VIENNA STUDIES

NEW ANCONA NOTE

Intimation It May Suggest Com-

mission of Naval Experts to

Report on Case.

VIENNA, Dec. 24 .- (Via London.)

Press Withholds Comment.

may fairly be described as favorable.

Data on Sinking of

The State department's inquiry in the

case is based solely on reports that the

liner had an American passenger aboard.

Although he was reported rescued, it is

felt that if the liner was torpedoed with-

out warning, his life was endangered .

Should reports that the vessel was tor-

pedoed without warning and that the sub-

marine was an Austrian be verified of-

ficially, it is said further diplomatic cor-

indoubtedly ensue in which the torpedo-

ing of ships without warning will be dis-

cussed and demand again be made that

American lives be not placed in peril by

Burlan Will Stop for Holiday.

and was picked up in England on its

transit by wireless telegraphy to the

United States. The communication reads:

Russians Attack on

BERLIN, Dec. 24.-(By Wireless

according to today's official report from

Austro-Hungarian army headquarters, re-

Regarding operations in the Balkans

DANVILLE, Ill., Dec. 24.-Four engine

men were killed in a head-on cattle-on

near Vecdersburg, Ind., late today, be-

the wreck,

Killed in Collision

"The American note handed over to

department.

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FORD REPORTED SERIOUSLY ILL; **CALL FOR BRYAN**

Condition of Automobile Magnate on Way Back to United States is Not Dangerous, However.

ASK NEBRASKAN JOIN PARTY

He Announces that Expedition Will Continue Under Direction of Women's Peace Association.

SAILS FOR HOME FROM BERGEN

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 24,-(VIa London.)-The illness of Henry Ford, while not dangerous, is serious according to a report of a committee of the Ford Peace expedition. There is no organic disease, but there is urgent need for rest, it is

A message has been sent to William J. Bryan askoing him to come to Europe and join the party.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Dec. 24-V'a London.)-The Norwegian liner Bergensjord, with Henry Ford on board, sailed for New York this p orning. Mr. Ford stated before leaving Bergen that the peace expedition would continue under the auspices of the Women's International S Marquis, dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, sailed from Dergen with Mr. Ford.

Terminates Novel Movement. Henry Ford's departure from Europe parently marks the termination, in its riginal form, of the most novel of the many movements which have been u dectalan to bring about the ending of the war. Mr. Ford's announcement that the Women's International Peace association henceforth will conduct the expedition would seem to indicate that, so far as quish the self-imposed task which he expressed in the phrase; 'Out of the trenches by Christmas."

Women's Peace Association. It has not been made clear, however, whether Mr. Ford will continue to give financial support to the enterprise.

The Women's International Peace association has been in existence for some time. It held a congress at The Hague last spring and appointed delegations to first time, visit the capitals of various European and American nations. One of the most prominent women at the congress was Mme. Rosika Schwimmer, president of the Hungarian Woman's Suffrage association and a member of the Ford peace party. After the congress at The Hague, Mme. Schwimmer came to the United States to continue her work for peace. She went to Detroit to see Mr. Ford, and it was reported it was she who suggested to him the idea of the peace expedition. Before the peace ship, Oscar II. reached the other side, there were reports of dissension among the peace delegates. When Mr. Ford reached Christiania he kept in the background, it being said that he (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

Berlin Reports the Recapture of Lost Positions in Vosges

BERLIN, Dec. 24.-The Germans have mans-Wellerkopf in the Vosges region, cial report, the substance of which al-recently taken by the French, it was of-ready had been disclosed. ficially announced by army headquarters today. The French have been driven out of the trenches they still occupied on the northern slope of the peak, it is declared. Today's statement follows:

Western theater of the war: The encmy's artillery fire has been lively at certain points, especially in the Vosges, nocturnal hand grenade attack against our positions on the heights northeast of Sounin was easily repulsed. "The position on Hartmans-Wellerkopf

has been completely regained. "The French also were driven out of the trench section on the northern slope of the mountain.

There is nothing to report on the eastern and Balkan theaters of the war."

