

LINER PERSIA SUNK; AMERICANS ABOARD

Most of 160 Passengers Thought Lost.

TORPEDO SENDS SHIP DOWN

Washington Advises Austrians Fired Shot.

4 BOATS GET AWAY CLEAR

United States Consul to Aden Among Those on Steamship Vessel in Mediterranean—Gravity of Situation Recognized.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Somewhere on the Mediterranean, off the island of Crete, are supposed to be four lifeboats containing survivors of the British liner Persia, torpedoed presumably by an Austrian submarine Thursday. These four boats, each capable of carrying 40 persons, got clear before the great vessel sank, but how many of the 160 of whom passengers, among whom were several Americans, obtained places in them was not made known in the rather meager dispatches concerning the attack on the steamship.

A Lloyd's dispatch, however, says that most of the passengers and men on the Persia were lost. The crew of the vessel numbered between 250 and 300 men, mostly Austrians.

American Consul Abroad.
Prominent among the passengers was Robert L. Newby, newly appointed American Consul to Aden. Two other Americans are known to be on the passenger list and there may be still others. The vessel had 900 tons of cargo, but was carrying heavy mail.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Official Washington tonight anxiously awaited details of the torpedoing of the British steamship Persia, on which American citizens were known to have embarked. While it was realized that reports expected from Consul and diplomatic representatives might show that the submarine commander was justified in sinking the vessel, officials were not inclined to minimize the gravity of the situation confronting the United States should it develop that there has been a violation of American rights.

New dangers, it was admitted, threatened the relations between the United States and the Central Powers which seemingly had just been placed on the road to satisfactory adjustment by the assurance contained in Austria's reply to the second American note.

GREAT GALE HITS ENGLAND

Storm Unroofs Houses and Smashes Windows in Cities.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—A storm of great severity swept over parts of England today, doing much damage. At Liverpool large shop windows were broken. Mouthshire suffered extensively. Houses were unroofed and trees and wires blown down.

It is feared coastwise shipping suffered heavily.

PALACE OF ARTS REOPENS

Of 3500 Exhibits at Fair, 3000 Yet Are in Place.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—The Palace of Fine Arts on the grounds of the Panama-Pacific Exposition was reopened today for a four-month period. More than 2000 of the 3500 objects of art in place at the close of the exposition remain.

A campaign is on to preserve the structure.

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Young Women Meet Death When Coaster Hits Telephone Pole.

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Shipment of Matches Derailed and Bursts Aflame.

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Track Is Blocked by Wreckage and Trains May Be Delayed Till Noon—Jitneys Carry Crowds Through Mud to Scene.

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The Weather.

Yesterday's—Maximum temperature, 22 degrees; minimum, 23 degrees.
Today's—Unsettled, probably occasional snow; easterly winds.

BLUE DEVILS DANCE IN CLOSED SALOON

Ghosts of Old Revels Haunt Empty Bars.

DRY REGIME HAS FIRST DAY

Padlocked Doors Confront Fervent Ones Who Forget.

MOVING OUT IS STARTED

Hotels and Temperance Drink Establishments Do Good Business. Some Gloom Prevails, but Few Leave for California.

The time foretold by the popular and oft-quoted prophet, name unknown, who predicted that "Every day will be Sunday bye and bye," had his forecast come true in Portland yesterday.

PAT CALLAHAN MARRIES

Daughter of Mayor Coleman, of Chehalis, Becomes Bride.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—R. J. ("Pat") Callahan, one of the best-known baseball players in the Pacific Northwest, was married here at noon today, his bride being Miss Mary Coleman, daughter of Mayor and Mrs. J. T. Coleman, of this city.

RADIO GREETINGS GO FAR

Davenport, Wash., Amateur Sends Message to Arlington.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—A Happy New Year greeting was relayed across the continent early today by amateur wireless operators under the direction of Captain W. H. H. Bullard, superintendent of United States radios.

REMAINING LIQUOR SEIZED

South Carolinians Store Surplus Awaiting Legislative Action.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 1.—The advent of state-wide prohibition last night found quite a stock of liquor in the 11 city dispensaries here. Today it was taken to the state cotton warehouses for safekeeping until the Legislature decides what is to be done with it.

BULGARS PLANNING ATTACK

British and French to Be Opposed in Salonki Is Statement.

