

TAFT DEMANDS TREATY'S END

ABROGATION WILL BE
EFFECTIVE DEC. 31,
HE SAYS

TAKES ISSUE FROM HANDS
OF SENATE AND HOUSE

Sulzer Resolution Against Which Russia Was Objecting, May Not Be Acted Upon in the House—Difference of Interpretation of Much-Mooted Treaty Not Violation, Urged.

Washington, Dec. 18.—It was officially announced today that President Taft has notified Russia that the treaty of 1832 will be abrogated on Dec. 31, 1912. This action takes the matter out of the hands of congress and forestalled any possible action by the senate on the Sulzer resolution against which Russia protested. The president's action followed a conference with Senators Raynor, Burton, and McCumber, members of the foreign relation committee.

What the result of the action will be is problematical. It is said that Taft will notify the czar that the treaty is "obsolete," and the foreign relations committee is expected to take the stand that it is a "difference of interpretation" of the treaty rather than any violation by Russia.

"I am satisfied that the treaty will be terminated," said Raynor. "It is a question of procedure now whether President Taft will terminate it or Taft and the two houses will act."

Sulzer stated he was willing to have the resolution amended. "I have no vanity of phraseology," he said, "and while I believe the resolution as worded amply tells the truth, I am perfectly willing to have the wording altered, if necessary."

HANCOCK SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

Slight Change for the Better Taken as
Indicative of Recovery.

Notwithstanding that Conductor B. E. Hancock, thought to have been fatally injured in the wreck at Hilliard, suffered much pain last night he is resting easily today and is slightly better than yesterday. The chances for recovery are but slight, however, and the conductor is still in the most precarious condition.

New Hampshire Grange Meeting.

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 18.—Progressive farmers from all sections of the state arrived in Manchester today to take part in the 38th annual meeting of the New Hampshire state grange. The regular business of the meeting will be taken up tomorrow morning and will conclude with the installation of officers next Thursday.

John R. Walsh Will Probated.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—The will of John R. Walsh, the former Chicago banker who died early in November, following his release from the Leavenworth penitentiary, was admitted to probate today. Mr. Walsh left an estate of \$808,000. The will named his widow, Mrs. Mary L. Walsh, as the sole heir.

"BILLY" SMITH SHOT BY FOE

MYSTERIOUS PUGILIST OF PORT-
LAND SHOT BY ENEMY.

Husband of Smith's Former Wife Also
Slightly Hurt in Mixup.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 18.—There are slight hopes today for the recovery of "Mysterious Billy" Smith, shot four times—twice through the body,—by Captain Loomis of the river boat Wagoner, at night on the street.

Loomis is in jail without bail slightly injured under the right arm. Both say the other was the aggressor. Each carried guns, fearing the other. The trouble was over Loomis' wife. She formerly was Smith's wife but she divorced him and married Loomis three months ago. Smith is a pugilist.

WINSTON CHURCHILL

Young British Statesman
Appointed Navy Minister.



AMATEUR PEN PUSHERS ACTIVE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR ENTERTAIN-
MENT OF CONVENTION START

Local Club Will Publish Booklet to
Get Funds to Care for Convention.

Preliminary plans for the entertainment of the United Amateur Press Association of America which is to meet in La Grande in July is being taken up by the local branch of the association known as the Outlook Press club. The members have adopted a novel scheme of raising funds to help with the entertainment. It is customary for the clubs to publish a year book at the end of each year and the local members are arranging to allot a limited space to the use of advertisers, the proceeds of which will be used in helping to furnish the entertainment for the national convention. The year books have an exchange circulation of about five hundred and the local club has an additional circulation of about five hundred in Union and Walowa counties. La Grande is the only city of its size to have a local organization under the United as the majority of the members are in the larger cities as Seattle, Portland, Chicago and Brookland and the convention will be a good advertisement for La Grande. The advertisement rates are to be very reasonable and it is hoped by the club that as many of the business men as possible will contribute advertisements for the club.

Printer-Farmer in Town.

Walter J. Henry, erstwhile printer who answered the call of back to the soil and is now ranked as one of the foremost spud growers of the Elgin country, is in the city this afternoon transacting business.

PORTLAND TRUST COMPANY HALTS

BANK EXAMINER PREVENTS A
CRASH TODAY.

Institution, Smallest in Portland, Will
Ultimately Pay All.

