

WARSHIP IS SUNK

BRITISH BATTLESHIP FORMIDABLE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN TORPEDOED.

ONLY SEVENTY-ONE SAVED

Survivors Are Landed by Trawler During Terrific Storm in the English Channel—Raid Retaliation for Attack on Cuxhaven.

London, Jan. 4.—The British battleship Formidable has been sunk in the English channel, it was officially announced on Friday by the admiralty through the government press bureau.

The Formidable carried a complement of 750 men. She was commanded by Capt. Arthur N. Loxley. Her displacement was 15,000 tons.

The following official statement was given out:

"The British battleship Formidable was sunk in the English channel. Seventy-one members of her crew were saved. It is not known at this time whether the ship was sunk by a mine or a German submarine.

The Formidable is the twentieth big ship lost by England since the war broke out.

Not more than 80 of the 800 men aboard the battleship Formidable were saved, according to the first official list of the survivors issued by the admiralty. Fourteen officers and 66 men were rescued, says the admiralty.

The survivors were landed by a trawler during a terrific storm, according to a report to the Exchange Telegraph company. The point at which they were landed is deleted by the censor.

The Formidable was a sister ship of the Irresistible and the Implacable. She was completed in 1901 and put in commission in 1903 and carried the following armament: Four 12-inch guns in pairs in turrets, fore and aft; 12 six-inch guns in casemates; 16 three-inch guns (12-pounders), six three-pounders, two machine guns and torpedo tubes.

The press bureau announcement was made at two o'clock and caused much excitement. The immediate conclusion reached was that German submarines had again become busy in retaliation for the Christmas raid of the British against Cuxhaven.

The Formidable has been attached to the home fleet and has been used both for patrol duty and to guard transports plying between English and French ports.

The survivors of the Formidable were picked up by a light British cruiser which was in the neighborhood when the disaster occurred.

CLAIM WARSAW IS SAFE

Germany's Offensive at Bolimow Results in Slaughter, Asserts War Office at Petrograd.

Petrograd, Jan. 4.—All danger of a German attack upon Warsaw, the chief objective of Field Marshal von Hindenburg, is now past, it was officially announced on Friday in the following statement:

"Latest dispatches from Poland make it plain that Warsaw is no longer in danger of attack, thanks to the strategy of Grand Duke Nicholas and the valor of our troops.

"During the past two days we have made further progress all along the line, especially in the Carpathians and in northern Galicia, where the Austrians are still retreating, leaving thousands of prisoners in our hands.

"Between the Vistula and the Pielica there is violent fighting for the possession of trenches, especially in the region of the Buzra and Rawka rivers.

"Our losses have been heavy, due to the accuracy of the German artillery, but the German casualties have been much heavier. At some points the attacks amounted to no less than slaughter of the German soldiers. At Bolimow the Germans attempted to assume the offensive and were defeated. The field is covered with corpses that have lain there since last Sunday.

"North of the Vistula and in East Prussia we are increasing our pressure.

"The fall of Przemysl is expected soon."

BRITAIN TO GET NEW NOTE

U. S. Document to Deal With England's Attitude on Contraband.

Washington, Jan. 4.—That the United States government has prepared and is about to send to Great Britain a new note dealing specifically with Great Britain's attitude on contraband was learned definitely from official sources on Thursday.

Turk Leader Is Slain

Cairo, Egypt, Jan. 4.—Refugees arriving here from Jaffa, Asia Minor, declare Djemal Pasha, commander of an army of 50,000 Turks, which arrived at Jerusalem last Friday, was assassinated in his headquarters.

Girl and Fiance Killed

Springfield, Ill. Jan. 4.—Miss Stella McElfresh, twenty, and her fiance, Phillip Coslew, twenty-three, were killed, when an Illinois Central train struck the buggy in which they were riding home from a party.

BANDITS GET \$10,840

PASSENGERS ON TRAIN IN TEXAS ARE ROBBED.

Three Robbers Hold Up the Sunset Limited But Overlook \$16,000 and Valuable Jewels.

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 1.—Three bandits who robbed passengers in the two sleepers of the west-bound Sunset Express on the Galveston, Harrisburg & San Antonio railway got \$7,840 and jewelry valued at \$3,000, as shown by passengers' reports. They boarded the train at Cline and escaped as the train neared Spofford.

Jose Martinez, a wealthy Mexican from Durango, who, with his wife and daughter, occupied a drawing-room, was overlooked by the bandits. He carried \$16,000, besides jewelry of great value. So elated was Martinez when he discovered he had escaped that he gave \$25 to \$150 to each victim of the robbery.

