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## More Americans Drowned

### Sinking of Steamer Persia by Submarine Feature of the W. F. Lewis Saturday.

Jan. 1.—The British passenger steamer Persia, with two or more Americans aboard, has been sunk in the eastern Mediterranean by a submarine. The full story has not yet been told but it is feared the disaster, from the standpoint of loss of life among non-belligerent voyagers, will rank second only to the sinking of the Lusitania.

Robert McNulty of Monroe, N. C., who was on his way to take office as American consul at Aden, Arabia; and Charles Grant of Boston were on the Persia.

Official figures indicate that there were about 160 passengers on board the Persia, a vessel of nearly 8,000 tons, and between 250 and 300 members of the crew. Four boats, each capable of carrying 60 persons got away, and their occupants were picked up by a steamer bound for Alexandria. It has not been established how many were able to disembark of the small boats but a message received at Washington from Robert P. Skinner, American consul general at London, based presumably on the British Admiralty's report, says that nearly all on board the Persia perished.

Although the nationality of the submarine which sank the Persia has not been established, it is generally assumed in Washington to have been Austrian, since the German Ambassador, Count von Bernstorff, declared recently that no German or Turkish submarines were operating in the Mediterranean. It is felt at Washington that the incident throws new emphasis on the relations between this country and Austria-Hungary.

The British steamship Abelia of 3,650 tons, has been sunk probably in the eastern Mediterranean.

On the various fronts few changes are reported. Of chief interest is the great battle in eastern Galicia. Official reports give few details of the situation there, although they emphasize the severity of the fighting. Germany and Austria have sent heavy reinforcements to meet the Russian threat, it being reported they have 1,500,000 men along the front between the Pripiet river and the Roumanian border. The official German statement of yesterday said Russian attacks near Burkanow had been repulsed as the result of a flanking movement.

Along the Franco-Belgian front comparative quiet still prevails. On Gallipoli peninsula the Turks are giving rest to the French and British forces left behind when the Suvla bay and Anzac positions were evacuated. The Turkish war office announces that severe damage has been done to the positions of the allies near Seddul Bahr in the course of violent fighting.

There are signs of renewed activity in Macedonia. It is reported unofficially that German and Austrian forces are gathering at Monastir in southwestern Serbia near the Greek border.

Conflicting reports are received concerning the intentions of the Bulgarians, but Premier Radikoff is quoted as having said they would soon begin an advancing on Greek territory, to attack the French and British at Saloniki.

Jan. 2.—Survivors of the British passenger steamer Persia to the number of 158 are reported to have been landed at Alexandria. The survivors comprised 59 passengers and 99 members of the crew.

Advices say that Persia was torpedoed off the Ionian coast in the Mediterranean five minutes.

McNulty, American consul at Aden, is believed to have been saved.

Advices indicate a possible movement by the Persians in the campaign in

Galicia and Volhynia, along a front of nearly 200 miles. The Russians have made considerable progress and their efforts are considered as tending to relieve the situation in the Balkans and likely to have an influence over the future attitude of Roumania.

There has been no fighting in the southern part of the Balkan peninsula and at Saloniki the Entente allies have made good use of the period of quiescence to add to their defensive position.

In the Dardanelles, Constanti-nople reports continued engagements in which both land and sea forces took part.

The British Prime Minister, Mr. Asquith, has informed the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, a powerful trade union organization that he will agree to the demands of the trade unionists in return for their consent that skilled and unskilled labor shall be employed together in the manufacture of munitions. Mr. Asquith asked for assurance that should a measure to safeguard the employment of diluted labor be passed, they would end the long list of demands and grievances of the trade unionists.

The premier is to introduce a conscription bill in parliament on Wednesday. It has been reported that Ireland is not to be included in the territory covered by this bill but an unofficial announcement says that Ireland will be included.

Little fighting has been in progress in the western war theater.

