

UNCLE SAM MAY MEDIATE BALKAN-TURKO CONTROVERSY

TURKISH ENVOYS THREATEN TO WITHDRAW FROM CONFERENCE IF GREEKS DON'T SIGN ARMISTICE

London, Dec. 17.—The United States has been suggested as a mediator in the Turkish-Balkan dispute on account of the apparent inability of the envoys to agree. M. Novakovich, the Serbian envoy, declared: "The choice of the United States is excellent but American commissions would probably be hampered by distance and unfamiliarity with conditions."

had been received from Constantinople. If the Turkish capitol repudiates the Greeks, the conference will come to an end.

KEEFE MAKES HIT.

Miller & Draper Shows Are Improved by Keefe.

J. E. Keefe, Jr., former secretary of the Pendleton Commercial association round and Western Tri-State league, who resigned to accept a position as musical director with Miller & Draper, the Elks minstrel men, seems to be making quite a hit in the sunny southland, judging from the comments of the newspapers in the cities where he has appeared. He has been dubbed "The piano playing man," the reason for which Pendleton people will readily understand.

The following comment was made by the Beaumont (Texas) Enterprise: "The hit of the afterpiece was J. E. Keefe, Jr., in his piano playing and singing. Mr. Keefe set the audience to taking notice as soon as the curtain went up on his act and he had them going before he was half through. His Italian dialect song was a tremendous hit and he was repeatedly recalled and forced to play again and again. This act could have been lengthened with gratifying results."

The Beaumont Journal says in part: "Hats are off to J. E. Keefe, Jr., for his piano playing and singing. His Italian skit was second to none ever heard here."

Mr. Keefe is at present in Houston, Texas, where the Elks put on their minstrel show this week.

Hearings Are Resumed.

George T. Cochran, Eastern Oregon water commissioner, went to Pendleton yesterday to conclude the hearing of the Birch and McKay creek cases.

After a recess of three days, the hearing of the water cases in Umatilla county were resumed yesterday. The Birch creek cases have been completed and it is probable that the session will conclude the McKay creek cases. Tomorrow the cases involving the waters of the Umatilla between Pendleton and Nolin will probably be taken up and it is expected that they will be finished by Wednesday when the case of the government vs. the Western Land and Irrigation company is scheduled for hearing.

Jackpot Shooting Match.

There will be a jackpot shooting match at the Gun club grounds in the city of La Grande on Wednesday, December 18th. It is thought all of the nimrods of the city and outlying towns will be in attendance and that some of the boss shooting of the year will take place. There will be shotgun and rifle shooting for the sportsmen. In addition there will be a range for the 22 caliber rifles. The purses are divided in three moneys. Prizes will be given for high and long run. Ammunition will be on sale at the grounds. The shoot will start about 9:30 a. m. and last all day.

Land Entries Many.

The number of claims filed upon for homesteading is increasing. Claims filed upon before June 6th are subject to the five year act, providing the entryman does not elect to be governed by the three year act. After June 6th all entries for homesteads are subject to the three year act, and those are included where the election is made to be governed by the latter act. The new law is stimulating the filing of claims. In the last few days the following have filed claims: Henry A. Doan; Arthur Farney, Wm. L. Hite, Ben Harmon, Robert Turner, Clayton Fawter and Albert S. McDole.

Will Observe Anniversaries.

Tomorrow the fifth anniversary of the consecration of Bishop Paddock will be commemorated at St. Peter's church by a special celebration of the holy communion at 8 a. m. Members of the parish please take notice.

GRUESOME FATE WILL OVERTAKE HUMAN RACE PREDICTED

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 17.—According to the prophecy of the Rev. W. D. Parkhurst, prominent pastor of the First Adventist church of this city, there will be no Panama canal. Here is what he has to say: The poor, misguided men who are building the canal are wasting money. The good Lord is going to end the world in 1913. The seas, the rivers and the

BAKER WINS RATE SQUABBLE

CLASS RATES TO O. S. L. POINTS UNREASONABLE

Interstate Commerce Commission Hands Down Opinion in Issue.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—In answering the complaint of the Baker, Oregon, Commercial club, relative to class rates charged by the railroads from Baker, Oregon, to points on the Oregon Short line, between Olds Ferry, Idaho and Vale, Oregon, the interstate commerce commission declared the rates to be unreasonable. This will bring about a readjustment of the rates in conformity with the decree.

Revenue Cutter In Search.

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Secretary of the Treasury McVeach has sent orders to send a revenue cutter in search of Kearney and Lawrence who were lost in an attempt to sail in a hydroaeroplane a distance of 1500 miles along the Pacific coast. California congressmen and newspapermen besought the federal officials to act, and the reply comes in response to this plea.

Roller Skaters Will Race.

Victor Bean announces a big roller skating race, to be held at the skating rink on Thursday evening, December 19. One of the features of the racing program will be a one mile race for the fastest skaters of La Grande.

