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### WAS SUNK AT 1 O'CLOCK THURSDAY

Robert McNeely, American Consul at Aden, Was a Passenger.—Four Boats Got Clear Before the Vessel Sank.—The Vessel Was En Route to Bombay From London.—Two Other Americans Were on Board.—The Persia Was Sunk in the Eastern Mediterranean Off the Island of Crete.—Mr. McNeely's Home Was at Monroe, This State.

(By The Associated Press)  
London, Jan. 1.—The British liner Persia was sunk Thursday and most of the passengers and crew were lost. Robert McNeely, American consul at Aden, was a passenger on the Persia.

Four boats got clear before the vessel sank. The Persia was en route to Bombay from London. Advice to Lloyd's said she was sunk at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

In addition to Mr. McNeely, two other Americans are known to have been passengers on the Persia when she left London. Charles H. Grant was on his way to Bombay. Edward Rose a school boy, was on the way from Denver to Gibraltar. Rose probably landed at Gibraltar and was not on board the boat at the time she was sunk.

In addition to the passengers who sailed from London a large number were booked at other points. The total number booked at these points was 231. Of these 87 were women and 25 children.

Lord Montague was on the passenger list.

The Peninsular and Oriental line estimates 160 or 161 passengers sailed from London on the Persia. A number of these landed at Gibraltar, Marsailles or Malta. No official figures are available.

The Persia was sunk in the eastern Mediterranean, off the Island of Crete. The Persia was a steamer of 974 tons gross. She was owned by the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company of London. She sailed from Bombay November 14 for London and was last reported as leaving Gibraltar on December 2.

Robert N. McNeely was appointed as consul at Aden, Arabia, in October, 1915. He is a native of North Carolina.

McNeely of Monroe.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Official dispatches from London today said the line Persia was torpedoed and sunk "while approaching Alexandria," and that "nearly 60 perished."

Robert N. McNeely was making his first trip to a consular post for the United States Government, having been appointed October 18, last, and assigned to Aden. His home was at Monroe, N. C., and he was a member of the North Carolina Legislature in 1910. He is 32 years old.

The Persia Was Torpedoed.

London, Jan. 1.—A message from the admiralty to the Peninsula and Oriental Company makes the definite announcement that the Persia was torpedoed.

## WITH THE CHURCHES.

**St. James Lutheran Church; Sunday After New Year.**  
Pastor's Bible Class, 10 a. m.; chief service, 11 o'clock; sermon, "Christian Suffering." Young Men's Bible Class at 2 p. m.; Sunday School at 3 p. m.; Luther League, 8:30 p. m. Mr. Oscar F. Blackwelder, leader. Vespers, 7 p. m. Sermon, first in a series, "Christ in the Seven Churches in Asia." The Choir will repeat some of its Christmas music. All cordially invited to these services, which will be conducted by the pastor.

**Forest Hill Methodist.**  
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., by the pastor, Rev. C. M. Short. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Mr. W. R. Odell, superintendent. Visitors and strangers will receive a hearty welcome.

**Central Methodist.**  
Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 11 a. m.  
A service of especial interest will be held at 7 p. m. Mr. D. B. Coltrane, who is a member of the Executive Committee of "The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America," will make an address on "The Work of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America." Mr. Coltrane has just returned from a conference of the Executive Committee held at Columbus, Ohio, and is full of good things to tell. Come out and hear him.

**Calvary Lutheran.**  
Sunday school at 9:45. Communion service at 11 a. m. by pastor, Rev. B. S. Dasher. The public is cordially invited.

**St. Andrews Lutheran.**  
Sunday school at 9:45. Service at 7 p. m., by the pastor. All are cordially invited to these services.

**First Baptist.**  
Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m., conducted by the pastor. Theme for the morning hour, "A Great Doctrine Reduced to Practice." Evening, "The Superstition." Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to worship with us.

**Associate Reformed.**  
Services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. J. R. Hooten. Sabbath school at 9:45. All are cordially invited to worship with us.

## 1916 WELCOMED BY MANY SOCIAL EVENTS

**ELKS' RECEPTION, COMPANY L'S AND PARTIES.**  
Many Parties Mark the Birth of the New Year.—Elks' Annual Dance and Reception Largely Attended.—Music by Johnson's Orchestra of Rock Hill, S. C.—Many Visitors Present.—Company L Fires Its Annual Salute and Church Bells and Whistles Join in the Merry Welcome to the New Year.—Various New Year Parties.

One of the most elaborately planned and largely attended social events of its kind ever given in Concord was the Elks' annual dance and reception at the Elks' Home last evening. Scores of members of the order and their friends attended and the club rooms were the scene of a festive occasion from 9 to 2. The club rooms were decorated in ferns and cut flowers and the attractive lodge room brilliantly lighted and festooned with garlands of white and purple, presented a particularly striking scene. The guests numbered about 200 and included numerous visitors.