Jan. 8.—On the eve of the reopening of a Congress uneasiness prevails among senators and representatives by reason of the acute situation that exists between this country and some of the European belligerents. President Wilson has cut short his honeymoon trip in Virginia in order to be in the capital when the legislators begin to place resolutions before their respective houses with regard to alleged infringements of American rights.

Close inquiries are to be made into the sinking of the British steamer Persia with the loss of at least one American life before action is taken in this matter by the American Government which is represented by Washington dispatches as being determined to take any step warranted by the facts elicited.

The Austrian Charge d'Affaires at Washington has asked the Washington authorities to withhold their judgment until an explanation of the sinking of the Persia is forthcoming and is said to have given assurances that if an Austrian submarine was at fault the Austro-Hungarian Government would make amends.

It is expected that the submarine warfare of Germany and Austria and Great Britain's interference with neutral commerce will be the subjects of particularly interesting debates in congress, and also that the question of national preparedness will early be taken up.

Several more steamers have been sunk by submarines in the Mediterranean Sea but which Nation is responsible is not yet known. The London Times reports that the British steamer Geelong of the Peninsula & Oriental Line is the latest victim.

Heavy fighting continues along the Russian front from the Pripiet marshes to the Bukowina frontier. Vienna reports that the Russians are on the offensive at various places but that all their attacks have been repulsed.

Artillery engagements and minor and sapping operations continue on the French, Austro Italian and Dardanelles fronts. In the Balkans except in Montenegro where the Austrians claim to have put to rout a Montenegrin detachment which attempted an advance on the Tara river, there is no change in the situation.

There also is no change at Saloniki as concerns the entente allies or the central powers.

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## The Livestock Show

### Salisbury Livestock Meeting January 25, 26, 27, 28.

The program for the Salisbury livestock meeting as announced by E. S. Curtis of the North Carolina Experiment Station Raleigh, is attractive to those who are interested in livestock and allied subjects. The dates are January 25, 26, 27 and 28. The program has been divided into three distinct parts, which will be directly concerned with what the North Carolina farmer has to do with.

January 25 will be swine day. The opening exercises will take place in the morning and the discussions on swine will be from 1:30 to 5 in the afternoon. From 7:30 to 8:30 in the evening there will be a business meeting of the Swine Association, which will be followed by a discussion of marketing problems.

January 26 has been set apart as a beef cattle day. The order of exercises is: beef cattle discussions, 8:30 to 12:30; beef cattle sale, 1:30 to 5; beef cattle business meeting, 7 to 8:30; general program, 8:30 to 10.

Dairy cattle day has been set for January 27. An inspection will be made of the cattle offered for sale. A discussion of dairy cattle will be held from 8:30 to 12:30. A banquet and general discussion of the livestock business in North Carolina will take place in the evening.

Secretary Curtis thinks that this show will be the most comprehensive in the scope of any yet held in North Carolina. The fact there are a great many more pure-bred and high-class cattle in the State insures greater opportunities for those anticipating purchases.

## A HEAVY BURDEN.

### A Bad Back Makes Life Miserable for Many Salisbury People.

A bad back is a heavy burden. A burden at night when bedtime comes.

Just as bothersome in the morning. Ever try Doan's Kidney Pills for it?

Know they are for kidney backache—and for other kidney ills? If you don't, some Salisbury people do.

Read a case of it: Mrs. J. E. Ingram, 327 E. Kerr St., Salisbury, says: "For five years I was under the doctor's care for a inflammation of the bladder and disordered kidneys. My back was weak and I could hardly get about. I had a burning sensation across my loins. My kidneys were inactive and the kidney secretions caused me annoyance. My head ached and I was so dizzy that I almost fell. Spots floated before my eyes. The doctor couldn't give me relief and I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills. Every box I took did me more good than the one before and it wasn't long before I was cured of kidney trouble."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Ingram had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

## Offer Supper Saturday Afternoon.

The members of local No. 2225, Farmers' Union will give an oyster supper at the home of Whit L. Wilhelm, near China Grove Saturday afternoon, beginning at 2:30. This is a social affair and a very pleasant evening is anticipated by the members of the China Grove local and their friends.

