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## MUNICIPAL TREE PLEASES KIDS IN GREAT NUMBERS

Santa Claus Comes to Auditorium Bringing Big Bags of Candy, Nuts and Fruit as Presents.

TALL SPRUCE GAILY LIGHTED Gold and Silver Ornaments and Many Electric Globes Provide Beautiful Sight.

DUNN AND OTHERS SING, ALSO

This little arrangement by which Santa Claus is able to tend to a couple of thousand little boys and girls on the evening before Christmas eve is working out fine.

Santa pointed out to the city officials that Christmas eve he's always so terribly busy that he simply has to skip some of the boys and girls.

When the people of Omaha heard of that they said, "Nothing doing, Santa Claus. You've simply got to visit everybody here in Omaha. We won't have you slighting anybody. No, sir."

Well, to make a long story short, Santa agreed to come and visit as many of the children as possible on the evening before Christmas eve. And in order to make it easy for him (Santa has a touch of the rheumatism sometimes and it's not as easy climbing up and down chimneys), they agreed to let him bring all the things into the Auditorium and have the children come there.

Well, they were there last night. My, my, but they were there. A big bunch of them appeared before the doors were open and then they flocked from all directions.

Big Decorated Christmas Tree And that Christmas tree, 100-odd Some Christmas tree. Little Joseph, Comins, newboy, had a discussion with another boy, in which Joseph held that the tree was 100 feet high, while the other boy said it was 200.

And all covered with ornaments and th's gold and silver stuff and countless electric lights.

Over on the other side of the building was a big platform specially built on which was the Omaha Musicians' association band, led by George Green, which pealed forth strains of sweet music, while the crowd was gathering and then gave a fine program.

But juvenile eyes were directed toward a small mountain of bulging bags on the platform. Ah, this was the thing. No stings, pinchbeck bags were these, but big, healthy, hearty bags that contained pounds of candy, nuts, popcorn balls, oranges and apples, quite a load for each youngster to carry.

Mayor Delivers Greeting

Mayor Dahlman himself delivered the Christmas greeting. He kept the kiddies interested by telling them what he did when he was a little boy and hung up his stockings. Just think of the mayor being a little boy and hanging up his stockings for Santa to fill. The youngsters wriggled with delight at hearing it.

Then Miss Grace Poole sang and Charles R. Gardner sang and a quartet consisting of Errol Stricker, Edward Fuller, John Gunn and Leonard Rodgers. An then Errol Dunn, chief of police, sang solo. My, my, it seemed there was nothing that Santa had left undone to insure a good time.

Up till this time the old fellow had remained behind the scenes. But now he came out in his red suit trimmed with fur. My, how his happy old eyes beamed with joy as he saw so many of his beloved children gathered to see him. His fat sides fairly shook with joy.

Kids Applaud Santa Claus.

And the youngsters. How they did applaud and cheer him. They were all marshaled at one side and marched in a long line across the stage and past the mountain of bags. And as each passed Santa Claus handed out one of those big bags of goodies. Santa had to have help and he appointed Dan Butler, C. P. Hoar and the mayor to assist him. Oh, yes, even the mayor, has to do what Santa says.

Such joy and laughter. Such full hearts and hands. And it had started in such good time that it was all over by 9:30. Total time for the day, 100-odd hours.