Welcoming the guests at the front door were Miss Shirley Montgomery and Mr. Fred Correll. The receiving line, which was in the front room, included officers of the lodge and members of the reception committee, Mr. and Mrs. Earl H. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Barnhardt, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Womble, Miss Margaret Brown and Mr. E. C. Barnhardt, Jr., Miss Alma Hamrick of Gaffney and Mr. Fred R. Bost, Miss Sadie Lipscomb, of Gaffney, and Mr. John M. Oglesby.

In the center of the room was a huge punch bowl from which punch was poured by Mrs. S. J. Lowe. Music was furnished by Johnson's orchestra of Rock Hill, S. C. As had been anticipated the music was a feature that added unusual pleasure to the occasion; the appropriateness of the selections and excellence of rendition appealing with favor not only to the dancers but to the entire assemblage.

Members of the orchestra were: Mr. J. Russell McElwee, first violin; Mr. A. Graham, second violin; Mr. Brice T. Dickson, cornet; Mr. C. Farris, trombone; Mr. Julian B. Johnson, clarinet; Mrs. Julian B. Johnson, piano; Mr. Cecil Simmons, drums and traps.

Among the visiting young ladies present were: Misses Alma Hamrick and Sadie Lipscomb, Gaffney, S. C., guests of Mrs. R. E. Cline; Miss Gattwright, York, S. C., guest of Mrs. J. Ross Cannon; Miss Maggie York Houtson, Monroe, guest of Mrs. A. Jones York; Miss Jean Moody, Charlotte; Miss Clarie Elliott, Austin, Texas, guest of Miss Frances Ridenhour; Miss Janie Fetner, Charlotte, guest of Miss Johnnie Sims; and Miss Ann Burton, of Raleigh.

## HEROINE OF LOOS WHO KILLED FIVE GERMAN.

**Mlle. Emilienne Moran.**  
Mlle. Emilienne Moran has been decorated with the Croix de Guerre as the heroine of Loos. During the German attack on that city she killed three Germans with her machine gun and two more with a pistol she wrested from a British officer.

## SINKING OF THE PERSIA CREATES NEW DANGER

**NEW ELEMENT WILL FURTHER COMPLICATE AFFAIRS.**  
IS AUSTRIAN ADMIRALTY CONTRARY?  
It is Generally Presumed in Official Circles that the Austrian Admiralty and the Vienna Foreign Office are Working at Cross Purposes.—Probably that the Submarine Fleet From Home, Had Not Been Instructed in the Policy of the Austrian Government.—Agencies of the American Government Set in Order to Gather Facts.

(By The Associated Press)  
Washington, Jan. 1.—The destruction of the British liner Persia with possible loss of American lives puts relations between the United States and the Teutonic powers into a new danger.

Coming almost at the hour when a satisfactory adjustment of the delicate situation was at hand by Austria's acceptance of the cardinal points of the American demand in the Ancona case, this new element reckons to complicate affairs with Austria as thoroughly as the destruction of the Arabic, following so closely the Lusitania exchanges brought on a renewed crisis with Germany.

From such incomplete information as was at hand, it was generally presumed in official circles that as was the case in the crisis with Germany, the Austrian admiralty and the Vienna foreign office are working at cross purposes. It was regarded as a possibility that while the foreign office is ready to accede to the contention of the United States, the admiralty has not yet been brought into line. There is however, the added possibility that the submarine, which sank the Persia, being far from home, had not been instructed in the new policy of the Austrian Government.

All the agencies of the American Government have been set in motion to gather facts on the newest disaster.

The general view in official quarters was that the position of the United States was sufficiently well known to Austria and the Ancona negotiations have been underway a sufficient time to permit instructions to reach the submarine fleet.

On every hand the news was received with astonishment.

As in similar cases the policy of the American Government will be to wait for full and complete information before moving.

Severance of diplomatic relations with all its possibilities looms up as one of the eventualities.

Although the nationality of the submarine which sunk the Persia, remains unestablished generally the assumption is that it was an Austrian boat because Count von Bernstoff, the German ambassador, recently declared that no German or Turkish submarines were operating in the Mediterranean.

## RACE RIOT'S DEATH TOLL STILL GROWING

**EXTENDS ACROSS GEORGIA BORDER INTO ALABAMA.**  
FIVE NEGROES KNOWN TO BE DEAD

Early County, Where Violence in White Overseer Was Muted and the Riot Started, Borders on Alabama and Lies About 50 Miles North of the Florida Line.—According to Sheriff Howell Five Negroes Are Known to Be Dead and One Probably Fatally Wounded.—Several Negro Lodge Buildings Burned, Two Within Limits of Blakely.

