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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR.

PRESIDENT WILSON HURRIED BACK TO WASHINGTON.

Seriousness of the International Sit-uation is Oppressive—Will Leave Undone No Effort to Get Full Facts of the Persin Case—Austrian Min-ister Asks That Judgment Be With-held.

Washington Dispatch, Jan. 3.

President Wilson started to Washington from Hot Springs, Va., tonight to take personal charge of the Na-tion's foreign affairs in the new crisis brought about by the sinking of the British steamship Persia with a loss of at least one American life. The situation is regarded in official cir-cles as being the most serious to confront this Government since the submarine operations of the Central Powers began.

Powers began.

The President will probably lay the facts thus far established before his Cabinet tomorrow. The destruction of the Persia, following closely upon the crisis precipitated by the Ancona disaster may result in the United States determining to settle immediately all the questions involved in the submarine warfare. The ed in the submarine warfare. The subject is expected to find its way to the floor of the House and Senate tomorrow when Congress recon-venes after the holidays.

President Wilson decided to cut short his honeymoon and return to the Capital at once after telephone conferences with Secretary Lansing and Mr. Tumulty, his private secre-

tary.

The United States is represented tonight as being prepared and determined to take any action that the facts concerning the Persia, yet to be established, may warrant. Officials still are trying to view the situation with an open mind but it is apparent. with an open mind, but it is apparent that they are disturbed by the re-ports received from Consular agents at Alexandria and Cairo, Egypt. Every effort will be made to estab-

lish the truth of the report that the Persia was torpedoed without warn-ing. Secretary Lansing contemplates taking no step until the complete details are known.

Officials find one source of gratification in assurances given by Baron Enrich Swiedinek, Charge of the Austro-Hungarian Embassy, to Secretary Lansing, during a conference today at the State Department. Baron Swiedinek is said to have suggested that judgment be withheld until the facts are known, and to have expressed the belief that the final explanation of the latest incident would be satisfactory. He is said to have assured the Secretary of his belief that if an Austrian submarine commander violated the principles of international law and the rules of humanity , his Government would be quick to take action which would fully satisfy the United States. Baron Swiedinek also sought information for the benefit of his govern-

Secretary Lansing today instructed Ambassadsor Penfield at Vienna to the Persia or the receipt of information concerning the circumstances of

rying a 4.7 gun served to revive con-sideration of the position taken by the United States in regard to armed merchantmen. In the early days of the war it was announced that merchant ships belonging to belligerents might be allowed to enter and leave inch caliber or less, mounted upon their sterns. At that time cruisers of the Central Powers had not been swept from the seas. Later Great Britain and France at the suggestion of the United States, agreed that their ships coming into American waters should not be armed, thus eliminating the possibility of a controversy over that point so far as vesplying out of ports of the United States were concerned.

Since then all war crafts of the Teutonic Allies, with the exception of submarines, have disappeared from the high seas. Consequently, it is considered in some quarters that merchantmen mounting guns even of small caliber and astern, might be considered prepared for resisting a hostile submarine.

Secretary Lansing and other officials have considered this view with great carefulness. The Secretary said today he was not prepared to an-nounce the attitude of the United States on this point in the future is understood that he was awaiting an opportunity to discuss the matter and its various ramifications with President Wilson

During a later discussion of the subject Secretary Lansing revealed that Germany had abandoned its contention that the Lusitania was an armed merchantman. This claim was originally made in justification of the sinking of that ship and affidavits were presented to substantiate it. The affidavits were proved to false, however, and Mr. Lansing in-dicated that Germany had dropped the contention some time ago.

The Japanese Ambassador, Vis-His purpose was to obtain any details which might have been received regarding the sinking of the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru. The Secretary had no new reports of importance. He indicated later that no action would be taken by the United States in that case, at least at this But one person aboard the Yasaka Maru was supposed to be an American citizen. He was W. J. Leigh. A dispatch received today from Consul Garrels at Alexander

to claim American citizenship. His status may be the subject of further report, however, as it is pointed out that the United States maintains ex-

erican Consul in China he could be considered an American citizen unless he elected to become a subject to some other Nation.

Anxiety in official circles increased tonight when it was learned that press dispatches reported the sinking of another British liner, the Peninsular & Oriental steamer Geelong. No word of the latest disaster had reached the State Department. Official reports will await tomorrow with grave interest.

APPROPRIATE TO NEW YEAR

Wingate Correspondent Makes Some Observations—Many Items of Personal Interest.

correspondence of The Journal.

ant guests in the home of O. P. T. ship and two were carried down with and the Madam Sunday eafternoon.

