

News of the Week Cut Down for Busy Readers

European War News

The British hospital ship, *Bramble*, of 4,280 tons gross, bound from Saloniki to Malta with wounded, has been mined or torpedoed in the Aegean sea. It was officially announced at London. All on board were saved.

Berlin says there has been renewed artillery firing along the front in Macedonia, and Sofia claims the seizure of a market east of Paralovo and between Lakes Presba and Ochrida.

Orsova and Turnu Severin have been captured from the Romanians by the General von Falkenhayn's Austro-German army, the Berlin war office announced.

Petrograd officially announces the loss of the Russian dreadnaught *Imperatritsa Maria*. The dreadnaught was sunk by an infernal explosion. Two hundred crew members were killed and 15 of 22,000 tons.

The British hospital ship *Britannic*, the White Star's new liner, one of the largest vessels afloat, has been sunk with the loss of about fifty lives, says British official announcements issued at London. The *Britannic*, was sunk by a mine or a torpedo in the Aegean sea. There were 1,100 survivors.

Domestic

The lives of several hundred employees were endangered by a fire which destroyed the plant of the Northern Illinois Cereal company at Lockport, Ill. The loss on the plant is estimated at more than \$300,000.

In defense of the farmer, the National Grange, in annual session at Washington issued a statement analyzing the high cost of living and the rising prices of farm products to poor crops. If any embargoes are to be placed to help the situation, the Grange says, they should be on munitions of war.

Henry Clay Artible, who invented a process for making dyes is under arrest in New York. Artible, according to William Osterreich of Milwaukee, was arrested while attempting to dispose of platinum he is alleged to have stolen.

By remarkable chance no one was injured severely when the Steel City express full passenger train on the Pennsylvania, plunger through a trestle at Forest, O., and ripped its way into the Forest hotel in a snow-storm. The building was badly damaged.

An operation for appendicitis was performed on John D. Archbold, president of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey. It was learned. The operation was at his home in New York. His condition is said to be reassuring.

Dead-letter offices of the post office department are to be established in New York, Chicago and San Francisco, on January 1, according to M. M. McClellan, superintendent of the dead-letter service.

The Adamson eight-hour law was held unconstitutional at Kansas City by Judge William B. Cook in the United States district court. Judge Cook directed the receivers of the Missouri, Oklahoma & Gulf railroad to assist the government in meeting the terms of the Supreme court of the United States for final decision.

Five handbills, after a running fight with citizens of Roberts, Ill., in Peoria county, escaped with \$3,800 in currency, stolen from the Ford County bank there.

A threat to buy coal and deliver it to small consumers in the city street cleaning wagons at reasonable prices unless dealers bring present high prices down, was made by New York by Mayor John C. Mitchell.

The New York office of the White Star line has been advised by the British admiralty that the *Britannic* was sunk by a mine.

Full confessions have been made by Orville and Arthur P. Dargert, brothers, that they stole \$87,500 worth of the road Mex. City, according to Chicago, according to the New York police. Most all guns taken have now been recovered.

"Yes, it's true, but what are they going to do with it?" was the reply of James E. Wet, "egg king" of Chicago, speaking at persons who charged that he had cornered the egg market of the United States and is forcing higher prices.

Evidence of fraudulent voting in Kansas City, Mo., in the election of November 7 was disclosed when affidavits of men who are alleged to have voted conspicuously in Chicago, Mo., according to the New York police. Most all guns taken have now been recovered.

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