It is something in the way of desirable sport during the winter season and a large crowd is expected to be in attendance. An admission fee of 15c for onlookers will be charged, and those desiring skates can procure them for 25 cents for the evening.

OREGON CREAM TRUST HINTED

GOVERNMENT TO PROBE THE "TRUST."

Said Portland Creameries Are in the Combine—Suit Pending.

Portland, Dec. 17.—Federal District Attorney McCourt is investigating the alleged creamery combine of Portland under the directions of the department of justice. Complaints were filed in which it was alleged that the price of butter went up as a result of the formation of the alleged combine. No results of the investigation have yet been announced.

Genuine War Impossible.

Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 17.—"There is not the remotest danger of war. We are closer today than ever. I have no patience with the war gossip of a Britannico-Germanico embroglio. It cannot be in this age." Herr Webber, court councillor of Leipzig, Germany, and owner and publisher of the Illustrated Zeitung, said this here today in announcing that a hundred prominent bankers, manufacturers and merchants will visit Edmonton next June on a tour of western Canada.

"At home and abroad I am an advocate of an international comity that makes for business development," Herr Webber added, "and I believe that Canada can be made a link for uniting Great Britain and Germany more closely in friendship. Canada has many claims."

"I believe that Germany could profitably share with Great Britain and Canada in the development of the country. There are vast opportunities for German manufacturers, owing to the youth of the dominion and the rapid development of the coast and prairie provinces and the open-

Thief Meets Stiff Barrier

FRED PARTISON 48 THIEF EJECTED.

HURLS WOOD CHUNK

Sleeper at Pattison Home Awakened and Dodges Blow at Head.

Aroused from heavy sleep to stare a bold burglar in the face and to automatically and effectively dodge a shoulder punch aimed at his proboscis by said burglar was the unpleasant sensation realized by Fred Pattison last night near the midnight hour. A heavy piece of cord wood used as a weapon, however, beat off the robber and saved his own skin without an abrasion.

Fred Pattison lives with his brother Herbert Pattison, 1706 Adams, and sleeps on a sleeping porch. During the night sometime he was awakened to stare a rough-appearing burglar in the face—the fellow had worked his way to the porch without discovery by the sleeper and was attempting to break in when Pattison awoke. A sleepy inquiry as to what was wanted brought the thief pell mell at the young man but he was sufficiently awake to dodge the blow. He tumbled out of bed and seized a conveniently near piece of cordwood and with this effected a retreat of the invader, and as the fellow scampered off the porch struck him over the shoulders. The thief, suffering from the stinging blow, hid himself to a place of safety and the "bulldog" of the Pattison sleeping porch jogged back to happy dreamland—in the due course of time.

The party of German business men coming to the Canadian west next summer is prepared to invest several millions of dollars in new enterprises and some of this money undoubtedly will find its way into Edmonton. The people here impress me as being alert, progressive and enterprising. They have faith in their city and the fullest confidence in the country. Nothing can stop their progress now."

Start's Case goes to Jury.

Portland, Dec. 17.—The trial of Dr. Harry Start, who is charged with ruining young boys in connection with the vice scandal, has come to an end. The case is with the jury.

Burglars Get Big Loot.

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Burglars rifled the box office of the Majestic theatre and secured \$550. They have not been caught.

Washington Man Honored.

Washington, Dec. 17.—President Taft today appointed Frederick Simpson of the state of Washington consultant at Nogales, Mexico.

HEARST SHOWS FORAKER OWED STANDARD OIL

LETTERS FROM SENATOR FORAKER TO MEN AT STANDARD OIL HE OBTAINED

POSSESSION UNEXPLAINED

Campaign Contributions Probe Committee Hears Hearst Explode Starting Information about Conferences and Attempted Legislation Through Penrose by Archbold.

Washington, Dec. 17.—A letter from Archbold to Congressman Sibley of Pennsylvania stating \$5000 was enclosed in appreciation of Sibley's subsidy bill activities was produced by Hearst today before the campaign probe committee. Other letters from Archbold to Foraker referred to "that objectionable bill and I wish you (Foraker) would take care of it."

Washington, Dec. 17.—Declaring he secured incriminatory letters between John Archbold of the Standard Oil and members of congress, from John Eddy, the London author, William R. Hearst testified today at the resumption of the campaign contributions probe committee. He declared his magazine retains copies of unpublished letters. He submitted photographic copies of some of Archbold's alleged correspondence. Congressman Oliver examined the publisher, who denied he bought the letters, but did not state how he secured them from the Standard Oil company files. The committee adjourned at noon.

Penrose Letter Quoted.

A letter from Senator Penrose to Judge Archbold, referring to a conference between Penrose and Aldrich to discuss "the matter referred to in an earlier letter," and one from Archbold to former Senator Foraker stating: "I am willing to loan you \$50,000," and the letter also urges that "certain clauses in house bill No. 500 be struck out," were among those introduced. Hearst at first declined to produce the unpublished correspondence but later agreed to let the committee would consider them in an executive session.