All the public school teachers had been taken aboard one of the whose homes are in Wingate, have latter two, and seeing that they were returned to their posts to resume being taken down, jumped into the their work for the remainder of the sea.

Mr. and Mrs. Cutchins, an account of whose wedding appeared recently in The Monroe Journal, have gone to Baden in Stanly county, where Mr. Cutchins will work as civil engineer for the American Alluminum Com-

Mr. Jesse Lowery of the White Store community, spent several days at Alexandria, Egypt, indicate that ed by the statement in the dispatch last week with relatives in Wingate. Robert N. McNeeley, American ConLawyer D. M. Johnson, formerly sul at Aden, Arabia, who was on the the torpedo had been seen, though Prof. Johnson, was among the dis-tinguished out-of-town guests Saturday night and Sunday. Sick list report: Master Secrest

Hefner, improving: Mrs. N. W. Bivens, still right sick; Mrs. E. W. Griffin, improving slowly; Dr. Jerome, about recovered; O. P. T., feeling right good only short on air most of the time.

Mesdames E. H. Williams, John Watson, Lem Watson, Miss Hope minutes.
Watson and little Miss Mildred Perry were welcome visitors in our home

to these good people a most cordial welcome to their old home. Mr. Rufe Hunnicutt has moved his

family from Mr. Cull Griffin's house into the residence of Mrs. Addie Joplin, whose home is at Red Springs. Messrs, Hubert Sullivan and Horace Williams made a head-on colli sion in a game of basket ball here Thursday evening, resulting in a bad-

ly bruised and broken nose for Mr. Sullivan and a pretty considerable jolt for Mr. Williams. Dr. Jerome gave the necessary treatment to the olfactory member and the patient is doing nicely.

Miss Dorothy Lowney, after spend ing several days in Wingate, returned Thursday to Rock Hill to resume her studies in the Winthrop College. Miss Lowney was accompanied on her return by her mother, whose home is in New York, I believe. Mrs. Lowney will probably spend the winter in our warm and genial Southland.

A happy and prosperous New Year to all. Let us endeavor to make this. A. D. 1916, the banner year in our history. With new and better opportunities and superior advantages that come within our reach, we cannot afford to fall short in our duties and obligations and thus prove our unworthiness for the rich blessings that

we enjoy. Yes, the New Year has arrived with all its duties, opportunities, advantages, its new discoveries and inventions to help fallen humanity to higeher levels, to greater love, more light, better conceptions of the great Ruler of all things, nobler and

loftier ideals. What shall we do about it? What am I going to do? What are you? What shall we all do with these glorious opportunities to make the world a better place to live in and life the more worth living? It is up to us to answer. God has placed the mat-

ter into our hands. The same signal that announced the birth of the new year, proclaimed the death of the old. Fare well old year! You are dead and lie beside your predecessors in time's grave-yard. In the folds of your shroud is written the history of a world—a momentous history, whose saddest pages have been written in the blood of the best of humanity and in the yore of innocent men, women and children. What an indictment! Let us hide our faces in shame and cease our boasting, repent of our mistakes and misdoings and pray and hope that little things may be written of the new year at its demise.

O. P. TIMIST.

NEY MCNEELEY DROWNED IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA.

Young American Consul on Way to Take His Position at Aden Was the Only American Lost and His Death Renews the Grave Situation er Between this Country and Austria

— Submarine Attacked English
Ship Without Warning and She
Sank in Five Minutes—An Inter
October for Washington, where he

Mr. Ney McNeeley of Monroe was taking up his duties at Aden, where drowned in the Mediterranean Sea he had previously been appointed last Thursday afternoon. He was on consul. His appointment was the reboard an English ship, the Persia, sult of a very difficult competitive which was struck at 1:10 and sank examination which he took last spring Wingate, Jan. 3.—This is Monday morning, Jan. 3. 1916—beautiful spring-like morning. The blue birds in the orchard are calling to each other and seem to be planning and conversing about building for the summer's brood. The bell over at the academy is calling "to books," the air resounds with the happy childish voices as they skip along in answer to its familiar call. Everything seems lovely and lively as we start out on the New Year. May such conditions continue to the end. Mr. Jesse Williams of Waxhaw. thing seems lovely and lively as we start out on the New Year. May such conditions continue to the end.

