

# RUSSIAN TROOPS MOVE ON PERSIA

### Epidemic of Assassination in Teheran Following Defeat to Czar.

## SHUSTER WELL GUARDED

### Liberal Organs in London Bitter Against Sir Edward Grey for Siding in With St. Petersburg Government.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—(Special.)—Russia has ordered her troops to move upon Teheran, the capital of Persia; an epidemic of assassination prevails in that city and Sir Edward Grey has been criticized for falling in with Russia's plans—these are the sensational developments of the day in the Persian crisis.

In consequence of the rejection by the Persian National Council of the Russian demands, Russia has ordered the Russian troops now concentrated at Reest, capital of the Persian province of Gilan, 16 miles from Enzeli on the Caspian Sea, to advance on Teheran. Russia has, it is believed, 4000 men concentrated at Reest. These troops arrived at Enzeli November 22.

Mushir-Es-Sultaneh, a prominent Persian reactionary, has been murdered and an attempt was made on the life of Mushir-Es-Sultaneh, ex-Premier and Minister of the Interior, during the regime of the ex-shah, Mohammed Ali Mirza, in Teheran today. Mushir-Es-Sultaneh was shot in the leg and his coachman killed.

Shuster's Guard Increased. The guard that is protecting W. Morgan Shuster, the American Treasurer-General of Persia, has been strengthened.

Disaffection is felt in London by many Liberals because of Sir Edward Grey's falling in with the Russian policy of hamstringing and perhaps destroying the independence of Persia.

"Let nobody suppose," says a leading Liberal organ this morning, "that this assassination and partition of Persia for that is unquestionably what it amounts to—is in British interests. Without war no disaster equal to or approaching it could have befallen us in Asia."

"Apart altogether from any Liberal zeal for the preservation of nationalities, it is for our interests that the frontier of India should be the Himalayas and that beyond them and between us and Russia should be a strong independent buffer state. On behalf of that doctrine both the Liberal and Conservative governments have poured out British blood and treasure. It is as sound today as ever, but Sir Edward has sacrificed it beyond recall."

Ultimatum Is Rejected. The Persian National Council rejected the Russian ultimatum by a big majority. The Foreign Minister has resigned.

The Russian ultimatum, to the terms of which the Council has refused to agree, called for the dismissal of the instant dismissal of W. Morgan Shuster, the American who has for several months occupied the post of Persian Treasurer-General. A further demand was for a cash indemnity from Persia to cover the cost of the dispatch of Russian troops to the Persian coast.

The vote of the Council in rejection of the ultimatum was cast in open session. A subsequent secret sitting of the members was practically unanimous against compliance with the Russian demands, but some of the members pointed out that England's advice heretofore had only led to Persian humiliation.

They believed that Sir Edward Grey had been misinformed and emphatically asserted that any Russian advance had become intolerable.

## TAFT ASKED TO PREVENT WAR

### State Department Announces No Change in Persia Attitude.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—President Taft was appealed to by the Persian-American Educational Society to use the good offices of the United States government to prevent war between Russia and Persia.

W. Morgan Shuster, father of the young American Treasurer-General of Persia, conferred with the State Department officials today regarding the position of his son. The officials declined to make any statement.

It was declared that there had been no change in the attitude of the State Department in this case, and that it would confine itself to seeing there was no infringement of American rights as an American citizen to full protection. It is impossible to learn what course will be pursued by the department if an attempt is made to expel Mr. Shuster from Persia.

It is evident that there are elements in this particular case that may lead to embarrassing complications, especially if it should be associated with the agitation for an immediate abrogation of the treaties with Russia.

## NAVY MEN ARE TO SAIL

### Transport Buffalo Will Take Extra Tons to Asiatic Station.

VALLEJO, Cal., Dec. 1.—Orders were received at Mare Island Navy yard today to prepare the transport Buffalo to depart for the Asiatic station December 15. She will take a special draft of men for service on the vessels now in Asiatic waters.

It is believed that the orders have nothing to do with the trouble in China. Because of the large number of Army troops being moved at this time, it is impossible to obtain passage on the regular transports for the men of the Navy.

