

AUSRIANS ACCUSED OF SINKING CIOTAT

French Liner Declared to Have Been Torpedoed Without First Being Warned.

WOMEN AND TOTS DROWN

Death List Put at 80—Passengers and Crew Cook After Explosion, but Vessel Sinks Before All Can Get Into Boats.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The submarine which appeared on the surface shortly after the French steamer Ville de la Ciotat was torpedoed off the island of Crete, few the Austrian flag, according to a dispatch from the Austro-German company, from Malta, today.

"It is learned from survivors," says the dispatch, "that the vessel was off Crete, on her way from Japan to Marseilles, when at 10 o'clock on the morning of December 24, without the slightest warning, she was shaken by a terrific explosion, following which a submarine appeared, firing the torpedoes. There were on board 252 passengers, for the most part French, among whom were 12 children and a number of women and 12 officers and crew. Of 158, the sailors being chiefly Lascars.

Women and Children Drown. "Following the explosion there was a terrific lurch of water through a big hole in the stern, yet there was no panic, showing the greatest coolness. Five boats and two rafts were released, and the passengers, including women and children, were ordered to get into them. The vessel took her final plunge, to which a majority of the deaths were due.

"Passengers say that a Dutch and Greek steamer were in sight just previous to the torpedoing and, therefore, they believed that one of them shelled the submarine. The vessel disappeared after the torpedoing.

Submarine Crew Jeers. "The submarine, according to the accounts of these passengers, remained on the scene until the torpedoed vessel sank and then circled around the life-boat, calling in a jeering manner, 'There is a British steamer behind you; she will pick you up.'"

"Two hours later the steamer Merco picked up the survivors and brought them to Malta, although she had insufficient food and accommodations for 252 extra passengers.

"Among the lost were six first-class and 23 steerage passengers, including some distinguished persons and 23 Lascars, members of the crew.

"One survivor relates that the submarine picked up two persons struggling in the water and placed them on a raft.

FEELING IN JAPAN INTENSIFIED

Sinking of French Steamer Arouses Tokio to Higher Pitch.

TOKYO, Dec. 25.—The sinking of the French steamer Ville de la Ciotat has intensified the feeling aroused in Japan by the torpedoing of the Japanese liner Yama Maru.

Advices received here corroborate previous reports that the Yama Maru was sunk without warning. The steamer was carrying 1,000 passengers and 100 crew members.

INDIA DECLARED LOYAL

"Millions Waiting to Serve," Key-note of National Congress.

BOMBAY, Dec. 27, via London Dec. 25.—Ten thousand delegates, representing all communities, were present today at the opening of the annual India National Congress, which was notable for the loyal and patriotic utterances of the speakers.

POOR ARE MADE HAPPY

Independence People Provide \$120, Food and Clothing, at Christmas.

INDEPENDENCE, Or., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—With open purses and willing hands, the people of Independence celebrated Christmas in a most generous and helpful spirit.

Tuesday's War Moves

THERE has been considerable renewal of activity at several points on both the eastern and western fronts in the past 24 hours, but the situation in the Balkans has the most peaceful appearance in weeks.

DRIVE ON SALONKI MAY BE ABANDONED

Central Powers Regard Post as Not Worth Determined Offensive Movement.

ALLIES' POSITION HARD

Expeditionary Forces Operating at End of Most Expensive Supply Line of War—Bulgars to Defend Themselves Only.

VIENNA, via London, Dec. 25.—The operations of the central powers against the Anglo-French army in Greece were temporarily suspended in deference to Greek susceptibilities regarding the Bulgarians, when the extensive expeditionary force was ordered to stand on the Greek attitude, and if Greece has no objection to leaving Salonika in the hands of the British and French, a further offensive movement is reported may not be undertaken by the Austro-Germans, who in that case would merely stand on the defensive.

No Advantage Is Seen. Saloniki, as viewed here, has no strategic importance. So long as Bulgaria is able to defend Southern Macedonia and her communications, the occupation of Saloniki by the entente allies is not looked on as a menace to any of the interests of the central powers, Bulgaria or Turkey. It is considered here that an offensive against Saloniki would be a political rather than a military measure and, from the political viewpoint, it is pointed out, the value of such an offensive would be highly problematical, since the occupation even temporarily of Greek territory would involve only embarrassments and no advantages.