Mr. Jesse Williams of Waxhaw. spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives in Wingate.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Brewer and Mrs. Jonah Hartsell were most pleasant guests in the home of O. P. T.

being taken down, jumped into the

WENT DOWN WHEN SHIP WAS
TORPEDOED LAST THURSDAY
TORPED was thought wise to withhold the shocking news from her

Mr. Dowd McNeeley, former editor of the Waxhaw Enterprise, was ported to have sailed with his brothas private secretary, and for

went for a month's special study in the State Department preparatory to The spoke of the matter he always jested

Various dispatches in this paper tell all that is known so far about the matter. The fact that Mr. Mc-Neeley is the second American consul to lose his life in this way has given the case an unusual sensation. name has appeared in the last few days in probably every large daily paper in the world. The North Caroschool seasons. How much these Mr. McNeeley's mother, Mrs. W. lina newspapers, to whom he was young teachers need the sumpathy and co-operation of their patrons!

Mr. and Mrs. Cutchins, an account She has been sick for a long time and comments.

Saturday's Dispatch.

Washington Dispatch, Jan. 2.

Advices to the State Department not being convinced that a submarine today from American Consul Garrels sank the Persia. They were impresssteamer Persia when she was sunk in aubmarine was visible. Navy of-in the Mediterranean, was lost. He ficers who were consulted said they was last seen in the water after the Persia sank. Consul Garrels reports although not impossible that a tor-that Charles H. Grant of Boston, pedo, fired by a submarine, should another American aboard the Persia. Jerome. was saved. No submarine was seen feeling by survivors, according to Garrels' report but an officer of the Persia saw the wake of the torpedo which struck the ship. She sank in five

Anxiety over the news of the sink-sia, sunk in the Mediterranean on ing of the Persia increased in offi-Thursday, was torpedced without cial circles when a consular dispatch warning and sank in five minutes. Ambassadsor Penfield at Vienna to make informal inquiries which might lead to the establishment of the identity of the submarine which sank

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pending the receipt of the real facts ceived yesterday. surrounding the sinking of the and Oriential company, which owned steamer Persia," said Baron Zwiedinek. "It may have happened in many ways. In the first place, it is not yet proved that a submarine sank the the number as 153, made up of 59 Persia. If it was an Austrian subma-pasengers of whom 17 are women, rine, it must be determined whether and 94 members of the crew includthe circumstances were such as to warrant the action taken.

that the final explanation will be not British subjects. quite satisfactory. If the cammand-er of the submarine disobeyed instructions I feel sure my government will not hesitate to satisfactorily adjust

"From the answer made to the last note on the Arcona alone, it is quite There was no panic. Four boats evident that the Austro-Hungarian were launched with utmost promptigovernment will not countenance any

act which is wrong. Complete confidence prevails in last seen he was swimming, after the Teutonic diplomatic circles that if an liner had plunged beneath the sur-Austrian submarine sank the Persia without warning, the act would be disavowed, prompt reparation made for Americans lost and the subma-

rine commander severely punished. It is understood that Baron Swiedinek will call upon Secretary Lansing tomorrow for the purpose of informally conveying his views on the subject and endeavoring to gain an understanding of the views of United States for the information of his government.

Only one dispatch concerning the sinking of the Persia was received today by the State Department. It from Consul Garrels at Alexandria, Egypt, and indicated that Consul McNeeley, on his way to his post, had been lost. He was last seen in the water before the steamship went down. Consul Garrels reported also that Charles H. Grant, of Boston, another American who was aboard the Persia, was among the survivors. No submarine was seen by the survivors, according to the consul's report but an officer of the ship said he saw the wake of the torpedo. The Persia went down in five The dispatch was forwareded to President Wilson at Hot Springs.

While Secretary Lansing declined to comment upon the situation confronting the United States, it informed the State Department that

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opinion and determining upon any

Officials expressed themselves as pedo, fired by a submarine, should leave a visible wake.

Persia Was Torpedoed Without Warning London Dispatch, Jan. 2.

Unofficial dispatches from Cairo, state that the British steamship Per-Between 10 and 160 survivors have

Reuter's Cairo corespondent makes the unreserved statement that Robert N. McNeeley, American consul Ayden, Arabia, lost his life. Charles H. Grant, of Boston, was saved.

Details of the sinking of the Perappear that the number of persons were put off was larger than was Judgment should be withheld hoped when the first news was re-iding the receipt of the real facts ceived yesterday. The Peninsular the Persian announced this morning that 158 survivors had arrived at Alexandria. A Lloyd's dispatch gives ing 59 Lascars.

