

# CONSUL IS LISTED WITH LINERS' DEAD

## American Official On Steamer Sunk by Submarine.

### MANY SURVIVORS IN EGYPTIAN PORT

#### Those Rescued Said to Include 59 Passengers and 94 of Crew—Vessel's Captain Drowns.

London—Unofficial dispatches from Cairo say that the British steamship Persia, sunk in the Mediterranean on Thursday, was torpedoed without warning and sank in five minutes.

Between 150 and 160 survivors have been landed at Alexandria, Egypt.

Robert N. McNeely, American consul at Aouan, Arabia, is believed to have been drowned.

Reuters' Cairo correspondent makes the unreserved statement that Mr. McNeely lost his life. Charles H. Grant, of Boston, was saved.

Details of the sinking of the Persia came in slowly but such information as was received made it appear that the number of persons who escaped in the four boats which were put off was larger than was hoped when the first news was received. The Peninsular & Oriental company, which owned the Persia, announced that 158 survivors had arrived at Alexandria.

The survivors comprise the chief officer, second officer, seven engineers, 27 seamen, 63 lascars and 59 passengers.

A Lloyd's dispatch given the number as 158, made up of 59 passengers, of whom 17 are women, and 94 members of the crew, including 59 lascars.

The survivors include military officers and eight persons who are not British subjects.

"The ship was struck amidships on the port side at 1:10 p. m., says Reuters' correspondent at Cairo. "She had disappeared completely at 1:15.

"Survivors say it was little short of a miracle that anyone was saved. There was no panic. Four boats were launched with the utmost promptitude.

"The captain was drowned. When last seen he was swimming after the liner had plunged beneath the surface."

Both the Peninsular & Oriental company and Reuters' Cairo correspondent say that Mr. Grant has been landed at Alexandria. The steamship company had no news of Mr. McNeely's fate.

Edward Rose, of Denver, left the Persia at Gibraltar, as was reported.

# Many Cities on Sound Feel Earthquake Which Follows Shock in East

Tacoma, Wash.—Two distinct earthquake shocks, felt in every part of Tacoma, took place shortly before 5 o'clock Saturday.

The shocks were quick and sharp and more like an explosion. Buildings shook and trembled and in some cases persons ran out of their houses to see what had happened. At the Dupont powder plant, it was stated, the shocks were also felt. So far as has been learned yet, there was no damage.

Olympia, Wash.—At 4:50 o'clock a severe earthquake shock was felt here of about 30 seconds duration. No material damage has been reported.

Seattle, Wash.—An earthquake shock was felt here Saturday afternoon, beginning at 4:32 o'clock, continuing about 10 seconds, followed by lighter tremors. No damage was done.

Washington, D. C.—A severe earthquake, the heaviest recorded in some time and lasting almost three hours, occurred in an undetermined location Saturday. Seismographs of the Georgetown University observatory began recording the tremor at 8:43 a. m. The shocks increased in intensity, and between 9:25 and 9:45 o'clock they were violent.

It was conservatively estimated that the distance of the center of the disturbance was 3000 miles from Washington.

Cabaret Ousted from Rink. San Francisco—An ice skating rink will supplant the previously popular cabaret at the Portola Louvre. Construction work has started at the big Powell-street cafe this week and the rink will be opened to the public on January 10.

According to one of the proprietors of the Portola Louvre, the rink will be at the disposal of safe patrons during the afternoons, but at night will be used only by exhibition skaters. The manager wires from New York that he has closed contracts with half a dozen fancy performers.

Allies Lose Advantage. Berlin—A dispatch for abroad follows: "Interesting statistics are published by the Tagblatt. The tabulation shows that the populations of the entente powers August 1, 1914, when the war began, amounted to 280,000,000 while the inhabitants of the central powers totaled 116,000,000. January 1, 1916, the entente powers have populations totaling 198,000,000 while the central powers have 15,000,000, so that the difference in population has receded from 114,000,000 to 46,000,000."

Two Killed on Bob-sled. Caldwell, N. J.—Two young women were killed and a young man seriously injured while bob-sledding here New Year's Day. The victims were Miss Winifred Dalley and Miss Helen Vanderwater, both of East Orange. Their companion, William Little, Jr., is suffering from internal injuries.

The accident occurred when the three were coasting down a steep hill and in an effort to avoid a wagon dashed into a telephone pole.