## How to Cure Colds

Avoid exposure and drafts. Eat right. Take Dr. King's New Discovery. It is prepared from Pine Tar, healing balsams and mild laxatives. Dr. King's New Discovery kills and expels the cold germs, soothes the irritated throat and allays inflammation. It heals the mucous membrane. Search as you will, you cannot find a better cough and cold remedy. Its use over 45 years is a guarantee of satisfaction.

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## Southern Has Another Wreck.

### Charlotteville, Va., Jan. 1.—H. C. White, of Statesville, N. C., an express messenger on the Southern Railway's "Augusta Special," died in a hospital here today from injuries received last night when the passenger train southbound ran into a through freight standing at the junction of the double track two miles north of shipman. Eleven other persons were injured, none seriously.

The accident was caused by the operator throwing the wrong switch.

A list of the injured follows: Julia Carr, Lynchburg; Nornia Hill, Oatawba, N. C.; Miss Frank Hall, Alexandria, Va.

W. E. Swearingen, Edgefield, S. C.; Joe Grant, Columbia, S. C.; Rio Hickman, Charlotte, N. C.; T. C. Bruce, engineer; James Nobel, fireman; W. S. Angel, engineer; G. E. Yewell, fireman; Two pullman porters.

Fireman Nobel sustained a broken hip and fireman Yewell had his left leg injured.

Statesville, Jan. 1.—The news of the death of Carl White, the young express messenger killed in a wreck near Charlottesville, Va., early this morning brought sadness to a number of relatives and friends here in Statesville, his home. The young man had intended leaving his run at Salisbury upon the arrival of No. 81, there this morning and coming to Statesville today, for a visit to his mother, Mrs. Lola White. He was the only son and sole support of his mother who is a widow, and was only 20 years old.

His mother who lives on Allison street, had made arrangements for his entertainment while here and the news of his death was broken to her when she was preparing to go over to No. 11, the Southern passenger train due here at 10 o'clock and on which she was expecting her son to arrive. No arrangements will be made for the funeral and burial of the young man until the arrival of his body on No. 11 tomorrow morning.

## Women of Sedentary Habits

Women who get but little exercise are likely to be troubled with constipation and indigestion and will find Chamberlain's Tablets highly beneficial. Not so good as a three or four mile walk every day, but very much better than to allow the bowels to remain in a constipated condition. They are easy and pleasant to take and most agreeable in effect. Obtainable everywhere.

## Annual Meeting of Farmers' Union

The annual meeting of the Rowan County Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union was held last Thursday and Friday, December 30th and 31st, with Oak Grove local, near Lowerstone church, Gold Hill township. It was a largely attended and very enthusiastic meeting. Nearly all of the unions were represented. The annual election of officers resulted in O. H. Phillips being elected president and Orin Cruse, vice president, A. L. Klutz, secretary.

J. Z. Green, State organizer lecturer was in attendance at both sessions, and delivered a splendid address at the Friday session. The report of the county president and business agent showed that the work of the organization during the past year was one of the most successful in the history of the union.

The educational committee offered a resolution urging that the county commissioners offer some inducements to the taxpayers of the county to pay their taxes more promptly.

The first quarterly meeting of the new year will be held with Enon local, in Franklin township, five miles from Salisbury, some time during next April.

## Get it at Sifferds.

## Some of Rome's Doings

### Rome Will do Here What She Has Done Elsewhere If Given the Power.

#### BURNETT IMMIGRATION BILL

It is reported that Representative Burnett of Alabama will reintroduce his immigration bill which was vetoed by President Wilson at the last session of congress. In commenting on that probability, the Indiana Catholic and Record, December 17, 1915, referred to the bill as "un-American" and reviewed the record of the fight made for and against it. The Catholics will oppose its passage this time as they did at its previous presentation because it would interfere greatly with Rome's illiterate immigrants who are flocking to the United States.

The people of the United States are in favor of the Burnett Bill; Rome works for its defeat. The reason is apparent. With Catholicism, with its attendant oppression and intolerance, meeting growing disfavor in Europe, and especially Southern Europe, any advantage ground must be available for the poor who must be taken from their native soil.

