

# RUSSIA DISCLAIMS POLITICAL DESIGN

### Control of Harbin and Other Municipalities Not Desired, Says Kokovsoff.

## ALTERNATIVE PLAN ASKED

### Supervision Would Be Turned Over to Consular Body and Russia Would Sell Manchurian Railroad, He Declares.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 13.—M. Kokovsoff, Minister of Finance, in an important statement tonight declared the Russian Railway Company had no desire to yield political power in Manchuria, and was prepared to waive its right to control over the municipalities of Harbin and other points if a satisfactory substitute could be devised. This was the feature of the Russo-Chinese contention to which the United States and other powers objected. According to the Minister, some form of municipal administration at Harbin, empowered to collect taxes for various public works and schools, is a self-evident necessity.

### Police to Be Maintained.

He said he was ready to discuss proposals intrusting the necessary supervision to the consular body, but that the railroad would reserve the right to police its own premises and buildings. No objections could be raised to other features of the proposed municipal council, since they placed all foreign and Chinese residents on absolute equality.

The Minister declared that the Russian guards in Manchuria would not be withdrawn, as has been suggested. The detailed protest of China against the Russian memorandum sent to the powers in October declares specifically that the administration of affairs at Harbin does not concern Russia, and it was thought that this protest might be preliminary to a demand by China for the withdrawal of the Russian guards.

## Russia Would Sell Railroad.

Confirming previous dispatches, M. Kokovsoff said Russia was ready to consider a serious proposal for the sale of the Manchurian Railroad, either to China, financed by an international syndicate, or to such a syndicate direct, although Russia would prefer to wait for the completion of the Amur Railway. He could not state the approximate terms on which the railroad would be disposed of, but he said that the fact that Russia had invested \$175,000,000 in Manchurian railroads must be considered.

## IDAHO PIONEER IS DEAD

### Mrs. Mary Michaels, Sister of Oregon Men, Dies Near Weiser.

WEISER, Ida., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Nancy J. Michaels, a pioneer of the West, passed away at her home on Main Street, Weiser, Idaho, at 10 o'clock Friday morning, after a ten days' illness. The funeral was held Saturday. Deceased was 69 years of age and was born in Sullivan county, Missouri. She crossed the plains with a team in 1854, settling at Union, Or., in 1877. She came to Idaho, locating near Weiser, where she has since resided. Surviving her are two sons, J. L. and Miles Michaels, of this city. An adopted son, Lem Watkins, of Council, Idaho, a daughter, Mrs. Daniel Ackley, of Boise, and four brothers, Daniel Baird, of Union, Or., David Baird, of Sparta, Or., Thomas Baird, in Colorado, and George Baird, in Missouri.

## STUDENT RESCUES OLD MAN

### Aged Salem Man Swept Down Creek 100 Feet Before Saved.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Thomas Lawrence, aged 76, while on his way to church last evening stepped into the Mill Creek ditch and was swept down stream nearly 100 feet before he was rescued by Floyd Walker, a student at a local business college.

## FRIEND LOSES, KILLS SELF

### John Mulholland Carries Out Election Threat.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Dec. 13.—John Mulholland, harness-maker, carried out a pre-election threat, this afternoon when he shot himself through the head, dying later at a hospital.

## LURTON SUPREME JUDGE

### Taft Appoints Tennessee Democrat to Vacant Seat on Bench.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The President nominated Horace H. Lurton, of Tennessee, to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States today. Judge Lurton is a Tennessee man, and was appointed Judge of the Sixth Circuit by President Cleveland, March 27, 1882. He was a Democrat in politics at that time.

