# BRITISH WARSHIP SUNK IN CHANNEL

Formidable Torpedoed Fore and Aft.

150 OF CREW OF 750 SAVED

Cruiser Rescues 80, Trawler 70. More May Have Escaped.

VESSEL 15 YEARS OLD

Admiralty Makes Only Brief Announcement of Loss, and Exact Locality of Occurrence Is Not Made Known.

LONDON, Jan. 1. - The battleship Formidable, one of the older vessels of the British navy, was destroyed today either by a mine or a German sub-The place where the battleship sunk is not given, except that it was in the English channel.

Of the crew of 750 men, only 150 are known to have been rescued. A light cruiser picked up 80 of them, and the Tor Bay trawler Providence landed 70 additional survivors. They were rescued by the trawler during a terrific

Ship Torpedoed Fore and Aft.

The Daily Chronicle says that survivors of the battleship Formidable report that the vessel was torpedoed both fore and aft early Friday morning and sank almost immediately.

The Chronicle's Brixham correspond. ent, who is authority for this statesays the captain of the trawler Providence, which rescued 70 survivors who had escaped from the battleship in a cutter, says that other fishing boats were close at hand. The captain expresses the belief that other survivors have been rescued and taken to Dart-

He saw no other boats belonging to the Formidable, however.

Thrilling Rescues Made,

The rescue was made under dangerous and exciting circumstances. crew of the trawler were amazed while running before the gale for shelter to find a small open boat driving under their lee through mountainous seas, with an oar hoisted bearing a sailor's scarf. After desperate efforts those

nen, as the seas were running high. After a half hour's work, however, all ing a candidate. were safely rescued. One lad of 29 was so exhausted that he required immediate treatment to save his life.

Cutter Is Abandoned.

When all had left the cutter her rope was cut, as she was full of water, having a hole under her hull which had been stuffed with a pair of trousers, of which one man had divested himself for the purpose.

Some of the rescued men had little clothing, and they were cared for in the warm engine-room. The navy men had been in the cutter nearly 12 hours The crew of the trawler distributed hot coffee, food and tobacco among the be numbed sailors. When they landed the residents brought blankets, clothing and boots for the survivors and housed them in comfortable quarters.

Survivors Battle With Storm.

The experience of these survivors from the Formidable is almost indescribable. For hours before being rescued they had been battling against the storm, hoping against hope, until saw Emperor Francis Joseph on Christ the brown sails of the Providence hove mas day, says the monarch looked In sight.

The Chronicle's Chatham correspond ent says that the Formidable left that port on Thursday morning.

The fact that the ship met her fate BERLIN DENIES PEACE TALK in the British channel recalls the circumstance that British ships have Reported Willingness to Cede Alsacebeen engaged in bombarding the Gerpositions on the Belgian coast and that German submarines on several occasions in the past have attempted to torpedo them,

As in previous disasters to their ships, the casualty list in this case includes many midshipmen, no fewer than 16 having been on board the

Official Announcement Brief.

official announcement made in the briefest possible terms, and was given out before the Provibrought in 70 survivors. It

sunk this morning in the Channel, but raine to France. whether by a mine or a submarine is not yet certain.

Seventy-one survivors have been picked up by a British fight cruiser and it is possible that others may have been rescued by other vessels."

Number of Survivors Increased. The number of survivors picked up by the light cruiser also is increased to 80

The Formidable had a displacement out here tonight:
of 15,000 tons. She was 440 feet long "Flerce encount and carried a complement of 750 men. she was heavily armored and carried 35 miles southwest of Kars.

Tour 12-inch guns, 12 six-inch guns and "We stopped the Turkish offensive "We stopped the Turkish offensive "We stopped the Turkish of Kars."

# JAPANESE CUPID TO GET NEW AIDE HERE ROOSEVELT QUOTED

DR. B. C. HAWORTH TO PLACE PICTURE BRIDES IN AMERICA.

As Secretary to Nipponese Associa tion, Duty Is to See Men Get Their Own Wives.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1 .- The scores of "picture brides" who will cross the Pacific from far Japan during 1915 to embark on matrimonial seas with the husbands they never have seen, will, on reaching Angel Island immigration station, place their destinies in the hands of Dr. B. C. Haworth, whose ap-Association of America was announced Courtesy Declared Lacking in

In general, Dr. Haworth will look after the interests of incoming Japan-eae of both sexes, but the escorting of these "picture brides" to their husbands will be his principal duty. Before leaving Japan, a "register mar-riage" is performed by the govern-ment. This consists of transferring the bride's name to the register containing that of the bridegroom. She then is supplied with a photograph of her un-seen and far-distant husband, and after a physical examination receives a passport.

In the meantime the husband in America has received a photograph of his approaching bride and is informed of the date of her arrival.

