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PEACE ENVOYS CONFER WHILE NAVIES FIGHT

GREEKS AND TURKS, OFF TEN-
DEOS, ENGAGED IN NAV.
AL STRUGGLE.

GREY MASTER DIPLOMAT

Brilliant and Suave Speech Greys
Envoys as They Confer at London
Toward Obtaining Peace in the
Balkans—Grecian Envoys Present
Though the Battles Still Rage.

London, Dec. 16.—It is reported that Greek cruisers and two torpedo boats have engaged the Turkish cruisers and destroyers off the island of Tenedos, near the Dardanelles. This information comes in a dispatch from Constantinople. It is likely that the Greeks are trying to run the Turkish blockade to reach the Aegean sea.

Peace Envoys Convene.

At a conference of the peace envoys for the purpose of adopting a method of procedure Sir Edward Grey, who was instrumental in getting the warring nations together for the purpose of settling their difficulties and of parceling out among the victors the spoils of war, was elected temporary president of the conference.

After the rules were adopted, Premier Novacovitch of Serbia was elected permanent president of the conference.

Greeks Are Present.

When the peace conference opened this noon all the envoys were present, including the Greeks. In view of the fact that the Greeks and the Turks are locking horns in the vicinity of the Dardanelles, their presence at the conference has caused considerable comment.

Sir Grey welcomed the envoys in a masterly speech and displayed the same tact that brought the nations together thus winning another plume for English diplomacy. A big crowd surrounded the palace of St. James where the meetings are held.

Amundson Honored in Paris.

Paris, Dec. 16.—Captain Amundson the discoverer of the south pole, who is in Paris to deliver a lecture before the geographical society at the Sorbonne, was received in special audience by President Fallieres at the Alysee this morning. Later in the day the distinguished explorer was extended an official welcome in the name of the city of Paris. Tomorrow Dr. Amundson will depart for Rome, to which city he has been invited by the Duke of Abruzzi, cousin of the King of Italy and himself an explorer of considerable reputation.

Boston Tea Party Anniversary.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 16.—The one hundred and thirty-ninth anniversary of the Boston Tea Party, one of the stirring events that preceded the outbreak of the American revolution, was observed in this city today with meetings and exercises under the auspices of various patriotic and historical societies.

Physician's Second Trial for Murder.

Hillsboro, Texas, Dec. 16.—The case of A. J. Menefee, accused of murder in connection with the killing of Frank Glasgow, a police officer of this city, who was fatally shot one night in June, 1911, came up for trial today. This will be the second trial of the case. At the first trial, Dr. Menefee was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment, but the verdict was reversed by the higher court and a new trial ordered.

Engineer's Life Menaced

ENGINEER PIKE NEARLY DROWN-
ED SATURDAY

DUCKS ARE CAUSE

Treacherous Holes in Umatilla River
Menace Life.

Last Saturday Frank Pike, a veteran engineer of the O-W. R. & N., came near losing his life in an effort to recover several ducks he had shot and which had fallen into the Umatilla river. The water was shallow in several places and Pike kept on wading after the birds when suddenly he sank into a deep hole and only saved himself with difficulty. This first accident did not daunt the fearless nimrod and he kept on wading, when a second slide into one of the treacherous swirl holes forcibly reminded him that he was in a dangerous place. Joe Fountain was with him and declares that Engineer Pike is not only a good man on the engine but just as good in the water. Pike said of Joe that he was a good shot but that he had a poor gun. However that may be, a number of very fine ducks lost their feathers after their return home, but, still, Mr. Pike had a narrow escape from drowning.

"THE FORGE" GIVEN CLUB

PORTLAND ORGANIZATION PRE-
SENTS GIFT.

Fugere's "The Forge" Statuette, Dec-
orates Home Club.

H. Fugere's statuette, Le Fer—the Forge—in bronze and mounted on a beautiful marble pedestal, now decorates the La Grande Commercial club rooms because of a gift to the local organization of that beautiful statuette by the Portland Commercial club. The statuette followed a promise of C. C. Chapman, secretary of the Portland club, when he was here a few days ago, to the effect that the Portland club would remember the local organization. Inscribed on a gold plate on the statuette proper is the wording, "To the La Grande Commercial club from the Portland Commercial club, January 1912."

C. C. Chapman writes a very pleasing and kind letter to Secretary Humphreys in presenting the gift, touching upon the desirable spirit of La Grande business men, and hopes "That this little gift will find a suitable place in your club rooms."

