconsideration at the last moment.

GERMANY'S PEACE TERMS.

Will Demand Indemnity of $4,000,000,000 and Restoration of Colonies by England.

Berlin, Dec. 29.—The Wolf News Agency gives the following as the terms upon which Germany is reported to be willing to make peace: A minimum indemnity of four billion dollars, the resoration of Germany's colonies by England, the separation of Poland from Russia and its institution into a separate State, the evacuation of Belgium and France by Germany.

IRELAND OPPOSES CONSCRIPTION.

Parliament Expected to Exempt Irishmen from New Law.

London, Dec. 29.—Because of the high state of popular feeling in Ireland against compulsory military service the Irish may be excluded in the provisions for conscription when [illegible] in parliament. It is [illegible] Premier Asquith will make [illegible] in the house of [illegible] the introduction of a modified conscription bill.

RUSSIANS CONQUERING PERSIA.

Victorious Force Marching Toward Ispahan.

London, Dec. 29.—A Reuter's dispatch from Teheran says the Russians have occupied Kasban and are marching toward Ispahan.

AUSTRIANS IN ALBANIA.

Now Attacking Scutari and Will March on Avalona.

London, Dec. 29.—Turin advices say the Austrians are attacking Scutari, and the fall of the city is expected soon. Avalona is their next objective.

BRITISH BATTLESHIP HIT.

Fighting at Dardanelles Continues Intermittently.

Constantinople, Dec. 29.—Turkish shells struck one battleship and a cruiser of the Allied fleet in a duel at the Dardanelles.

WILL PRESS CAMPAIGN.

Von Hindenberg Will be Sent to Assist in Balkans.

London, Dec. 29.—Bucharest reports say that Gen. von Hindenberg may go to the near east to cooperate with Gen. von Mackensen in the Balkan and Egyptian campaigns.

French Make Gains.

Berlin, Dec. 29.—The war office admitted today that the French had penetrated the German trenches at Hartsmanweilerkopf in the Vosges.

British Steamer Sunk.

London, Dec. 29.—A German submarine sunk a British steamer this morning. Only two members of the crew were saved.

CALLS ON GOVERNOR.

McLaurin Discusses Warehouse Act Changes.

Columbia, Dec. 29.—Changes in the law governing the State cotton warehouse system were discussed yesterday at a conference between Gov. Manning and John L. McLaurin, commissioner. The two officials are said to be in full agreement on the proposed changes in the act. Mr. McLaurin said yesterday that he would not give out his annual report until it had been placed in the hands of the legislature.

NEW DRIVE ON FRANCE.

GERMANS ARE MASSING FRESH TROOPS FOR MOVE ON WESTERN FRONT.

Arras Will be Scene of Renewed Activities—Austrians Lose Two Destroyers in Unexpected Engagement with Allied Ships—Von Hindenberg Will go to Balkans and Egypt to Participate in Campaigns There.

The Hague, Dec. 30.—Germany is making preparations for a big drive on the west front. Thirty thousand reinforcements are arriving daily at certain points, according to information from Belgium. Eighty thousand fresh troops have arrived at the Arras front. Their artillery is concentrated at Teurnal.

AUSTRIAN DESTROYERS SUNK.

In Attempted Raid Come on Allied Ships and One is Shelled and Other Strikes Mine.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The admiralty has announced the sinking of two Austrian destroyers, in the following statement: "The Austrian naval division made a sortie from Cattaro to bombard Durazzo and came upon the Allied ships off the port and fled. The Austrian destroyer Lika struck a mine and was sunk. The destroyer Triglav, of the same type, was sent to the botton by the Allied warships. Other Austrian ships fled to their base, pursued by the Allied warships."

TO AID IN NEW CAMPAIGNS.

Hindenberg to Confer With Von Mackensen and Then Go on to Egypt.

London, Dec. 30.—Von Hindenburg is going to Belgrade to confer with Von Mackensen and co-operate in the Balkan and Egyptian campaigns, says a German wireless dispatch.

LABOR PARTY CONFERS.