Portland, Dec. 18.—The American Bank and Trust company, Portland's smallest bank, closed today by the order of Bank Examiner Wright, who feared it would wreck if it continued business much longer. It was capitalized at \$150,000, deposits were \$183,000, cash on hand \$40,000 and the rest in securities. Negotiations are on to take over the bank by a larger institution. Wright says it will ultimately pay fully.

CONFESSOR IS TO TELL ALL

ORTIE M'MANIGAL IN
EXCLUSIVE STATE-
MENT, BITTER.

LEAVES FOR THE EAST;
HIS FUTURE IS MYSTERY

Asserts He Was Driven to Dastardly
Crimes by Forces Higher up on a
Threat of Losing His Life—Hopes
to See Others Involved in Clutches
of Law—Hasn't Told All He Knows.

PRISONER WRITES FROM HIS CELL.

Los Angeles, Dec. 18.—While packing up his few belongings in his cell in the county jail here today, preparatory to his departure for Indianapolis tonight, Ortie B. McManigal, who has confessed to exploding dynamite at the Llewellyn Iron Works, on which he has never been arraigned, dictated an exclusive statement for the United Press. McManigal feels especially bitter towards Clarence Darrow, chief of counsel for the McNamaras, whom he holds directly responsible for the estrangement now existing between himself and Mrs. McManigal.

(By Oretie E. McManigal.)

Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 18.—They are going to take me to Indianapolis tonight to testify before the grand jury investigating the dynamite conspiracy. Well, I am going to tell all that I know about it, and that is more than anyone else knows beside John J. McNamara and several other higher ups in union labor circles who now are enjoying temporary freedom. I am going to tell the Indianapolis jury things that I have even withheld from William J. Burns and when the probe is completed, if justice is done, a score of men who were responsible for my contemptible deeds will find lodgment behind prison bars.

"Now that the McNamaras have confessed I wonder if the rank and file of union labor still feels bitterly towards me. I wonder if I could walk alone unmolested along the streets of Los Angeles. I believe that I could, for 95 per cent of the members of organized labor are hardworking, broad minded and God fearing men. It is the crookedness of their leaders that has brought about all this trouble. Most of the union men, I believe, will thank me for what I have done, for it is going to mean the cleaning out of the corrupt higher ups in the labor unions. I have done all that I could for the cause of justice and I now feel that I have in a measure atoned for my deeds. I am glad that I took the stand I did from the first and stuck to it regardless of all the threats that were made to win me over.

"The only thing that worries me now is the estrangement between me and my wife. With Clarence Darrow rests the responsibility for this.

I never wanted to get into the dynamiting business anyway, and was induced to do the work against my will. After I started I was forced to keep at it by labor officials high up in the organization under threat of my life. They told me to do it, and threatened that if I didn't they would fix me. I did their dirty work and now I am suffering for it, as I hope they will be made to suffer after the grand jury investigation is ended. Then they double crossed me, and I didn't get \$1,000 coming to me for jobs I did. Then when Darrow came out here, he sent word to me through my wife that I would be paid this if I would go over to the other side. That's the sort of a man he is.

"I don't know what's in store for me. There have been no promises made to me and I do not know whether I am to go to jail or get my freedom. I don't much expect to get out without any punishment though, because I feel that there is something coming to me.

MEN OF AFFAIRS IN UNION COUNTY



Hon. Walter M. Pierce, rapidly becoming accustomed to a new cognomen namely, that of Doctor. Since leaving the active business circles in La Grande and devoting his time to the management of the Hot Lake sanatorium he has been frequently addresses as doctor and has come to answer the call. The artist caught him with the subject nearest his heart—the Hot Lake sanatorium.

THIRTEEN KILLED WHEN SILK TRAIN CRASHES INTO LIMITED NEAR ODESSA; MANY HURT

Odessa, Minn., Dec. 18.—Thirteen were killed and a score hurt this morning when a silk train on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad crashed into the rear of the Columbian Limited. The rear sleepers of the Columbian were telescoped, and only four cars were left on the track.

Two of the dead are identified as the wife and daughter of J. F. Richards, superintendent of the Trans-Missouri division of the St. Paul road station at Moberg, S. Dak.

Fire broke out in the overturned cars but it was extinguished by the townsmen. Eleven corpses, several of them women, have been brought here.

The relief train and wreckers are on the job.

Passengers in front escaped with bruises. Odessa is seven miles east of Ortonville, a junction point on the St. Paul line.

