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Cattaro, Naval and Land report has been received from the Forces Being Engaged

Rome, Jan. 4 .- A desperate and Important straggle for mastery of the Adriatic is raging near the Austrian town of Cattaro, normal port outlet for Montenegro, by naval and land for Montenegro, by naval and land UNITED STATES TO Austrians are determined to capture Mount Lowcen, "the Gibraltar of the Adriatic," on the Gulf of Cattaro, for its retention by the Montenegrins threatens the Austrian hold on Cattaro. This hold is important by virtue of the fact that since war started Austria has made Cattaro her naval base for operations in the Adriatic, heavy artillery.

For the past six days the Austrians have been attempting to drive out the Montenegrins. If the Montesupremacy in the Adriatic.



sinking of the P. & O. liner Persia. while heroic efforts were in progress to repair Tenton-American relations. Montenegrins and Austrians No information concerning the na-No information concerning the nain Struggle Near Town of is obtainable and officials refuse to

Berlin, Jan. 4.- Regret is almost

SINKING OF P

The newspapers today carry English reports of the sinking, with Engman papers, however, refrained from srave. He is co-operating with Sec-; It is imporbable that a submarine comment of their own.



Avgean and Mediterranean. The State Lansing today informed Ger- liners, following closely on Austria's place is impregnable from the sea, man Ambassador von Bernstorff in- reply in the Ancona case. while from land it can be attacked formally that the state department is The president decided not to call only from Mount Lowcen, where the considering modifying its position in the cabinet today, but he conferreed Montenegrins a year ago installed regard to the carrying of guns on with Chairman Stone of the senate merchant vessels.

The gun issue arose with the torpedoing of the Lusitania. Germany at first contended she was an armed negrins can hold their positions, they ship, though it was understood that situation is very critical, the White Persia case are at hand. However, plan later, with allied assistance, to she later withdrew this contention. House admitted unreservedly. plan later, with allied assistance, to she later withdrew this contention. After his conference with the pre-drive the Austrians from the base, When the German fleet had not been After his conference with the pre-But until the Austrian grip on this the position that small guns might the administration, at present lacks point has been loosened, the Teutons the position that small guns might the administration, at present, lacks can continue to dispute allied naval be mounted on merchant ships as a facts concerning the Persia, and that the talk showed that authorities lookdefensive measure.

Lansing told the ambassador that obtained. changes in naval warfare resulting Chairman Flood of the house forand the absence of German warships Stone to the White Hou

universally expressed here over the Executive Summons Leaders to a Conference, and in a Statement Says That He Will Act Promptly When Details of the Sinking of the Persia Are Received, the statute constitutional and entirely Affair Having Complicated International Matters

SAYS PRESIDENT WILSON

Washington, Jan. 4 .- President | The presence of guns aboard the Wilson issued a statement today in Persia complicates future rather than lish reports of the effect the incident which he admitted that the situation immediate action. The main fact of slumbered on the statute books until has produced on America. The Ger- between Austria and America is very no warning remains,

retary Lansing in an effort to get full could see guns on the Persia; and tained he will act promptly. The future discussion in the matter of statement, issued through Secretary technicalities. Tumulty, said:

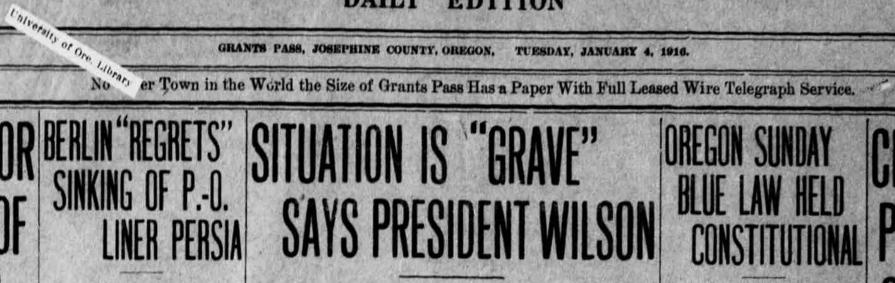
state are taking every means possible Chairman Stone of the senate foreign to obtain facts in this grave matter, committee and Chairman Flood of and will act just as soon as informa- the house foreign committee, and he tion is obtained."

The grave matter referred to was Washington, Jan. 4 .- Secretary of the sinking of the Persia and other

foreign affairs committee and will powers becomes necessary. confer with Secretary Lansing in an effort to gather all available evidence in the Persia sinking. That the

nothing will be done until these are

from the extensive use of submarines eign affairs committee, followed ation.



Portland, Jan. 4 .- The Sunday blue law probably will be enforced throughout Oregon next Sunday. sweeping decision handed down by three federal judges declares the within the police power of the state. For the present Portland will be exempted from the operation of the law, for a temporary injunction has been issued by a local court preventing its enforcement.