Mrs. J. Carson of Houston, who occupied a lower berth with her four-month-old baby, became hysterical when the robbers demanded her valuables. The leader called out: "Let her go, she's only a baby." Under her pillow was \$185.

NEWS FROM FAR AND NEAR

Madison Square Garden, New York, Dec. 31.—After ten rounds of the best boxing seen in New York in years Charlie White was the winner over Joe Shugrue by a big margin on Tuesday night. His superior hitting ability enabled him to place Shugrue in distress on several occasions. White's left hook was in evidence, but Shugrue showed great ability to stand punishment, and made a great fight. Both men weighed in at 133 pounds.

New York, Dec. 30.—New York city's death rate for 1914 will be the lowest recorded since 1866. In a statement issued by the department of health the probable rate for the exploring year was put at 13.36 per 1,000 of population.

New York, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Norma Cliff Andrews will collect \$30,000 back alimony from her former husband, James Montfort Schley, Jr., nephew of the late Admiral Schley, according to a decision handed down in the supreme court by Justice Giegerich. After her second marriage Schley stopped paying alimony.

BIG LOSSES ARE INFLICTED

Germany Pour Terrific Fire Into Attackers, Who Finally Capture St. Georges.

London, Dec. 31.—Definite and important successes were recorded by the allies in their advance from Nieuport and in their attack on Muelhausen—the two extremes of the battle front—in official statements issued on Tuesday by the French war office.

While the Franco-Belgian troops were occupying St. Georges, in the environs of which there has been most bitter fighting, and establishing themselves firmly in that position two miles east of Nieuport, the French forces commanded by General Pau, operating in Upper Alsace, were investing Steinbach, in the Vosges, north of the line between Cernay and Thann.

The most prolonged and desperate of these forest battles was fought in the vicinity of the burned wood west of Apremont. Here the French retook the line of trenches the Germans occupied a few days ago.

But the recapture of the coveted position cost the French dearly. Heavy cannonades preceded each attack. As the salvos ended the infantry rushed across the lead-swept field to the best cover at hand. Many dead and wounded were left in their wake, but the survivors pressed on, until finally they were able to dig themselves in, at some places within thirty yards of the German trenches. By firing of grenades and sharp musketry attacks the Germans were compelled to retire.

FRANK APPEAL IS ALLOWED

Atlanta (Ga.) Factory Superintendent Convicted of Murdering Girl to Get Stay of Execution.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Associate Justice Lamar of the United States Supreme court on Monday allowed the appeal of Lee M. Frank, the Atlanta (Ga.) factory superintendent, convicted of the murder of Mary Phagan. This means that a stay of execution will be granted and that Frank cannot be hanged until the high court passes on the constitutional questions raised in the case.

Flynn-Savage Fight Called Off

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Knockout Sweeney of New York and "Wild Bill" Fleming of Old Town, Me., fought a ten-round draw here. This bout took the place of the Flynn-Savage mill which was called off.

Rush to Join Army

London, Dec. 30.—A "Christmas rush" of recruits is reported by many recruiting stations to the war office. Many Englishmen have evidently delayed enlisting purposely so as to be able to spend Christmas at home.

Blood for Sale

New York, Dec. 30.—One hundred called and offered to sell their blood in response to a request for donations of blood to save three patients at Beth Israel hospital. Only two applicants were found suitable.

TO DISCUSS PROTEST

FOREIGN SECRETARY GREY RETURNS TO LONDON AND CABINET MEETING CALLED.

U. S. NOTE STUDIED CLOSELY

Communication Accepted as Friendly Action Intended to Clear Up Situation That Might Become Serious—Points in Protest Against Britain.

London, Jan. 2.—Cutting short his vacation as a result of the American protest against British interference with United States commerce, Sir Edward Grey, foreign secretary, returned unexpectedly to London on Wednesday and hastened to his office in Downing street.

There he conferred at length with Viscount Haldane, who had been acting as head of the foreign office, and later consulted with Premier Asquith. As a result of the second conference the entire cabinet was summoned to discuss the protest from the United States.

It is understood that the American ambassador will be invited by Sir Edward to discuss the whole question with him very soon.

Officials of the British foreign office are closely studying the American note of protest against the treatment given to American commerce during the war, and the indications are that a reply will be made as soon as possible. Members of the diplomatic corps scout the idea expressed in some quarters that the matter will lead to friction between the United States and England.