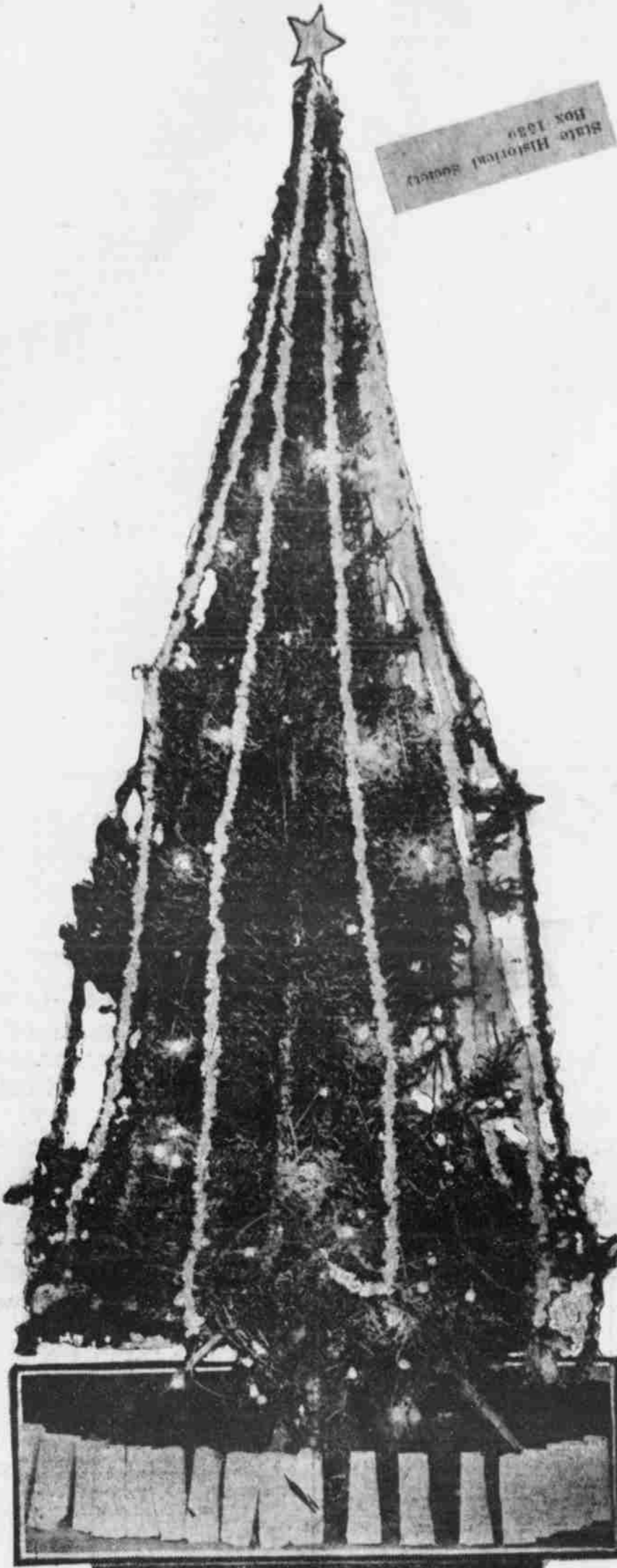
## The Weather

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday	Hours	Deg
5 A. M.	.....	37
6 A. M.	.....	36
7 A. M.	.....	35
8 A. M.	.....	34
9 A. M.	.....	33
10 A. M.	.....	32
11 A. M.	.....	31
12 M.	.....	30
1 P. M.	.....	29
2 P. M.	.....	28
3 P. M.	.....	27
4 P. M.	.....	26
5 P. M.	.....	25
6 P. M.	.....	24
7 P. M.	.....	23
8 P. M.	.....	22
9 P. M.	.....	21

Comparative Local Record.	1915, 1914, 1913, 1912
Highest yesterday	40 25 21 45
Lowest yesterday	34 12 26 26
Mean temperature	37 30 28 36
Precipitation	7 .00 .00 .00

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.	Temp.	High.	Rain.
Station and State	7 P. M.	cat.	fall.
Cheyenne, snow	24	32	40
Denver, cloudy	30	38	46
Des Moines, cloudy	34	40	46
Laurel, snow	24	34	40
North Platte, snow	24	34	40
Pueblo, clear	42	48	54
Rapid City, cloudy	32	38	44
Salt Lake City, clear	30	44	50
Shepherd, cloudy	32	38	44
Sioux City, cloudy	34	40	46

## OMAHA'S MUNICIPAL TREE—Thousands of kiddies receive presents and make merry at the Auditorium.



At the base of the tree are the large sacks filled with good, things for the thirty-five poor families.