The cars are stacked high, and it is miraculous that any escaped alive. Many injured were found in the debris unable to move.

Among the identified dead are Mrs. C. W. Barber, of Terry, Mont. Those injured slightly; Mrs. I. Revory of Three Forks, Mont. and Mrs. Aldie Deutsch, of Butte, whose ankle is hurt.

LEADERS GATHERED TO DISCUSS CHINA'S PEACE SITUATION

Shanghai, Dec. 18.—After a short and unsatisfactory conference today between Ting Fange for the rebels, and Tang Hoi for the imperialists, it was decided that no more peace conferences will be held until the armies quit fighting and obey the armistice. The opposing generals were ordered to quit their battles.

Considerable friction developed at the start for chances for cessation of hostilities are not bright. Prospects

for peace dimmed much when the rebels suggested the return of power to imperialist provinces of Shan Si and An Hui which they practically rejected. Wu Ting Fange for the rebels said the imperialists should turn over the provinces as evidence of good faith as he argued they were taken in violation of the armistice.

Tang Shao Yi said it would be impossible.

OLAF TVIETMOE READY TO TALK

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 18.—Olaf Tvietsmoe, secretary to the State Building Trades council who returned from the east and was served with a subpoena to testify before the federal grand jury, arrived at Los Angeles today from San Francisco, trailed by two detectives. He visited Lawler and

conferred with labor leaders. He declined to talk further than to state that he knew John McNamara slightly that he had met him at labor conventions. He also asserted that he didn't know Jim McNamara.

After the talk with Lawler, Tvietsmoe came out smiling and said, "I am

STRIKERS HOPE TO GET HELP

GENERAL STRIKE OF
SEVERAL UNIONS
RUMORED

ROADMEN, CLERKS, AND
TELEGRAPHERS MAY ACT

Rumors in Chicago Point to Such Action by Many Prominent Labor Unions Connected With Railroad—Would Affect Great Territory in the West and Somewhat in the East.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—The report that a gigantic strike involving every class of organized labor on western railroads, as the last expedient to win a victory over the Harriman lines, is the sole topic of conversation among railroad men here today and word either confirming or denying the report is anxiously awaited from St. Louis where labor leaders who conferred here Saturday are meeting today. Prominent among the conferees are J. W. Kline, president of the blacksmiths' union; president of the boiler-makers, J. A. Franklin, M. F. Ryan, president of the car men and J. M. Kinsella, president of the steamfitters.

According to the plans a general strike of all shopmen, telegraphers, roadmen, clerks, freight handlers and switchmen on the western lines will be called and this strike will be extended to such eastern lines as handle freight which may be moved by strikebreakers on western carriers.

Whether such a blow can be delivered however, rests with the telegraphers, roadmen and clerks, freight handlers and switchmen themselves and steps to ascertain what they will do, it is understood, is one of the objects of the St. Louis meeting.

It was learned from authoritative sources that the plan was reached after three days of secret conferences here.

Railroad officials are inclined to scoff at the scheme and declare that it is impracticable and that they have no fear that it will be carried into effect.

here to tell all I know although I know little and fear my information will not help the jury much." Tvietsmoe will be called probably again tomorrow.

Taft to Speak in Brooklyn.

New York, Dec. 18.—The Young Republican club of New York City, which was organized recently to gather into its membership as many of the younger republicans of the city as possible for active work for the party along non-factional lines, has completed arrangements for its initial dinner, which will be given in Brooklyn tomorrow night.

Take Steps to Extend Hawley Lines.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 18.—Stockholders of the Minneapolis and St. Louis railroad met here today to approve the new financial plan by which the Minneapolis and St. Louis and the Iowa Central roads are to be combined. The Iowa Central stockholders are called to meet in Chicago tomorrow for the same purpose.

ELIJAH GETS 10 YEARS IN CELL

HOLY GHOST AND US LEADER IS
GIVEN SENTENCE.

Will Be Taken to Atlanta Tonight to
Commence Long Term.

Portland, Maine, Dec. 18.—"Elijah," the Reverend Frank Sanford, leader of the Holy Ghost and Us society, who recently allowed five of his followers to starve to death during the cruise of the steamship "Kingdom," was today sentenced to ten years at hard labor. He will be taken to Atlanta federal prison tonight.

He said: "God is behind me. He knows what is in me. He told me not to talk. He pitied everyone who does not look to Shiloh."