Will Inform Cabinet of Action Decided on—King Kept Informed.

London, Dec. 30.—The labor party result of which will be communicated to the cabinet. Asquith is keeping the king informed of all political developments by means of daily reports.

AUSTRIAN DESTROYERS SUNK.

Allied Warships Met Austrian Fleet Off Durazzo.

Paris, Dec. 30.—Two Austrian destroyers were sunk in the Adriatic off Durazzo one by an Allies' warship, and another by a mine. The victims were the Litta and Triglav. The other Austrian vessels escaped. The Austrian fleet was steaming from Cattaro and met the Allied warship fleet off Durazzo.

KAISER NOT ILL.

His Condition Not Serious and He is Able to Receive Daily Reports.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—The Kaiser is suffering from a non-malignant furuncle. He is not confined to bed, and daily receives reports from the fronts.

BOMBARD BULGARIAN PORT.

Russians Attack Towns from Warships—Palace Suffers Damage.

London, Dec. 30.—Varna, the principal Bulgarian seaport, and Traka were bombarded by Russian warships and King Ferdinand's palace at Varna was shelled. German troops are being concentrated at Varna.

HAVE PLENTY OF FOOD.

Length of War Will Not Affect Supply to People.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—Count Westaro of the Reichstag committee, which has investigated food conditions, reported the existing supply sufficient to feed the German population regardless of how long the war lasts.

Turks Recover Ammunition.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—The Turks are reported to be recovering large quantities of ammunition thrown into the sea by the English before evacuating the Suvla and Anzac fronts.

French Report Successes.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The repulse of the Germans west of Peronne, and successful cannonading in Champagne, which prevented the Germans from repairing their shattered trenches, is announced by the war office.

A license to marry has been secured by Joe Lowry and Victoria Daniel, Alcolu.

ONE HOPE FOR WORLD PEACE.

THAT MUST BE POWERFUL INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL.

Root Thinks That out of War Wrack May Rise Universal Consciousness of Duty.

Washington, Dec. 28.—In the real restraint of nations by powerful international tribunals operating under a definite code of law alone lies hope of world peace, Elihu Root, former secretary of State and senator from New York, declared in an address here tonight. He was speaking before a joint session of a sub-section of international law from the Pan-American Scientific congress and the American Society of International Law, of which he is president.

"The Christian church has been urging peace and good will among men for 19 centuries and still there is war" said Mr. Root. "Concerts of Europe and alliances and ententes and skillful balance of power all lead ultimately to war. Conciliation, good will, love of peace, human sympathy are all ineffective without institutions through which they can act. Only the possibility of establishing real restraint by law seems to remain to give effect to the will of the vast majority of mankind.

"When this war is ended the civilized world will have to determine whether what we call international law is to be continued as a mere code of etiquette or is to be a real body of law imposing obligations much more definite and inevitable than they have been heretofore. It must be one thing or the other.

"Vague and uncertain as the future must be there is some reason to think that after the terrible experience through which civilization is passing there will be tendency to strengthen rather than abandon the law of nations. Whatever the result may be, the world will have received a dreadful lesson of the evils of war."

Mr. Root then spoke of the sacrifices of life and money in the present war, which he said would produce a desire to prevent future wars.

"Imperfect and conflicting as is the information upon which the conjecture is based, I venture to express for the hope that from the horrors of violated law, a stronger law will come," he said. "Nor can we doubt that this will be a different world when peace comes.

"Some of us believe that the hope of the world's progress lies in the spread and perfection of democratic self government. It may be that out of the wrack and welter of the great conflict may arise a general consciousness that it is the people who are to be considered rather than rulers' ambitions and policies of aggrandisement. If that be so, our hopes will be realized, for autocracy can protect itself by arbitrary power, but the people can protect themselves only by the rule of law."

DOUBLE KILLING IN COLUMBIA.

E. E. White Stabs Woman Fatally; Then Cuts Own Throat.

Columbia, Dec. 28.—Edward E. White, 44 years of age, fatally stabbed Ada Geddings, 26, with whom he boarded, early this morning, and then killed himself by cutting his own throat. His pocket knife was used as the fatal weapon.