The press reports indicating that the allies intend to make Saloniki the base for 400,000 men suggest no perturbation in Vienna, as the entente troops will have to be met in any case, and it is argued the expeditionary forces are operating at the end of the longest, and most hazardous and most expensive supply line of the war.

Bulgars' Lines Are Short

The Bulgarian army, constituting the major part of the force barring the route through Serbia, has an advantage of very short communications. It is added that the operations against the Anglo-French expeditionary force might have been more successful had the French and British from Macedonia been Austro-German instead of Bulgarian troops.

Some have been detailed, as a measure to allay Greek apprehension, as part of the frontier guard established by the Greco-Bulgarian agreement.

G. W. MORSE IS AT REST

NOTABLE FIGURE IN PIONEER LIFE OF WASHINGTON IS NO MORE.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The funeral of George W. Morse, one of the most notable figures in pioneer life of the State of Washington, who died at his home in Oak Harbor Thursday night, was held there Sunday at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Morse was born in Brunswick, Me., Dec. 22, 1825. He sailed over the world until gold fever seized him and he went to the Klondike, where he dug enough out of the mine to acquire a comfortable fortune. With this he freighted into the mining camps until 1858, when he started for the Fraser River region.

He then slipped back to his old trade by helping to build the schooner General Barney at Bellingham and also the schooner Growler, at Oak Harbor, on Whidbey Island.

In Oak Harbor he at one time owned a store, the wharf, a hotel and a blacksmith shop. He was again in the States when the territory became a state and at the same time he was elected to the first State Legislature. He was elected in 1890 and again in 1892 and 1894.

CABINET FOR COMPULSION

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It is believed that the actual resolution on the new policy has been postponed until another meeting of the cabinet on Thursday and that in the short interval Mr. Asquith will be employed in exerting the strongest influences to avert disruption of his cabinet. It is still possible that a crisis may be averted.

The importance, as far as military operations and political prestige is concerned, of the Ministers presenting a united front to the nation and her allies, to say nothing of the effect produced by disruption in encouraging the enemy to force some issue, and this influence cannot fail to have its effect.

There is a further possibility to be considered. This is that the announcement of an immense number of applications would have such an immediate effect on the laggards that it may never become necessary to put the measure in operation.

MEAT SUBSTITUTE WANTED

No Price Reduction in Early Future Is Seen by Scientists.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 24.—Speakers before the American Association for the Advancement of Science today predicted that there will be no reduction in the price of meats in the near future, and that distinctions will continue to find it profitable to devise substitutes for meat.

One-third of the food expense of the average family is for meat, it was said, consequently the demand for cheap cuts has been so great that the fat and bony parts now cost as much as others.

Several speakers said that although meat prices are already more than the average family can afford, prices paid for fat cattle are not high enough to encourage beef production properly,

IRISH OPPOSITION PASSENGER

In the House of Commons the bill is almost certain to meet a decided opposition from the Irish and labor members. The Irish opposition is so passionate that there are even rumors that Ireland will be deliberately excluded from the operations of the contemplated bill.

DERBY OPPOSES POSTPONEMENT

It is understood that all proposals to give the Derby scheme another trial for a fortnight were firmly opposed by Lord Derby. He is of the opinion that it would only postpone, not solve, the problem. In this view Lord Derby was supported by the Premier himself.

The same reasons which induced the postponement of the Cabinet in the repulsion policy, so alien to English ideals, may be expected to have a similar effect on Parliament and the nation, and hence the bill is not made impossible by outside agitators.

SINGLE MEN FALL SHORT

Many persons believe that the truth probably lies somewhere in the middle ground between these two views. It is a question of the relative advantages in connection with the Derby figures; that in certain parts of the country single men have not enrolled in such numbers as would warrant an impartial tribunal in declaring that only a negligible percentage remain outside.