## Omaha Man Shot Three Times by Bradshaw Marshal

YORK, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Fred Miller, who resides at 3025 North Twenty-fourth street, Omaha, was shot three times by Night Marshal Trump at Bradshaw at 2 o'clock this morning while Miller was thought to be attempting to enter and rob the postoffice at that place. Trump shot three times, one shot going clear through Miller's right breast, the other shots making slight wounds in the abdomen and arm. Miller was brought to the hospital in York, where he is resting easy, and it is thought he will recover. Two of his alleged pads got away in an automobile they had in waiting. Miller claims to conduct a restaurant at 123 Howard. He will be turned over to the United States authorities. He says his pals all came from Omaha. Marshal Trump was not hit during the fight.

Investigation in Omaha finds that Miller's assertions are true. He conducts a lunch counter in the saloon owned by Charles Loftman at Fourteenth and Howard streets, and has been so engaged for three years. The Omaha address given is also correct. Miller has no police record at all in Omaha. Tuesday he left for a brief vacation, saying he intended to take a hunting trip to Bradshaw. Miller has relatives in Des Moines, but not in Omaha. His wife has left for York, where he is in the hospital.

## Detached Chicago Cafes May Keep

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Though Chicago saloons must close their doors promptly one hour after midnight New Year's morning, restaurants wholly detached from bar rooms may remain open all night. This supplemental ruling from the corporation counsel today lifted the gloom from those who were saddened by the 1 o'clock closing order issued yesterday. The latest opinion of the city's legal adviser was verbally announced and was construed by the corporation counsel to mean that patrons of restaurants with detached bars can remain in the places all night if they desire and eat and drink anything which they may purchase before the bar-closing hour.

## Order Americans Out of Juarez as Mexican Mob Forms

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 23.—All Americans are ordered out of Juarez at 8:3 this evening. All Americans were ordered to remain on the American side by General Pershing at the same time. Tramway traffic was also discontinued. A mob was reported surrounding the financial agency at Juarez, demanding money.

## Vienna Likes New Note from America

VIENNA, Dec. 23.—(Via London.)—The new American note regarding the Ancona has made a good impression here. An early answer may be expected. Work on it has been begun already.

## No Evening Bee on Christmas Day

Subscribers will be served with The Daily Bee on Saturday morning.

## WESTERN ROADS ALLOWED A RAISE IN FREIGHT RATES

Interstate Commerce Commission Grants Increases Asked for on Hauls from Rivers to Mountains.

MOST IN EFFECT JANUARY 31

No Estimate of Additional Revenue This Will Mean Has Been Made.

CAMPAIGN AT VIRTUAL END

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Railroads operating between the Mississippi and Missouri rivers and the Rocky mountains were granted increases in freight rates by the Interstate Commerce commission today on many commodities, including agricultural implements, canned goods and boots and shoes.

No estimate of the additional revenue the roads will derive from the advances is contained in the commission's report on the case, but it will mount into the hundreds of thousands annually, despite the fact that numerous increases sought were denied.

Campaign at End.

Although there still is pending before the commission proposed increases on a few other commodities the general campaign of the western roads to obtain higher rates on the more important commodities virtually is at an end. Both the cases decided today and the one still pending are related to the so-called western advance rate cases. The first and most important part of this case was decided weeks ago, some increases being allowed and others refused, and a petition for its reopening recently was denied.

The increase proposed on agricultural implements was about 2 per cent per hundred pounds, on canned goods about 1 cent per hundred, on egg lining about 3 cents per hundred, on furs about 3 cents per hundred, on cedar and vinegar from 2 to 7 cents per hundred pounds, on buxite ore about 20 cents per gross ton, on boots and shoes about 2 1/2 cents per hundred pounds, on dried fruits about 5 cents per hundred, on furniture 7 cents per hundred.

Charge on Fruits.