Dr. Haworth in his new capacity will see that the exchange of photographs is made correctly and that each man gets his own wife. First, though, each is subjected to a physical examination and the bridegroom is obliged to show a certificate issued by the Japanese consulate that he financially is able to support a wife.

These formalities disposed of, an American ceremony is performed, at which Dr. Haworth gives the bride

### BELGRADE IS BOMBARDED Attack Is Made by Four Monitors

of Austrian Navy.

LONDON, Jan 2,-A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Belgrade says: "Four Austrian monitors bombarded

Belgrade Wednesday. Their fire did slight damage. "Reports received from Sofia, Bulcaria, of a serious clash between Servian and Bulgarian frontier guards are officially denied here. 'The truth is, the official statement says, 'that Servian guards arrested a number of in-habitants of Baganwawz, who were ualties and there was no conflict with Bulgarian guards."

#### MRS. HARRISON CONSENTS and has made some bad blunders in Chicago Mayor Has Permission to Seek Re-election.

with great skill, to their stern.

The mayal men began to jump aboard, but there was great danger of losing to make the race, announced today men, as the seas were running high.

Take the question of Japan.

Take the question of Japan. that she had consented to his becom-

Mayor Harrison is concluding his fifth term. His father, Carter H. Harrison, Sr., also served five terms. Mrs. Harrison occupied a seat on th platform with her husband at the meeting today at which he declared he would seek re-election. She refused to respond to a request for a speech.

# AUSTRIAN RULER PRESIDES

Francis Joseph in Usual Place at Family New Year Dinner.

VIENNA, Jan. 1, via London, Jan. 23 -Emperor Francis Joseph today personally received the New Year congratulations of the members of the imperial family and presided at the usual family

GENEVA, Switzerland, Jan. I, via London. - A Swiss diplomat, who returned today from Vienna, where he mas day, says the monarch looked physically well, but seemed sadder and more anxious than usual.

Lorraine Declared Untrue.

BERLIN, Jan. 1 .- (By Wireless to Sayvill, N. Y.)-A dispatch under a Paris date to the Journal de Geneve, of Geneva, Switzerland, to the effect that Germany was willing in September to conclude a separate peace with France, elicited today a categorical denial from the Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeltung.

The report is to the effect that the basis of peace was to be the restitution of Aleace and Lorraine to France and the acquisition of Belgium by Germany. The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeltung declares Germany The battleship Formidable was thought of restoring Alsace and Lor-

# **BATTLE WITH TURKS RAGES**

Russians Repulse Offensive Toward Olti, Says Petrograd.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 1 .- The following statement from the general staff of the Army of the Caucasus was given

"Flerce encounters have taken place around Sarikamysh (in Transcaucasia),

we stopped to the sto and was sister ship to the Irresistible the situation is unchanged and it is and Implacable.

YESTERDAY'S Maximum temperature, 50 degrees; minimum, 42 degrees, TODAY'S Probably fair; southwesterly winds.

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BRYAN'S POLICY CRITICISED Sports.

Correspondent of London Paper De clares ex-President Denied He Predicted Germany Was Bound Win War in End.

Dealing With Japan.

FIRMNESS ALSO MISSING

WARNING GERMAN

Colonel Says America

May Have to Fight.

LONDON, Jan. 1 .- (Special Cable.) --The Morning Post published a long Interview, which its special correspondent, A. Belcher, had with Colonel Roosevelt recently at Oyster Bay. When asked for his views the ex-President replied:

"I am just a plain American citizen and can-say anything I like about any subject in the world, so fire away."

German Victory Not Predicted. "Is it true you informed a German professor the other day that Germany was bound to win the war?" I asked

"That's another lie," he replied er phatically. "What happened was this: The professor came to see me and sketched his ideas of the war. He told ne Germany had beaten back Russia and would bring France to her knees and by next Summer would hold the Channel. 'Then,' he said, 'we shall pour troops into England and capture

"'Yes,' I said, 'and then you will have to fight America.' "
"'Why,' asked the professor.

Fate Like Belgium's Feared.

"Because, if we don't fight you will reat us as you have treated Belgium." silly lies like this. It only draws the of \$400,016. trying to leave the country to avoid public attention to what an intelligent military service. There were no cas-man knows is wild invention." I asked him to give his views or

America's foreign policy, particularly as affects the Far East.
"Lamentable," he exclaimed. "Eng foreign policies. I see by today's papers you are remedying one of long stand

ng by proclaiming a protectorate over English Channel with the Atlantic Ocean.