Mr. Asquith's pledge, as given in an open letter to Lord Derby, stands good and the Cabinet is agreed it must be fulfilled in the letter and spirit. For the government knows full well that the marriage man was the sole reason for the wholesale response of the married men. Up to the moment of that declaration the marriage man held his hand as soon as Mr. Asquith's pledge was given they stepped forward in numbers which were a surprise even to Lord Derby.

ELECTION IS NOT EXPECTED

In view of Premier Asquith's recent announcement in the House of Commons that a general election in the present circumstances would be a national calamity, except those battling expressly for or against compulsory service with any weapon that comes to hand gives credence to the belief that the Cabinet will support any such resolution at this time, with fully one-third of the voters of the country on the fighting line.

WARDEN IS INDICTED

Prison Reformer Accused of Perjury and Other Crimes.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Two indictments containing seven counts were returned today against Thomas Mott Osborne, warden of Sing Sing, by the Westchester County grand jury, which has been investigating conditions in the prison.

One indictment charged the warden with having committed perjury in his testimony before the grand jury in the case of the late Edward J. Connelley, a State Prison Commissioner. The other indictment contained six counts.

REMOVAL IS DUE TODAY

Grand Jury Returns Bills Against Thomas Mott Osborne After Investigation of Conditions at New York Penitentiary.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Thomas Mott Osborne, "millionaire warden" of Sing Sing prison, will be removed from office as soon as a successor can be named formally under the law. This action probably will be taken tomorrow, John B. Riley, State Superintendent of Prisons said today, after he had learned of the specifications in the indictment returned against the Sing Sing executive by the Westchester County grand jury.

"From the time I was under indictment should continue in the office of warden," Superintendent Riley said, "and as soon as a successor can be found he will be appointed."

PORK SAUSAGE INFECTED

Health Department Traces Trichinosis and Confiscates Meat.

Having traced the source of the recent epidemic of trichinosis in Portland directly to Salama pork sausage, City Health Officer Marcellus and representatives of the State Food and Dairy Commissioner's office yesterday issued orders for the seizure of that type that could be found. Four hundred and fifty pounds of the meat were sent to the incinerator.

The general investigation was the result of weeks of investigation to determine the source of the disease which caused four deaths recently. The sausage is a brand of pork sausage that is sold in the city and is sold in a tin bound tightly with cord. A dozen or more samples tested in the laboratories showed infection.

NEW AIM IN ARMY PLAN

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Each military district would be called on for 250 recruits annually. In the event that compulsory service is declared, it is said that the only action necessary would be to authorize the War Department in any year when the quota of recruits from any district has not been made up voluntarily by a predetermined date, to draft the necessary men for that purpose from the portion of the population of the district liable for military service.

INADEQUACY IS ADMITTED

Advocates of the Administration plan say that the 400,000 men with the colors and 400,000 reserve proposed to be sent to the front are not enough to constitute a force adequate to the needs of the Nation, and they do not content that the proposed two months of intensive training each year for three years is sufficient to make a soldier. They do not believe it possible to secure more than 20 days' training annually under a purely voluntary system.

Efforts of the department officials first will be directed toward convincing Congress that the urgent thing is to get the machinery for selecting army created, the arms, ammunition and supplies necessary piled up, mobilization points selected and equipped, coast defenses strengthened and improved—in word, the foundation laid upon which such features as universal military service, extension of the general staff of scientific control and amount of training necessary for the continental troops may be superimposed later.

There is no difference except in the numbers of men that amount of training. It is asserted, between the Secretary's proposals and those of the war college division of the general staff.

11,000 TO GET WAGE INCREASE

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Employees of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company and the New York Railways Company will receive an increase in wages beginning the week of January 2, according to a report today. The increase will affect 11,000 employees.

TO PREVENT THE GRIP

Cold cause Grip—Laxative Brooms Quinine removes the cause of Grip—Quinine and Brooms Quinine are the only reliable remedies for Grip. Dr. G. W. Morse's signature on box 250.

WILSON'S BIRTHDAY QUIET

President Works, Reads, Drives in Snow, Dines in Peace.

VAUDEVILLE FAVORITES

SPRING A NOVELTY

vaudevillians who have practically sang themselves around the world, have been together for nearly twenty years, which is sure some record for vaudeville performers.