## Examination Dates Set.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that the following examinations are to be held to secure eligibles and fill vacancies in the different departments: Aid in division of physical anthropology, December 9; junior engineer in United States Army, December 13-14; packer and shipper in bureau of standards, December 19; engineer and plumber at the Colville Indian School, January 10; kindergarten teacher in the Indian service, January 10-11. Further information concerning these examinations can be secured from Z. A. Leigh, at the Portland Postoffice.

## AMERICAN WHOSE ENDEAVOR TO REFORM PERSIAN FINANCES PRECIPITATED CRISIS, RULER OF COUNTRY AND TYPICAL PERSIAN TROOPS.



W. Morgan Shuster.

Persian Soldiers.

## CLERGY SEEK DATA

### San Francisco Leaders Start to Take Religious Census.

## MANY TO AID IN WORK

### All Denominations Will Unite in Canvass of City to Determine Faiths of Its Inhabitants—Up-lift Campaign Planned.

## SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1.—(Special.)

San Francisco is to have a religious census, one of the best efforts of the city's religious leaders. Four thousand men and women are enlisted in the work. All of the leaders of religion in San Francisco have given the census a hearty approval. Archbishop Riordan, of the Catholic Church, has given permission to his clergy to take their proportionate part in the canvass.

Rabbi Martin A. Meyer and other Jewish leaders are among the promoters of the enterprise. Dr. Bradford Leavitt, of the Unitarian church, and Bishop Nichols, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and Bishop Hughes, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, are in close touch with the movement. So are Dr. Charles F. Aked, of the Congregational body, and Rev. William Rader, of the Presbyterians.

In fact, all the various branches of religion are in hearty unanimity in this census and sociological, as well as religious, undertaking. As far as possible, those who make the canvass are to go in pairs and they will be chosen preferably from different churches. They are to inquire the nationalities and the religious affiliation of the persons in the household, including boarders and servants. They will tabulate the count.

When the canvass is completed throughout the city and the canvassing records are returned to headquarters, all there will remain to do in regard to the results will be to turn over the different piles of reports to their respective church authorities. With these records the different denominations propose to inaugurate a personal campaign of religious endeavor.

## WIFE VIEWS WHIPPING

### MAN WHO BEAT SPOUSE PUBLICLY LASHED IN MARYLAND.

### Old Law Is Revived and First Culprit to Feel It Welcomes Whipping as Just Deserts.

## CENTERTVILLE, Md., Dec. 1.—(Special.)

The wife of the man who was whipped at the public whipping-post in the jailyard when the old law provided that punishment for cruel husbands was revived. Stiner, his body bare to the waist, took the lashes across his back with fortitude. His wife grimly watched him writhe involuntarily as the whip cut his flesh. After the first three strokes, blood began to flow and the spectators, including the avenged wife, sighed in relief when the sixth blow fell and the culprit was led back to his cell, where the jail physician dressed his wounds. Stiner welcomed the whipping. He said that he deserved the punishment and it was at his request that Mrs. Stiner was invited to view the proceeding.

The punishment was the second of the kind ever inflicted in Queen Anne County and the first since the whipping-post was revived.

## MAN KILLS SELF AT GAME

### Ex-Football Player From Stockton Commits Suicide in Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Dec. 1.—A football game here yesterday was brought to a sudden stop by a suicide in the crowd of spectators along the side lines. Startled by the report of a revolver shot, the crowd turned to see a man stagger and drop with a bullet through his head. He died in the arms of one of the players a minute later.

The suicide proved to be Harry Mintz, a former football player from Stockton, Cal. He went to Buffalo a few days ago with the expectation of meeting his wife and effecting a reconciliation. He found that she had gone away. Disappointed and disheartened, he determined to kill himself.

## Pheasants Seen Near Husum.

HUSUM, Wash., Dec. 1.—(Special.)—The appearance of a number of golden pheasants in this locality for the first time this year has been a surprise to those who have seen them only in their native haunts west of the Coast.

## BANKER IS INDICTED

### Philomath Cashier Accused of Forgery and Fraud.

## MORE CHARGES EXPECTED

### Mishandling of Note Is Set Forth in First True Bill and False Report Also Is Part of Grand Jury's Findings in Case.

## CORVALLIS, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special.)

Two indictments were returned against James Evans, alias James Evara, by the Benton County grand jury today. Evans has been in jail here since early in November, following an investigation on the part of depositors and stockholders of the condition of the First State Bank of Philomath, of which he was cashier. The first indictment returned today accuses Evans of forging a note for \$400, payable to the Philomath Creamery Company, a corporation in which Evans owned the controlling stock. The note was indorsed to the Philomath bank.