# OREGON BLUE LAW HELD TO BE LEGAL BY THREE FEDERAL JUDGES

The old Sunday blue law of Oregon is valid and not in contravention either of the state or Federal constitutions.

Three United States judges so agree in a sweeping opinion handed down Wednesday at Portland, by United States District Judge Weyerstein, which upholds the law in every particular wherein attack has been made on it in the Federal court.

The opinion denies the prayer of the Brunswick-Balke-Collender company, manufacturers of billiard and pool tables and bowling alleys, for a permanent injunction restraining district attorneys and sheriffs of 23 Oregon counties from enforcing the law.

In great detail it sets forth the reasons for rejecting the contentions of Wilson T. Hume, attorney for the petitioning company, as to the invalidity of the law.

It holds that the principle of the right of the state to regulate the pursuit of occupations on Sunday under its

## SENATOR J. C. W. BECKHAM



J. C. W. Beckham, the new senator from Kentucky, is a former governor of that state, having been elected after the disturbances that led to the assassination of Governor Goebel. He was born in Bardonia, Ky., in 1868.

# Grave Epidemic of Influenza Holds Entire Nation in Clutch

Washington, D. C.—Influenza is spreading over the United States from coast to coast in the most serious epidemic ever known, taking a large toll in lives and causing economic loss by incapacitating workers in all walks of life.

Reports from public health service officers made public by Surgeon General Blue show that already the disease has created a grave problem for many larger cities, and is spreading to the rural communities.

New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, San Francisco, Seattle, Cleveland and Detroit reported the disease widely prevalent. Cleveland and Detroit each have probably 100,000 cases.

Of other larger cities Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Portland and San Diego report no signs of an epidemic.

Thaw Must Pay Aliens. Philadelphia—The Pennsylvania State Supreme court Wednesday decided that the estate of Harry K. Thaw shall bear the expense of an examination of Thaw's sanity, and not the trustees of the estate.

The case came to the higher court from the Orphans' court of Allegheny county and grew out of the efforts of Thaw to have the full amount of his income paid to him.

Thaw took exceptions to the payment of the bills of the doctors who examined him.

Illinois Boys to Train. Chicago—Requests for the incorporation of the National Cadet Corps league and the Illinois Cadet league were forwarded to Springfield, Ill. The National body and its state auxiliary, in the belief of the incorporators, will bring about the introduction of military training for high school boys, college youths and graduates, with instructions detailed and equipment furnished by the government. A postcard canvass of the Chicago school boys will be undertaken to determine whether the parents favor military drill for their sons.

French Wires Are Down. New York—Heavy storms in France during the last few days have seriously interfered with telegraphic communication, and for this reason the French Cable company announces that messages for transmission through that country would be accepted subject to indefinite delay. Messages received here from France did not give any details of the damage other than that gales and heavy rains had broken down many wires.

# NORTHWEST MARKET REPORTS; GENERAL CROP CONDITIONS

Portland—Wheat—Bluestem, \$1 per bushel; fortyfold, \$1; club, \$1; red life, \$1; red Russian, \$1.

Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$17 @ 1.75; 50 per ton; valley timothy, \$14 @ 1.45; alfalfa, \$16 @ 17; oat and vetch, \$13.

Millfeed—Spot prices: Bran, \$22 per ton; shorts, \$23; rolled barley, \$29 @ 30.

Corn—White, \$25 per ton; cracked, \$26.

Vegetables—Artichokes, \$1.10 per dozen; tomatoes, California, \$1.50 @ 1.75; cabbage, 90¢ per hundred; garlic, 15¢ per pound; peppers, 10¢ @ 12¢; eggplant, 10¢; sprouts, 8¢; horseradish, 8¢; cauliflower, 75¢ @ 81.25 per dozen; celery, 50¢ @ 50¢; beans, 2¢ @ 2¢ per pound; lettuce, \$2 @ 2.75 per crate; peas, 15¢ per pound.

Green Fruit—Pears, \$1 @ 1.50 per box; grapes, \$5 per barrel; cranberries, \$1 @ 1.50.

Potatoes—Oregon, \$1 @ 1.15; Yakima, \$1.15 @ 1.25 per sack; sweet, \$2.50 @ 2.75 per hundred.

Onions—Oregon, buying price, \$1.25 f. o. b. shipping point.