The foreign office has accepted the protest as a friendly action intended to clear up a situation that might have become serious had it been allowed to continue without a clear understanding. Even the statement of President Wilson that compensation will be asked because of the damage done to American commerce has failed to roll the British press, which is usually quick to take offense.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The general points of the protest sent to Great Britain by the United States government are as follows:

1. American cargoes have been searched on the high seas—a belligerent right that is not denied—but the ships also have been diverted to ports for further examination, a circumstance held not justified under international law unless full proof of hostile destination is presented at the time.

2. Great Britain has regarded absolute and conditional contraband as in the same class. The general understanding in international law has been that absolute contraband includes those articles which are intended for use by a belligerent force and directly destined to it. Conditional contraband, including foodstuffs, comprises the articles which are susceptible of use by an army or navy, but it must be proven that, instead of being intended for the civil population of a country, these products are destined for use by its army and navy.

3. Irrespective of the controversy over what constitutes absolute or conditional contraband in the commerce between a neutral and a belligerent country, the note sets forth that in respect to commerce between two neutral countries there ought to be no question of contraband at all, for the relations are those of peace and not of war. Since the Civil War the United States has upheld the doctrine of "continuous voyage," which permitted seizure of a cargo even in its journey between neutral ports, provided eventually it was destined for a belligerent. The American note, however, takes the position that proof of hostile destination must be shown at time of seizure.

4. The American government contends that a consignment sent to no specific consignee, known as a "to order" shipment, is not of itself suspicious. It claims that this may be an important circumstance in proving a case, but is of no inherent value unless other facts are adduced, also at the time of detention or seizure.

7,000 CARRANZA MEN DESERT

Troops at Tepic Join Villa Forces—U. S. Gunboat Ordered to San Blas.

On Board U. S. S. San Diego, En Route to San Diego, Cal., Dec. 30, by Wireless.—Seven thousand troops of General Carranza's forces declared for General Villa at Tepic, in the state of that name, on the west coast of Mexico. Foreigners at San Blas and Tepic have taken refuge aboard the United States supply ship Glacier. Rear Admiral Howard, in command of the Pacific fleet, on receipt of the news, ordered the gunboat Annapolis by wireless to San Blas, but no trouble is expected.

Postmistress Chases Robbers

Attleboro, Mass., Jan. 2.—Miss Ella Thompson, postmistress at Attleboro Falls, led a four-mile chase after two men who blew open the safe in her post office and secured \$200 in stamps and money. The men escaped.

Bloomington Man Slain

Bloomington, Ill., Jan. 2.—Bertha Eielson, alias Pearl Lowe of Springfield, shot and instantly killed Ben Gramp, former night county jailer. She says Gramp refused to allow her to go to work in hotel.

VOTE CASES UP SOON

JUDGE A. B. ANDERSON TO HEAR PLEAS ON JANUARY 12.

Six More Terre Haute Officials Taken in Custody by Federal Officers.

Indianapolis, Dec. 30.—The Terre Haute men arrested on a federal indictment charging them with conspiracy to corrupt the election in Terre Haute November 3 will be arraigned before Federal Judge A. B. Anderson here January 12, according to an announcement made here.

The round-up of the men named in the indictment continues in Terre Haute, six more having been taken into custody, making the total number of arrests thus far 102. Sixteen of the 21 prisoners brought to the Marion county jail Saturday night when they were unable to give bond remain in custody. Four men were released today.

Those taken into custody were Frank Lockwood, a politician; E. E. Talbot, city comptroller of Terre Haute; George Ehrenhardt, a member of the Terre Haute board of public works; Hilton Redman, an attorney and son of Circuit Judge Eli H. Redman, who surrendered to the federal authorities; Frank Kizer, a saloonkeeper, and Robert Lockwood, who surrendered to the federal authorities.

Kizer and Frank Lockwood were released on bonds. Robert Lockwood was released on his personal bond.

United States District Attorney Karch of Danville, Ill., is communicating with District Attorney Dailey here to see what can be done in regard to prosecutions for "interstate voting," which was revealed by the grand jury exposures.

GERMAN AIRMEN KILL 15

Attack Also Made on Dunkirk and King Albert's Headquarters at Furnes—Five Machines in Raid.

London, Jan. 2.—Seventeen bombs were dropped on Dunkirk on Wednesday by German air raiders. Fifteen persons were killed and more than thirty wounded. A number of women and children were among the victims. The raid was carried out by five aviators. Reports from Furnes state that German aviators also dropped two bombs to wipe out the Belgian headquarters, where King Albert is at present. No damage was done.

MISTAKE COSTS MAN'S LIFE

Pitcher of Los Angeles Coast League Club Fires at Supposed Wildcat and Kills Hunter.

