

TURKS RELENT ON REVICTUAL STAND TODAY

LONDON ADVISED OF A CHANGE OF HEART AT LAST MINUTE.

CRISIS DRAWING NEARER

Revictual Phase of Conference as Regards Adrianople Is Point Where Men Lock Horns—Turkey Said Late Today to Have Changed Her Attitude on That Issue at Last Moment

TURKEY DROPS DEMAND
London, Dec. 23.—The latest report from the conference has it that the Turks have dropped the demand to re-ratify Adrianople. Nor did they object to the presence of the Greeks and began to confer with them.

London, Dec. 23.—The official meeting of the peace envoys started at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Chairman Danell at the head of the Balkan envoys reiterated the stand which the allies have taken with regard to the re-victualing of Adrianople. They will permit no ratifications to be brought into the cities of Constantinople, Adrianople and Scutari, intending there by to starve out the Turks in case the peace negotiations come to naught. It is semi-officially announced that England, France and Russia have exchanged notes, discussing mediation in case the conference fails to bring about peace.

On account of the reluctance of the envoys to say anything about the conference held last Saturday, it is believed the demands concerning Adrianople have been denied by the allies and that no other terms have been reached.

It is believed that the demands of New Turkey have forestalled the settlement and that the allies will stand firm on the proposition not to allow food to be brought into the cities that are starving. At the next session it is understood the Balkans will flatly deny the demands of the Turks, and threaten to resume the war. It is said that both sides are sparring for time in order to allow the envoys to consult their respective governments.

Greek Losses Confirmed.

Constantinople, Dec. 23.—The reports that the Turkish fleet defeated the attempts of the Greeks to run the blockade are confirmed. The damage done to the Greek warships and cruisers is said to be very heavy but no definite estimates of the losses have been received. The naval engagement lasted five days.

Turkish Demands on the Square.

It is reported that the Turkish cabinet met yesterday and sent new instructions to the envoys. The Balkans are said to be disgusted with the attitude of the Musselmans. The latter say they are not playing for time and that the demands concerning the starving cities are made in dead earnest.

Today's session of the conference adjourned at 5:30 p. m.

2-IN METER IN POSTOFFICE

FEDERAL BUILDING TO HAVE LARGE SERVICE.

Same Type of Meter as Is Now Used Installed Upon by Uncle Sam.

A two-inch Keystone water meter is to be installed in the federal building in this city at once, and the contract of installation falls upon the water department via L. M. Hoyt, superintendent. The Keystone meter was demanded by the government officials at Washington having the construction in charge, and keeps in per-

fect harmony with the present policy of the city in installing that grade of meters. Prior to Mr. Hoyt's occupancy of the water department, a meter was used that cost \$9.60 f. o. b. Portland, and Mr. Hoyt immediately found that another brand was as good an instrument and recommended that it be used entirely. It costs \$8.60 in La Grande, or a saving to the city of a dollar plus Portland-La Grande freight for each meter, the size used being the 3-4 inch. The federal government meter will be installed at once, a concrete base being provided. The job was let by competitive bid.

TWO ORDAINED TO MINISTRY

ELGIN AND LA GRANDE MEN ARE VESTED.

Prominent Baptist Churchmen Here to Give Official Titles.

A delegation of Baptists from the various churches of the Grande Ronde association are in session at the First Baptist church of this city today for the purpose of ordaining Rev. H. S. Willis of Elgin and Rev. R. E. Close of La Grande to the Baptist ministry. The ordination services will be held this evening and the public is invited. Rev. Willis is well known in the vicinity of Elgin while Rev. Close is the well known Eastern Oregon organizer for the American Sunday School union with headquarters in La Grande.

Rev. D. C. Wright of Portland, general secretary of the Baptist work in Oregon and Rev. H. B. Foskett, pastor at large in Oregon, are the state workers present at the ordination services.

Publishers on Defense.

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 23.—The case of the publishers of the Capital News, charged with criticising a decision of the supreme court of Idaho, for striking the names of the Roosevelt electors from the November ballots, was started this morning. A. R. Cruzan, an alleged stockholder of the concern, declared he held no interest in the paper.

Logue Case Grows.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The examination of witnesses in the case of J. P. Logue of this city who was murdered a few days ago in his office in the McVicker building, failed to establish the connection of Gertrude Frisbie, a notorious Chicago woman, for whom a diligent search has been made since the murder, with the crime or any of the criminals now held for the killing. As a result the search for her has been dropped.

Wolverton Overrules Demurrer.

Portland, Dec. 23.—Federal Judge Wolverton overruled a demurrer by the State railroad commissioner to charges brought by nine railroads against the Medford rate bill. The commission was given until January 6th to show cause why the injunction against the bill should not be made permanent.

