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RUSSIANS PROPOSE BOYCOTT AGAINST AMERICANS TO OFFSET ABROGATION OF PASS TREATY

EXPOSE OF RUSSIAN TYRANNY AGAINST JEWISH PEOPLE MADE IN SENATE—TAFT IS LOOKING TO SENATE AND HOUSE TO BACK HIM UP IN ABROGATION ACTION—RUSSIANS ANGERED AND ANTI-AMERICAN FEELING IS SPREADING RAPIDLY.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—Taking the attitude that President Taft's action in abrogating the treaty of 1832 between the United States and Russia is an undertaking to bolster up weakened political popularity, government officials are expressing themselves bitterly against the United States today. Anti-Semitic agitators are openly denouncing Americans and there is some talk of boycotting American goods.

The present indications are that Russia will allow the treaty to lapse and refuse to negotiate another one.

Exporters Would Suffer.

This would permit Russia to deal with American subjects as desired and would work considerable hardship on American exporters. Ambassador Guild, Jr., conferred with the minister of foreign affairs, Saneonoff, regarding the matter.

Discussing the abrogation treaty, the Novoe Vremya, a government organ, today says: "Taft tactfully chose the best way out of a scandalous Jewish agitation, which has been raging in this country for a long time. Incidentally Taft's decision demonstrates that the Jewish bankers are the real lords of America."

Taft Expects Support.

Washington, Dec. 19.—President Taft spent some time today conferring with senate and house representatives, telling them he expected them to ratify his action abrogating the Russian treaty. The cabinet held a morning session discussing the prosective congressional action relative to the treaty.

The cabinet adjourned at noon, Knox insisted that the only subject discussed was in regard to Taft's message to congress on the wool tariff.

Russians Are Scolded.

Washington, Dec. 19.—"The night of barbarism must close so far as we are concerned," said Senator Raynor of Maryland in discussing the abrogated Russian treaty in the senate today. "This is a land of religious liberty, and we cannot permit any autocratic government to visit this iniquty on our citizens. It is useless to talk of negotiations. The Russian government cannot be negotiated with." He said the only crime the Jews committed was to worship as they believed and ended by saying the only way was abrogation as the country could not bear the contempt of submission to this "degrading indignity."

Barbarism Obnoxious.

"They worshipped God, according to the traditions of their faith just as our own forefathers did. If the emperor of Russia as head of the church of his realm, continues in the inhumanity against these prostrate victims, his intolerance will offer them the alternative of either accepting the faith of their persecutors o rthe imposition of an additional servitude. They will never abandon the faith of their fathers.

Abrogation Only Solution.

"Senators, this is nothing but persecution directed against the citizens of the United States. There is no other method of relief save abrogation.

German Slaps Uncle Sam.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—Declaring that the United States doesn't dare go to war and that Taft is the laughing stock of Europe, the Berlin Post, one of Germany's conservative papers, denounced the United States today as absolutely lacking in political good manners. It said:

"The United States always has been noted for its lack of culture and breeding, its failure to have any conception of good manners in political affairs. The action of President Taft is a shining example of shirt sleeve politics and shows that the supposedly president possesses the rough cowboy spirit which is flourishing in American political circles. The American position is one of the utmost political insolence Taft is assuming the role of a guardian of the world's morals. He has made himself the laughing stock of Europe."

"The Battle' Coming to Arcade.

A story depicting the struggle between two sections of the nation—the north and the south—and the struggle which a raw recruit had to keep in the fight, is told graphically in a film to be shown at the Arcade on Dec. 20 and 21. How the hero runs when the battle opens, and in abject cowardice seeks refuge at his sweetheart's home, and then eventually regains his courage, saving the union army from defeat is elegantly told. The reel will be run two nights commencing tomorrw night.

ESPEE FARMERS NOT TO SUFFER

GOVERNMENT PROMISES LAND GRANT OWNERS MERCY.

Government's Proceedings Not to Injure Small Farmers Whatever.

San Francisco, Dec. 19.—That small farmers who purchased lands in Oregon from the Southern Pacific and the Oregon-California railroad which the Espee absorbed, won't lose their property as the result of the government's proceedings to recover the property from the corporations is declared in a communication to the United States circuit court here from Special Prosecutor Townsend today. Hundreds of farmers who purchased lands are codefendants in the suits. The lands are in Southern Oregon.

Last Poultry Show in the Garden.

New York, Dec. 19. — The last poultry to be held in Madison Square garden, which is to be razed next spring to make way for a mammoth office structure, opened today and will continue until Saturday night. The exhibition is the 23rd annual affair given under the auspicess of the New York Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock association. In the number and variety of exhibits it is declared to surpass all of its predecessors. To the exhibition of turkeys, chickens, ducks, pigeons, rabbits and other varieties of poultry and pet stock a notable display of blue blooded felines will be added Thursday when the annual show of the Atlantic Cat club will be opened in connection with the poultry show.

GOVERNOR A. J. POTHIER.

Chief Executive of the State of Rhode Island.

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JOHN BIGELOW AUTHOR, DEAD

CONTEMPORARY OF WEBSTER, A PARTNER OF BRYANT.