Apples—Spitzenberg, extra fancy, \$3.25; fancy, \$2; choice, \$1.25 @ 1.50; Jonathans, extra fancy, \$1.50; fancy, \$1.25; choice, \$1; Yellow Newtowns, extra fancy, \$2; fancy, \$1.75; choice, \$1 @ 1.25; Baldwin, extra fancy, \$1.50; fancy, \$1.25; choice, \$1; russets, orchard run, \$1.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, candled, \$3 @ 35¢ per dozen; Oregon storage, \$2 @ 25¢.

Poultry—Hens, small, 12 @ 13¢; large, 12 @ 14¢; springs, 12 @ 13¢; turkeys, live, 18 @ 19¢; turkeys, dressed, choice, 24¢; ducks, 12 @ 15¢; geese, 10 @ 11¢.

Butter—City creamery, cubes, extra, selling at 25¢; firsts, 24¢; prints, and cartons, extra. Prices paid to producers: Country creamery, 22 @ 25¢; butterfat, No. 1, 28¢; No. 2, 26¢.

Veal—Fancy, 11 @ 12¢ per pound. Pork—Fancy, 7 @ 7 1/2¢ per pound. Hops—1915 crop, \$8 @ 10 1/2¢ per pound. Wool—Eastern Oregon, 13 @ 25¢ per pound; valley, 25 @ 26¢; fall lambs' wool, 25¢; mohair, Oregon, 25¢.

Cascara Bark—Old and new, \$3 @ 4¢ per pound. Cattle—Market steady. Steers, choice, \$7.25 @ 7.50; good, \$7 @ 7.25; medium, \$6.50 @ 7; cows, choice, \$5.25 @ 5.75; good, \$5 @ 5.25; medium, \$4.75 @ 5; heifers, choice, \$5.50 @ 6; good, \$4.75 @ 5; bulls, choice, \$3.50 @ 4; stags, choice, \$5 @ 5.25.

Hogs—Market steady. Prime light, \$6.15 @ 6.25; prime strong, weights, \$5 @ 5.10; good to prime mixed, \$5.50 @ 5.90; rough heavy packing, \$4.50 @ 5; pigs and skips, \$3 @ 3.25.

Sheep—Market steady. Choice spring lamb, \$7.25 @ 7.60; common spring lamb, \$6.25 @ 6.50; choice yearling wethers, \$6.25 @ 6.75; old wethers, \$5 @ 5.25; choice light ewes, \$5.25 @ 5.50; good ewes, \$4.75 @ 5.25; common heavy ewes, \$4.25 @ 4.75.

Tacoma's Apple Crop Nearly Gone. Tacoma—Home-grown apples are about gone for the season, say local commission men. Supplies on hand now are going at a better price and this increases the sales of Eastern Washington apples, which were held back earlier in the season because of low prices of the home product.

The crop of local apples was a good one this season and many apples were sold, the dealers and growers both benefiting. Eastern Washington apples hold steady.

Grapes are reported gone for the season. The holiday trade cleaned up what supplies were on hand and dealers say the weather is too cold now to bother with such a commodity. This season saw more grapes sold on the local market than ever before. There were many varieties offered and all were of an exceptional quality that was maintained throughout the season.

One of the features of the season was the way in which the grapes were packed for the holidays, some coming in cork-packed kegs and others in lug boxes.

Vegetables with the exception of the root varieties are gone and there is no damage to be expected from cold weather. Shipments of tomatoes from California are becoming smaller. Sweet potatoes are arriving regularly. Toted Gem, spuds are firm at \$2 1/2.

Creamery Butter Drops. Tacoma—Fresh Washington creamery butter declined this week 3 cents a pound. The drop is attributed to a heavy production of second grade butter. Many of the factories in Washington that have been closed down for weeks for repairs are again in operation. The demand is steady and no further change in price is expected soon. Fresh Oregon butter is quoted at about the same prices as the Washington product. Washington butter is offered at 23 @ 30 cents a pound and the Oregon commodity at 28 @ 30 cents.

Bean Prices Highest in Years. The bean market of California is now in a peculiar condition, according to reports from that state. The prices asked are the highest in years, and the high prices are not accompanied by any scarcity of beans. As against the increased acreage put to beans this year, together with a most bountiful crop, more beans were harvested in California than in many years. Most of this crop now is in the warehouses. According to a Sacramento bean expert, almost all the wholesalers have filled their warehouses.

Market Oats in East. There was a fair prospect for a time that Pacific Coast oats, as well as wheat, might be marketed in the East. It was this possibility that caused the recent firmness in local markets, but with the weakening of Eastern prices, however, are close to the point that would make such shipments possible, and with a little advance in the East sales of the best Northwestern oats may be made for shipment there.