In the second indictment the defendant is charged with swearing to a false report of the general condition of the bank on September 16. Evans will plead to the first charge tomorrow and to the second Monday. It is expected that there will be other indictments returned against Evans tomorrow.

## FIVE ELECTIONS DUE

### Calling of Special Election of Legislature Costly.

### Idaho Counties Must Fill Vacancies Caused by Resignations of Representatives During Year.

## BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 1.—(Special.)

The convening of a special session of the Idaho Legislature in Boise during March of next year, at the call of Governor James H. Hawley, who has stated that he has practically decided to take official action in order that the revenue laws can be revised, will force the holding of five special elections in as many counties in the state, or Fremont, Blaine, Bingham, Cassia and Blaine, due to the fact that vacancies exist in those counties' delegations to the Legislature. Official notification to hold the elections will not be issued until after the call for the session extraordinary.

The vacancies were caused in the delegations through the resignations of representatives, most of whom gave up their office in order to take advantage of other county offices to which they had been elected. It will not be until which were created by an act of the Legislature of which they were members.

The direct primary election law will not apply to the special elections, but the expense attached to them will be just as great, it being estimated that to hold all five elections will cost each county several thousands of dollars, making the total about \$35,000. The convening of the Legislature is estimated to represent an expenditure of \$20,000 to \$25,000. Boosting the grand total to between \$60,000 and \$75,000.

Governor Hawley said recently that if he held the call for the special session it will be just before the Christmas holidays upon his return from the trip of the Governor's special.

## FOOTBALL ACCIDENTS MANY

### Son of Rear-Admiral Marmion Among Those Injured in Game.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The number of accidents, fatal or serious, reported on Thanksgiving day in various parts of the country is unusually large.

John McMorris, a member of the football team of Mount St. Mary's College, Emmetsburg, Md., was seriously injured there in a game with Catholic University eleven. His spine is believed to be broken.

Cline Watson, the 15-year-old son of E. E. Watson, of Middleport, O., died during a game of high school football here. He fell on the field and died of brain hemorrhage.

Walter R. Marmion, son of Rear-Admiral Marmion, U. S. N., is in a serious condition in a hospital at Baltimore, suffering from concussion of the brain received in a football game between Washington and Baltimore amateur teams.

John A. Vixner, of Hartford, Conn., a student at Trinity College, is in a hospital here with a serious fracture of the hip, received in a football game.

## SMUGGLERS FAIL OF BAIL

### Captain and Engineer of Comrade Sent South for Trial.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1.—James Wright, captain, and Reynold Scott, the engineer of the gasoline boat Comrade, which was caught in Chinese smuggling operations in Monterey Bay, were ordered removed today by Judge De Haven, of the United States District Court, to the Southern district of California, where they will stand trial. The same order was made in the case of Antonio Pella, the Mexican, who is said to belong to the same ring engaged in smuggling the Chinese over the Mexican border into this country.

The ball of the three was fixed at \$5000 each, which they were unable to furnish.

## NEAR-RIOTS ARE COSTLY

### STRIKERS AND STRIKEBREAKERS CLASH AT LA GRANDE.

## One Pleads Guilty and Is Fined and Three Others, Who Plead Not Guilty, Will Be Tried Today.

LA GRANDE, Or., Dec. 1.—(Special.)—Incipient near-riots among strikers and strikebreakers in this city since the strike on the O-W. R. & N. has been a costly affair. A large number of men and women last night in front of a fashionable saloon on Adams Avenue. As a result one man, Buck Hartman, who pleaded guilty today, was fined \$25 and three others are to be tried tomorrow after pleading not guilty. A charge of misconduct and disturbing the peace, flashed the theater-goers saw and heard the closing chapter of the fist fights, when one of the men not directly connected with the fracas, set up a quarrel which could be heard for blocks before he could be silenced.

The three who will be tried tomorrow are strikebreakers named Keefer, Dayton and Kilene and they say they fought back only after being attacked by strikers in the rear of the saloon. The owner of the establishment was successful in restoring order by bringing down the leaders in the assault. While the proprietor was "cleaning house" as it were, some one flashed a gun and the strikers are making capital of that issue. No shots were fired, however.