## SALEM SEEKS PURE WATER

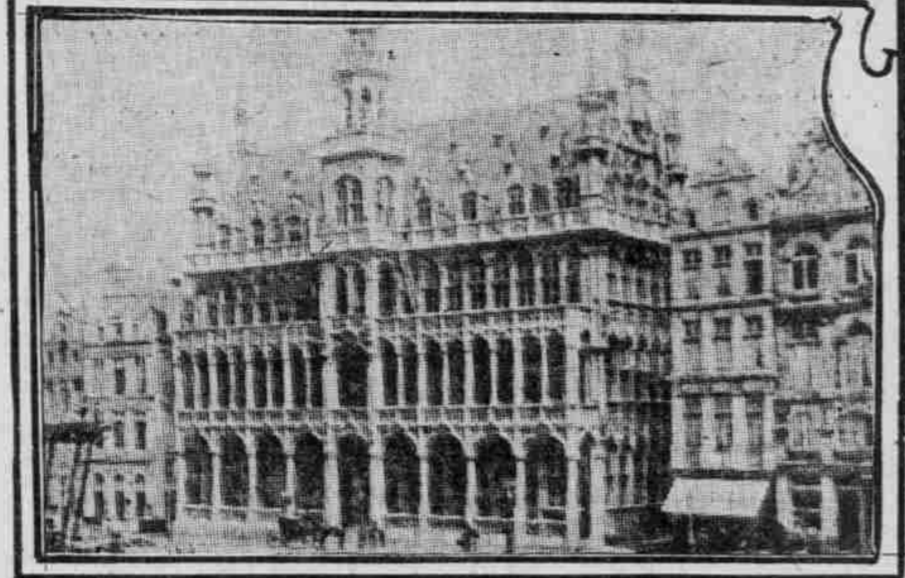
### Capital City Council Will Consider Project.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Tomorrow night the City Council will hold a special adjourned session, when it is probable definite steps will be taken to bring the proposition of a mountain water system before the voters of the city.

FAMILIAR SNAPSHOT OF KING OF THE BELGIANS, WHO IS DYING, PORTRAIT OF COUPLE WHO PROBABLY WILL BECOME KING AND QUEEN, AND VIEW OF ROYAL PALACE.



CROWN PRINCE ALBERT AND WIFE.



THE PALACE OF KING LEOPOLD.



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## LEOPOLD FIGHTS ON

### Operation Is Last Resort, but Case Is Desperate.

## PREPARES FOR LAST ENEMY

### Aged King's Mind Is Clear and He Calmly Makes Will, Receives Sacrament, Says Farewell to Daughter and Friends.

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of his own personal life whispered by every tongue, Leopold lay tonight in "The Palm," a little pavilion of six rooms, close to the great Laken attended by his faithful daughter Princess Clementine, Crown Prince Albert and the royal household.

## Last Preparations for Death.

The day was a mixture of anxiety, hope and despair. As his strength failed the King, his chaplain, an aged priest with tears wetting his cheeks, approached the bed to hear the King's confession and administer communion and extreme unction. In the morning the King, assisted by a notary and solicitor, settled his private affairs. He discussed points in his will with perfect composure. In the afternoon he took farewell of the court officials.

Subsequently he received the papal nuncio, who brought the benediction of the holy father, and the Spanish Minister. The Mayor of Brussels came to the castle as the bearer of the good wishes of the people of Brussels, and to express the popular hope that His Majesty would recover, but the King was too tired to receive him.

## May See Banished Daughter.

Fate destined that Leopold's illness should occur in the stately pavilion instead of the royal palace at Brussels. While it is understood to have been a whim of the sovereign that caused the closing of the castle, this action probably had to do with the King's plan to place most of his personal and real property in control of a stock company, to permit the inheritance to pass to his daughters undisturbed by scandals, such as followed the death of the Queen.

## Not Understood by Belgians.

A curious circumstance is the fact that Brussels appears to be more occupied with the sensational chapters in King Leopold's career than with his illness. The situation is summarized by a well-informed official, who said tonight: "Leopold does not understand the Belgians, and the Belgians do not understand Leopold. So, perhaps, they have grown apart. The Belgians have come to consider King Leopold as a great man of business, a great international promoter, who at the same time has done much good for Belgium."

formed that, if the King died, she would not be allowed to remain in Belgium.

