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London, Jan. 7.—According to official advices from Vienna, the fighting on the eastern front is decreasing in violence, the Russians having ceased to attack with vigor, between the Pripiet and the Bessarabian front. The only gain officially announced for the Russians yesterday was at Czartorysk, the scene of many sanguinary struggles, where it was said the Austrians had been driven from the cemetery.

Any advance in this region will threaten Kovel, one of the strongest of the Austro-German positions. It is believed that even if no further gain is made, the Russians have attained a position which will fix that nation a degree of power in Balkan affairs which it has not had since the Russian army was driven back from the Carpathians.

The Teuton powers are still threatening to expel the French and British forces from their Macedonian positions, but no forward movement on the part of the Teutons has been detected.

Strong Turkish forces are said to be concentrating on the Thracian frontier of Greece and this suggests that Turkey may attempt to make good some of the territory lost in the Balkan war.

The British public is still concerned chiefly with the domestic crisis. Notwithstanding the heavy majority for the compulsory bill on its first reading in the house of commons, newspapers are speculating on the possibility of a break in the political truce with a general election as the final chapter in the controversy.

French General Dies.—General Serret, who was in command of one of the divisions of the French army in the Vosges, died today from wounds received in a recent engagement. It was necessary to amputate one of his legs and the general never recovered from the shock.

British Submarine Sunk.—London, Jan. 7.—The sinking of a British submarine off the coast of Holland is officially announced this morning. The crew was saved. The admiralty statement concerning the event says that the submarine, the name of which is not given, was sunk yesterday off the island of Texel, the largest and most westerly of the Frisian group. The entire crew of 33 men was saved by the Dutch cruiser Noord Brabant and brought to the Dutch port of Helder.

Ask Chance to Fight.—Rome, Jan. 7.—Thousands of Serbian refugees have presented themselves at the Serbian legation and consulates in Italy requesting that they be incorporated in a new Serbian army to fight with the allies to win back their country.

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CABINET TAKES UP PERSIA CASE

Considers Submarine Crisis, Though Information Necessary to Determine Action Is Lacking.

COMMITTEE OF SENATE ALSO CONSIDERS CASE

Late Developments Include Dispatches From Penfield and Consul Garrel's Concerning Incident.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The submarine crisis, still of uncertain status because of lack of details, was placed by President Wilson before the cabinet today in its first meeting of the new year.

The senate foreign relations committee also met to consider the situation.

Although over a week has passed since the British steamer Persia was sunk in the Mediterranean with the loss of American life, officials today were still uninformed as to whether the vessel was torpedoed and if so the nationality of the submarine and other details which will determine the nature of the action which the white house announced would be taken.

Developments continued to indicate that the American government would withhold action pending official advices determining these points.

Overnight developments included the receipt of a dispatch from Ambassador Penfield at Vienna, asserting that the Austrian government was without information concerning the Persia incident up to the night of January 4, and a dispatch from Consul Garrel at Alexandria stating that he had obtained affidavits from 21 survivors of the Persia and that all confirmed previous reports that "no warning was given and no vessel was seen."

Washington, Jan. 7.—Consul Garrel at Alexandria, Egypt, today advised the state department that he had obtained affidavits from 21 of the survivors of the British steamer Persia, including Charles H. Grant, an American citizen, and that all confirmed the previous statements that "no warning was given" and that no vessel was seen when the steamer was destroyed.

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WILSON EXPLAINS PAN-AMERICANISM

President Delivers Address to Second Pan-American Scientific Congress.

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This program, as outlined by the president, proposes that all the American nations shall take concerted action as follows:

Guarantee to each other absolute political independence and territorial integrity.

Agree to settle all pending boundary disputes as soon as possible, by amicable processes.

Agree to handle all disputes arising among them by patient, impartial investigation and to settle them by arbitration.

Agree that no revolutionary expedition shall be outfitted against or supplies for revolutionists shipped to neighboring states.

He said the Monroe doctrine always had been and always would be maintained by the United States on its own authority, but that the doctrine did not disclose what attitude the United States would assume towards other nations of the hemisphere and consequently the other nations had been distrustful of it.