(By The Associated Press)  
Blakely, Ga., Jan. 1.—The search for the negroes connected with the assassination of John Willigood, a white overseer on an Early county plantation, had extended into Alabama, on the west, and Florida, on the south, according to reports reaching here today. Outwardly, however, Blakely and Early county are quiet after three days of clashes between whites and negroes. According to Sheriff T. J. Howell, of Early county, five negroes are known to have been killed and one probably fatally wounded.

Early county borders on Alabama and lies about 30 miles north of the Florida line.

According to reports received here late last night, Mike and Hiram Goolbsy, two young negroes, accused of killing Willigood, had gone either into Alabama, making their way toward Montgomery, or had fled southward toward Greenwood, Fla. A posse of whites was said to have started toward Greenwood last night while others crossed into Alabama.

Last night's outbreak had resulted in the death of Ed Lowe and his adopted son, both of whom, it was claimed, had aided the young negroes to escape. Several negro lodge buildings were burned, two within the city limits of Blakely, while another negro lodge in Blakely was torn down by negroes to prevent flames spreading to negro houses should it be used. According to reports reaching here today not a negro lodge has been left standing in the county and the police said they knew five had been destroyed.

Did you buy it at home this Christmas? We did.

## MR. C. I. ERVIN

Well Known Citizen Died Last Night at 11 O'clock.  
Mr. C. I. Ervin died last night at 11 o'clock at his home on East Corbin street. His death followed an illness of several weeks due to a complication of diseases.

Mr. Ervin was one of the most widely known men of the town and county. He was born in No. 1 township and spent his life there and in Concord. When quite a young man he moved here and engaged in dealing in stock, a business he continued until his death. In connection with his activity in the live stock market Mr. Ervin conducted his farm at the Ervin place in No. 1 township.

Mr. Ervin would have been 65 years of age next March. He was twice married. His first wife was a Miss Croas of Mecklenburg county, who died a short time after their marriage. About three years ago he married Miss Hartsell, of No. 10 township, who with one sister, Mrs. C. W. Swink, and one brother, Mr. John Ervin, survive.

Possessing an affable, courteous, kindly nature Mr. Ervin attracted a wide acquaintance among whom he numbered many personal friends, both in this county and throughout this section of the State. He always manifested a live interest in the affairs of the county government and served one term as chairman of the board of county commissioners and one term as superintendent of roads.

The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the home of the deceased's sister, Mrs. C. W. Swink, on East Corbin street. The service will be conducted by Rev. M. F. Moore and the interment will be at Oakwood.

## ALABAMA DEMOCRATS ENDORSE PRESIDENT WILSON.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 31.—President Wilson and his administration were endorsed by a rising vote, and the primary method of naming delegates to the national convention was adopted at a meeting of the State Democratic Executive Committee here today. The meeting was the shortest and most harmonious held by the committee in recent years.

A Unique Divorce Case.  
Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 1.—A unique divorce suit has been filed by James Fonville, a telegraph operator, against his wife. He says she made him work while he was recovering from typhoid fever, and threatened to poison him unless he went and worked full hours every day, though he was so weak he could hardly get out of the bed.

A French aviator has succeeded in flying with an aeroplane that is driven by flapping wings instead of a propeller.

## PEOPLE OF PRUSSIA MUST READ NEWSPAPERS

**Laws Passed and Published in Newspapers Must Be Read.—Ignorance Does Not Excuse Them.**  
(By The Associated Press)  
Osnabruck, Prussia, Jan. 1.—The court here has decided that the perusal of newspapers is now a duty of citizens.

Residents in a neighboring village sold a small quantity of wool, contrary to regulations and pleaded in defense that the particular regulation was not placed in the village as has been customary and appeared only in the newspapers, which they did not read.

The court ruled that "persons who now read no newspaper act culpably and cannot plead ignorance of war time regulations as justification."

The defendants were sentenced to a day in jail.

## IS GERMANY READY TO MAKE PEACE?

**Terms on Which She Will Accept Peace Stated.**  
(By The Associated Press)  
Berlin, Jan. 1.—The article in the Nuer Zeitung, purposing to give Germany's peace conditions, a summary of which was circulated by the Wolf News Agency to German papers, attracted much comment.

The terms upon which Germany, according to the Nuer Zeitung, is ready to consider peace, is as follows: "Restoration of Belgium sovereignty under certain conditions." "No annexation of French territory." "Separation of Poland from Russia under a German province." "Restoration of all German colonies."

"Payment of an indemnity which would assume the form of a transfer to Germany of Russia's indebtedness to France, amounting to 18,000,000 francs, and the payment for a term of years annual contribution by Belgium, equal to the amount hitherto spent annually on the Belgian military establishment."

"A similar contribution from Russia or Poland this point not being made clear."

The Wolf Bureau was careful to disavow that the author of the article was interperate as a German peace feeler.