The survivors include 10 military "I am confident, at least hope, officers and eight persons who are

> The ship was struck amidships on the port side at 1.10 p. m., says Reuter's correspondent at Cairo. She had disappeared completely by 1.15. Survivors say it was little short of a miracle that anyone was saved.

The captain was drowned. When

Both the Peninsular and Oriental landed at Alexandria. ship company this afternoon had received no news of Mr. McNeeley's

Edward Rose, of Denver, left the Persia at Gilbraltar, as was reported

Eleven More Survivors Landed. London Dispatch, Jan. 3

The Peninsular & Oriental Steam ship Company has received a dispatch from Malta saying that 11 more survivors of the steamship Persia have been landed including Lord Mon- Law.

Robert N. McNeely, the American Consul at Aden, was not among the survivors landed at Malta.

The Peninsula & Oriental Co. says the survivors consist of three English, one Italian and seven Lascars.

with forgery and false pretenses. has been hanging around Charlotte pool rooms for some time and it is

A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION. People of Carmel Started Off With Example—A Model for Neighbor-hood Co-operation,

As previously announced, the people of Carmel community met at the school house on New Year's Day and

organized a "Community Le with the following committees: I. Committee on Education, Mr. R.

L. Helms and Misses Mamye Helms and Louise Blakency. Objects; 1. Increasing efficiency of school: teaching, studies, attendance,

2. Improving school grounds, buildings, equipment and library.
3. Extension work: corn, pig, and canning clubs; travelling libraries; increasing book and newspaper read-ing among the people; teaching adult

illiterates to read; making school community center, etc.
II. Committee on Farm Progress. Messrs, P. B. Blakeney, A. B. Shaw and C. J. Helms. Objects:

1. Better farm methods, aiming es-

pecially at rich lands and crop diversification so as to make a self-feeding community with "money crops" surplus crops.

2. Increasing interest in livestock, dairying, poultry raising, canning in the Mediterranean Sea at 1:15 p. and home industries

III. Committee on Co-operative him. One of the most popular young Marketing, Messrs. S. W. Helms, R. men ever known in this section. Self K. Helms and J. W. Helms. Objects: made. Began in the county schools.

warehousing and pooling. To promote economical buying on cash basis and encourage thrift. credit unions, land and loan associations, etc., as aids to this end.

3. To encourage good roads as aids to economical marketing. IV. Committee on Health, dames S. S. Richardson, R. L. Helms and T. J. W. Broom. Objects: 1. To study local conditions and

promote community and home sanitation. To teach individuals, adults and

children methods of disease preven-3. To combat agencies of fraud and

superstition in treatment of disease.

V. Committee on Organization and Social Life: Mesdames P. B. Blakeney, C. J. Helms and Miss Elmina Helms. Objects:

1. To promote and assist the local farmers' organizations, farm women's club, betterment clubs, young people's debating clubs and community fair. 2. To encourage lectures, debates,

musicals, entertainments, local plays. picnics, celebrations, etc. To promote wholesome sports. and recreation, outdoor and indoor

games, and a community playground. The next meeting will be held with the school on the afternoon of Friday Jan. 14, when reports and suggestions of committees will be heard. Meeting with the school once or twice a month will be a feature until the

Nine Killed in Georgia Race War.

Blakeley, (Ga.,) Dispatch, Dec. 31. four negro lodge buildings burned take drastic action to end the subtoday, in the western section of Early county in a renewal of clashes besia came in slowly today, but such tween whites and negroes, according information as was received made it to reports reaching here tonight. Reports that negrees were threatening who escaped in the four boats which the lives of white farmers caused numbers of armed men to leave here for the scene and reports from the Alabama side of the Chattahoochee river, the dividing line between Alabama and Georgia, said many white men had crossed the river from Ala-

Seven negroes were reported killed yesterday by white posses which sought Grandison Goolsby and his sons, Mike and Ulyssee, charged with killing Henry J. Villipigue, a white overseer. Today mobs scoured the river country on hearing a report the assassin and after shooting Lang-that Goolsby's sons had not been ley he went to the house and made burned to death in a negro cabin as search for Mrs. Langley. He offered reported but had escaped.

Reports that members of these mobs found on the person of a negro killed yesterday, a lodge book show ing that a negro organization had delegated Goolsby and his sons to kill Villipigue because he thrashed family one of the younger Goolshys, were said to have caused the burning of the negro lodges. The elder Goolsby was known as one of the leading spirits in negro Mason and negro company and Reuter's Cairo corres-pondent say that Mr. Grant has been of the country and also to be a member of other negro lodges.