Friend of Lincoln and Tilden—Wrote Many Historical Works.

New York, Dec. 19.—John Bigelow, the celebrated American author-journal-diplomat died at his home at Gramercy park today of bladder trouble. He was born at Malden, New York, in 1817

Bigelow was a contemporary of Daniel Webster and a partner of the late WilliamCullen Bryant, a friend of Abraham Lincoln and Samuel Tilden, was consul to Paris during the civil war and later was ambassador to France. He wrote biographical and historical works.

MEN OF AFFAIRS IN UNION COUNTY

Sheriff Frank P. Childers, sheriff of Union county. The artist, Girard, caught the sheriff in a characteristic pose, just as he is about to go out after the "bad" men and violators of the laws of the state and county.

WOULD CHANGE FORM OF OATHS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—The bill recently introduced by Senator Burton of Ohio, which proposes to change the form of oath in federal courts and elsewhere under the jurisdiction of the United States is in the hands of the judiciary committee of the senate and is now being considered with a view of early action upon the subject. The bill of which C. J. Bonaparte, the former attorney general of the United States, and Dr. Ira Remsen, president of John Hopkins university, are the sponsors, does not contemplate to change the religious character of the oath. The principal change which it proposes is the omission of the expression, "So held me God," at the end of an oath and the substitution of "promise" or "declare" for the word "swear" in the formula.

Since the introduction of Senator Burton's bill the attention of the judiciary committee has been called to the fact that several of the most progressive countries of Europe have materially changed and modernized the ancient and antiquated forms of the oaths used in judicial proceedings. No country, has as yet gone quite so far as Switzerland, the small but highly advanced federation which more than any other country recognizes and vouchsafes absolue freedom of belief and conscience.

As early as 1877, several cantons of Switzerland, among them the Canton of Vaud, appreciating the incongruity of a religious form of oath under so thoroughly liberal a constitution as that of the Swiss federation, eliminated the religious features of the oath altogether and changed it to a mere solemn pledge. It was found, after a number of years, that the change of the form of oath had a tendency to weaken its binding force and this logically led to the suggestion to abolish the oath in judicial proceedings altogether.

The Cantons of Zuerich and Aargau took the radical step of entirely abolishing the oath several years ago and the result has been so satisfactory that there is no desire to return to the old system. When the great council of the Canton of Vaud at its last session considered the draft of a new civil code, the abolition of the oath in any form from judicial proceedings was strongly urged and, after an interesting debate, a provision abolishing the oath was incorporated in the new code, which will go into effect on January 1, 1912.

INTEREST CENTERS ON LABOR MEN

Los Angeles, Dec. 19—When the dynamiting probe of the federal jury was resumed today interest centered on the testimony of Tvietmoe and Antone Johannsen who arrived this forenoon to testify. They are considered the most important witnesses outside of McManigal.

Dynamiting Cases Halt.

Indianapolis, Dec. 19.—The federal dynamiting jury has temporarily halted its investigations today to consider the counterfeiting case.

DISSOLVE COAST PLUMBER TRUST

Los Angeles, Dec. 19.—Prediction that all defendants in the government's suit to dissolve the Pacific coast plumbers' trust which controlled the plumbers' supplies for the coast for years, will file an answer within a week agreeing to a dissolution, was made here today by the federal officials. If they do, no punishment will be meted out. This, it is understood, will end the cases.

To Test Claim of Germ Discovery.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The bacteriologists connected with the Pasteur institute and germ specialists throughout France have begun a series of careful experiments to test the justice of the claim of Dr. Siegel, the Berlin bacteriologist, who has just startled the scientific world by the announcement that he has succeeded in discovering and isolating the germ of the hoof and mouth disease, one of the most dreaded scourges of cattle. It has always been the opinion of scientists that the germ of that terrible disease could not be isolated because it was so small that it passed through every kind of filter. Dr. Siegel has named the bacillus Cytorrhytes and is so confident of his discovery that he has staked his reputation as a scientist upon the truth of his statement. French scientists are inclined to be skeptical in the matter and are awaiting corroborating reports.

Rear Admiral Rodgers to Retire.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—By operation of law Rear Admiral Raymond P. Rodgers, president of the naval war college at Newport, will be placed on the retired list tomorrow on account of age. Captain William L. Rodgers, a cousin of Admiral Rodgers, will succeed him as president of the naval war college.

To Entertain Passenger Agents.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 19.—Jacksonville is preparing an elaborate program of entertainment for the members of the American Association of Passenger Agents, who are to hold their annual convention in this city next week. Advices received by the local committee indicate that the gathering will be attended by representatives of nearly all the prominent railroads of the United States, Canada and Mexico.

REBELS MURDER TRAITOR LEADER

HUAN FANG, TRAITOR KILLED, BODY HACKED TO BITS

AMERICA SENDS NOTE DEMANDING PEACE AT ONCE

Troops Attack and Kill Leader Whom They Suspect of Treachery—Brother of Unfortunate Leader Also Killed—Peace Conference Delegates Get Request From Powers to End the War.