"Baby Factories" Shocking.

New York, Dec. 23.—The revelations about baby factory workers in tenements in the metropolis, brought out at the hearings of the state factory investigating commission, have shocked New York and cast a damper over much of the joyousness of this holiday season. One investigator, a woman physician, actually found an infant 18 months old working at the manufacture of artificial flowers. A child of three was found working on corset covers. Four-year-old workers apparently are not uncommon. The work is done in the tenement homes and frequently the children are compelled to get up at five o'clock in the morning and toil until far into the night. One family of such toilers, consisting of a mother and four children, secured a combined income of between five and six dollars a week. Many of the child workers are diseased. Tuberculosis was found by one investigator in about a third of the families. It is believed that as a result of the hearings stringent laws will be passed regulating home factory work in tenements and there is a possibility that such work may be altogether abolished.

Judge Knowles Is Ill.

Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles is confined to his home today on account of a slight attack of illness.

WINTER'S FIRST GALE SWEEPS OVER EASTERN OREGON TODAY

Westbound Traffic Hours Late but not Result of Eastern Oregon Storms

Bitter gales blew over Grande Ronde valley today, driving to cover all people who could find an excuse to dodge the severe elements, and checked cross-valley travel. Railroad service eastbound was unhampered in Eastern Oregon yet westbound traffic is many hours behind time due to storms farther east. The local gale blew up during the night and was whipping the dry snow up and down the stretes and along country highways with a vigor that smacked of mid-winter caliber for several hours. Fortunately there is not enough snow to be menacingly drifted in cuts and lanes so that customary travel will be resumed as soon as the wind goes down. Few braved the cutting winds of the valley and in La Grande during the morning hours especially, only such as absolutely had to stay out of doors were nerved sufficiently to face the winds. Following the ideal winter of the past few days the storm caught the citizens unawares. Local O-W. train officials report similar conditions throughout Eastern Oregon.

DELHI CELEBRATION MARRED BY ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION

Delhi, India, Dec. 23.—Baron Chas. Harding, viceroy of India, who was injured by an exploding bomb hurled at him at the Durbar, is not in a serious condition. A physician's bulletin gives out the information that the injury is only a flesh wound. He was taken to the vice regal lodge and the wound was dressed.

Assassin Surrenders.
It is said the assassin has surrendered in the hills surrounding Delhi. In consequence of the attempted murder arrests are being made by the wholesale. The difficulty is believed to have grown out of the transfer of the seat of government from Calcutta to Delhi.

Fragment Kills Boy.

A fragment of the bomb struck and instantly killed a young boy who was in the vicinity. A sum of \$40500 was offered as a reward for the capture of the assassin.

GRAND JURY UNEARTHS GRAFT IN NEW YORK'S UNDERWORLD

New York, Dec. 23.—The special grand jury investigating the alleged police grafting from the women of the underworld, today indicted police officer John Skelly, Solomon Wolff, a liquor dealer, and Emanuel Maas, a bootmaker.

In a complaint filed with the district attorney by Mrs. Goodes, keeper of a brothel, Maizie Green, a maid of Mrs. Goodes, swore she saw her mistress pay Wolff \$25.00 to arrange protection with Skelly. Wolff admitted receiving the money but he said he received it to become bondsman of Mrs. Goodes when she was arrested.

WOMAN WHOSE CONFESSION CLEARED THE SINGER MURDER MYSTERY



Mrs. Beatrice Ryall-Kramer, who confessed that it was her husband who murdered Sophia Singer of Baltimore a few weeks ago. Kramer, who was also known as Conway, claims that he killed Miss Singer in self-defense. The photo was taken in police court after the confession.

New York, Dec. 23.—The super-Silver Service for the Arkansas, dreadnaught Arkansas, with the Wyoming, the mightiest of American battleships, today was presented with a handsome silver service in behalf of the state whose name she bears. The service consists of many pieces and is one of the most elaborate ever presented to an American man-of-war.

CHIEF STOPS PROPOSED GO

GAFFNEY-HENNESSEY MATCH IS CALLED OFF

Police First Thought It Was Wrestling Match Preliminary

The boxing match between Billy Gaffney of Pendleton and Spike Hennessey of Boston booked for Christmas day in La Grande will not be held. Chief of Police McLaughlin has unearthed alleged facts of the proposed bout and as a result of these alleged facts he has said "No." According to his statements the bout was a frameup from the start and in line with other boxing matches that have been held in La Grande in late years. The chief thought the match was going to be a preliminary to a wrestling match and gave his permission. But in the interest of good sport it is his opinion that the proposed mill would do honest sport much harm. The contestants, it is said, were to divide the gate receipts between them. A. J. McLeod, local promoter of good sport, was thought to be interested in the game but wishes it made known that at no time did he have anything to do with it.