Over all the statuette stands considerably more than three feet high and is one of the finest of its kind ever exhibited in this section of the state. "The club is deeply appreciative of the gift," asserts the secretary in proudly showing the club members the statuette.

Masons Elect Officers.

Summerville, Dec. 16.—(Special) The local lodge of Masons met and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: D. C. Rogers, worshipful master; Burt Oliver, senior warden; Frank Oliver, junior warden; Wm. Choate, treas.; D. R. McKenzie, secretary. A joint installation with the Eastern Star will be held Saturday evening, Dec. 21.

Seek Federal Control of Liquor.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Prohibitionists and other foes of the liquor traffic from widely separated sections of the country were present in force here today at the opening of a national conference on liquor legislation. The chief purpose of the conference is to urge upon congress the necessity of passing a federal law in order to protect prohibition territory from interstate shipments of intoxicating liquors.

WARSHIP WILL CONVEY REID'S BODY TO HOME

COMMONS PAYS RESPECT TO THE
LATE AMBASSADOR TO
ENGLISH COURT.

KING, QUEEN MOURNING

Famous Statesman Passes Away in
London Yesterday Afternoon After
Lingering Illness—All England
Mourns His Death—President Taft
Not to Appoint His Successor.

TAFT NOT TO ACT.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Presi-
dent Taft has announced he will
not appoint a successor to the
late Ambassador Reid.

London, Dec. 16.—Following Premier Asquith's proposal the House of commons today voted to set aside a battleship to convey the remains of the late United States Ambassador Whitelaw Reid to New York who, after a lingering illness, died quietly yesterday afternoon. It is announced the London service will occur in Westminster abbey at a nearby date, but Ogden Reid, the deceased's son, has not arrived yet to personally supervise the funeral arrangements.

Royal Chapel Offered.

The king has offered the royal chapel of St. James' palace for the obsequies but it is believed this will be refused because of its smallness. It is presumed that the remains will be interred in Sleepy Hollow in New York.

English newspapers are lauding the statesman who since 1905 became very friendly with the English.

Statesmen are pouring condolences and upon information of the death the king dispatched a messenger to Rochester house bearing condolences. He telegraphed to President Taft:

"With the deepest sorrow I inform you of the death of Ambassador Reid. The loss is deplored. The queen and myself sympathize with Mrs. Reid."

Against Higher Lumber Rates.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 16.—At a session of the interstate commerce commission here today representatives of the Southern lumber industry were heard in protest against the general advance in freight rates on hardwood lumber shipments from southern territory to Canadian points. The advance amounts to about 4 cents per hundred pounds.

Hickey Likely to go to Dannemora.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 16.—J. Frank Hickey, confessed boy murderer, was arraigned in court today to stand trial for the murder of seven-year-old Joseph Josephs of Lackawanna. Since the accused has confessed to the crime, and also to the murder of Michael Kruck, the New York news-boy found strangled to death in Central park ten years ago, it is generally believed he will make a plea of insanity in order to escape the electric chair. If the plea is accepted Hickey will spend the remainder of his life in the asylum for the criminal insane at Dannemora.

Banquet to Have Noted Speakers.

New York, Dec. 16.—The Railway Business association, the membership of which is made up of manufacturers of railway supplies and equipment, has completed elaborate arrangements for its fourth annual banquet, which is to be given on Thursday night of this week at the Waldorf-Astoria. The chief speakers will be James J. Hill, the St. Paul railway magnate, and L. McKenzie King, former Canadian minister of labor.

WILSON REACHES NEW YORK

BEVY OF DETECTIVES
SWARM ABOUT THE
PRESIDENT-ELECT
AT THE DOCKS

New York, Dec. 16.—President-elect Woodrow Wilson and family arrived here at 3:30 this morning and the Bermudian, on which he sailed, docked at 8:15. He was given a big ovation. Margaret Wilson, who remained in New York, was present. Operatives Guard Wilson.

Scores of police and secret service men patrolled the dock and later three operatives were assigned to watch him under the direction of Dick Jervis.

Only credentialed persons were allowed to meet the steamer, and all baggage was examined.

Wilson went to the Waldorf-Astoria but left there at 3:30 for Trenton and will return tomorrow to attend a Southern society dinner. He refused to discuss politics.

Wilson was angered when asked concerning Bryan as a member of his cabinet. "If you want my position on the cabinet, refer to the newspapers. They have been asking me this question the last six weeks. I will positively not discuss politics."

Sand Ridge Post Here.

M. L. Carter of the Cove district, is in the city today attending to business. He is one of the men who keeps informed. Incidentally he insured the delivery of the Observer at his home by leaving cash with the clerk.