Hearst further declared that Eddy had submitted the letters to him from London when the Independence league was started believing the publication would aid in the movement. He denied rewarding Eddy and admitted he possessed several letters showing Foraker had repaid the money alleged to have been borrowed from Archbold.

Vessels May Be Lost.

New York, Dec. 17.—It is feared that 10 large freight vessels sailing on the Atlantic have been lost. All of the vessels are over due. Each ship carries a complement of 20 to 40 men. The combined value of the cargoes en route is estimated at four million dollars.

Childers a Real Estate.

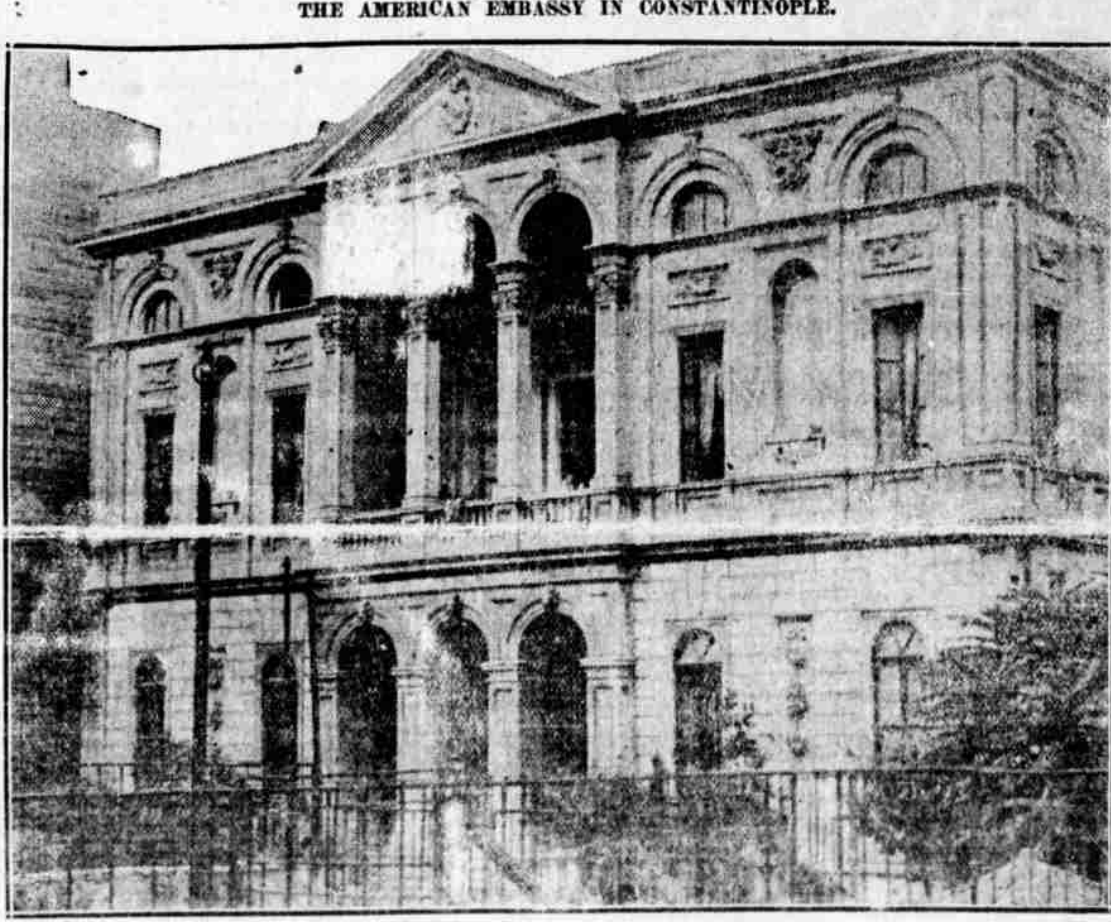
It is announced that Sheriff F. P. Childers has bought an interest in the real estate firm of Black & Cummings, and will actively engage in the real estate business as soon as his term of office expires. Childers was busy engaging men for the Minnaugh Lumber company, operating in the Wallawa country.

Hawes Bridge Ready.

Contractor J. W. Campbell, who is working on the steel bridge at Hildgard gives out the information that the bridge will be ready for use next Friday. Persons using the Grande Ronde river road will receive this news with delight, for in the past it was necessary to ford the river where the bridge is being built.

A WISE LITTLE ONE

A local physician prescribed nine powders for a certain little chap of the city, all of which powders were to be taken before bedtime. The little philosopher doped the situation out in this fashion: "That doctor certainly knows his business. He gives you medicine to take all in one day and you 'aint bothered with taking medicine every day. That's the doctor for me."



THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

If the war resumes and allies enter Constantinople it is expected that there will be a general slaughter of foreigners. Provision against such action on the part of the infuriated Turks that it has been possible to make is very meagre. One of the places of safety will be the American Embassy, where hundreds of Christians will seek refuge if such a massacre is started.