America is the last place of refuge for Rome and her oppressed, her ignorant children who have felt the blight of Romish despotism in foreign lands are coming to America, supposedly to better their condition, but in reality many of them are brought to our shores for the indefinite purpose of helping to make America Catholic.

"Catholics have votes" and every male alien of Rome who lands in America, no matter how illiterate, may become a voter, and since Rome keeps a close grip upon her children by segregating them in her own ghettos, passing over them priests of their own tongue, preserving native customs, promoting superstition and holding them in subjection to the will of the church, it is easy to see how the Catholic vote is recruited and controlled.

It is this close communion and loyalty to priest and pope which makes Catholic immigration a real menace. The Burnett immigration Bill would save us from much of the danger. Our penal institutions and asylums are too densely peopled with persons of the Catholic faith now for us to encourage an influx of potential criminals and dependents who can be utterly controlled by the Catholic church, and used against our free institutions; against our efforts to make this a civilized and intelligent people.

If the Burnett Bill comes up for consideration its passage should be urged, insisted upon, demanded by every patriotic American who knows or who can be made to see the danger in Rome's political activities and her interference with courts, business and education.

The people of this nation are taxed too heavily to care for Romish criminals and dependents; to support fake charities operated under the shadow of the Catholic cross.

Let's stop the graft, free the slaves and save our country from moral midnight and mental decay!

Pass the Burnett Bill! CARRANZA AND OTHER CATHOLICS Baltimore, Dec. 20.—Cardinal Gibbons announced that he had received a letter this afternoon from the Archbishop of Oaxaca, Mexico, informing him that the Carranza government had forbidden collections to be taken in Catholic churches. Confessions have been forbidden for some time, according to the archbishop.

"He recites many of the conditions among the clergy and the nuns," the cardinal said, "and it makes one shudder to think of these outrages."—Kansas City Times, December 21, 1915.

Carranza is a Catholic in a Catholic country, at least 90 per cent. of the population in Mexico is of the Catholic faith, and he is surely in position to know what the conditions are and what they have been in his country for hun-

drede of years. He also is in position to know who is responsible for the wreck and ruin, the illiteracy and oppression that has brought degradation and despair to his people.

Conditions must be indeed deplorable if Carranza, a Catholic, will take such desperate measures to overcome the iniquitous power that has throttled and bound the people of Mexico for centuries. That power, despotic, arrogant and treacherous, is the Roman Catholic church and Carranza knows it too well. Rome has made Mexico a living hell for its poor population. She has bled the poor without mercy; robbed, plundered and killed for money and power.

She has even taken millions of dollars from the mines of Mexico by the process known as "high-grading," encouraging peons to steal the finer nuggets and carry them to the priests in exchange for masses, etc.

She has established so many "distas" that the oppressed poor were kept in their terrible plight because of enforced idleness of these "holy days" and their faithful obedience to the church in paying their centavos for candles, prayers, confession and the hundred and one other grafting devices of "mother church."

If Carranza can put a stop to the infamous confessional, to the ever-argued and ever-demanded collections by which his church has plundered and demoralized his people, he will have done a great work.

He has seen the monumental infamy of his church and is warring against its oppressive power. If Carranza is the fiend Rome and Cardinal Gibbons say he is, he is such because Rome has made him so, he is dealing with an organization of fiends and all lovers of liberty will bid him God-speed if he will sweep Rome from Mexico and lift the load that has lain a dead weight upon the nation for centuries.

Rome's own son has revolted at her infamy and arrogance!

## The Gist of It

"Last December I had a very severe cold and was nearly down sick in bed. I bought two bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it was only a very few days, until I was completely restored to health," writes O. J. Miscoff, Weatherby, Mo. If you would know the value of this remedy, ask any one who has used it. Obtainable everywhere.

