

# YASAKA MARU NOT WARNED OF ATTACK

## Austrian Submarine Is Under Suspicion of Sinking Japanese Steamship.

### NEGOTIATIONS TANGLED UP

By W. J. Leigh, Survivor of Ill-Fated Japanese Steamship, Proves American Citizen, Diplomatic Course With Austria Complicated.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The sinking of the Japanese steamship Yasaka Maru will make the subject of diplomatic negotiations by the United States if it is established that an American citizen was on board when, as described in official advices received today, a submarine of unknown nationality torpedoed the vessel without warning.

This became known tonight after the State Department had announced officially that it had no record of an American passport having been granted to W. J. Leigh, a survivor of the disaster, who has been called in consular and press dispatches an American citizen.

Should it develop that Leigh is an American citizen the State Department will feel justified in addressing inquiries to Germany, Austria-Hungary and Turkey in an effort to establish the nationality of the submarine.

Submarine Thought Austrian. It is considered practically certain, however, that the craft was Austrian, as it was said in Teutonic quarters here today that no German or Turkish craft were operating in the Mediterranean near where the Yasaka Maru was attacked.

State Department officials are awaiting information from Austria as to Leigh with considerable anxiety. If he is entitled to the protection of the United States, the fact that he was aboard the liner undoubtedly will complicate the negotiations with Austria over the sinking of the Italian steamer Ancona.

There have been no developments in the Ancona incident, and some are expected before the reply of the Vienna Foreign Office is received, probably some time this week. Officials here do not seek to minimize the seriousness of the situation, as there has been no indication that Austria will accede to the American demands. On the contrary, a strong intimation has come from an authoritative source that the reply may not meet with the approval of the United States.

View in Vienna Different. In Vienna, the view apparently is rather optimistic, and some are cited as having received confidential advice from Ambassador Penfold. The Ambassador has cabled a brief review of Austro-Hungarian public opinion which makes it appear that the tone of criticism and comment there has softened to a marked degree. This is regarded as a development favorable to an amicable adjustment.

Official news received today of the torpedoing of the French steamer Ville de la Clozel added still another aggravating circumstance to the situation. While there are believed to have been no Americans aboard the French vessel, the incident has served to emphasize the importance of immediate understanding with Austria as to the rights of a belligerent warship to sink an enemy merchantman without warning and without providing for the safety of passengers and crew.

The State Department today instructed Edward Lyell Brewster, consular agent at Penang, to determine whether he is an American citizen. Press dispatches have indicated that he was born in China of American parents and was on his way from England to China aboard the Yasaka Maru. If these reports prove true, State Department officials said, American citizenship has been lost by his failure to claim protection from the United States Government.

### FOUR OTHER STEAMERS SUNK

One Belgian and Four British Ships Go Down, but Crews Saved.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Sinking of the Belgian steamer Minerva is announced. The crew left the steamer in boats, two of which are missing. The British steamer Cottingham, of 3,112 tons, has been sunk. The crew was saved.

The British steamship Hadley has been sunk and the steamer Umbra beached at the mouth of the Thames with fire forward. The vessel's crew were saved.

The 4,590-ton British steamer Yeddo, from Calcutta, November 24, for Boston and New York, has been sunk. Her crew was saved.

### FRENCH LINER BLOWN UP

Scores of Lives Lost When Torpedoed Craft Sinks in 15 Minutes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Seventy-nine persons were drowned in the destruction of the French liner Ville de la Clozel, the American Consul at Malta reports today to the State Department. The text on board were saved. No Americans were aboard. The ship, he reports, was torpedoed without warning at 11:15 o'clock on December 24, and sank in 15 minutes. London puts the number of dead at 84. The Ville de la Clozel was one of the largest steamships sunk recently in the Mediterranean.

### VON BUELOW IN LUCERNE

Report Regarding Staff of Secretaries Said to Be Incorrect.

BERNE, Switzerland, via Paris, Dec. 27.—Prince von Buelow, German ex-Chancellor, has returned to Lucerne, resuming his quiet life at a hotel there. Recent reports that he has a large staff of secretaries are incorrect.

The presence of Prince von Buelow in Switzerland since October has given rise to many reports, which have been denied, that he was working for peace on behalf of the German government.

### SARDINIA INTERNS 30,000

Serbia Turns Over Austrian Prisoners to Italy for Retention.

ROME, Dec. 27.—Serbia has turned over to Italy 30,000 Austrian prisoners who are being interned in Sardinia, being accompanied there by Serbian officers.

## TWO NEW PICTURES FROM GERMAN WAR FRONT.



TOP—SLIGHTLY WOUNDED SOLDIERS ON WAY TO HOSPITAL. BELOW—GENERAL VON STENGLIN REVIEWING BOY SCOUTS.

These wounded men, in the upper picture, have just come from the front. Their hurts were not so great as to make ambulance service necessary, and they are proceeding about in a horse hospital for treatment. They will probably soon be back on the firing line.

The thoughts of all Germany are fixed on war, and the activities of the Boy Scouts are greater than they ever were, because the members of the organization realize that their training now may be in preparation for service in the field two or three years hence, if the war lasts so long. A body of the Boy Scouts is seen here being reviewed by General von Stenglin. In Germany the Boy Scouts are called Jungsturm.

### TURKS LOSE FOOTING

British Regain Lost Position in Mesopotamia.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Turks, in an attack on the British forces in Mesopotamia, succeeded in entering the northern bastion of one of the forts at Kut-el-Amara, but were driven out, an official statement issued this evening says.