The two people were the only persons in the house at the time of the double tragedy, but the screams of the wounded woman attracted the attention of neighbors. The woman ran out on the street crying for the police. She fell and died before she could be given attention. The man was found dead on a bed in the house. Both were dressed in their night clothes. An inquest will be held tonight. White was fireman at the State capitol building. He was paroled about 18 months ago by former Gov. Blease after he had served 14 years of a life sentence for killing a woman in Columbia in 1899.

Mrs. Geddings is said to have been a native of this county and lived in Sumter a number of years, where she still has relatives, including her husband, from whom she had been separated for several years. Her maiden name is said to have been Ada Brown.

GOVERNOR DECLINES.

Refuses Invitation to Speak in New York City.

Columbia, Dec 28.—Gov. Manning has been forced to decline an invitation to deliver an address at the annual banquet of the Aero Club of America, to be held in New York January 12. He has also declined an invitation to speak before the Bronx Open forum in New York early in January.

U-BOAT DROWNS EIGHTY.

FRENCH LINER TORPEDOED WITHOUT WARNING.

Christmas Eve Tragedy Perpetrated by Submarine in Mediterranean—No Americans Aboard.

London, Dec. 27.—Eighty of the passengers and crew of the Ville de la Ciotat lost their lives. The remainder of the persons on board were saved.

Sunk Without Warning.

Paris, Dec. 27.—The French steamer Villa de la Ciotat, with passengers on board, was torpedoed without warning and sunk in the Mediterranean by a submarine on December 24, the ministry of marine announced today. Most of the passengers and members of the crew have been rescued.

The statement follows:

"The steamer Ville de la Ciotat was torpedoed and sunk on the 24th in the Mediterranean by an enemy submarine, without warning. A majority of the passengers and crew were picked up by an English steamer. Details have not been received."

The Ville de la Ciotat was returning from the Far East and was due to arrive at Marseilles today.

The survivors were taken to Malta, arriving there yesterday morning.

The Ville de la Ciotat was one of the largest of the steamships sunk recently in the Mediterranean. Her gross tonnage was 6,878. She was 487 feet long and 50 feet beam. She was built at La Ciotat, France, in 1892 and was owned by the Messageries Maritimes of Marseilles. She was last reported on her arrival at Saignon, Indo China, on December 1, on a voyage from Yokohama to Marseilles.

No Americans Aboard.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Seventy-nine persons were drowned in the destruction of the French liner Ville de la Ciotat, the American consul at Malta reported today to the state department. No Americans were aboard. The ship, he reports, was torpedoed without warning at 10:15 o'clock on December 24 and sunk in 15 minutes. The American consul reported further that the rescued were picked up by a Moss liner after they had been in small boats two hours. The torpedoed ship, the consul reported, was on her way from Japan, China and Hawaii to Marseilles. The lost included one woman, a first class passenger, a stewardess and two children.

WHISKEY REMAINS UNSOLD.

Dispensary Board Does Not Expect to Dispose of All Stock Before End of Year.

Charleston, Dec. 27.—To dispose of a stock on hand estimated at $75,000 the Charleston county dispensaries will have to do an ordinary month's business in the next four days that remain before the prohibition law succeeds the dispensary law in South Carolina. That all of this stock will be disposed of is not expected by the dispensary board, but if the sales are anything like as heavy for the next few days as they were for a few days prior to Christmas, there will be only a few odds and ends left undisposed of. To give trade a stimulus and to save freight on those unsold goods which the board has the option of returning to the jobber on December 31, the board announced today that beginning tomorrow morning the dispensaries will sell goods in case lots at $1.50 less a case than the ordinary price. The stock on hand will be retailed practically at cost.