## N. M. Cooke Buys Charlotte Drug Store.

Yesterday morning's Charlotte Observer says H. M. Cooke of Spencer yesterday purchased the drug stock and fixtures of the C. R. Meyer & Co., store on North Tryon street and will begin at once preparations for reopening the store under the name of the H. M. Cooke Pharmacy.

The sale was made by Thomas J. Smith, trustee. Mr. Smith, who is experienced in the drug business, was appointed by John M. Robinson and the papers have been signed by Federal Judge James E. Boyd. The transfer of title was effected yesterday and the deal was completed.

Mr. Cooke is a well-to-do druggist of Spencer, where he has operated a store for about a dozen years. He will probably come to Charlotte to live, in the not distant future. For the present, however, the store here will be in charge of T. Arthur Walker, who was formerly connected with the Tryon Drug Company. The store will not be open for business for a few days, as the building is to be repaired and papered on the interior. The same stand, as heretofore, at the corner of North Tryon street and West Sixth street, will be occupied.

## Live up Your Torpid Liver

To keep your liver active use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They insure good digestion, relieve constipation, and tone up the whole system—keep your eye clear and your skin fresh and healthy looking. Only 25c, at your druggist.

## Danger of Break with Austria Over

### Assurances are Considered More Satisfactory Than Those Given by Germany

Washington, Dec. 31.—Austria's reply to the Ancona note not only meets the cardinal points of the American demands but gives assurances for the future which are considered more satisfactory in their extent than those given by Germany. The full American official view will not be known until after President Wilson has studied the Austrian reply, which was received today from Ambassador Penfield and was immediately dispatched to Hot Springs by a White House messenger.

It may be stated authoritatively nevertheless, that danger of a rupture of diplomatic relations has passed and the controversy now enters the same stage as the Lusitania negotiations with Germany, on an even more favorable basis.

Austria in the Ancona case has subscribed to the principle that no ships will be sunk, unless they offer resistance or flee, without the persons aboard being brought to safety. This is considered an assurance that is far-reaching and satisfactory.

Points which Austria leaves for further diplomatic correspondence are not considered of a nature to bring on a new crisis. Chief among them are questions of fact which affect Austria's responsibility for what happened before the submarine commander torpedoed the Ancona and their importance is minimized by the promise to pay indemnity for Americans lost regardless of the absence of proof as to just how they met their death.

The mere statement that the submarine commander has been punished for not making allowances for the panic on the ship undoubtedly will be accepted without question and without further inquiry as to its nature.

Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, conferred with Secretary Lansing today on the Lusitania case and it was said that while no communications were passed, views were exchanged and it was indicated that the promised settlement is not far off. The Ambassador let it be known that he considered the Austrian reply a complete compliance with the demands of the United States.

## Bad Cold Quickly Broken Up

Mrs. Martha Wilcox, Gowanda, N. Y. writes: "I first used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy about eight years ago. At that time I had a hard cold and coughed most of the time. It proved to be just what I needed. It broke up the cold in a few days, and the cough entirely disappeared. I have told many of my friends of the good I received through using this medicine, and all who have used it speak of it in the highest terms." Obtainable everywhere.

## Engineer Crushed Under Locomotive.

Asheville, Jan. 2.—Engineer John J. Clarke of this city was killed, Fireman C. Knox Christopher, also of Asheville, was badly injured and several passengers sustained minor injuries when train No. 17 on the Murphy division struck a rock-slide near Barkers creek, about 52 miles from Asheville, this morning at 11:30 o'clock. The engine was turned completely over and the baggage car derailed, the other cars remaining on the track.

Among the injured are baggage-master J. C. Bean, slightly bruised and injured; Mrs. W. J. Woods of Whitstar, bruised on one hip; G. W. Reeves of Barkers creek, bruised; L. M. Wilson of Cooper Hill, Tenn., severe bruises and right leg injured.

## Constipation and Indigestion

"I have used Chamberlain's Tablets and must say they are the best I have ever used for constipation and indigestion. My wife also used them for indigestion and they did her good," writes Eugene S. Knight, Wilmington, N. C. Obtainable everywhere.