

**ARMS SHIP  
AFIRE RACES  
INTO PORT**

Norwegian Ship With Ammunition for Russians Returns to New York and Calls for Help.

**KEEPS CAUSE SECRET**

Forward Compartment Filled With Live Steam to Smother Flames While Fire Tugs Draw Near.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—With fire raging in her No. 1 hold, forward, and with her Morse signal lamps flashing repeated calls for assistance, the 4,000 ton Norwegian steamship Sygna, filled with munitions of war and bound for Vladivostok, Russia, sped up to quarantine early this morning and anchored. Fire boats from Brooklyn and Manhattan were sent to her assistance.

The Sygna, commanded by Captain [Continued On Page Six.]

**COUNCIL VOTES  
SALE OF BONDS  
TO BUY PLANT**

To satisfy fully prospective purchasers of special street improvement bonds now owned by the Richmond municipal plant, council at special session last night passed a resolution by a vote of ten to one, authorizing the sale of such bonds after they had been appraised by three men, to be appointed by the circuit court. Council also authorized the sale of some equipment at the plant no longer used, an engine, an alternator and a turbine, which property will also be appraised by the same commission of court appointees.

The bonds, 266 in number, and of an approximate value of \$33,946.66, are a part of the general fund of the city plant, having been transferred to that fund when council, last Monday, abolished the plant sinking fund and transferred its monies and securities to the general fund, to be eventually applied toward the purchase of the electric plant of the Light, Heat and Power company. The city desired to convert the bonds into cash so council was called upon to authorize such action.

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**GRAND DUKE  
VICTORIOUS  
IN ERZERUM**

LONDON, Jan. 22.—Grand Duke Nicholas' Russian troops are approaching the Turkish fortress of Erzerum, according to Petrograd advices received today. They are taking up artillery with which to batter down the strong forts protecting the city, the capture of which will open the way to an extensive invasion of Asia minor, relieve the pressure on the British forces in Mesopotamia and inaugurate an entirely new phase of the war.

By smashing the Turkish front in the Caucasus, Grand Duke Nicholas has won not only a great military success, but also a personal triumph. Removed from command of the Russian armies, he was sent to the Caucasus, the court cabal which dictated his removal believing that the Caucasus theater would never become an important zone of operations.

**ATLAS UNDERWEAR EMPLOYEES  
SHARE IN \$10,000 BONUS GIVEN  
BY COMPANY AT END OF 1915**

Bonuses amounting to nearly \$10,000 will be given to the 600 employees of the Atlas Underwear company in the Richmond and Piqua (Ohio) plants at the close of this year, according to an announcement this morning by A. J. Harwood, general manager.

The purpose of the plan, details of which are told in a notice to be inserted in the pay envelopes of the employees tonight, is to secure permanent help and generally increase the efficiency of service.

The distribution of the fund set aside by the company is made in two ways. Each employee who remains with the company until December 15,

**CABARET SINGERS  
COME TO OPENING**

Practically all arrangements have been completed for the formal opening of North Ninth street which will be observed with appropriate ceremonies tonight.

While no set program will be followed there will be "something doing" during the entire evening. All weather indications are favorable for the event.

The lights of the newly installed ornamental lighting system will be turned on at 7:30 o'clock. There will be music by the Richmond City band and between 8 o'clock and 8:15 o'clock an exhibition of the aerial fire truck in operation will be given under the direction of Fire Chief Ed Miller. Mayor Robbins will speak.

Four cabaret singers will give a program of popular airs. Three of these comprise a Cincinnati trio of singers and the fourth is a Richmond man. One of the singers will give a solo accompanied by the band.

Pianos will be mounted on auto-trucks which will be stationed in the center of the street. It is expected that hundreds of persons will be attracted to the opening.

In addition to the program, everyone who attends the opening is cordially invited to inspect the business houses and stores on Ninth street from Main to North A. In each of these places attaches will escort visitors through the establishments and every courtesy will be shown.