An official said this morning: "The dispensary board will make a strenuous effort to comply with the letter of the law and close up its entire affairs on December 31." Clerks and dispensers will be paid off and their bonds discharged, and the only building retained by the board on which it will have to pay rent will be the dispensary headquarters. On December 20 the dispensaries in Charleston county had about 8,000 cases of liquor on hand. This stock has been greatly reduced by the heavy sales of the last few days. No accurate figures of the sales for Christmas have been obtained, but it is learned that dispensary No. 5 sold about $2,500 worth of liquor in the two days preceding Christmas and that the other dispensaries had a correspondingly heavy business, selling anywhere from $800 to $1,500 worth. Many of the retail depots found that the heavy demand Christmas Eve cleaned out their stock and the wholesale dispensary was kept busy all day delivering large orders.

WELCOME TO PAN-AMERICA.

MARSHALL AND LANSING GREET REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER NATIONS.

Chilean Ambassador Calls Attention to Better Understanding Among Western People.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Pan-Americanism, characterized by Secretary Lansing in his address of welcome as the "expression of the idea of internationalism," was the central thought in the speeches today at the opening of the second Pan-American Scientific congress.

Men and women from all the republics of the two Americas attended the session, in Continental Memorial hall of the Daughters of the American Revolution. There were more than a thousand [illegible] them including official delegates [illegible] of the Carnegie endowment [illegible] and many others prominent [illegible] and other fields of investigation. Tomorrow they will begin the serious work of the congress [illegible] sub-sectional meetings to continue for 12 days. Fifteen other societies meeting here during the period will hold frequent joint [illegible] with sections of the scientific congress.

Vice President Marshall welcomed the visitors after John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American union, had introduced Eduardo Suarez Mujica, ambassador of Chile, the president of the congress. Secretary Lansing spoke in the name of the government which had invited the scientists to meet here, and Ambassador Suarez in response emphasized the better understanding created between the governments of Latin-America and the United States.

Mr. Marshall took the place of President Wilson, away on his wedding trip. After welcoming the guests in the name of the nation the speaker said a word about preparedness to defend the rights of the Americas:

"I am one of those men who believe in preparation for war," he said. "Not that I want war, because the dream that the prayer of my life is that [illegible] shall keep out of war, but I [illegible] myself, I am not willing to have some ruffian interfere with what I believe to be my rights."

He added that the idea of Pan-Americanism would not permit of exploitation, and that which touched the nations to the south to their injury touched also the United States.

The Monroe doctrine was discussed by Ambassador Suarez, who declared that so long as it was understood as a threat it was viewed with distress by South and Central America, but that defined as a derivation of Pan-Americanism it had become a "tie of union, a guaranty, a bulwark for our democracies."

GREENVILLE MAN KILLED.

C. S. Good Meets Death at Oakvale on Tracks of Piedmont & Northern.

Greenville, Dec. 27.—C. S. Good, a prominent farmer of Oakvale, was almost instantly killed this afternoon when a Piedmont & Northern southbound train demolished the buggy in which he was riding at a crossing just beyond Brandon mills. The dirt road crossing approaches the track through a cut. An automatic warning is maintained at this crossing, and witnesses state that the signal was working. The mule Mr. Good was driving may have become frightened at the ringing of the warning electric bell and bolted on the track. The mule was instantly killed.

Mr. Good is survived by one son, Fred Good, several brothers, C. C. Good of Greenville, J. W. H. Good, of Hickory Grove, Lester H. Good, D. Lee Good and Pinckney B. Good of Sharon and one sister, Mrs. Belle Watson of Kershaw.

The coroner's inquest will be held Tuesday morning. Informal testimony is to the effect that the train was running some 25 miles an hour, that the mule was traveling at a rapid rate, that the motorman reversed his car but could not stop it, and that the automatic warning was working.

A fractured skull is believed to have caused Mr. Good's death.

WILLARD-FULTON BOUT OFF.

Tommy Burns, Promoter, Decided to Cancel the Heavy-weight Title Bout.

New Orleans, Dec. 29.—The twenty-round fight for the heavyweight championship scheduled for March 4 in this city, between Jess Willard and Fred Fulton, of Minnesota, was definitely declared off here today by Tom Jones, Willard's manager, and Tommy Burns, local promoter, who was a partner of Dominick J. Tortorich in promoting the fight.

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