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# WASHINGTON IS RICHER State Has \$2,444,644 Balance, More

Than Million More Than 1914. OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 1 .- (Special.) year 1915 with funds more than \$1,000,-000 in excess of those of a year ago. The statement of State Treasurer Menth shows total balances of \$2,444,-644 at the close of business December 31, 1914, as compared with total balances of \$1,352,962 for the same date

The bettered condition is accounted for by the improved standing of the state general fund, which a year ago "But what is the use of contradicting showed an overdraft of \$725,647. The seneral fund now has a cash balance

# BARE FOOTPRINT IS CLEW Berkeley Police Photograph Track

Left at Robbed Home. BERKELEY, Cal., Jan. 1 .- Police inestigating a burglary here today discovered the imprint of a bare foot on a hardwood dining-room floor and pho-

could not be learned tonight.

JOHN BULL SHOULD WORRY.

HAPPY

NEW YEAR

# ROSARIANS HIT

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Supreme Court Bids

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UNEGON IS ON EVERY TONGUE

California Promises to Visit Rose Festival in June.

NEW YEAR IS CELEBRATED

Oakland Sends Party Along to Discover Secret of Portland Enthusiasm-San Diego to Be Host at Celebration Today.

BY DEAN COLLINS. PASADENA, Cal., Jan. pecial.)-"Portland, you're the big hit of the tournament," was the shout from the Knights of the Rose drawn up to salute the Royal Rosarians as they marched today into the tourna-ment grounds, heading the great pageant of the day.

This was the crowning reward to Portland after a two hours' march between solid walls of people who shout-Oregon's delegation to the big festival.

Drill Team Spreads Good Humor. From the beginning of the parade very member of the Rosarians threw himself into the spirit of the day with The State of Washington starts the all his heart. Although their lips were sore from playing almost day and night since Wednesday, the men in the band tooted until they were black in the sible to get across the Baura and Rawface and their collars wilted beyond ka rivers, and have been equally unredemption

Captain Robert Krohn created a drill team in some magical manner out of themselves in preparatory to remain-the Rosarians who were not in the ing until the hardening of the ground a fine spirit of good humor all along troops less difficult. the line of march. Out of Oakland Captain Krohn bought palm-leaf fans and velvet poinsettia biooms and the women in the party last night fastened night constituting six armies of three the poinsettias to the fans. Each of the marchers today carried one of these

Maneuvers Quickly Extemporized.

Half an hour before the march Captain Krohn instructed them in maneuvers he intended to use, and when the parade started they swung into parade started they swung into work with an enthusiasm that made up work with an enthusiasm that made up tor lack of drilling. They marched in New Year's address to the diplomatic corps, said he had no doubt that "next corps, said he had no doubt that "next this traditional reception we

# Friday's War Moves

THE destruction of the British battleship Formidable in the English Channel yesterday by a mine or a submarine boat, although one of those events Englishmen now realize must be expected so long as the British navy is compelled to keep the seas, bas

caused widespread grief. This is due not so much to the loss of the ship, which was 15 years old and cost about \$5,000,000, as it is for the men-about 600 in number-who went down with her. So far as known only 150 of the Formidable's crew of

750 were rescued.

The British Admiralty has not given the locality where the disaster occurred and declares it is unable to say whether the ship struck a mine or was tor pedoed, but as the British fleet again has been active in shelling German po sitions on the Belgian coast, and as German submarines have been more and more using Zebrugge as a base, the inclination in London is to believe that a submarine has been successful again in attack. The news from the front was dwarfed by this latest loss to the British navy, although battles of considerable proportions are taking place along the two long fronts.

The fighting in Flanders and North ern France has been confined largely to artillery engagements, except near Bethune, where the Germans say they have taken a British trench. They admit, however, the loss of St. Georges, near the Belgian coast, which the official report from Berlin says it was decided not to attempt to retake, ng to the high level of the water there. In the Argonne region, where the battle has been almost continuous for weeks, it has been the Germans' turn to make a little progress, as an offset to which, however, the French declare they have continued their advance Upper Alsace.

On the whole, neither side has been able to make any great impression on ed themselves hoarse in applause for its antagonists' line and, both being strongly entrenched, it is considered unlikely that either the Germans or allies will attempt another general offensive until superiority in numbers is attained by reinforcements.

Much the same situation prevails in Northern Poland, where the Germans rose to the occasion gloriously and are reported to have found it impossuccessful in advancing along the Pilica River. They are said to be digging band and the stunts of this squad spread by the frost makes the movement of

The growth of the British army is shown by an army order issued last corps each. Thus several Generals who omanded army corps at the beginning of the war now find themselves at the head of armies.

Four Austrian monitors bombarded Beigrade, Servia, on Thursday, but with

slight damage. sary security to the nations."

Flight Commander Hewlett, one the British naval aviators engaged in the recent raid on Cuxhaven, expresse the belief that a bomb dropped by him struck a German warship at Heligo land. Dense smoke rose from the ves el shortly after he had dropped the missile.

Emperor Francis Joseph received the

A cargo of American copper, which it is alleged was to be smuggled through Denmark into Germany, has seized in Copenhagen.