Fear of Blindness Brings Fatal Seizure

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 24.-(Special Telegram.)-Complaining that his vision was blurred and that he feared he was becoming blind, Winifield S. Roberts. since 1838 a resident of Sloux Falls, retired to his bed and was found dead a short time later of heart failure. He is survived by a widow and four

The Weather

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Comparative Local Record. 1915, 1914, 1913, 1913 35 19 31

Mean temperature Precipitation

If Some Prominent Omahans Were to Play Santa Claus

OMAHA, SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 25, 1915-12 PAGES.



DANIELS GIVES OUT NAVY BODY REPORT

Full Text of Special Finding of Board Made Public by Cabinet Officer.

Peace association. The Rev. Samuel FINDINGS WERE CONFIDENTIAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24,-Secretary Daniels made public tonight the original special report of the Navy General board prepared in reply to a query addressed to the board hwen the administration determined last July to take up the question of national preparedness. Critics of the administration's five-year building program for the navy have dehe personally is concerned he will relin- | clared this report was suppressed, in part, by the Navy department and, if published, would disclose the inadequacy of the government's plans.

The board's statement of policy, holding that the American navy should equal the strongest affoat by 1925, was pub lished some time ago, but the first year's building program advocated under that suggested policy is now revealed for the

It shows recommendations for four dreadnaughts and four battle cruisers with an equally large program for other craft and contemplates an expenditure roughly estimated at \$300,000,000 the first year, as compared with \$500,000,000 to be spent for new ships in five years under the administration's plans.

The board does not state that the British fleet culd be equalled by 1925 by continuing the first-year program, but indicates that heavier expenditures would follow if shipbuilding facilities were inreased in accordance with its recom

In giving out the report Secretary Daniels said that all statements from the general board as to building programs during the present year had now een made public.

He called attention again to the fact that he had set a precedent for publishing the annual reports as they had been regarded as confidential by previous secretaries of the navy. The report under liscussion and the publication of which some members of congress have stated completely regained the position on Hart- they would demand, he said, was a spe-

> Following is the report: "July 30, 1915. The Board's Report.

"Confidential.

From: President general board. Secretary of the navy. "Subject: Naval policy with present

"In compliance with the oral order the secretary of the navy to express its opinion at the earliest practicable date as to a policy which should govern the development of the navy and a building program, the general board reports as

"Policy: The navy of the United States should ultimately be equal to the most powerful maintained by any other nation It should be gradually increased to this point by such a rate of development, year by year, as may be permitted by the facilities of the country, Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

Two Killed and Five Injured in a Rear-End Collision

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 24.-The second section of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western passenger train, No. 9, which was rammed at Slateford, near Delaware water gap, late last night, by the third section of the same train, causing the death of two persons and injuries to five others, reached this city early today, bearing the victims, who were taken to local hospitals. While one or two of the injured were seriously hurt, it is believed all will recover. The killed were both colored one a porter of the wrecked train and the other, Miss Anna Jones of ithaca, N. Y. The most seriously in-

jured are: Mrs. J. W. Styles, Montciair, N. J., broken collar bone; hand cut and body Miss Frances Styles, the 10-year-old daughter of Mrs. Styles, lacerations and

shock.

Mrs. P. P. Merrill, New York, fractured collar bone and body bruises.

J. O. Foster, porter, Cambridge, Mass., lacerations and internal injuries. E. M. Rine, general superintendent of the Lackawanna, places the blame for the accident on the engineer of section three, who according to Mr. Rine, ran past torpedoes and lighted fuses and also passed a flagman and automatic signals that were in perfect working condition

SAYS CHINESE LEADER.



TONG KING CHONG. OMIL FILM SERVICE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 24.-Tong King Chong, president of the Chinese Republican association, is heading a movement to protest against the taking of the crown by Yuan Shi kai and to arrange for the rasing of funds to finance revolution against him if he accepts the monarchy.

At a mass meeting here, over which Fong King Chong presided, he said: are willing to permit Yuan Shi Kal to resign peacefully. If he does not there will be war. We are fighting for liberty

Rev. G. W. Abbott and Wife, Formerly of

GALENA, Kan., Dec. 24.-John Bray, s sengers were injured early today, when an accommodation train on the Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf railroad crashed into St. Louis & San Francisco passenger train, No. 387, bound from St. Louis for Okiahoma points.