The plant of the "Palladium" with other business houses and stores along North Ninth street tonight will observe "Open House" to friends, patrons and the general public. A cordial invitation is extended by the management to visit and inspect the building from top to bottom.

There is probably no other business which holds as great a fascination to the public mind as the making of a newspaper. It is more intimately linked with the lives, purposes, ideals and activities of the people than any other [Continued On Page Ten.]

**COUNTY WILL HOLD  
TOWNSHIP ROADS**

A ruling has been made by the county commissioners that when a township road is once taken over by the county it is illegal to place it back under township control.

This question came up in relation to a petition for transferring a road west of Whitewater from the county system to the township after it had once been taken over by the county commissioners on a previous petition of three freeholders of the road district.

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**SHOTS FIRED BY WOMAN  
PUT ITALIAN TO FLIGHT  
AFTER REPEATED INSULT**

Judging from experiences three of them have had this winter with lawless characters Richmond women are well able to take care of themselves.

Yesterday Mrs. Oestheimer, 622 North Tenth street, put to flight with a revolver an unknown Italian who insulted her.

About two weeks ago another woman gave chase to a purse snatcher with only an umbrella for a weapon.

About a month ago a woman residing on South Tenth street gave battle to an armed burglar and would have effected his capture had she not tripped on a rug and fallen.

Mrs. Oestheimer is in the habit of visiting her husband's store at North Twelfth and F street every morning. For several mornings she has met an Italian standing in an alley in the rear of a saloon at 600 North Twelfth street. This man on each occasion insulted Mrs. Oestheimer by indecent actions. Yesterday she determined to put a stop to this annoyance. Mrs. Oestheimer took her husband's revolver and when she met the man who had been offending her she immediately opened fire on him. As the terrified foreigner took to his heels six bullets hummed over his head. Then Mrs. Oestheimer returned home, fully satisfied with the effectiveness of the lesson she had taught the offender.

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Democrats are very hopeful the decision reached by eighteen of the sixty-four committeemen two weeks ago will be reaffirmed by a more representative assemblage of committee members Tuesday. The fact that two Democratic candidates were elected two years ago is ascribed by Democrats to the fact that the Republican ticket had powerful opposition in the shape of a Progressive ticket.

On the other hand, county Republican leaders are confident their entire ticket can be elected next November if there is no Progressive ticket in the field.

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**WILLIAMSBURG PETITIONS  
FOR OLD ROUTE BACK**

Fear that they will lose the post office at Greensfork and dissatisfaction with the new motorized rural delivery is made the ground for a petition addressed to Rep. Finly Gray, by irate patrons. The post office being fourth class is dependent on stamp collections for the post master's salary. Much of this revenue has been cut off by the change, the citizens declare.

The following self-explanatory petition has been addressed to Representative Gray:

To the Hon. Finly H. Gray, M. C., Washington, D. C.:

Dear Sir:—At a mass meeting of the citizens of this place, held in the town hall Saturday evening, January 15, 1916, the following protest was unanimously adopted in the form of a resolution:

Resolved, That we, the undersigned, citizens of Williamsburg and Greene township, Wayne county, Ind., do hereby PROTEST against the present motorized mail delivery system, recently installed in this and other townships for the following reasons, to-wit: "It has failed to give the patrons anything near the service the old system did, as the routes are too [Continued On Page Ten.]

**NORWEGIAN TOWN  
DESTROYED BY FIRE**

CHRISTIANA, Jan. 22.—The town of Molde, southwest of Christiansund has been almost completely destroyed by a fire which is still raging. More than 2,000 persons are homeless.

**POLITICIANS TURN EYES  
TOWARD PROGRESSIVES  
TO WATCH NEXT MOVE**

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**T. P. A. OPENS  
CLUB QUARTERS**

Open house at the T. P. A. club rooms on North Ninth street has been announced by Cliff Caldwell, head of the organization. The reception is in connection with the formal opening of North Ninth street which will tonight celebrate the completion of the first block of ornamental lighting in the city.