Shanghai, Dec. 17.—Tuan Fang, former director general of the Hukwong railroad and once viceroy of the province of Chi Li was murdered today in Sze Chuen by his own troops, following the discovery of treachery. His brother was also killed, and their bodies horribly hacked.

Peace Urged by Powers.

Shanghai, Dec. 19.—That the powers may intervene unless an early end of the revolutionary struggle is reached is the inference drawn here today by notes received from the powers by the peace conference delegates urging them to restore normal conditions. The premier today telegraphed that he had ordered all imperialists to abide by the terms of the armistice during the present attempt to settle differences.

Uncle Sam Gives Advice.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The United States has joined the world powers in addressing a note to the Chinese peace conference at Shanghai, notifying the delegates that unless peace was agreed on the powers will intervene. The note doesn't state this directly but it carries a strong intimation.

KNIGHTS HEAR HIGH OFFICIALS

WRIGHTMAN AND STINSON TALK AT MEETING.

Many Visitors From Faraway Cities Attend Functions.

Knights of Pythias who are members of the La Grande lodge, and knigts who belong in lodges in Pennsylvania, Washington, Idaho, California and several other states, members from Elgin, Union and Wallowa, heard Grand Chancelor Frank Wrightman of Salem and Lou Stinson of Portland, grand keeper of records and seals, last night when a genuine big time was celebrated by the lodge here. The lodge room was the scene of several speeches but foremost among these were the addresses of the grand lodge officials.

Following the work of the lodge room, a splendid banquet was served at which the guests in the city occupied seats of honor. The entire function was indeed an important one to knights who profited by the speeches and the words of advice and encouragement from the grand lodge officers The Knights number many in this city and the big percentage of the membership was on hand to enjoy the treat

POST WHEELER.

Secretary of United States Embassy at St. Petersburg.

BRIBE TAKER'S WIFE REPENTS

PROMISE OF SAFETY AND URGENT NEED OF FUNDS RECITED

ONE BRIBE TAKER WILL ESCAPE, OTHERS PROBABLY

Supreme Court Ruling Makes It Unlikely That Bribe Takers and Givers in McNamara Trial Will Be Punished—Franklin Case on Today and Mrs. Bain is the First Witness in the Case.

Los Angeles, Dec. 19.—"Don't blame my husband for this awful thing. I alone am to blame. I induced Bob to take the accursed bribe. Mr. Franklin made it seem harmless. We needed money to pay for our little ranch, and we are getting old," pleaded Mrs. Bain, wife of Robert Bain, a McNamara juror who it is alleged Franklin bribed through his wife. She was the first witness in Franklin's trial, which began today.

Conviction of Franklin of the bribery charges is believed unlikely as the result of the dismissal of similar charges today against Thomas White, a former patrolman on the suggestion of the district attorney's office. The case was quashed because it was believed White's conviction wouldn't stand because the supreme court has handed down a ruling that unsupported evidence of an accomplise is insufficient. Franklin went on trial today.

Canary Birds on Show.

Zuerich, Dec. 19.—The great canary show, the most interesting of its kind ever held in any country of Europe or elsewhere, closed here today with an extremely interesting warbling contest for valuable prizes by the most famous and best trained of the feathered singers in the exhibition. The show, which during the week of its progress, attracted thousands of bird fanciers from all parts of the continent, was not the first of its kind in this city, but by far the greatest in point of numbers and importance of entries.

One of the most interesting features of the exhibition were the demonstrations of the most approved and modern methods of housing, feeding, training and breeding canaries. The show included a large exhibit of wild canaries from the island of Teneriffa, which are used by canary breeders for cross breeding purposes. So great has been the success of the exhibition that the holding of another exhibition next year is already assured, with a prospect of surpassing the show just ended in the number of entries and in the scope of the exhibition in general.

Ozark Land Congress.

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 19.—A large and representative attendance marked the opening here today of the second annual Ozark land congress. Governor Hadley delivered the opening address. At the afternoon session Col. R. E. Smith of Sherman, Texas, and Frank D. Fuller, secretary of the Tri-State Fair of Memphis, Tenn., were the principal speakers. The sessions will continue until Saturday.

Meet to Discuss Swine.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 19.—The Illinois State Swine Breeders' association began its annual meeting in this city today, with President E. C. Stone of Peoria presiding. This afternoon the members paid a visit of inspection to the state biological laboratory. The sessions will continue over tomorrow and will conclude in the evening with a banquet.

Sea-to-Sea Road Planned.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 19.—Plans for permanently marking the Boon's Lick road, and the Santa Fe trail, and to promote a national road from the Atlantic to the Pacific, were discussed at a meeting of the executive committee of the Missouri Old Trails Road association here today.

NEGLIGENCE BEHIND WRECK

FOUR MEN HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ODESSA HORROR.

Limited Crashed Into by Silk Special Through Carelessness.

Odessa, Minn., Dec. 19.—The negligence of four men caused the wreck which result in the death of 11 and the injury of 23, according to the testimony at the coroners' inquest today. Night Operator Adams testified he left the office for a moment with the block signal when the limited approached, but brought the train to a standstill because the danger signal was ahead. Then the silk special crashed into the train.