

"Americans will know how it feels to have a powerful Chinese fleet in San Francisco harbour," he said.

Ocean-Park, Calif., Jan. 6th.—Damage estimated at more than \$1,500,000 was caused by fire that virtually wiped out the amusement district here today. The fire was controlled after it had destroyed three piers, hundreds of concessions, several theatres and dance halls and had damaged the municipal auditorium.

New York, Jan. 6th.—The battleship Louisiana, enroute from Philadelphia to Baltimore to be scrapped, was abandoned by her tow during a gale off the Atlantic coast last night and is a drift or lost. Seven men were aboard. While being towed by the tugs Wood and Peerless, of the Wood Towing and Wreckage Company, the ships were swept by a strong North-West wind, which caused the tugs to run for shelter. The Louisiana was left anchored sixteen miles south-west of Assateague, but today coast guard cutters and the two tugs were unable to find her. The cutters Manning and Mascoutin, accompanied by the mine sweeper "Owl," searched all day for the Louisiana, but tonight there was nothing to show her location. A warning to navigation was broadcasted by the Coast Guard. The Navy Department said it had been informed that the Louisiana was adrift.

Athens, Jan. 7th.—Liberals meeting here yesterday for the purpose of reelecting M. Venizelos as the party's leader, received a letter from the Premier, written in bed urging his partisans to choose another chieftain. He threatened to resign the presidency of the assembly, to which he was chosen last Saturday, and "return into exile" unless his wishes to this respect was observed. The meeting, however, refused to proceed with the election and sent General Danglis to interview M. Venizelos. The General returned with the promise of M. Venizelos that the latter would appear before the Liberals when he regained his health to explain his reasons for declining the party leadership.

St. Moritz, Switzerland, Jan. 7th.—The Oxford Hockey team won the seventh successive victory on the continent yesterday, by defeating St. Moritz 8 to 2. To-morrow Oxford will meet the British Olympic team in the final game of the tour.

New York, Jan. 7th.—Over a score are dead, and millions of dollars damage, caused from fires directly attributed to the wave of extreme cold that swept all sections of the United States on Saturday. The Weather Bureau now reports warm temperatures in prospect.

Toulon, Jan. 7th.—The medical examination of the body of Lieutenant Grenadin, Commander of the Dixmude, has shown that the officer received a violent shock, that all his limbs were broken and that he was dead before he fell into the sea. These facts, the experts be-

lieve, show beyond all dispute, that the dirigible exploded and that her cars dashed downward with terrific speed, the bodies of the crew being hurled against the sides of the cars when she struck the water. All the cars, according to the regulations, were closed except that of the commander.

London, Jan. 7th.—"Even in the most hostile quarters it is now generally accepted that de jure recognition of the Russian Government by Great Britain is certain." In making this statement to the United Press today, Mr. Chas. Trevelyan, who probably will be a member of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's first cabinet, added: "It is highly probable that one of the first acts of the labour government will be the recognition of the Russian Soviet Government." The probability of de jure recognition of Russia and resumption of full diplomatic relations under a labour government already has had its effect upon various other European Governments.

St. Johns, N. F., Jan. 7th.—The long expected enquiry into charges that led to the resignation of Sir Richard Squires as Premier and the downfall of his Government, began this morning in the Legislative Council Chamber before Mr. Holly Walker, K. C., the appointee of the Colonial Office. The sessions, which are expected to last a month, will be open to the public.

Montreal, Jan. 7th.—A special to the Gazette says "Mr. Marcisse Peroteau of Montreal, is to be appointed Lieutenant-Governor of the province of Quebec, according to semi-official information available here, succeeding the late Mr. Brodeur."

Washington, Jan. 7th.—The Coast Guard cutters Manning and Mascoutin and the mine-sweeper Owl failed early tonight in their search for the dismantled battleship Louisiana, which broke adrift on Saturday night with seven men aboard while being towed from Philadelphia to be scrapped under the arms limitation treaty.

New York, Jan. 7th.—The raw sugar market was easier and 1/8 lower today. There were sales of 5,000 bags of early Cuban at 6.52 and later 25,000 bags were sold at 6.40 duty paid.

CHRISTMAS WAS WET.

Christmas was reported as "wet" by the police although no particular accidents or disturbances were attributed to the consumption of what was considered rather liberal supplies of prohibited liquors. Several seizures and arrests were made and efforts are being made to dry up the island to a greater degree before the fleet comes next month and thousands of sailors will be given shore leave during the weeks that are to follow.

So far for the prohibition enforcement officers have not been able to intercept

shipments from sources of supply and liquors seem to filter through despite arrests and seizures. Reports from Mayaguez are that a considerable portion of the Mona Island seizure, the largest since prohibition, disappeared between Mona shipment and San Juan.

Many stories are told of how liquor gets in. One story is told that bathers swimming near the Hotel Condado on Christmas day found several cases of Scotch fastened to a log that was floating a hundred yards off shore. The story could not be verified.—*Porto Rico Progress, December 29th, 1923.*

USE OF GAS IN WAR INDORSED.

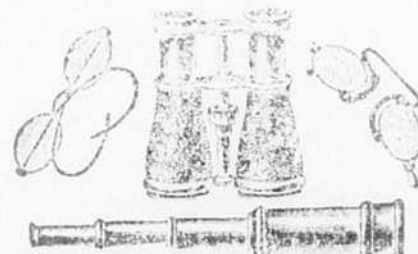
The league of nations committee appointed to inquire into chemical warfare concluded to recommend the continuance of that method. They would limit, however, the types of chemical destruction nations might employ. They considered according to the report that gas is more humane and less dangerous than other weapons. The committee meetings were held in Paris.—*The Pathfinder Dec. 29th.*

PLAN RADIO FOR POPE.

A giant radio transmitter has been offered to the Pope for installation in the Vatican, and it is expected that in a short time the head of the Catholic church will be able to talk directly to his followers all over the world. Marconi, the wireless wizard, has formed a company in Rome to make the radio popular and to establish sending and receiving stations throughout the country. The pope indicated that the plan would be pleasing to him.—*Ibid.*

STILLS SOLD AS JUNK.

Over 100 liquor stills of various sizes and designs were sold at auction in Washington. A local junk dealer bid the lot off at \$445. There was little spirit among the prospective buyers because the stills were so hammered and damaged by prohibition agents that they could never be used again for their original purpose.—*Ibid.*



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