The transit charge allowed on fruits and vegetables amounts to 1 1/2 cents per hundred pounds; for storage in transit with a minimum charge of \$5 per car.

The opinion of the commission is confined strictly to a discussion of the merits of the contentions for and against the individual increases proposed except for one general reference. In this it says:

The testimony heard in the western advance rate case relating to the financial needs of the carriers was made a part of the record in this case. That testimony was carefully analyzed and discussed in the western advance rate case and will, therefore, not be again discussed here, but it has been carefully considered as part of the justification offered by the respondents for the increases here proposed.

Lumber Rate Increase

Among the miscellaneous increases allowed was one of 1 cent per 100 pounds on lumber in carloads from Chicago and St. Louis to Missouri river crossings, and an increase on line of 1 to 5 cents per 100 pounds on shipments from St. Paul and Minneapolis to Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska points. Most of the new rates will become effective January 31, and the tariffs containing the increases disallowed must be cancelled by December 23 next.

## Murderer of Police Chief Gets Life Term

GALESBURG, Ill., Dec. 23.—Henry Hopkins, colored, was found guilty today of the murder of Galesburg's former chief of police, T. L. Mathews. He will be imprisoned for life. Hopkins shot Chief Mathews when the latter headed a raid on the negro's gambling house. Mathews had been chief of police six months.

## The Day's War News

THE MUCH DISPUTED summit of Hartmann-Wellerkopf, in the Vosges, is again in German hands, according to Berlin. It is announced by the war office that the peak, taken by the French on Tuesday, was recaptured by a landwehr regiment.

FRENCH OFFICIAL STATEMENT of today declared there was no change in the situation on the left of Hartmann-Wellerkopf, while progress was made yesterday by the French right.

JAPANESE LINER Yaska Maru was sunk by a submarine without warning, according to reports from its agents. The vessel was bound from London to Japan with 120 passengers, one of them an American, all of whom were saved. DARDANELLES EXPEDITION has cost the British 112,921 men, these being the official figures of casualties up to December 11.

## More Than Four Millions in Soup Lines in War-Devastated Poland

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—More than 4,000,000 of the population of Poland are destitute and entirely dependent upon soup kitchens, where there is issued to each applicant a small loaf of bread and a pint of soup daily, according to William H. Hamilton of the American mercy and relief committee, who reached New York today on the steamship Rotterdam. Mr. Hamilton has been in Europe several months looking into relief work for his organization. He added that he had traveled from Alexandria to Warsaw and in the entire country evacuated by the Russians there was hardly an inhabitable building standing.

## They Entertained the Kiddies at the Municipal Christmas Tree



Chas. R. Gardner.

## AUSTRIAN PLANE SHELLS GREEK CITY

Teuton Aircraft Flies to Within Few Miles of Saloniki, Shelling Village.

ZEPPELIN ALSO REPORTED SEEN

PARIS, Dec. 23.—An Austrian aeroplane yesterday flew to within a little more than three miles of Saloniki, and dropped bombs near a village in the vicinity, according to reports from Saloniki, forwarded by the Havas correspondent at Athens. Another unconfirmed report from the same source was to the effect that a zeppelin had been seen flying over northern Greek territory. The dispatch, which bears today's date, is as follows:

"It is reported from Saloniki that an Austrian aeroplane was perceived yesterday morning five kilometers from Saloniki. After reconnoitering, the aeroplane dropped five bombs near the village of Aghali without doing any damage. Three French aeroplanes started in pursuit, but the enemy aeroplane flew off in a northerly direction. "According to another report, as yet unconfirmed, a zeppelin has been seen flying over Florina and Demir-Hissar."

## Christmas Gifts in Way of Salaries to Some Postmasters

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The following fourth class post-offices will become presidential offices on January 1 and the salary the postmasters will receive is given: Nebraska—Beemer, \$1,100; Brady, \$1,000; Cairo, \$1,100; Carroll, \$1,100; Chappell, \$1,100; Ody, \$1,100; Lindsay, \$1,100; Nehawka, \$1,100; Oakkosh, \$1,200; Seneca, \$1,100; Talmage, \$1,000.