Nordhoff, Cal., Dec. 30.—Mistaken for a wildcat, Herbert Lathrop, best-known guide-hunter in Ventura county, was shot and killed at night by Floyd (Poll) Perritt, pitcher of the Los Angeles Coast league club.

Perritt, who with his wife has been camping near Lathrop's cabin, thought he heard a wildcat, and after watching for several minutes, fired at the supposed animal. Perritt then rushed to the spot and found Lathrop shot through the abdomen.

HONORS FOR JASON CHIEF

Commander of Christmas Ship and United States Consul Decorated in Vienna.

London, Jan. 2.—The following wireless dispatch was received here from Berlin:

"The Austrian emperor has conferred on Commander C. E. Courtney, of the U. S. S. Jason, the Christmas ship, and John Edward Jones, American consul general at Genoa, the Red Cross badge and honor, first class."

WILL OUST U. S. CONSULS

State Department Informed That Military Officials Will Name Undesirable Diplomats.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The German government has formally notified the American state department that American consuls in Belgium must be acceptable to the German military authorities, and that it is desirable that some of the consuls be withdrawn for the present at least.

JOHN KILBANE IS OUTPOINTED

Pittsburgh Featherweight Wins Four of Six Rounds in Bout With Champion.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 2.—John Kilbane, featherweight champion, was outpointed here by Patsy Brannigan, Pittsburgh's best featherweight, in a six-round bout before the Garden A. C. Kilbane had the best of two rounds only, Brannigan getting the rest.

Crew Saved From Sinking Schooner

New York, Dec. 31.—The schooner Warren Adams was wrecked by a gale Christmas day and abandoned December 27, according to her crew of seven which were rescued by the Norwegian steamer Joseph J. Cuneo.

Helgoland Made Like Gibraltar

New York, Dec. 31.—The German naval base at Helgoland has been made virtually impregnable by hundreds of heavy guns, according to Richard Wackerow, former United States vice-consul at Breslau.

REPORT ON BUSINESS

U. S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SAYS ITS REASSURING.

ECONOMY AMONG ALL CLASSES

The European War is Acknowledged to Have Had a Depressing Effect on Commercial Conditions.

Washington, D. C.—Business conditions and prospects are declared to be "generally reassuring" by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States in a report just made public. The European war is acknowledged, however, to have had a widespread and depressing effect on industrial and commercial conditions.

"Economy naturally prevails among all classes," says the report prepared by the chamber's statistics and standards committee, "though it has been noted that this does not extend to automobiles. Future delivery goods purchases are smaller and collections uniformly poor, but lately a marked change has been noted in a lessening of difficulty in obtaining bank loans and in easing of interest rates. Conditions in the south, while slowly improving, still present a serious problem."

Crops in general, the report adds, have been good, but the cattle industry is confronted by a serious handicap in difficulty in obtaining loans on cattle and by the foot and mouth disease quarantine. The sheep and wool industry is excellent, while mining conditions are stated as generally poor.

Many idle factories are reported as preparing to resume operations, and employes are being taken on where decreased forces have been working. Lack of building, however, has caused many lumber mills to close and others to run on short time.

One Point Cleared Up

Washington.—The British embassy has issued its first statement on the shipping situation since the publication of the American note on interference with American trade. It cleared up one point on which the United States had asked for information, by announcing that turpentine and rosin shipped from this country before those articles were declared contraband, would be paid for when seized. The statement said:

"Turpentine and rosin shipped before the publication of the order placing them on the contraband list will be paid for.

"All copper shipped before the date of the declaration that copper was contraband, has been paid for and released.

Japan May Send Troops

Tokio.—The project of sending a Japanese army to Europe is gathering force in Japan. It is understood that France and Russia favor the idea, but that Great Britain hesitates to call upon its ally to go to Europe. It is estimated that an army of 300,000 (the number under consideration) would cost 5 yen per soldier daily or about \$1,500,000 for all. The fleet of transports would go by way of Suez and in addition to a total equipment of arms would have to convey food for many months, including vast quantities of rice. The idea is that the expenses would be covered by a European loan. Baron Kato, minister of foreign affairs, is quoted as being opposed to the project.

Pope Praying for End of War

London.—Cardinal Pietro Gasparri, papal secretary of state, has sent the following in response to the Daily Chronicle's request for a New Year's message from Pope Benedict:

"The pope weeps over the war, and being unable to stop it, he is doing all in his power to lighten its grievous consequences for the unhappy prisoners and their desolated families. Meanwhile he uplifts fervent prayers to the Redeemer that He may inspire in the governments of the belligerent nations feelings of Christian charity that will at last end this frightful war which is desolating humanity."