**A Concert.**  
On Monday evening December 27, at the home of Mr. C. W. Alexander, a musical concert was given by the Messrs. Allen of Kannapolis and Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Dayvault, of No. 5. Later in the evening refreshments were served.

Quite a number of boys and girls were present and all enjoyed a pleasant evening. On Thursday evening the same concert was given at the home of Mr. J. A. Brantley.

**ONE PRESENT.**  
The library is observing a holiday today—New Year's Day.

Billie Ritchie at the Pastime.

## UNKNOWN VESSEL TOWING THESSALONIKI TO HARBOR.

**So Says Message Received at Wireless Station at Newport, R. I. Today.**  
(By The Associated Press)  
Newport, R. I., Jan. 1.—A message from an unidentified steamer, picked up by the radio station here early today stated that she had taken the disabled Greek steamer Thessaloniki in tow and was proceeding to New York. Because of weather conditions the name of the vessel and her position could not be learned.

Maj. Gen. James I. Metts, commander of the North Carolina division of United States Confederate Veterans, has announced his personal staff. Col. Henry A. London, of Pittsboro is continued as adjutant general and chief of staff. Lieut. Col. Cyrus Watson of Winston-Salem, is judge advocate general and Lieut. Col. A. H. Boyden, of Salisbury is quartermaster general.

**Happy New Year!**  
And a prosperous year!  
And even a peaceful one!  
And we hope we get 'em all.  
And now for another year of un-uncivilization.

Many a sickly smile hides a mighty healthy jaw.

## TWELVE INJURED IN A COLLISION.

**Train No. 31 Collides With Freight Train.—Charlotte Man Among the Injured.**  
(By The Associated Press)  
Washington, Jan. 1.—Twelve persons were injured, none seriously, in a collision between the southbound "Augusta Special" and a freight train on the Southern Railway, at Shipman, Va., just before midnight last night. The accident, as reported to headquarters here, was due to a switch operator's mistake.

Among the injured were: Nomin Hill, Catawba, N. C., and Rio Hickman, Charlotte, N. C.

To save amateur photographers the bother of carrying tripods a New York man has invented a clamp by which a camera can be attached to a tree, post or other convenient object.

Gasoline motor cars on a railroad in Hungary are equipped with roof radiators for cooling the water used to keep the motors from overheating.

## Canada Will Raise Another Quarter Million Soldiers.

**Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 31.—Canada will celebrate the coming of the New Year by increasing the number of men authorized for overseas service from 250,000 to 500,000. Premier Robert L. Borden announced this today.**  
"Yesterday," the Premier's statement said, "the authorized forces of Canada numbered 250,000 and the number enlisted was rapidly approaching that limit today. The first of the new year our authorized force will be 500,000. This announcement is made in token of Canada's unflinching resolve to crown the justice of our cause with victory and an abiding peace."

The number of men thus far enlisted in Canada is 212,690 while 18,000 have been sent to Europe, 50,000 of whom are on the firing line. Only one soldier has been lost in the transportation of Canadians across the Atlantic.

## Company L

Company L as usual entertained its members and assisted in giving a series of salutes to the New Year. At 12 o'clock the members of the Company, clad in their khaki uniforms, lined up on Union street and fired volley after volley as a salute to the ushering in of the year 1916. Joining in with Company L's cannonade were a number of bells and whistles, Concord paying a spirited welcome to Father Time's infant. After the cannonade the members of the Company gathered at the armory, where a Dutch supper was served.

**New Year Party.**  
Miss Gladys Coffey of Morganton, who is the guest of her sister, Miss Louise Coffey, was the honoree at a delightful New Year party given last evening by Mrs. T. N. Spencer at her home on West Depot street. Rummy was played and there were five tables of six hands each. The hours were from 8:30 to 12. During the evening refreshments were served.

## Telephone Party.

Mr. W. B. Morehead, superintendent of the Concord Telephone company, and Mrs. Morehead were hosts at a delightful New Year party last evening at their home on South Union street in honor of the operators at the central office, Misses Mary Hill, Ethel Johnson, Minie Utley, Mary Belle White and Velma Lyles. The hours were from 8:30 to 12 and a delightful luncheon was served.

Guests in addition to the honorees included Miss Martha Barringer, Miss Hendren, Miss Vinson, Miss Thompson, Miss Griffin, Miss Barnhardt, Miss Freeze, of Kannapolis, Miss Livengood, of Salisbury, and Messrs. L. C. Barringer, Sam Weddington, Millard Alexander, Marcus Chaney, Charlie Graeber, Gilbert Hendrix, George Graeber, Walter Farr, Sidney Troy, Vernon Brumler, Doctor Holland, Doctor Krueger, of Kannapolis, Garland Chappelle, of High Point, and Mr. and Mrs. Kimball, of China Grove.

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