BERLIN, via London, Jan. 1.—A Budapest dispatch to the Tages Zeitung says Premier Radoslavoff, of Bulgaria, made the statement at a conference of leaders of the government party before the assembling of Parliament that military operations against the British and French at Salonki would be inaugurated in a short time.

LIQUOR SIGN LEADS TO JAIL

Agent at Pueblo, Colo., Arrested for Displaying Advertisement.

PUEBLO, Colo., Jan. 1.—Adolph Rosenblum, liquor company agent, was taken into custody here today for displaying liquor signs and advertisements.

CABARET IS OUSTED BY CAFE ICE RINK

PORTOLA LOUVRE AT SAN FRANCISCO PLANS FEATURE.

FIRST O. W. TRAIN LEAVES OLYMPIA

Last Bottle of Wine Breaks on Pilot.

CHAMBER TAKES EXCURSION

Line Is First Step in Invasion of Unexplored Peninsula.

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OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 1.—(Special.)

Olympia's last bottle of champagne this morning was shattered on the pilot of the engine of the first O. W. R. & N. train to leave this city on a regular run, fulfilling the quarter-century dream of a competing railroad line.

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STATE SENATOR CARLYSON, WHO HAS BEEN PERSONALLY IN CHARGE OF THE WORK RESULTING IN THE ADVENT OF THE NEW RAILROAD, SPOKE BRIEFLY TO A LARGE CROWD THAT GATHERED AT THE DEPOT, AFTER WHICH A PARTY OF 53 OLYMPIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERS BOARDED THE TRAIN FOR THE RUN TO CHAMBERS FRACTION.

THE NEW LINE, REPRESENTING THE FIRST INVESTMENT OF \$500,000, IS IMPORTANT, PRINCIPALLY, AS THE FIRST STEP OF THE HARRIMAN SYSTEM TOWARD INVASION OF THE OLYMPIA PENINSULA, WITH ITS VAST, ALMOST UNEXPLORED RESOURCES, WHICH NOW HAS NO DIRECT RAILROAD COMMUNICATION WITH THE MAIN LAND.

THE RUMOR, PRINTED TWO WEEKS AGO, THAT THE HARRIMAN SYSTEM WAS CONTEMPLATING TAKING OVER THE PENINSULAR RAILWAY, A STANDARD GAUGE LOGGING ROAD WITH LINES FROM SHELTON WEST AND NORTH INTO THE PENINSULA, IS NOW UNOFFICIALLY ADMITTED TO BE A FACT. STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARK REED, OF SHELTON, MANAGER OF THE SIMPSON LOGGING COMPANY, OWNER OF THE PENINSULAR RAILWAY, NOW IS SAID TO BE ENGAGED IN ARRANGEMENTS CLOSING THE DEAL.

SURVEYORS HAVE BEEN BUSY BETWEEN OLYMPIA AND SHELTON, AND A PORTION OF THE NECESSARY RIGHT OF WAY FOR THIS CONNECTING LINK IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN OBTAINED. IF PROPERTY OWNERS SHOULD ATTEMPT TO HOLD UP THE RAILROAD, HOWEVER, THE O. W. R. & N. HAS ACCESS, THROUGH BELT LINE TERMINAL FACILITIES HERE, TO THE WATERFRONT, WHICH WOULD ENABLE CONNECTION WITH SHELTON BY A CAR BARGE SYSTEM.

THE TAKING OVER OF THE PENINSULAR RAILWAY IS EXPECTED TO BE FOLLOWED BY SEVERAL EXTENSIONS. THE BUILDING OF THIS LINE A FEW MILES TO THE NORTH WILL TOUCH HOODS CANAL AND AFFORD JOINT RAIL AND WATER COMMUNICATION WITH ALL POINTS ON THE SHORE OF THE CANAL, ENABLING THE TAPPING OF THE HEAVY TIMBER OF THE INTERIOR.

WILLIAM McMURRAY, OF PORTLAND, GENERAL PASSENGER AGENT, AND A NUMBER OF LESSER OFFICIALS OF THE ROAD WERE HERE TODAY TO SEE THE FIRST TRAINS OPERATED. FORTHWITH OPENING OF THE NEW LINE WILL BE CELEBRATED JANUARY 14, WHEN THE RAILROAD WILL MAKE FARE AND ONE-THIRD RUMOR TRIP RATES FROM ALL POINTS TO OLYMPIA.

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"THE COLD, GRAY DAWN OF THE MORNING AFTER."