Awarded \$10,000 by Jury

Chicago.—Miss Mary Sheets, who alleged she contracted lead poison, was awarded a verdict of \$10,000 against the International Harvester company.

Grandfather for Seventh Time

Lincoln, Neb.—Secretary of State W. J. Bryan has become a grandfather for the seventh time with the opening of the new year when a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bryan, Jr. It is a third child in the home of the younger Bryan.

Copper Seized by Denmark

Copenhagen.—A cargo of copper, said to have been shipped by a German-American in an attempt to smuggle it through this country to Germany has been seized.

CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

A new bank will be opened at Papillon February 1.

A welfare board agitation has been started in Omaha.

The hog cholera situation near Hastings is reported serious.

Petrow brothers have purchased the Bader block at Fremont for \$42,800.

From a census taken last June Alliance shows a population of 5,110.

No horses for the European war is the slogan of Jefferson county farmers.

Almost thirty cars of ice have been harvested at Crystal lake, near Hastings.

Citizens of York contributed 286 sacks of flour toward the relief of the Belgians.

The Hebron State bank has been granted a charter by the state banking board.

State editorial association executive committee will meet at Lincoln January 12.

\$15,000 will be asked of the legislature to send grand army veterans to Vicksburg.

The Colfax County Farmers' Institute will be held at Clarkson January 13 and 14.

Governor Morehead is now preparing his message to the legislature. He urges economy.

Two hundred sacks of flour for Belgian relief have been shipped by Geneva people.

Mrs. Rose Kurhn, 89, committed suicide at home of son near Lorton. She hanged herself.

Albert Woods has returned to Surprise after fifteen years' residence in many parts of the west.

Over thirteen hundred more boys were born in Nebraska in 1914 than in the previous year.

It is estimated that 700,697 hogs, worth \$8,548,503, were lost in Nebraska last year through hog cholera.

A clock which was used at the St. Louis exposition will be placed in the steeple of the Catholic church at Falls City.

Henry Hamburger lost three fingers when his hand was caught by a circular saw at a planing mill at Hastings.

Andrews & Lowelling of Cambridge sold twenty-seven pure bred Percheron and Clydesdale horses for an average of \$300.

Durum or macaroni wheat touched another high mark on the Omaha Grain exchange when it sold for \$1.40 a bushel.

Fire destroyed the garage owned by R. A. Duff at Nebraska City, with all of its contents, including ten automobiles.

Tesera Moran of Kearney, aged 22, was fatally burned when she attempted to light a fire with the aid of gasoline.

Joel Moural, aged twenty-four, of Belwood, accidentally shot himself while hunting near Shuyler and died from his wounds.

The West Point Milling company has shipped 100 sacks of flour, the donation of the citizens of West Point, to Belgian sufferers.

Henry Jackson of Hastings has admitted stealing hides and purchasing a bath robe and other clothing with the money received from the hides.

E. P. Mumford of Beatrice, who is to be Governor Morehead's private secretary, has filed a bond in the sum of \$10,000 as required by law.

C. W. Harper, Holdrege cigarmaker, accused of passing worthless checks to obtain funds for Christmas shopping, has been returned to Holdrege from Hastings.

Harvesting of ice is in progress at Table Rock. Ice from eight to ten inches-thick is being obtained. The ice harvest at Tecumseh is expected to start soon.

Members of the Fremont park commission at a city council meeting objected to flooding the city park to make a skating rink on the ground that the grass would be destroyed.

Henry Heidel, constable and specially deputized marshal at Jansen, was probably fatally wounded when he attempted to stop a family quarrel at the home of Rock Island section men.

Hazel Boop, ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Boop, living near Johnson, sustained a badly broken limb by being run over by an automobile, while returning from school.

The Sampter estate and L. M. Keene will erect a two-story building block on the site now occupied by the City hotel building at Fremont. The City hotel building was badly damaged by fire a month ago.

Directors of the farmers' cooperative creamery association have elected as officers: President, G. H. Gustafson, Mead; vice president, James Christofferson, Fremont; secretary, Charles Davis, Colon, and treasurer, Herman Meyer of Hooper.

Superintendent East of the institution for feeble-minded at Beatrice, in his annual report favors more extensive training.

Charged with attempting a \$25,000 swindle on the D. V. Sholes company, real estate dealers of Omaha, with a worthless mortgage, J. W. O'Connell of Purdum, Neb., was arrested.

Harry Schickedantz of Howard county has brought action in the district court at Madison against the Union Pacific Railroad company to recover \$35,000 damages for injuries sustained by him as the result of being thrown from a buggy.