Iowa—Albert City, \$1,300; Ashton, \$1,300; Bussey, \$1,100; Evely, \$1,100; Farragut, \$1,100; Garrison, \$1,000; Garwin, \$1,000; Keosauqua, \$1,100; Keosauqua, \$1,100; New Albin, \$1,100; Newick, \$1,100; St. Charles, \$1,000; Shellsburg, \$1,100; Whittemore, \$1,100.

South Dakota—Canton, \$1,100; Ramona, \$1,100; Spencer, \$1,200.

Wyoming—Afton, \$1,300.

## Twenty Years Fate Of "Wholesale" Thief

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Dec. 23.—L. Roy Chase, self confessed burglar, who robbed homes on a wholesale scale, today pleaded guilty to a burglary charge in the district court and was given a twenty-year sentence.

After Chase was arrested Monday night, thousands of dollars' worth of loot was found in his home, the house being filled from cellar to garret.

Chase posed as a painter. He has a wife and four children.

## CENTRAL PACIFIC BONDS BOUGHT FROM FRENCH

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Kuhn, Loeb & Co. announced today the completion of negotiations in Paris for the purchase of bonds of the Central Pacific Railway company, which is controlled by the Southern Pacific company. The bonds are a 4 per cent issue and were sold in 1911 to French banking interests, principal and interest being guaranteed by the Southern Pacific. The total amount of the issue is \$50,000,000 francs, or approximately \$80,000,000.

## ONLY ONE PRIMARY PREDICTED FOR DAKOTA

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—C. M. Burke, republican national committeeman from this state, said this evening: "I predict that there will be only one primary election in South Dakota for the next campaign and there will not be a special session of the legislature to change the primary election." This he puts forth as his political forecast of the outcome of the present apparent tangle in the situation over the early call of the republican national convention.



MISS GRACE POOLE.

## JAPANESE LINER SUNK BY TORPEDO

Yaska Maru is Sent to Bottom of Mediterranean by Submarine Without Warning.

ALL ON BOARD ARE SAVED

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The new Japanese liner, Yaska Maru, which was sunk in the eastern Mediterranean by a submarine while the steamer was on its way from London to Japan with 120 passengers and a crew of 160 aboard, was sent to the bottom without warning, according to a report received from Port Said from the agents of the owners. All of those on board the ship, including one American passenger, W. J. Leigh, were saved. The nationality of the submarine is not mentioned by the agents, and previous reports referred to the sinking of the ship as done by either an Austrian or a German submarine.

The Yaska Maru was sunk Tuesday afternoon. A French gunboat picked up the passengers and crew at midnight and landed them at Port Said Wednesday morning. The company provided hotel accommodations for them and is (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

## Serbian Crown Part Of Bulgarian Loot

BERLIN, (Via Wireless to Sayville.)—Dec. 23.—Among the news items given out today for publication by the Overseas News agency, were the following:

"The Bulgarian king was greeted as a liberator on his trip through the conquered Macedonian districts. He first visited Takup, and then passed on to the captured Anglo-French positions near Veleo and Krivolak.

"King Ferdinand was deeply impressed by the scene of the battlefield at Prised, where there were hundreds of burnt automobiles and millions of cartridges to remind him of the breakdown of the Serbian army. On one hill was King Peter's broken carriage. At the same place the Serbian crown was found.

"In Monastir the king was greeted with bread and salt.

"Christmas gifts were presented today to 20 children of dead German soldiers. The presentation took place in the American church in Mota-Strasse, Berlin, under the direction of the Ladies' union. The gifts were made by American women. Mrs. James W. Gerard, wife of the American ambassador and Mrs. Jacques Mayor, wife of an American resident in Berlin, subscribed liberally for the occasion."