GRAND JURORS IN SESSION

The grand jury convened this forenoon to pass on several cases that have been brought over from the justice court. Among the cases are that of Chas. Webb, jailed for burglary; Bert Terrell for attempted rape; Will Wilkie for selling liquor without a license and R. L. Richertson, for larceny in a dwelling house. The docket is a small one for this time of

Nebraska Farmers' Congress.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 16.—Omaha today became the mecca for hundreds of progressive farmers from every county of Nebraska. The occasion of the roundup is the annual meeting of the state farmers congress and the several organizations affiliated with it. Among these organizations, each of which will hold sessions during the week, are Nebraska Farmers Union, Nebraska Creamery association, the Nebraska Grange, and the Farmers' Co-operative Live Stock Shippers' association.

Grain Futures Abolished.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 16.—In response to a call recently issued by Charles D. Jones, president of the Grain Dealers' national association, representatives of the grain exchanges throughout the country assembled in Chicago today to discuss proposed legislation directed toward abolishing the practice of dealing in grain for future delivery. A measure with this object in view has already been prepared and will be presented at the present session of congress.

Sam Small Coming.

Thirteen hundred heard Sam Small, the co-worker with Sam Jones, at Boise, and were splendidly entertained, according to Dr. Fyke, who has returned from Boise. Mr. Small will be in La Grande December 19, speaking at the high school auditorium. This is claimed to be one of the greatest treats of the winter.

Rev. Fyke Has Returned.

Rev. Fyke, who has returned from Boise, where he went to have an operation performed on his son's ear, reports that the operation was successful. Puncturing the ear drum was necessary to let out the pus. The boy is rapidly recovering.



DICK JERVIS.

When a man is elected president of the United States he can't travel without a shadow. Whether he likes it or not, there is a secret service agent close by wherever he goes. Woodrow Wilson had his first experience with a shadow a few days ago, when the secret service department assigned Dick Jervis to guard him. Jervis is a big, good-looking gentlemanly fellow with experience to guide him in the job that has been given him.

WILSON REACHES NEW YORK WIFE OF NEWSPAPER MAN ALONE ENTERTAINS HOPE FOR MEN BOAT AND AUTO DRAFTED

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Horseback Parties Combing Beach for
Remains While Automobile Parties
Assist—Ships at Sea Keep Alert
for Men Not Thought to Be Dead—
Aviator's Fiancee Uninformed.

Los Angeles, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Chester Lawrence, wife of the Los Angeles newspaper man who, with the famous aviator, Horace Kearney, are believed to have perished while trying to fly, over sea, from Los Angeles to San Francisco, will not believe the two men are dead.

"The are wrecked but I expect they have reached land somewhere," she says. No one else, however, shares her views and the beach is being combed for further evidence of the two men. Yesterday evening they were given up for dead when portions of their hydroplane phanton were found at sea.

Other Wreckage Found.

It is reported that coasting vessels have picked up other wreckage of Kearney's hydroplane. 50 miles off shore but this is not confirmed.

Launches are patrolling the vicinity of Redondo beach but have no trace of the aviators or their bodies.

Ships in this vicinity are receiving wireless instructions to search for Kearney and parties are patrolling the coast between Santa Monica and Ventura. Aviator Martin who flew out to sea and then fell into the ocean only to be rescued later, does not believe the men are alive. "The boys are dead," he says.

It is reported that fishermen have found portions of the second pontoon and other wreckage of the Kearney hydroplane off here this morning. Three auto parties are working northward along the Malibu coast and horse back riders are working from Hueneme to meet the motor cars.

Kearney and Lawrence were both 26 years of age. It is not believed that Louise McPherson, of Madisonville, Ky., has been informed—she is the fiancée of the aviator.

Discussed Workmen's Compensation.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 16.—The thorough discussion of the proposed workmen's compensation act, which is said to be favored by a majority of the manufacturers of this state, was one of the most prominent features of the annual convention of the State Manufacturers' association which was held here today. The attendance was unusually large and the greatest interest was manifested in the subject which was carefully and ably discussed by assistant labor commissioner W. G. Ashton and a number of prominent manufacturers and heads of large corporations.

Southern Poultry Show

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 16.—With the largest number of entries in the different departments and classes and a list of prizes never equalled on any occasion in the south the annual show of the Southern International Poultry association opened here today at the auditorium armory. The exhibition will continue through the entire week and there is every prospect that the attendance will be record-breaking. In addition to the regular ribbons, \$3000 in gold will be distributed among successful exhibitors. There are special departments for ducks and pigeons with numerous entries.