In this connection the president said:

"The Monroe doctrine was proclaimed by the United States on her own responsibility. But the Monroe doctrine demanded merely that European governments should not attempt to extend their political systems to this side of the Atlantic. It was held up in warning, but there was no promise in it of what America was going to do with the implied and partial protectorate which she apparently was trying to set up on this side of the water, and I believe you will sustain me in the statement that it has been fears and suspicions on this score which have hitherto prevented the greater intimacy and confidence and trust between the Americas. The states of America have not been certain what the United States would do with her power. That doubt must be removed."

"And latterly there has been a very frank exchange of views between the authorities in Washington and those who represented the other states of this hemisphere, an interchange of views charming and hopeful, because based upon an increasingly sure appreciation of the spirit in which they were undertaken. These gentlemen have seen that if America is to come into her own, into her legitimate own, in a world of peace and order, she must establish the foundations of sanity so that no one will hereafter doubt them."

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Parkersburg, W. Va., Jan. 6.—Captain Brady M. Barry and 62 passengers and members of the crew of the Kanawha, which sank in the Ohio river near here last night, arrived here early today on a special train sent out for them by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company to pick up survivors of the disaster scattered for four miles along the river on the West Virginia side.

Captain Barry said that although he had seen no one in the water after his craft sank, he felt sure there were fatalities and that he would return to make a thorough search on both sides of the river.

The Kanawha, collided with a pier. Another report.

Gallipoli, O., Jan. 6.—It was reported here today that at least eight people lost their lives when the river packet Kanawha sank below Parkersburg, W. Va., last night. It is said that the victims included Steward Lloyd Gee, Purser Bert Wolfe of this city, a watchman and five passengers—four women and one child.

WOMAN'S DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE IS MEETING

Washington, Jan. 7.—The Woman's National Democratic league began its fourth annual convention here today with delegates present from all parts of the country. The chief events on the day's program included the reading of greetings from President Wilson and an address by Speaker Clarke. The league will formulate plans for aiding the democratic party in the coming presidential campaign.

LINER ARRIVES CARRYING GUNS

Italian Steamer Giuseppe Verdi Comes Into American Waters With 4-Inch Guns Mounted on Stern.

MATTER LIKELY TO BE TAKEN UP WITH ITALY

Both Verdi and La Touraine Delayed by Storms—Latter Liner Forced to Heave to For 20 Hours.

New York, Jan. 7.—The Italian liner Giuseppe Verdi has arrived here from Genoa, Naples and Palermo, carrying two four-inch naval guns mounted in her stern. Passengers on the liner said they understood the Italian government was responsible for the guns having been mounted.

After leaving Palermo on December 24, the Verdi kept all light carefully concealed and during the day covered a round-about course for the purpose of avoiding hostile submarines. Officers reported that the ship encountered terrific northwest and west gales during the considerable part of the voyage and that high seas smashed several life boats and put out of commission the telephone system between the bridge, pilot house and engine room.

The French liner LaTouraine, which sailed from Bordeaux December 26 also arrived yesterday a few days late. She had been held up by the gales which have raged on the Atlantic during the past two weeks.

On December 30 the ship encountered what the officers described as a "whole gale," a wind with a velocity of about 30 miles an hour. The LaTouraine was forced to heave to for about 20 hours.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The state department will probably take up with the Italian government the question of guns being mounted on the Giuseppe Verdi, with a view to having them dismounted before the liner leaves American waters.

Guns of the royal Italian navy were in charge of the two guns on the Italian liner Giuseppe Verdi, according to the captain. After the vessel left Palermo, the captain said, daily practice was held with the guns, barrels having been thrown overboard as targets.

The guns were placed on the Giuseppe Verdi by order of the Italian naval authorities, but the captain declared he was instructed to use them for defensive purposes only.

The guns were mounted on the after house of the vessel on one position and were in such a position as to command all positions from the ship.

The captain described the guns as having a calibre of 77, capable of firing a shell weighing 55 kilos four and one-half miles.

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