**Belles of Chorus  
Will Help Enliven  
Opening of Street**

"High Jinks" is right. Persons who attend the opening of North Ninth street tonight will get to see the lovely chorus girls from this popular musical comedy in some of their fantastic dances. Just imagine "pretty," "petit," "dainty," "alluring," "enchanted" chorus girls in stage costume mingling with the crowd. The formal opening of North Ninth street will not be lacking in gaiety. Arrangements to this effect were being made with the managers of the "High Jinks" company this afternoon.

**Fireman is Accused  
of Tapping Gas Main**

Captain John Clements of the No. 3 chemical company, city fire department, stationed on North A street was arraigned today on a charge of having tapped a gas main at a residence where he and his wife formerly resided. Recently Clements instituted divorce proceedings, charging his wife with cruel treatment. Once before he brought such action, but later withdrew the complaint.

Mayor Robbins declined to sit as judge in the case today because Clements is an employee of the city. The case will be heard some time the first of next week. Prosecutor Reller and R. K. Shiveley, the latter attorney for Clements, have not yet agreed on a special judge.

The misdemeanor charged against Clements was committed two years ago. It is alleged in the affidavit. Clements will enter a plea of not guilty. "Spite work," Clements said today when asked for causes of the action brought against him.

Prosecutor Reller says Mrs. Clements was not instrumental in the charge brought against her husband. The prosecutor says he discovered the alleged gas main tap while looking up evidence pertaining to the divorce action brought by the fire captain. The prosecutor will charge that Clements tapped the main after the gas company had removed the meter from Clements' residence, but that the tap was used only a short time, Mrs. Clements objecting to the arrangement.

The Wayne county primary election commissioners, the members being M. W. Kelly, county clerk, C. W. Caldwell and D. S. Coe, held their first session last night in the office of the clerk, and at their invitation the chairmen of the Republican, Democratic and Progressive county committees were present. The commissioners had for their first work the apportionment of delegates to the state conventions of the three parties that will participate in the primary on March 7 next.

Under the old plan of party organization state convention delegates were selected by conventions held in wards and townships or groups of wards and townships, but the new primary law makes special provision for the election of delegates at the primary. This requires the districting of the county and the apportionment of delegates to each of the three parties.

**Provides for Election.**  
Under the statute the basis provided is one delegate to every two hundred votes cast at the last general election for United States senator.

The chairmen of each of the three parties made an apportionment on this basis and submitted their lists to the election commissioners for approval. There were no changes made, the members of the board believing that [Continued On Page Ten.]

**VILLA SURROUNDED  
BY CARRANZA MEN;  
DEFIES CAPTURE**

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 22.—Francisco Villa and two hundred of his followers are reported in a dispatch received here early today from Madera to have been surrounded by pursuing Carranza soldiers in the Sierra Madre mountains between Pearson and Galeana.

The message states that the rebel leader and his men are in a strongly fortified mountain pass and, that though escape is impossible the Carranzas will be unable to make their final attack until reinforcements arrive from Casa Grande.

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**ARMY CADET  
STEALS COIN**

Cadet Henry L. Smith of the Richmond Salvation Army station, son of Ensign Smith of the Lafayette station and protege of Ensign Van Horn, in charge of the Richmond station, confessed, according to Chief of Police Goodwin, following his arrest late yesterday afternoon to having stolen a watch belonging to Mrs. George Healy, 411 South Ninth street, Friday morning and of having taken \$3.00 belonging to Cadet Burness Coon, Friday noon. The young woman has been confined at Reid hospital for some time. Smith, the police say, took Cadet Coon's money from her room at the home of Ensign Van Horn, where Smith also resided.

**UNIONS PLEDGE  
HELP TO LABOR  
FORWARD MOVE**

Richmond labor unions will pledge their support to the United States Commission on Industrial Relations by appointing a special committee to communicate with the commission and help in promoting the "labor forward" movement. A meeting was held at the Central Labor Council rooms last evening to discuss the report of the commission but owing to the inclement weather only a small number of laboring men were present.