The law was passed in 1864 and six months ago. Under its provisions

theaters, butcher shops, bakers and facts as to recent submarine activi- whether these were for offensive or may remain open on Sunday. Garlivery stables are the only places that ties, and as soon as these are ob- defensive action is a question for ages, groceries, confectioneries, and every other sort of a shop must close.

RESPOND TO CAL

TO TAKE UP ARMS

Newspapers are not exempted.

BRITONS FAIL

The president, too, conferred with "The president and secretary of congressional leaders, including called a meeting of the senate foreign committee for tomorrow.

While he decided not to call a cabinet session today, he summoned Stone and Flood to discuss the situation with them in order that he might have their co-operation in case a breach in relations with the central

After these conferences, it was officially stated that no action will be taken until further details of the the intensity and delicacy of the situed at the recent torpedoings, following so closely on Austria's Ancona note, as presenting an ominous situ-

As a re sult of th



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Investigators, But Report Is Expected Wednesday

The grand jury is now busy with its probe, and a number of indictments will probably be returned tomorrow morning. No report has yet come from the grand jury room, but

it is known that the cases of a number of parties held in jall for action by the grand jury have been considered. Among those who will have to run the guantlet of the grand jury inquisition are SI McClung, Seth Bailey, W. C. Jackson and W. H. Pitchock, who are now in the county jail awaiting disposition of the complaints against them. Of this number, Bailey has been in for several weeks past, having been arrested charged with the obtaining of money

London, Jan. 4.-Scarcely more under false pretenses. His arrest folthan half of England's men of mill- lowed the coming to light of a numtary age came forward to the call of ber of checks which were found to "Your King and Country Need You," be worthless, and upon which he had while Lord Derby's conscription cam- obtained goods or cash.

paign was on. Figures obtained to- SI McClung will answer to a charge day showed 2,829,261 enlisted out of larceny, having been implicated in of 5,011,441 subject to service. the taking of various articles from of 5,011,441 subject to service. the taking of various articles from This means that only 52 per cent Bunch Brothers' warehouse. Oregon of England's available fighters vol- Jones, who was charged with the unteered. These figures, announced same offense in connection with Moofficially, were given out to show the Clung, has already been sent to the failure of the Derby scheme and to reform school for a term of years. prove that conscription is necessary. McClung is past the age for sending At the same time, the osbinet com- to the reform school and if convicted pleted its conscription bill to force will face a term in the penis

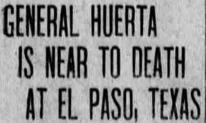
**RESIGNS PLACE ON** ENGLISH CABINET

the cabinet, from which Simon was ing. absent. Despite contrary reports, the | America's modified attitude is ex-

Although reports have been current for several days that other members would guit as a result of forcing SAYS SERBIA'S er member attended the cabinet session.

Simon was a liberal who served as attorney general in the previous cabinet.

There was talk at the first of the war that he planned to quit because of his opposition to the struggle, but Germany's violation of Belgian neutrality.



once Mexico's "iron man," is gradu- herself to save others." ally sinking, and his death is momentarily expected.

ca's changed position.

tonic circles that should it develop take them somewhat into the con- Adjournment of the senate eased an Austrian aubmarine sank the Per- fidence of the administration. sia, Austria will insist the commander had a right to do thus, in view of thus far at hand in the Persia case sion.

Simon had resigned from the English An important phase of the issue theory they pointed to the fact that between congress and the White two and one-half hours' session of attack by submarines without warn- ful.

Chronicle today said positively that pected to meet the German objection Ireland will not be included in the to assuming responsibility for attacks scope of the conscription bill the on merchant vessels carrying guns up government is introducing this week. to the size of six-inch caliber.



physician at the Lane hospital, who to the decks. is home from Belgrade, where he The admiralty today abandoned when there came a sudden explosion British orders-in-council, submarine property has been damaged and sevserved four months with the Red hope that American Consul McNeely as though the boller had blown up. Cross unit.

AT EL PASO, TEXAS "Sorbia's plight is harder than including Lord Montagu, were re-ported in late advices to have landed could not be put overside because of

El Paso, Jan. 4 .--- General Huerta, herself into the breach and sacrificed

States and the state

ed beside his bed this afternoon after no American should contribute un- thought of danger. Those on deck vessel sank with great rapidity. a third operation had been perform- less the supplies his money bought strapped on life belts while the crew ed on him and a quantity of pus had were consigned direct to the Ser- worked with the lifeboats. Nearly E. P. Anthony, a hide dealer of The rural credits program was lieved that a cut will be made in been removed from his body through an incision in his right side. Physi-timated, they might be confiscated by struck the water the waves lapped several days looking up local busi-bill for farm land banks under a ern Pacific main line cut-off to allow over it and threatened to sink it. ness.

from the sea had resulted in Amer- learned that the president had sum- Stone and Flood prepared to prevent moned both. From this it was as- discussion of international problems It was unofficially stated in Teu- sumed that he perhaps desired to on the floors of congress.