# OREGON AND WASHINGTON BID FAREWELL TO BOOZE NEW YEAR'S

Seattle, Wash.—Seattle, which, under the new prohibition law, will be the largest "dry" city in the world, outside Russia, welcomed the new year and bade farewell to alcoholic liquor with noise and merriment.

New Year's eve always a time of street carnivals and, even without the incentive of the good-bye-to drink, the street crowds would have been enormous. Sidewalks on Second avenue, to the curb until midnight with slowly moving throngs of hilarious people.

All saloons did a large business except those which had declined to admit only old customers to lament the new order of things. There was no lack of beer anywhere, but imprudent saloonkeepers who had sold all their whisky and other spirituous drinks were unable to replenish their stocks at the wholesale houses, and the variety of beverages in some saloons was limited.

It is estimated that in the 15 days

## COUNT FRANZ VON PAPEN



Latest photograph of Count Franz von Papen, military attache of the German embassy at Washington, whose recall was demanded by President Wilson because of his obnoxious activities.

ending at noon Friday December 31, \$1,000,000 had been spent in Seattle for liquor wrapped in packages to be carried home for use in the dry period.

Portland Celebrates. Portland, Ore.—New Year's eve revelers began early to make the most of their final opportunity to buy liquor in the restaurants and saloons of Portland. Grills were crowded as early as 6 o'clock and from that hour on merriment and hilarity reigned.

Some saloons ran entirely out of stock early in the evening and closed their doors. Others which had only one or two brands of liquor left kept open and served it out indiscriminately to all customers, regardless of what drink was ordered. Saloonkeepers and bartenders preserved a cheerful front generally and joined with customers in the festivities. In the grills much wine was consumed, notwithstanding previous announcement that stocks were low.

Booze stopped abruptly at midnight, but the owl car went right on just the same. "In the closing of the saloons going to affect receipts appreciably?" was asked.

"We think not," replied a streetcar official. "There is a certain quota of Portland's population that works night. This number is not going to be reduced to any perceptible extent."

Spokane Spends \$500,000. Spokane, Wash.—How great has been the sale of intoxicating liquors in Spokane, which ended New Year's eve in the practically complete disappearance of visible stocks, probably no one will ever know.

Observers, with some knowledge of the liquor sales that have been mounting to unanticipated totals during the 19 business days since the Supreme court destroyed the last hope of the opposition to prohibition, assert that \$500,000 is a moderate estimate of the amount the city has spent on the purchase of private supplies.

Spring Opens on Mars. Flagstaff, Ariz.—Observations of Mars for the present opposition are now in full progress at the Lowell observatory. Results of signal importance have already been brought out, in that the observed canal development is strikingly corroborative of the theory of reasonable dependence upon the melting of the polar cap. The northern canals are now extremely dark, indicating advance of spring, while the southern canals are faint in their decline. The season in the northern hemisphere of Mars is now late April.

New Haven Earns More. New York—The report of the New York New Haven & Hartford railroad company and its subsidiaries for the five months ended November 30, 1915, show the net corporate income of the parent company was \$3,311,973.41, as against \$1,173,888.19 for the corresponding five months of 1914. The net corporate income of the various subsidiary companies, including the Central New England railway, the New York, Ontario & Western, and the New England Steamship company, was \$2,911,760, as against \$1,761,833.

State Worth \$16,000,000. Olympia, Wash.—The state of Washington starts the year 1916 with total cash balances of \$3,608,623.83 in its various funds and bond holdings in excess of \$13,000,000. The state general fund has a cash balance of \$1,204,075.26. The bond statement shows bonds valued at \$11,763,991.50 in the permanent educational funds, with \$500,000 in cash awaiting investments, while \$1,536,500 of the accident fund also is invested in bonds.



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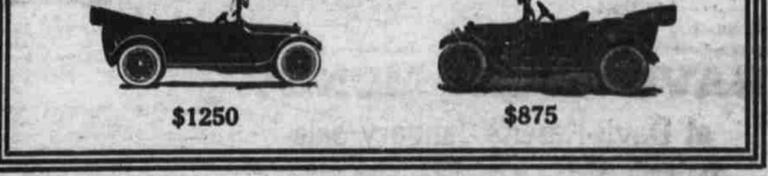
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