Tonight a negro lodge building near the Alabama line was reported destroyed by fire. Early today a negro Masonic lodge building and a negro Odd Fellows' lodge building had been burned, and later in the day lodge building known as the Negro Supreme Circle lodge building was burned.

Ed Law, a negro accused of aiding the younger Gooldsbys to escape, was said to have been killed later today with his son, known as "Precious The Goolsbys, it was claimed were aided by these negroes to reach a train to Montgomery, Ala.

In retaliation negroes were said to have surrounded the home of H. H. Grimsley, a white farmer, threatening to kill him and his wife and children. The negro mob dispersed. however, before Sheriff Howell, of R. G. Fergugon, a young white Early county and a number of depuman, is in jail in Charlotte charged ties reached there. ties reached there.



ROBERT NEV MONEELEV

Born in Jackson township, Union county, November 12, 1883. Drowned home industries.

Getting better tools and maway to Aden, to become American chinery and better breeding sires, Consul at that place. Son of Mr. and with co-operation to effect this result.

Consul at that place. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McNeeley, who, with several brothers and one sister, survive K. Helms and J. W. Helms. Objects: made. Began in the county schools, 1. To secure standardization of taught school, became a rural mail sales products. scientific grading, carrier, entered State University and took degree of LLB. Won Shepard Bryan prize for best thesis in law. Began practice in Monroe in 1907. Served in House of Representatives 1909; State Senate 1915. Appointed Consul to Aden 1915. Member of Monroe Presbyterian church.

No Hope Now,

Washington Dispatch, Jan. 3. Every bit of information so far received by the state department points to confirm the first reports received that Robert Ney McNeeley, of Monroe, American consul at Aden, Arabia, lost his life when the British liner went to the bottom of the sea some time Thursday afternoon after being torpedoed by a submarine, presumably of Austrian or German na-

tionality. Senator Overman was an early caller at the state department today. He conferred at length with Secre-tary of State Lansing and other of-ficials, but was unable to get any assurances that young McNeeley had been saved. On the other had the information so far received indicates strongly that the young Union county

lawyer had lost his life. Cables from Consul General Skinner, at London, and the consul agent at Alexandria, Egypt, stated that while they had no affidavits from passengers, they had statements from several of those saved who said they saw McNeeley struggling in the water soon after the Persia went down.

Unless Austria hastens to disavow the act of the submacine commander and make reparation there is no Two more negroes were killed and doubting the fact that Congress will marine warfare, even to the extent of placing an embargo on arms to the allies and breaking off diplomatic relations with Germany and Austria.

Murder and Suicide.

In Wilson county last week Fayette Langley, a farmer, was shot from ambush and killed when he went to his barn in the early morning to feed his stock. Bill Gay, who had been employed by Langley and discharged, had threatened Langley and his wife and had previously attempted to shoot Langley. When Mrs. Langley heard the shot she suspected that her husband had been fired on and she left the house in search of help. It developed that Gay was no harm to the children, who had been left alone while their mother went for help.

Search was made for Gay for several days and he was finally traced to the Langley house, the Langley family being away. A posse surbeing away. rounded the house and Gay shot himself dead, blowing off the top of his head with the load from a shot gun. It is believed his second visit to the Langley home was to search for Mrs. Langley and to kill her if he found her. The man was a desperate character and believed to be mentally un-

Benton-Sustare.

Correspondence of The Journal. Matthews, Dec. 30 .- At the home Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Sustare near Matthers, a beautiful marriage was solemnized on Wednesday, Dec. 29th. when their daughter, Minnie, became

the bride of Mr. Oscar Benton, The house was prettily decorated with potted plants. The only attendants were Miss Jessie Hooks and Mr. Luther Williams, the marriage being a very quiet acair witnessed only by the intimediate families of

the contracting parties. Rev. E. C. Snider performed the ceremony in his usual impressive manner. manner. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Benton left for the home of the groom's parents.

Jeff McCarn, former United States suit of blue broadcloth with accespool rooms for some time and it is District Attorney for the Hiwaian sories to match, is a young lady of presumed that he lost his money and territory, arrived in San Francisco charming personality, and numbers resorted to forgery as a means of yesterday with the announcement of her friends by the score. Mr. Benton rehabilitating his finances. The for- his resignation, declaring that he is a prosperous young farmer, and z man of sterling worth. He has any number of friends who will congratulate him on his good fortune.