

News of the Week Cut Down for Busy Readers

European War News

Three hundred and seventy-four lives were lost when the French cruiser *Astur* and *Champlain*, of the Syren class, sank at dawn on March 10. The *Syren* was dispatched from Paris confirming the loss of the cruiser and that only one man out of 375 aboard was saved.

Turkish troops, marching on the port of Aden, "the gateway of the East," inflicted a severe defeat upon British troops and forced them to retire at some points to the protection of warships' guns; according to advices received at Berlin.

Nearly half a mile more of French trenches in Champagne were captured by the Germans, making an advance of a mile front in a violent battle lasting forty-eight hours. In addition to this the Germans captured 40 yards of trenches in the Vesoul.

An Austrian aeroplane made a raid over Ravenna and the neighboring towns of Codigoro and Botriugio, in northeastern Italy, near the Adriatic. A Havaas dispatch from Rome says 15 persons were killed and a number wounded.

The following official statement was given out at Paris: "The ministry of marine fears for the fate of the cruiser Admiral Charner, which has been patrolling the Syrian coast. February 8 a German submarine sank a French warship."

A dispatch to London from Milan says six persons were killed and several injured by bombs dropped from Austrian aeroplanes, which appeared over the city.

A Reuter dispatch to London from Athens says that Bulgarian forces have occupied the Albanian town of Fier, about sixteen miles from Athens.

One of the forts of Erzurum has been captured by Russians. An official report issued at Petrograd announces the first breach in the defenses of the Turkish stronghold of the Caucasus.

The British cruiser *Arethusa* struck a mine off the east coast of England, according to a statement issued by the British official press bureau at London. All ten men were lost.

England will reject proposals made by the United States that merchant vessels be disarmed. In taking this action Great Britain will have the backing of all the entente powers. This has been determined by informal preliminary conferences held in London.

The Central News of London is authority for a report that all single men are to be called on to enlist this week.

Furious fighting is general along the western front and particularly in the Champagne. The German war office announced the capture of 700 yards of French positions in Champagne, south of Sainte Marie-aux-Mines. At this point 200 officers and men were taken prisoner.

A Belgian official report issued at Havre states that the German gunboat *Hedwig von Wissmann* had been sunk in Lake Tanganyika. Two officers and nineteen sailors were made prisoners.

Russians in the Stripa river region, southeast of Isfirok, succeeded in capturing heights commanding the districts in which runs the main railway line between the Chodov and Stripa rivers. The Germans have been forced at several points in Galicia to retire to their second line of defense, according to dispatches from Petrograd.

Domestic

Colden Rooszxi sailed from New York for the West Indies.

The United States circuit court of appeals at New York refused to review the conviction of David L. Lamar, "Wolf of Wall Street," and he must go to Atlanta prison for two years.

Fire in the Proctor hospital at Peoria, Illinois, caused a time to destroy the building. One hundred patients were removed to places of safety. No one was injured and the property damage was small.

Ensign Robert D. Karpinski, former executive officer of the destroyer *Hull*, pleaded guilty before a court-martial on board the battleship *Oregon*, at San Francisco, to the loss of the code book from the Hull.

Morse hall at Ithaca, N. Y., erected in 1890 and containing Cornell university's chemical laboratories and scientific equipment, was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin. The loss is estimated at \$300,000.

President Wilson visited Fortress Monroe and inspected the great guns that guard the entrance to Chesapeake Bay. Accompanied by Mr. Wilson, he landed from the naval yacht Mayflower.

William H. Orpet, Wisconsin university student, has confessed at Madison, Wis., that he was in the woods with John Lambert, Lake Forest, Ill., when she died. He said he did not purchase the poison. Crystal proude said he killed her.

The attempted assassination by poison of Archibald MacLeish, 50-year-old president of the University Club in Chicago, was part of a world-wide plot of destruction by an anarchistic organization of tremendous power. These startling things became known to Captain of Detectives Hunt through transmission of a number of letters from John A. Leagin, who, like John A. Leagin, held no charges of conspiracy to murder. The Chicago campaign of fifteen local members included raising of big office buildings and churches.