## COLLEGE GIFT IS \$100,000 people of Oregon. Frank was tried by Endowment for Newberg School Is

New Year's Donation.

NEWBERG, Or., Jan. 1 .- (Special.)-Such a sum as \$100,000 as a New Year's gift does not come often to an indi-vidual or an institution, but this was sure of themselves and just as well the good luck of Pacific College, a satisfied as the people in Georgia be Quaker educational school here, when cause they think the circumstances it was announced at 12 o'clock last justify it.

been obtained for the college. The Quakers and their many friends have been working on this endowment fund for the past year or two and are jubilant that their hopes have been Portland were murdered under atro-

night that this large endowment had

#### CARGOES TO BE CONVOYED Norse Kings Decide to Send War-

ships With Merchantmen.

PETROGRAD, Via London, Jan. 1 .-The Novoe Vremya's Helsingfors correspondent says that at the recent conference at Maino between Scandinavian even that Mrs. Wehrman had been as Kings it was decided to assign war- saulted, though there was an attempt

This is intended to prevent detention proved to be absurd. of these vessels by belligerents.

### PARAGUAYANS IN REVOLT President of Republic Said to Have

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 1 .- La Presna today prints a dispatch received from Formosa, Argentina, saying that a rev-olution has broken out in Paraguay, an artillery regiment having taken the

Been Made Prisoner.

The dispatch adds that Dr. Eduardo Sherer, President of the republic, is a

# AS ANOTHER FRANK

Oregon and Georgia Cases Held Similar.

# CRIMINOLOGIST GIVES REASON

Wehrman Murder Mystery Is Studied Closely.

## PREJUDICE ALLEGED JUDGE

George A. Thacher, of Oregon Prisoners' Aid Society, After Thorough Research, Concludes Pender Is Not Menace to Society.

# SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS OF

MR. THACHER. After an investigation of the testimony, facts and circumstances in the murder in September, 1911, of Mrs. Dalsy Wehrman and her four-year-old hav in a lonesome cabin in Columbia County, George A. Thacher, a director of the Oregon Prisoners' Aid Society and a student of criminology, has issued a report in which he questions the guilt of John A. Pender, who has been convicted in the case. He presents facts and arguments upon which he has based his concluslons.

Some of his deductions in the case are as follows: The murder was not a Sadistic

murder, though the public and jury have assumed that it was. Classing it as such was natural because the community was still horror-stricken by the Barbara Holzman and the Hill family

Sadistic murders Shooting and striking with the flat side of a hatchet, which were found in the Wehrman case, are never reported in Sadistic mur-The murder was inspired either by Jenlous hatred and the clothing purposely disarranged. or was the work of some feebleminded man who was repulsed by Mrs. Wehrman, and resorted to the same kind of revenge Fred Tronson took on Emma Ulrich.

A careful study of the testimony and personal interviews fallure of the case against Pander.

As in the case of Lao M. Frank. in Atlanta, Ga., Pender was tried by the popular prejudice against a sex pervert and convicted without evidence.

BY GEORGE A. THACHER.

Most opinions are a matter of perspective. The discussion of the case of Leo M. Frank in Atlanta, Ga., convicted of the murder of a 15-year-old New Year's greetings of the imperial girl and sentenced to hang January 22. family and presided over the family for whom Justice Lamar, of the United States Supreme Court, has just granted what amounts to an indefinite stay

execution, is a case in point. The things that have been said in Oregon papers about the people of Atlanta would be regarded as outrageous if they were said in Atlanta about the the popular prejudice against a sex pervert and convicted without evidence. except that he paid the girl her wages

on the day of her death. Let me describe how Oregon is in the same position as Georgia in this matter, only there is no National outsure of themselves and just as well

Holaman Murder Recalled.

In the Spring of 1911 little Barbara Holzman was murdered in Portland by pervert. In the early Summer of 1911 the Hill family in a suburb of cious conditions by a sex pervert. Early in September of 1911 Mrs. Dalay Wellsman and her 4-year-old boy were mur-dered in Columbia County and the inference was that this, too, was the act of a pervert. Accidentally or intentionally inquiry was directed toward John A. Pender, a neighbor, and two weeks later he was arrested.

There never was any evidence offered to show that Pender was a pervert, nor ships to convoy all Scandinavian mer- to identify Pender as the man who killed Barbara Holzman, but this

At the first trial of Pender, in June of 1912, the jury disagreed, but in the second trial, in the Fall of 1913, the jury brought in a verdict of guilty and Pender was sentenced to be hanged Governor West commuted his sentence to life imprisonment, and when he did that a churchman in Portland, renowned for his piety, protested in the papers against elemency to a justful

# Story of Crime Retold.

The following facts were testified to at the second trial of John A. Pender, beginning October 23, 1913, Mrz. Wehrman's body was found

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# REMEMBER JOHN, WE'RE ENTIRELY NEUTRAL