The official statement says: "On the 24th General Townsend reported that the enemy fired heavily throughout the previous night, but had not succeeded in breaching the fort. At 10 A. M. until past midday the position was heavily shelled. The enemy, having breached the fort, effected an entrance but were driven out. Two hundred dead were left inside the fort."

"The fort is a work on the right flank of its landward positions on the north side of the Kut Peninsula. On the 24th General Townsend sent a report in which he says that at midnight on the 24th and on the 25th fierce fighting for the possession of the fort took place. The British garrison of Oxford Light Infantry and the 2nd Battalion of the 1st Division were ejected, but came on again and occupied the bastion. The garrison of Oxford Light Infantry and the 2nd Battalion of the 1st Division were ejected, but came on again and occupied the bastion. The garrison of Oxford Light Infantry and the 2nd Battalion of the 1st Division were ejected, but came on again and occupied the bastion."

### SCHOONER IS IN DISTRESS

Unidentified Vessel Near Cape Flattery Fires Rockets.

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—An unidentified schooner was reported tonight in distress near Waddah Island, a few miles inside Cape Flattery. The vessel, which was being driven toward the rocks by a 35-mile wind, was observed sending up distress rockets.

The United States cruiser Chattanooga, which sailed today for Mexico, is in the vicinity of the distressed schooner, and will be able to render assistance.

### Spokane Man War Prisoner.

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—Corporal John Cody, of Spokane, Wash., is unofficially reported a prisoner of war, according to the casualty list of the Canadian overseas forces, issued by the militia department tonight.

### Some Greek Troops Disbanded.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The correspondent at Athens of the Exchange Telegraph Company, says a royal decree has been issued disbanding two auxiliary classes of troops.

### CABINET IS TORN ASUNDER

(Continued From First Page.) mad expedition of a general election—a gambler's plunge, which might entail "disastrous consequences," and points out now, by merely withholding assent to the Parliament and registration bills, the House of Lords can make elections unworkable.

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19c YARD FOR EMBROIDERIES SELLING REGULARLY UP TO 48c—See our window—Several hundred patterns in 9 to 18-inch Embroideries of fine batiste, cambric, Swiss, organdie and voile. Open and raised designs in flouncings, edges and corset cover embroideries—an out-of-the-ordinary offering. Values regularly sold up to 19c. 48c a yard. Clearance Sale Price..... 19c

59c YARD FOR EMBROIDERIES SELLING REGULARLY UP TO \$1.25—27-inch Embroideries in scores of patterns—the finest baby edges, ruffled edges and bold, raised or openwork designs. They come in fine batiste and Swiss—also a great lot in floral and conventional patterns. See our window. Unrestricted choice from values up to \$1.25. Clearance Price..... 59c

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Embroideries at 35c Yard. For Values to 75c

27-inch Embroideries of fine Swiss in desirable new patterns. Regular values up to 75c. Clearance Price..... 35c

### INDIAN CORPS MOVED

Organization in France Goes to "Another" Field.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A British Indian army corps has left France for another field of operations, it was officially announced today.

### Princess of Wales Bears Message

From His Father to Soldiers, Calling on Them to Contribute to More Victories.

"At the headquarters of the Indian army corps before it left France, the following address from their King and Emperor was delivered to the men by the Prince of Wales:

"More than a year ago, I summoned you from India to fight for the safety of my empire and the honor of my people. He praised the work of the commission, declaring that if it should be interrupted for one week the suffering of the Belgian people would become a calamity. According to Mr. Whitlock, shoes and cloth from which to make clothing are vital necessities in the stricken kingdom.

### FOOD RIOTS ARE REPORTED

Austrian Archduke's Palace Is Stoned by Mob.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—An Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that, according to reports in Vienna, the palace of Archduke Stephen of Austria was attacked Christmas night by a mob armed with pitchforks and axes as a protest against the squandering of food on an elaborate entertainment. The police dispersed the rioters, but a number of stones crashed through the windows.

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### CABINET MAY NOT CHANGE

Leader of Winning Greek Party Renounces Premiership.

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—M. Gounaris, whose party won the recent general election in Greece, has renounced his claims to the Premiership, the Overseas News Agency says.

An Athens dispatch received by the news agency says that M. Gounaris made a report to King Constantine on the outcome of the election and added that, as the leader of the new majority party, he was willing to support the Ministry of Premier Skoulioudis.

Owing to political conditions in Greece, he believed a change in government to be not only unnecessary but unwise.

### Former Resident of La Paz Points Out Importance of Learning Tongue of South Americans Immediately.

Habla usted espanol?—It's a question that is being asked in every part of the United States today and each day finds more employers asking it because of America's increasing business with South America. Moreover, a reply in the affirmative will, in the future, open the doors to many men and women seeking good positions and high salaries.

### ANTI-KAMNIA TABLETS FOR Locomotor Ataxia

In a very interesting article on Locomotor Ataxia, Dr. Henry C. Story says that drugs have practically no beneficial effect in these cases. He says that rest should be insisted upon, and there should be no worries or troubles. Plenty of fresh air and moderate exercise must be insisted upon, but over-exertion is injurious. The use of tobacco and alcohol should be strictly forbidden, and over-eating is dangerous, especially when the food is poorly masticated. The food must be of the most nourishing kind, and the quantity and variety must be changed so that the patient will not lose his appetite.

The most annoying symptom in these cases is the pain which at times is almost unbearable. Dr. Story says that he has used Anti-Kamnia Tablets repeated many times in his practice, and that, when necessary, gives prompt relief and rest to the patient. These Tablets can be obtained at all drug stores in any quantity desired. Ask for A-K Tablets.

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Morris Withdraws From Race.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 27.—The name of United States Senator George W. Norris, filed recently as a Presidential