Final Arguments Heard

Indianapolis, Dec. 23.—Daniel Howard, Clifford Langsdale, A. H. Piebach of Cleveland, W. N. Harding of Indianapolis, each argued one hour and a half in the defense of the laborites. Senator Kern will follow these men.

The attorneys represented W. J. McLain of Kansas City, Peter Smith of Cleveland, Geo. Anderson, and B. Brown of Indianapolis. Langsdale argued there was no evidence connecting Brown and McLain with the conspiracy to dynamite. He characterized Charles Brown, the principal witness against his clients, as a "willful perjurer."

Many Miners Killed.

Tokyo, Dec. 23.—It is reported 200 Japanese miners were killed as the result of an explosion at Ubari colliery, Sapporo, Island of Hokkaido. Three escaped and there is no hope for the others.

Stranded Man Suicides.

St. Louis, Dec. 23.—Unable to "beat" his way from Atlantic City, New Jersey, to Los Angeles, for Christmas with his wife, Albert Terney jumped 200 feet to the bottom of an abandoned quarry, and was instantly killed. "I died easy," he stated in a farewell note to his wife, "And I hope that consoles you." His brother awaits word from the widow concerning the funeral. He left Atlantic City Thanksgiving day.

Searchers After Wreck Victims.

St. Johns, Newfoundland, Dec. 23.—Searching parties are leaving Trepassy in the hope of finding survivors of the Furness liner, Florence, foundering on ledge west of St. Shotts, Friday, imperiling 22. It is believed some reached caves and huts honeycombing the coast. Second Mate Hedley, who escaped, hopes to head the searchers.

Christofferson Soars Over City.

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—Silas Christofferson, the Portland aviator, is considering a repetition of a night flight over the city. He was in the air half an hour last night.

Smith Girl Buried.

The ten year old daughter of Jos. Smith was taken to Union yesterday for burial. Mr. Miller accompanied the body.

PRESIDENTS OF BIG RAILS ARE ACCUSED

INDICTMENTS RETURNED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY AGAINST MELLIN ET AL.

OWN TESTIMONY DENIED

New York, New Haven & Hartford, and Grand Trunk Lines Are Indicted on Charges of Restraint of Trade—Seven Overt Acts Alleged by Indictment—Trade Connections Found

New York, Dec. 23. — President Charles S. Mellin of the New York, New Haven & Hartford, President E. Z. Chamberlain of the Grand Trunk, and Alfred Smithers, chairman of the board of directors, have been indicted on a charge of criminally restraining trade by their railroad powers. As a result of the investigation it is shown that there existed traffic connections and privileges between the two lines, in restraint of trade and in violation of the trust law.

Mellin and Chamberlain both wanted to testify before the grand jury investigating the two roads but were refused their requests. Chamberlain lives in Winnipeg and both are two of the best known railroad men of the country. Just what the indictments will lead to is problematical in the extreme, but railroad row is much excited over the indictments. The indictments review the trade relations between the two roads and alleges seven specific overt acts are obtained and provable.

Suits to Be Pushed.

New York, Dec. 23.—General counsels for the New Haven & Hartford railroad, and the Grand Trunk systems were notified that they must produce the indicted parties in court today or tomorrow. The government is determined to rush the trial.

New York Has Children's Theatre.

New York, Dec. 23.—The Children's theatre, the only playhouse in the world to be devoted exclusively to the entertainment of children, was opened this afternoon with a performance of "Racketty-Packetty House," a juvenile play written by Mrs. Francis Hodgson Burnett, author of "Little Lord Fauntleray." The Children's theatre is located on the roof of the new Century theatre. It is a completely equipped playhouse in every respect, with a seating accommodation of 800. The funds for the enterprise were provided largely by William M. Vanderbilt.

SUPREME COURT RECESS.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—At the conclusion of a brief session today the supreme court of the United States announced a recess for the Christmas holidays. It is expected that the vacation will be employed in the preparation of some important decisions to be handed down when the court convenes on January 6.

HUNTINGTON YEGGS ESCAPE

AFTER ARREST ONE MAKES HIS ESCAPE.

After Looting Postoffice Yeggs Quarrel Among Themselves.

Huntington, Dec. 23.—While awaiting transportation to the Baker jail, a yeggman, who was captured after breaking into the postoffice, broke jail and escaped. It is thought he had outside help.

Two fellows snatched in the rear door of the postoffice and stole the stamps and money. Then came a dispute over the spoils. One of them notified the police and escaped and the other fellow was captured.