The Frisco train, ninety minutes late. vas standing at the station here when the accident occurred. A heavy fog obscured the view of the accommodation which tore half way through the last sleeping coach of the Frisco train before it was brought to a standstill.

Fireman Bray remained at his post and lost his life in the crash. All of the injured were passengers on the Frisco train. Several are reported in a dangerous con-Among the injured were Rev. G. W.

Abbett, 65, and Mrs. G. W. Abbet, 60, of Fullerton, Neb

Rev. G. W. Abbot was formerly pastor North Twenty-first streets, Omaha.

The Day's War News

VIENNA DISPATCH declares that in all quarters in the capital of the dual monarchy the conviction prevails that the differences with the United States over the Ancons incident are susceptible of an amicable adjustment.

THE AMSTERDAM TELEGRAAF declares that prominent members of the socialist group from all the warring nations except Italy met at The Hague two days ago to consider the question of peace.

BRITISH WAR CASUALTIES to taled 526,227 up to December 9. HENRY FORD has left his peace ship and started for America, a Christiania dispatch says,

GERMANS HAVE COMPLETED their reconquest of the Hartmana-Wellerkopf positions, recently taken by the French in their of. fensiveln the Vonges region, Ber-If announces.

WAR UNLESS YUAN RESIGNS, England's Second War Christmas Is Devoted Largely to Soldiers

LONDON, Dec. 24.-The celebration of are having concerts and theatrical per Englan's record Christmas of the war formances. is being devoted mainly to the soldlers. ing entertained at dinners, concerts and opened Monday. theaters. In every town of the United Nearly all the cabinet ministers are Kingdom there is some celebration for going to the country, but lack of the soldiers and sailors.

souvenirs of battle. Committees of men taurants. Early dinners are replacing and women meet these men, feed them late suppers. Officers, including many and help them on their way into the colonials, form a majority of the hotel provinces.

Even the German prisoners in England ceived from Germany that the village for pennies have almost disappeared.

Reports from the front say that the

The business section of London is pre-Several thousands of them have come paring for the usual three-day holiday, from the front on leave. These men. All the banks and large establishments with the large forces in the home camps will close from tonight until Tuesday. and the thousands in hospitals, are be- Only a few of the smaller shops will be

usual excursion facilities is keeping the More than 1,500,000 packages have been working people in town. Christmas shopsent to soldlers on the continent. Six spe- ping has shown little decrease from forcial trains and four channel boats have mer years, but there is a great scarcity been employed for the last week to carry of Christmas trees, which usually are imthe army mails. The railway stations of ported from Germany and Scandinavia. London are crowded with soldiers, many of them just from the trenches and covertd with mud. They carry Prussian hel- drinks may be consumed, are curtailing mets, rifles, knapsacks, shells and other festivities at the London hotels and res-

patrons.
Family gatherings as a rule are smaller are preparing for elaborate Christmas and quieter than usually. Dark days with celebrations. At Donnington Hall, the heavy rain, add to the gloom of the war. place of confinement of a majority of the Singers giving Christmas carols in the officers, so many packages are being restrects in evenings of Christmas week

Reports from the front say that the inits staff. The German officers have formal truce in the trenches on Christmade large purchases of turkeys, grees, mas day of last year will not be rewines and beer. The German civilians peated tomorrow, as the officers disap-interest in Alexandra Paince in London proved of it.

Feeling in Greece by Fumes of Powder, Reported Turning Three More Will Die America Is Seeking Toward Germans

BERLIN, Dec. 24 .- (By Wireless to Say ville.)-"Greek feeling in southern Macedonia against the entente powers is rapidly increasing, according to reports from Athens received by the Frankfurter Zeitung," says the Overseas News agency, which adds:

"The dispatches assert that the Anglo-French commanders for strategical reasons ordered the evacuation of twenty prospering towns between the Landsade and Galiko rivers, it being stipulated that these places must be evacuated within forty-eight hours.