Dr. William H. J. Foulkes, general secretary of the Presbyterian board of missions, is raising a fund of \$10,000,000 for the pensioning of retired ministers, announced at Philadelphia the receipt of an anonymous gift of \$75,000.

Three men and three women charged with being implicated in the robbery of the United States customs office in St. Paul, Minn., on January 6, were arrested in Chicago by federal secret service men. Edward Leonard is declared to be the man who dynamited the vault from which \$500,000 in currency were taken.

Foreign

Sari Petras, the beautiful Hungarian actress, has been shot in Budapest as an English spy. This information was given via wireless by relatives of Cleveland.

Pope Benedict has issued a decree at the Vatican in Rome to priests in all countries that hereafter at Sunday mass, after reading the evangels in Latin they shall repeat in the language of their hearers.

A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company at London from Amsterdam says Emperor William has announced his decision that the marriage of Prince Joachim to take place at Amsterdam March 11.

Military orders were issued in Niagara Falls, Ont., warning citizens not to assemble or loiter in the streets, and all strangers are closely questioned or shadowed by government agents.

Personal

John Townsend Trowbridge, who thrilled youths of the United States for 56 years with tales of adventure, died at Arlington, Mass. Mr. Trowbridge was born September 18, 1827, at Ogdensburg, N. Y.

Waddington

President Wilson formally gave his consent that his name be used as a candidate for renomination. In a letter to the national chairman of the Democratic party stating that he was unwilling to enter a contest for the nomination but was ready to permit the use of his name in the coming primary in order that the Democrats of Ohio might make known their preference.

That Germany had ordered Steamer *Prinz Eugen* to sail from the United States for an option on the Nicaragua canal route was urged in the senate at Washington as an argument for early ratification of the pending treaty.

Postponement of Philippine independence several years was the compromise plan put before congress at Washington.

The proposal of the National Guard association for federalization of the state troops was before the Senate committee on war. The bill, in the form of a bill drafted by representatives of the association at the request of the senate committee.

Census bureau experts at Washington estimated that the population of the United States on January 1 was 101,268,315 and that by July 1 it would be 102,017,350.

The declaration by the central powers of their purpose, after March 1 next to regard armed merchant ships as warships and sink them is in exact accordance with the policy of the United States, laid down by the Senate on January 18, 1917, and expected that warnings will be issued directing Americans not to travel on belligerent armed merchant ships.

Secretary Daniels approved at Washington the report of the command board of the naval academy which ordered dismissal of 32 cadets for failure to make grades of 62% per cent in examinations.

Germany and Austria notified the state department at Washington that Austria would consider all armed merchantmen as warships and sink them without warning.

President Wilson told the Chamber of Commerce of the United States that America must have a real scientific tariff board and he thought it was going to get it; that it needed a real merchant marine and that it was absolutely necessary something beginning to be done to meet the needs of the country.

Major General Scott, chief of the army general staff, has been designated by executive order signed by the president at Washington, to become acting secretary of war for thirty days.

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SOLDIERS ACCUSED OF THEFT SHOT

MORE THAN FIVE THOUSAND PERSONS WITNESSED THE EXECUTIONS.

THREE MORE ARE PARDONED

Band Help Make It a Gala Event—Men Spared Threw Their Hats to the Air and Cheered.

El Paso, Tex.—Three former Villa soldiers, accused of theft, were executed in Juarez in the presence of 5,000 persons, 500 of whom were released of arms in the Americas. The executions were made a gala event. The death march was headed by a band playing popular airs. Behind the doomed trio, several hundred Mexican civilians formed a procession.

Two of the bandits faced death with courage, even refusing to be blindfolded. The third, a young man, tried to shield himself with his hands. He was shot in the head and fell in front of the bandit leaders. His wife stood by him, shouting, "Don't shoot him! He is only a boy." The bandit leaders then shot him in the back, and he fell dead.

As the third bandit faced his executioners, he looked at his two dead comrades, uttered a prayer and then shot himself.

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