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HICKORY, N. C., TUESDAY EVENING

WASHINGTON WILL ACT WHEN IT OBTAINS FACTS

Secretary Lansing Announces That President and He Are Seeking Every Means Possible to Secure Information -- Busy Time in National Capital

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 4.—Official announcement that the government will act promptly as soon as the information is received regarding the sinking of the Persia was made at the white house today.

the inquiry which Ambassador Penfield at Vienna has been instructed to obtain and other information to establish the nationality of the submarine.

American Tells How Persia Sank in Five Minutes After Being Hit

(By Associated Press.) Alexandria, Egypt, via London, Jan. 4.—Charles Grant of Boston, one of the two Americans known to have been on the Persia when she was sunk in the Mediterranean, has arrived in Alexandria.

after the explosion. "After floating about on the wreckage until 4 o'clock in the morning I saw four boats. The boats were rowing around looking for other survivors.

Russians Continue to Make Progress Against Austrians in Big Fight

(By Associated Press.) The British cabinet was expected to consider the draft of a compulsory bill today. Petrograd chronicles the continuation of heavy fighting on the front from Volhynia to Bukovina and claims that the Russian forces are continuing to advance on the east of Czernowitz in quite numerous counter attacks.

Paris reports the failure of numerous grenade attacks west of Tereure in the Champagne district. There has been great artillery activity in the Vosges south of the Hartmannsweilerkopf.

WANT TO ABANDON A GREEK STEAMER

(By Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 4.—The crew of the Greek line steamer Thessaloniki, seek to abandon the ship, which has been at the mercy of high seas and waves for ten days, according to a radio-gram from the steamship United States received here today.

MAKING PLANS FOR SHRINERS' BANQUET

Plans for the Shriners' banquet to be held Thursday night, January 13, were brought a little nearer to fruition last night when a committee on arrangements was appointed.

SWEDEN FORBIDS OFFICERS TO STAY IN COUNTRIES AT WAR

Berlin, Jan. 4.—Sweden has forbidden all officers and privates of her naval and military establishments to remain in belligerent countries, according to the Lokal-Anzeiger. The order also applies to members of the military who are newspaper correspondents.

AEROPLANES SERVE AS ARMY AMBULANCE

Paris, Jan. 4.—Word has reached here that in the French retreat from Serbia to Saloniki aeroplanes did service as hospital ambulances for the first time.

MRS. HIGHTOWER LIBRARIAN

At the meeting of the board of managers of the Hickory Free Library, Monday afternoon, Mrs. Alice Hightower was elected librarian to serve for a term of six months.

FOOD PRICES IN FIGHT WITH INFLATION AT ONCE U.S. ALSO HIGHER

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 4.—Food prices in the United States during 1914 were higher than at any time during the last 37 years with the exception of the years 1882 when they were 4 per cent higher than 1914 prices, 1883 when they were on the same level and in 1912 when they were 1 per cent higher.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 4.—Pellagra has become such a menace in the south that Secretary McAdoo today asked congress for a rush appropriation of \$100,000 for sanitation and health work in the south.

Clothes and clothing were lower in 1914 than during the previous year and were higher than at any time since 1884, when they were on the same level, except in 1907, 1910 and 1913.

PREPAREDNESS WAS ISSUE IN CONTEST

(By Associated Press.) Meridian, Miss., Jan. 4.—Voters of the fifth congressional district of Mississippi today were balloting for a successor to the late Representative Samuel W. Witherspoon.

WILL ASK FOR MORE

(By Associated Press.) Nashua, N. H., Jan. 4.—Union cotton mill operatives throughout New England will not accept the 5 per cent wage increase which manufacturers announced would go into effect according to a statement by John Golden of Fall River, president of the United Textile Workers' Union.

SAXON KING TO QUIT

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Jan. 4.—A report in current King Frederick August of Saxony is considering abdicating in favor of his eldest son, Prince George, says the Journal in a dispatch from Basel, "owing to the growing discontent of the population which on several occasions has taken the form of hostile demonstrations against the king. There is no confirmation of this report."

REVENUE COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes Tobacco, Emergency, Fines and Penalties, Liquor License, etc.

MARKETS

Table with 2 columns: Market Name and Price. Includes Chicago Wheat, New York Cotton, New York Stocks.

NEW YORK COTTON

(By Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 4.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of five to ten points today, with January selling at 12.33 and March at 12.55 immediately after the call.

NEW YORK STOCKS

(By Associated Press.) New York, Jan. 4.—The range of prices was generally higher at today's opening. California Petroleum preferred was heavy on rumors of a hitch in its proposed merger with Mexican Petroleum.

COTTON FUTURES

Table with 3 columns: Month, Open, Close. Includes January, March, May, July, October.

HICKORY MARKETS

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Cotton, Wheat.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for North Carolina: Fair and warmer tonight and Wednesday. Gentle to moderate east to southeast winds.

COMPARATIVE WEATHER

Table with 3 columns: Date, High, Low. Includes January 3, Maximum, Minimum, Mean.



COLDS Many Sick Spells Begin With Coughs and Colds.

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1916 Service 1916 A BETTER 1916

Senate Fails to Pump Questions at Administration on Conduct of Foreign Policy--Matter Will Be Aired Tomorrow--Will Include Everything.

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