"The Greek population attempted to resist the order, the Frankfurter zeitung correspondent says, and asked for help at Athens, but the representatives there of the entente powers declared force would be used if the towns were not immedistely evacuated.

PARIS, Dec. 24.-The battle fronts of both sides in the conflict in the Serbian Omaha, Are Injured theater of war are given in a from the Saloniki correspondent of the Echo De Paris.

The correspondent states that 60,000 Germans are massed around Monastir, fireman, was killed and twenty-eight pas- with the Bulgars concentrated in the center of the Vardar valley and two Turkish divisions taking a position on the left of the Bulgars. The French are ranged in a semi-circle around Saloniki, with their left on the Vadar Center, facing the Greek frontier near Doiran. and their right connecting with the British troops defending Charcidice.

Socialists from Warring Nations Discuss Peace

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24 .- (Via London) A number of prominent socialists from all the belligerent countries except Italy, met last Wednesday at The Hague to discuss steps which might be taken to help bring about a speedy peace, according to the Telegraaf today.

The newspaper says that the meeting was held at the offices of the International Socialists' bureau. The discus sions were of a very provisional character, it adds. The Dutch delogates of the International bureau had the proceeding under their direction.

Great Britain Frees Cargoes of Apples

LONDON, Dec. 14.-The North Pacific Fruit Distributors' association, representing 19,000 Washington and Oregon growers, received a welcome Christmas present today in the form of a release of its huge consignments of fruits. seized by British warships while on the way to Scandinavian countries. With the exception of a consignment of

taking had been given, the fruit was reeased unconditionally. The majority of the shipn

various actuures.

Four Asphyxiated

BRANDY CITY, Cal., Dec. 24.-Four nen were asphyxiated by powder fumes, three others are unconscious and expected to die, and another is in a serious condition as the result of the failure of a 22,000-pound blast of low grade powder, set in the Brandy City mine near here, to explode fully late yesterday. Superintendent G. W. Taylor is the only one said to have a chance for

recovery. In Brandy City, a mile away, the gas fumes were so thick that many persons were affected. No serious injuries, how-

ver, were reported. When all was ready for the big blast, Taylor and the seven miners took refuge in a deep hydraulic cut some distance away. Others of the crew of about twenty-five scattered to other places. The blast was set off, but only about one-half of it exploded. The remainder burned, creating a deadly gas. The draft set through the cut in which the eight men had taken refuge, where it hung in such dense clouds that an hour passed before the rescue could be made.

When the men were brought out F Godfrey, Jack Hayes and Thomas Sadler were dead and the other five un-

Such first aid plans as miners know were used to resuscitate the men, but were unavailing. Joseph Diona died several hours later.

Mrs. Wilson Takes Charge of Presents for the President

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 24.-All Christmas presents addressed to President tioned by the federal government. In Wilson passed today in the safe keeping of his wife, to be withheld by her until tonight, when the big accumulation of next week." packages will be opened. The packages addressed to Mrs. Wilson were taken in charge by the president,

Among the president's gifts are two from his grand-children, Ellen Wilson McAdoo and Francis Woodrow Sayre. Whether the president and his wife will participate in the Christmas celebration to be given tenight in the hotel was the chief topic discussed today in Hot Springs. They have been invited, but have neither accepted or declined. Real preparations for the celebration

ceived here from Vienna. The official began today with the installation of a statement declares that Russian attacks thirty-foot tree in one of the hotel were repulsed with heavy losses to the Russian troops. An automobile trip and possibly a game of golf were on the president's program the statement is made that in engage-

ments during the last few days 699 pris-Heavy Fog Delays Four Enginemen Are Traffic in Chicago

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.-Chicago was apples to Denmark, for which an under-blanketed today in a fog so dense that street lights were turned on, locomotive and street car headlights were necessary tween an eastbound Clover Leaf passon and office buildings were ablaze with ger train and a westbound freight train heard Norwegian steamers. The steamer light. Surface and elevated trains moved Although the passengers were severely Hollig Olar served as a test case for the slowly and many workers were late at shaken up none was injured terrotally their places of employment. At 8:30 enough to need medical assistance, ac-Among the released consignments were o'clock in the morning the darkness was cording to a report from the secare of particularly noticeable.