It is probably worth something to Tally & Mayo to hear themselves introduced themselves at Graves Music Co., 151 4th st., wanting to hear the New Edison records and didn't mind listening to themselves.

When Mr. Graves brought out "At the Ball, That's All"—then it happened. They sang with the record and without the record, they broke in here and there with a little flourish, then a little bass, and told a riddle or two—and those in the room simply could not tell the difference between the voice and the records.

All of which sounds very much like a press agent's story—and must be heard to be really believed. Mr. Graves, of Graves Music Co., was very glad indeed to extend to Tally & Mayo the use of one of Mr. Edison's laboratory models of the Diamond Disc Phonographs, to be used during their Portland Orpheum engagement.

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Advertisement for Robert's Bros. featuring clothing and undergarments. Includes text: "All Mail Orders Promptly and Carefully Filled at Clearance Sale Prices. Express and Parcel Post Packages Prepaid on \$5.00 Purchases." and "Store Opens Daily at 8:30 A. M. On Saturdays 9:00 A. M. Pacific Phone Marshall 5080. Store Closes Daily at 5:30 P. M. On Saturdays 6:00 P. M. Home Phone A 2112." Logo for Robert's Bros. Third & Morrison.

Our Great Twenty-Fifth Annual January Clearance Sale

Reductions in Undermuslins

Gowns in four styles and fine materials; values to \$1.35, Clearance 69¢. Skirts of finest materials, all styles; to \$2.50, Clearance Price \$1.19. Gowns, embroidery and lace trimmed; to \$1.25, Clearance Price .59¢. Skirts in best styles and materials; to \$1.75, Clearance Price .98¢. Skirts of extra quality and finish; to \$2.50, Clearance Price \$1.48. Combination Suits in all styles; to \$2.25, Clearance Price .98¢. Combination Suits in all styles; to \$1.25, Clearance Price .59¢. Envelope Chemise, neatly trimmed; to \$1.00, Clearance Price .59¢. Envelope Chemise of best materials; to \$1.75, Clearance Price .98¢.

Corset Covers, Drawers and Brassieres in an Unlimited Variety of Styles—Lace or Embroidery Trimmed—Values to 50¢, to Close at 25¢

Our regular lines, including only garments of reliable quality and good workmanship. Corset Covers with trimmings of Val, shadow, torchon or Cluny laces. Drawers in open and closed styles, with trimmings of embroidery and lace; also the popular Knickerbocker style; they come medium and extra full. Brassieres, in hook-front and cross-back styles; they come in all sizes and are made of fine materials with washable torchon or embroidery trimming. Regular values to 50¢, Clearance 25¢.

Clearance Sale Wash Goods, Domestic Goods, Bedding, Flannels, Etc.

The Housekeeper's Greatest Saving Opportunity of the Entire Year. Fancy Bordered Scrims, white, cream, ecru; values to 18¢ yard. Priced at 10¢. Baby Blankets in various styles; 50¢ grade. Clearance Price .39¢. Fancy Bordered Scrims, white, cream, ecru; values to 35¢ yard. Priced at 19¢. Velour Flannel in kimono lengths; \$1.05 to \$1.40. Length on sale at .89¢. White Outing Flannel, 32-inch width, 12 1/2¢ grade. Clearance Price .9¢.

Clearance of Regular 25¢ Wash Goods at 19¢ a Yard

Included are Printed Crepes in flowered styles, Mercerized Foulard in dainty colorings in flower, figure and stripe styles; Fancy Stripe Poplins; Wool Finish Suitings, etc. Regular 25¢ lines, Clearance 19¢.

Advertisement for Tally & Mayo using "Tone Test" This Week at the Orpheum. Includes text: "Had Last Night's Audience Guessing, and Give Vaudeville a Real Novelty—Will Repeat Test at Both Performances All This Week." and "PURE BLOOD MAKES HEALTHY PEOPLE".

Large advertisement for Vaudeville Favorites featuring Tally & Mayo. Includes text: "VAUDEVILLE FAVORITES SPRING A NOVELTY" and "Tally & Mayo Using 'Tone Test' This Week at the Orpheum." Includes a photograph of the duo.