## STRENGTH RAPIDLY LOST

### Physicians Decide Operation Must Be Performed Tuesday.

PARIS, Dec. 13.—A dispatch to the Matin from Brussels says the King dozed into a quiet sleep tonight. Although he does not suffer, his strength is diminishing so rapidly that it has been decided to operate at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. Dr. Depasse will perform the operation. Dr. Thiriar, the royal physician, who has known the King for 30 years, declaring that he did not have the courage to perform "The memory of our long friendship," he said, "would make the scalpel drop from my nervous fingers."

## IN DREAM, DEATH SEEN

### GIRL WITNESSES IN MIND LAKE ERIE DISASTER.

### Sarah Clancy, Sister of One of Missing Ferry Crew, Declares All on Board Are Lost.

ERIE, Pa., Dec. 13.—Declaring that in a dream she saw her brother Bessemer and Marquette No. 2 founder on the angry billows of Lake Erie on Tuesday night, Miss Sarah Clancy, sister of one of the 38 missing men, insists that her brother is dead and all with him are lost.

## WOMAN LAWYER VICTOR

### Denver Judge Orders Election Board to Certify to Returns.

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## DIVORCE TANGLES CUT

### WIFE MAN ONCE LOST IS AGAIN HIS BY LAW.

### Numerous Previous Rulings Are Upset by Decision of Judge Shackelford.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—In a decision handed down at 11 o'clock tonight at the conclusion of a special night session of court, Superior Judge Shackelford untangled one of the most complex divorce cases ever tried in Pierce County.

## Auto Kills Ballard.

### ST. LOUIS, Dec. 13.—Theodore Ballard, a former president of the Merchants' Exchange, was run down and killed by an automobile driven by an 18-year-old boy tonight.

## TAFT IS SHOPPER

### With Wife He Buys Christmas Presents in New York.

## JEWELRY IS PURCHASED

### Charley Taft to Get Gold Watch and Other Members of Family Will Be Remembered—Busy Two Days Ahead.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—President and Mrs. Taft went shopping in Fifth avenue today. The aftermath of last night's storm, a heavy downpour of rain, did not bother the Nation's ruler and his wife. They were accompanied by Mrs. Thomas Laughlin, sister of Mrs. Taft, who lives at Pittsburg. The advent of the President and party in a prominent jewelry establishment was entirely unexpected and the holiday throng forgot the problem of Christmas presents for the time being when word of the arrival of the distinguished newcomers spread about the place.

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5000 Boxes Paper — Beautifully-decorated boxes, containing linen fabric fashionable society paper with envelopes to match, in the latest and most fashionable sizes. Values up to 40c a box. Today Special 19 cts.

## YOU PAY ONLY FACTORY PRICES IN THIS GREAT SALE OF PYROGRAPHY

—If you are a wood burner and familiar with these artistic and unique articles for Christmas gifts you will be intensely interested in this sale. —A delayed shipment occasioned by the recent switchmen's strike on the Northern Pacific brought a large stock of pyrography to a Seattle firm. This shipment they refused, notifying the manufacturers. Not wishing to have this great stock returned to the factory, the manufacturers asked us to dispose of this shipment for them. —We dictated the terms of sale—You get all the benefit. —Tomorrow we offer 10,000 pieces of Pyrography—all at factory prices. As examples of the saving, we quote the following:

- \$5.00 Burning Outfits, special, \$2.95
- \$4.00 Burning Outfits, special, \$2.68
- \$3.00 Burning Outfits, special, \$1.98
- 1000 assorted 15c panels, special, 9c
- 1000 assorted 20c panels, special, 12c 1/2
- 2000 assorted 50c, 65c panels, special, 38c
- New 40c Pipe Racks, special, 19c
- New 40c Glove Boxes, special, 19c
- New 40c Handkerchief Boxes, special, 19c
- New \$1.50 Tabourettes, special, 69c
- New \$1.00 Paper Racks, special, 49c
- New 69c Pipe Racks, special, 29c
- New 35c Match Racks, special, 14c
- New 25c Tie Racks, special, 9c
- New \$10 Magazine Stands, special, \$4.00

## ANOTHER DAY'S DELAY AND YOU'LL BE TOO LATE

\$3.00 Seal Bags with Initial of Heavy Gold Plate, Special \$1.98 —Yesterday we sold 300 of these bags. The balance are being offered today at the same price. We doubt if you could buy a more suitable or serviceable Christmas gift for the price than these bags. They come in black, brown, tan and navy; all fitted with coin purses and with double strap handles.

Don't Delay Your Picture Framing Orders. Time is Almost Here When We Will Have to Disappoint You. No Other Store Can Do the Work.

## Glove Sale

—Three-clasp dress kid, one and two-clasp cape style, in different stitching, pique effects, two-clasp Mocha gloves. All of such good quality and style that at \$1.27 a pair, the price of these gloves, reaches the very lowest level in glove selling. Worth up to \$2.25. Special \$1.27

## PRINCESS, MOYENAGE AND ONE-PIECE DRESSES

Regular \$25 Values, Special \$9.95 —A special purchase of high-class dresses for women and misses enables us to offer for tomorrow 78 newest models in dresses of French serge, broadcloth, prunella and Jersey cloth in black and colors. Some are made in strictly plain tailored styles. Others braided or trimmed with silk braid.

## \$65 Finest Tailor-made Suits \$29.75

—The assortment comprises about 48 of our newest tailor-made suits in black and colors, also in fancy worsteds. The styles are all the newest and mid-winter models made 42 to 50 inches long and lined with the finest quality silk or satin. The materials are broadcloths, chevots and serges.

## \$5 Silk Petticoat, Special at \$3.29

—A special offering, extra quality taffeta silk petticoats in one of the newest tailor-made models. The Colors are black, navy, gray, changeable green, changeable blue and changeable red. Made with full circular flounce and trimmed with straps and small tucks. The petticoats make most acceptable Christmas gifts and at the price, \$3.29, is a saving that is more than worth while. BUY NOW.

## Today We Hold a Sale of Christmas Aprons

Just Two Prices, 29c and 59c LADIES' WHITE LAWN APRONS —Plain and dotted Swiss; long or short, round or square shape. Trimmed with cluster tucks, lace or embroidery insertion, heading or ribbon. Values to 40c, Special, 29c. LADIES' LONG OR SHORT APRONS —With or without bib, revers and straps. Trimmed with cluster tucks, embroidery, insertion and edgings. Also fancy tea aprons of Swiss with heading and ribbon. Regular value 75c, special, 59c.

## It's New--The Monopress, For Embossing Paper—25c

—Something new for embossing paper. Every combination monogram in the alphabet. Newer than wax and more refined. The Monopress costs but 25c. By using this simple device you can emboss your paper and envelope in an instant.

## 3000 Pictures at 35c

—On a big table in our Picture Department. Pretty, dainty, refined pictures in a variety of very pretty frames.

## 23-in. Full Jointed Dolls \$1.15

Is the Biggest and Best Special Ever Offered 200 of Them, Reg. \$2, Go on Sale Today FULL JOINTED BODY DOLLS —Bisque head, curly hair, movable eyes; 16-inch length; stockings and slippers. Regular value \$1.25, special, 79c. JOINTED AND KID BODY DOLLS —With bisque head, curly hair, movable eyes; with or without eyelashes. Celluloid jointed-body dolls and jointed-body, fancy-dressed dolls. Regular values to 75c; special, 59c. —Jointed body, celluloid and bisque; values to 45c, special, 25c.



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