MANY BATTLES BELIE RUMOR OF HOLIDAY TRUCE

Isolated Fights on All Fronts Upset Predictions of Suspension of Hostilities During Christmas Time,

RUSSIANS ACTIVE IN GALICIA

Austrians and Germans Seeking to Strengthen Lines at Trembowla Are Defeated.

BATTLES IN EASTERN FRANCE

LONDON, Dec. 24 .- Many isolated ngagements on various fronts have apset predictions of the universal hristmas truce. Nothing of great importance, however, has developed.

From Galicia, the Russians report success in an action against the Austrians near Trembowla, where there has been an indication recently that the Austrians and Germans are seeking to strengthen their lines. Although no activity is reported on the Mesopotamian front, the Russians are advancing steadily in Persia in an effort to link their forces with those of their British

On Hartmans-Wellerkopf, the French claim to have maintained their gains on a front of one mile, but admit their EXPECT FRIENDLY SETTLEMENT left has been compelled to fall back. The Germans assert they have retaken the lost ridge, with the capture of a large number of prisoners. -In all quarters the conviction is

Special dispatches to London papers now entertained that the differences state that the Bulgarians are preparing between Austria-Hungary and the to invade Greek territory in an effort to expel the allies from Saloniki. The en-United States, which arose from the tente forces are engaged in strengthening Ancona incident are susceptible to their position and express confidence amicable settlement. The Austro- that there is no immediate prospect of an offensive against them,

Hungarian reply to the latest Ancona Parliament adjourned without receiving note may be expected in a few days. the figures concerning the Earl of Derby's recruiting plan, but on reassembling after the holidays the members will have the The second Ancona note from Wash- facts in regard to the question whether ngton is being studied here. Meanwhile conscription is necessary. the press is withholding comment. The

Columbia Universty remarks incident to the announcement that the note had been received were temperate and even friendly in tenor and Wins Chess Tourney all circles are convinced that the outlook

No inkling has been gained as to the NEW ORK, Dec. 24.-Columbia univernature of the forthcoming Austro-Hunsity won the intercollectate chess cham-pionship tournament, which ended here garian communication to the United States, but in this connection interest at-taches to an article by Prof. Henry Lam-masch, one of the leading Austrian au-thorities on international law. Prof. Lamtoday with a score of 10% points wen to each had a clean slate of three wms, it. E. Leede was held to a draw in one of masch, who is a member of the tribunal at The Hague, suggests that, in view of his sames and Captain F. P. Korkus lost a contest after a hard struggle. (Continued on Page Three, Column Four.) Princeton took second place with 6

ts to 6; Harvard was to 614, and ale won only 2 points to 10 cored against them. Columbia now has eleven of the twenty-four tournaments to her credit; Har-Japanese Steamship and one ended in a tie. vard, nine; Yale, two; Princeton, one,

In today's matches Columbia defeated Yale 34 to 1/4 and Harvard and Prince-WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. The sinking of the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru in ton broke even, each team scoring two

the Mediterranean reported torpedoed without warning will be made the sub-Express Business ject of an inquiry by the United States. Consular agents will be asked to obtain accurate versions of the incident and Shows Big Increase forward them without delay to the State

CHICAGO, Dec. M .- Officials of express impanies here today neclared that the parcel post once the bugbear of the expressman, now is regarded with complacence and its activity not resented. They say that although the parcel post continues to flourish, the volume of express business has increased to such proportions in the last six months that special trains have been run and thousands respondence with Austria-Hungary will of square feet added to their working quarters.

C. W. Smith, superintendent of the Western Express company, said his concern was doing 25 to 30 per cent more usiness than last year.

H. C. Books, general agent of the LONDON, Dec. 24.-A message from Adams Express company, said: "Our Baron Burian, Austro-Hungarian foreign volume of business now is the greatest minister, to Baron Zwiedinck, Austroin the company's history." Hungarian charge d'affairs at Washing-Other express officials reported similar ton, is circulated in London today by the wireless press. It is dated Vienna

THE WANT-AD. WAY



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