> this task, inasmuch as several mem-Officials do not regard evidence bers were primed for a verbal explo-

today confirmed reports that Sir John will back Austria in such a position. struck a mine, and in support of this freest consultation and co-operation mentioned.

cabinet. His announcement was made hinges on the question whether a the quick plunge she took made the House was assured if breaking of in the house of commons following a liner carrying guns is immune from torpedoing theory somewhat doubt- diplomatic relations becomes necessary.



(By United Press Leased Wire.) [Thereupon some were transferred to London, Jan. 4 .- Scenes of horror another boat. preceded the plunge of the P. & O. in the Mediterranean.

Many survivors leaped from the liner Persia, victim of a submarine, careening ship, or were washed from the deck before she sank. Several She turned turtle while lifeboats floated for hours, desperately cling-

San Francisco, Jan. 4 .--- "Serbia as were getting away from her side. The ing to bits of wreckage. was deterred from this by reason of a nation can not die. Oppressed for waves washed more than a score of The sound of hymns rose from hundreds of years by the Turks, even passengers from the deck. Then the those in the lifeboats, above the this war can not down her. She will giant ship dipped sharply, sending screams of women and children, as rise again. Her people are the most shricking women and children slip- survivors struggled in the water with our trade were certain. wonderful human beings on earth." ping into the water. Before the eyes alongside the Persia, Charles H. This was the statement of Dr. S. of survivors, she rolled over and Grant, of Boston, said today at Alex-O. Beasley, prominent San Francisco went down while a score still clung andria, according to press dispatches.

had been saved, although 11 persons. In orderly manner the passengers pletely surrounded by her focs. She at Malta. Officials still estimate that the listing. Grant himself slid off is cut off from her allies. She threw from 250 to 300 persons perished. the ship, entangling his foot in a when the ship was hit, and was one picked up and then, after rowing

Hay will call Secretary Garrison as

farm loan board.

an increase in England's enlistments. The grand jury is investigating a Attention was called to the fact charge of assault and battery against that 651,160 men can be added by W. C. Jackson, it being charged that

TROUBLES AHEAD

WORRY MEMBERS

OF CONGRESS TODAY

over the reassembling of congress af-

ter its holiday recess. With vital

situation was pronounced. Commit-

tee consideration and speeches on

drafting only unmarried men, not he assaulted Wm. Scroggins, the afurgently needed in other occupations. fair having occurred in the Dry Dig-It was understood, however, that gings east of the city.

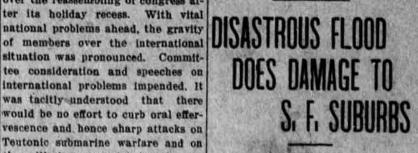
the government will not draft mar- Loren Donnelly, now held by the the armed condition of the Persia. as conclusive of torpedoing. Navy The president and chairmen dis- able that it will call upon a part or liquor laws, will be investigated by ried men for the present. It is probcity authorities for a violation of the London, Jan. 4 .- Premier Asquith Moreover, it is understood Germany authorities say that possibly she cussed all eventualities, and the all of the 651,160 unmarried above the grand jury upon a charge of the

illegal sale of booze.

A number of cases have been considered by the grand jury that had not been remanded to it by the courts of justice, and the offices and county institutions will be investigated by it.

HUNT CAUSE OF RISE IN GASOLINE PRICE

Chicago, Jan. 4 .- Federal District Attorney Clyne admitted today he is Washington Jan. 4 .-- A cloudprobing the rise in gasoline prices at the foreign situation-hung today the order of Washington authorities.



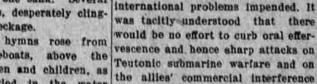
(By United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Jan. 4 .- Three square miles of the manufacturing mittee, including the Smith and flooded as a result of Sunday's storm. eral large manufacturing concerns Preparedness and revenue plans are closed down, unable to reach were all asked. Opposition to both their plants without boats.

The California Glue works, the Chairman Padgett's house naval Patrick Tanning company and the Consul McNeely was in the cabin rope as he went overboard. He was hearings tomorrow with minor off- the sufferers from the water. Each committee will begin preparedness Norton Tanning company are among Dr. Bensley said that great care of the last to reach the deck, sur-Ity sinking, and his death is mo-bentarily expected. A clergyman and his family pray-A clergyman and his family pray-advanced to the Serblans. He said sengers were at luncheon, without a

The board of public works was apthe waters' outlet.

is growing.



Grant was at luncheon, he said, warfare and anti-ally bomb plots.