Johnnie O'Neil saw an automobile advertised in The Omaha Bee. A second hand car, and cheaper by far. That most of the new ones you see. He bought the machine, now he may be seen riding round both at work and at play. He's sure mighty glad he saw that want ad. And he's strong for the classified way.

## Runaway Street Car Hits Tree; 30 Hurt

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Thirty persons were injured, some probably mortally when an interurban car, running wild after the motorman had fallen out on a sharp curve, left the rails and struck a tree here late today. Of the 100 passengers aboard the car, the majority were workmen.

## GREECE FEARS MORE BULGARS MAY CROSS LINE

Proclamation of Martial Law Throughout the Hellenic Kingdom is Reported to Be Imminent.

MINOR NAVAL FIGHT AT VARNA

Rumored Capture of City Seems to Be Only Skirmish Among Torpedo Craft.

MAY BE PRELIMINARY ACTION

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Proclamation of martial law in Greece is reported unofficially to be imminent. Although no confirmation of this report is available, there is evidence of growing uneasiness at Athens over the possibility that Bulgarian troops will cross the border.

The only thing which has occurred to relieve the situation is the announcement that the Bulgarian officer in command of the force which clashed with the Greeks in Epirus has been punished and that the incident is considered closed.

Resurgence of submarine activities in the near east is signaled in a startling manner by the sinking of the Japanese liner Yaska Maru. Apparently there was no loss of life, but, according to marine insurance men, the property loss was the heaviest incurred in any maritime disaster of the war. The nature of the valuable cargo remains undisclosed.

Minor Naval Fight at Varna.

The mystery of the bombardment of Varna, which was at first depicted as a formidable Russian attack on the chief Bulgarian port, has stirred London, but, according to reports from both sides it was nothing more than a minor naval action among torpedo boats, in which the shore batteries participated. However, a large Russian fleet is said to be in the vicinity of Varna, and the action may be merely the preliminary to a serious Russian attack.

Hartmann's-Wellerkopf is once more a subject of contention. Possession of the summit of this mountain has been disputed so closely by military forces as well as by those who officially record their movements, that an Associated Press correspondent was called upon last April to decide the relative positions of the opposing sides. In the present instance the French assert they have expelled the Germans from their highest trenches. The Germans admit retirement from the summit, which they assert they had occupied since April. The French claim they have not only advanced their positions substantially, notwithstanding the fact that the Germans succeeded in recouping some of the lost trenches, but have forestalled in a measure an offensive which the Germans had been preparing in the Vosges.

Bulgar Account of Varna Fight.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—What is apparently the Bulgarian version of the recent naval encounter off Varna on the Black sea coast, which was followed by reports that the Russians were landing troops there, is contained in a Sofia dispatch given out by the Overseas News agency as follows:

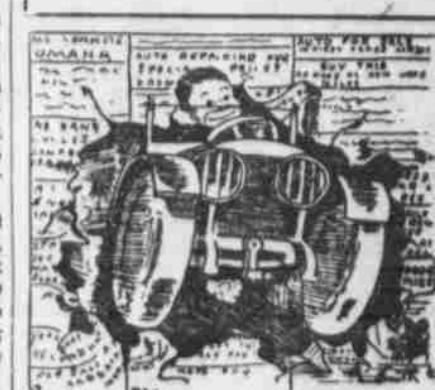
"Four Russian torpedo boat destroyers approached a Bulgarian torpedo boat and attacked it. The torpedo boat answered the Russian fire and Bulgarian coast batteries also took part in the engagement. The destroyers shortly withdrew. The torpedo boat was not damaged."

Turks Sink Two Monitors.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 23.—(Via London, Dec. 23.)—A Turkish official statement given out last night says that on the Irak front, in Mesopotamia, near Kut-el-Amara, Turkish artillery sank two enemy monitors and caused an explosion on board another by a direct hit.

An enemy attack on the Caucasus front in the neighborhood of Id, in Turkish Armenia, on December 30, resulted in losses for the enemy of eight officers and 30 men, while the Turkish losses (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

## THE WANT-AD WAY



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