L. C. Harrison presided at the meeting and explained portions of the report. A call, issued by Frank Walsh, chairman of the commission, was read in which he urged the laboring men of the country to assist in the movement towards carrying out the recommendations of the report. Frank Strayer also gave a short exposition of sections of the report and urged the laboring men to awake to their opportunities.

"This is the first time that the laboring men have been called upon to [Continued On Page Eight.]

**BISHOP WILL PREACH**

Owing to the absence of the Rev. J. S. Lightbourn, the Right Rev. Joseph M. Francis, bishop of the diocese, will conduct the 10:30 and the 5 o'clock services at St. Paul's Episcopal church Sunday.

**PROGRESSIVES GET 20  
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CONVENTION OF PARTY**

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**PRISON LABOR  
SAVES COUNTY  
ABOUT \$2,350**

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**ROAD SUPERINTENDENT JONES  
MAKES REPORT OF EXPENDITURES  
IN MAINTAINING  
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For the protection of women traveling alone a matron has been placed on duty at the Pennsylvania station at night. This announcement was made in a letter today from Superintendent George Le Bouillier to the members of the Athenaeum Literary society which had petitioned for the employment of a woman at the station. The action on the part of the railroad followed an experiment by the W. C. T. U. of West Richmond which placed a matron at the station for two months paying her salary.

**COUNCIL IS CALLED.**

The county council will be called for Jan. 31 to take up the appropriation for the first quarter of 1916. The funds held over from the various departments last year will be re-appropriated.

**COLD SNAP  
SAVES CITIES  
IN ILLINOIS**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The United States weather bureau extended hope today to the flood swept portions of northern Illinois. Freezing temperatures, which it is hoped will check the rising water is due to strike there this evening.

**NORTHERN INDIANA FLOODED.**  
CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—Unless the cold wave promised for tonight arrives to check the flood waters of northern Illinois rivers and creeks, this section of the state will suffer the heaviest flood losses in its history. Hundreds of thousands of dollars of damage has already been inflicted by the floods today in Joliet, Aurora, Elgin, Lockport and many smaller cities and villages.

**ARKANSAS INUNDED.**  
MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 22.—Reports from Arkansas today indicate that the torrential rain of Friday was causing the White and Arkansas rivers to rise so rapidly that many towns in the valleys of both streams were under water. Reports from along the upper Mississippi river indicate that there is levee danger, the rains having softened the embankment.

**RUSSELL SEES  
NEW KINGDOM  
AT WAR'S END**

Pastor Russell's discourse on the battle of Armageddon at the Gennett theatre last night was attended by a large audience and the services were impressive and stimulating to those who listened to the venerable pastor.

Rev. Russell's address was based upon the words of Jesus respecting the "Distress of Nations with Perplexity." (Luke 21:25-26.) He pointed out that the word Armageddon is used symbolically in the Bible to refer to the great climax of earth's strife. He declared that it would mean the final overthrow of the powers of sin, for thereafter Messiah's kingdom will rule the world. Continuing Pastor Russell said:

"Doubtless many will be shocked with my declaration that this war and the resulting greater calamity are of divine permission and arrangement, clearly prophesied in scripture. The gathering of the nations to the present struggle is referred to in the prophecy of Joel, where the weak nations are called upon to assert their strength and when all of them are commanded [Continued On Page Six.]

**Weather Forecast**

United States Report—Fair. Colder tonight and Sunday.

Temperature.  
Yesterday. 42  
Maximum 63  
Minimum 42

Local Forecast—Probably fair tonight and Sunday. Falling temperature.

General Conditions—The lake storm is moving down the St. Lawrence valley causing heavy rains over the Mississippi and Ohio river valleys. The Alaskan cold wave is very severe and appears in the Canadian southwest. Its severity over this section depends on the movements of the storm now over the Rocky Mountain plateau. The Rock Mountain storm will probably cross the country in a day or two.