The entire affair was enacted in a jiffy, but because similar riots have been frequent, though generally occurring on side streets, there is much discussion about enlarging the already extra police force used nightly to keep the strikers and strikebreakers apart.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Secretary Meyer has created the new office of Director of the Navy-Yards and announced today the appointment of Rear-Admiral A. B. Willits as director. Captain E. Thobis will be his assistant.

The duties of the new officers will be to unify and improve the methods in all of the navy-yards, keep track of the cost of work and present the needs of the navy-yards to the department. The Director of Navy-Yards will have no executive authority, but will be merely an advisory officer.

## ANNNOYING DEER CAUGHT

### Farmers Stop Crop Losses and Warden Will Sell Animals.

OMAHA, Dec. 1.—At Avoca, Ia., about 25 miles east of this city, 25 wild deer, which have been destroying crops and otherwise annoying the farmers, were captured in a drive Thanksgiving day and will be sold by the State Game Warden to cities of the state as park attractions.

## PREPAREDNESS IS URGED BY MEYER

### Strong Navy Is Plea of Secretary in Annual Report to Congress.

## VESSELS AGE QUICKLY

### Famous Old Oregon Among Twelve Battleships That Should Be Replaced by 1920 — New Cruisers Are Needed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—With a plea that there shall be no decrease in the effective strength of the United States Navy, George Von L. Meyer, Secretary of the Navy, in his annual report to Congress, declares that while seeking peace and playing a leading part in the movement for general arbitration treaties, the world must understand that America "is prepared for war."

The short life of a warship for first or second line of defense—approximately 20 years—has caused the Secretary to ask more ships this year, not to increase the Navy, but to maintain it at its existing strength. This strength, he says, is being diminished by the elimination from active service of the battleships first constructed for the "new Navy."

The United States, Secretary Meyer says, is far in the rear of the leading naval powers in projected naval construction, even on the basis of two new battleships a year.

Estimates Are Submitted. Mr. Meyer submits estimates for two battleships and two colliers only. This is in line with the policy of several years standing of building two battleships a year. In addition to this, the Secretary indicates that the Navy would welcome one of the new type of battleship cruisers, such as Great Britain, Germany and Japan are building. He further points out that there is a great deficiency in the number of cruisers, scouts, destroyers, submarines and auxiliaries for the maintenance and protection of the battle fleet and more light draft gunboats for river use.

The Secretary declares that ships 20 years old are obsolete and worthless even for the second line or reserve. His list shows the famous old Oregon and her sister battleships Indiana and Massachusetts as having reached the fatal period and should be replaced immediately, as well as the Iowa.

In fact Secretary Meyer names 22 battleships that can no longer be regarded as available for the first line of battle and which should be replaced by 1920. Aside from those already indicated they are the Kearsarge, Kentucky, Alabama, Illinois, Wisconsin, Maine, Ohio and Missouri. The youngest of these has turned 13 years.

Forty Battleships Needed. "A total of 40 battleships with a proportional number of other fighting and auxiliary vessels, is the least that will place our country on a safe basis in relation with other world powers," says the Secretary.

The Secretary regards the creation of the reserve fleet as a most important development. As to personnel, the report declares that the aim of all naval education and training is to produce the sea officer who is to command ships and fleets and that all combatant elements aboard ships should belong to the line.

The abandonment of the turbine engine in favor of the old reciprocating type is declared to have followed an exhaustive comparison of the two kinds of machinery. It was found that the reciprocating engine is about 20 per cent more economical. As one result of the use of oil burners instead of coal furnaces, the new battleships Oklahoma and Nevada will each have but one smokestack figured in the cost of the ship deck and improving the arc of the turret.

Touching the abolition of Navy-Yards, Secretary Meyer promises to present the whole matter afresh to Congress when he receives the report of the joint board of the Army and Navy next January.

## SLAYER TO SEEK PARDON

### New Trial Waived by Man Who Shot Betrayed of Daughter.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1.—Frank W. McMahon, convicted of manslaughter for the killing of George Leary last May, was sentenced to the penitentiary today for not less than five nor more than ten years.

McMahon shot Leary after a quarrel on the street over Leary's refusal to marry McMahon's daughter. The sentence is declared to have followed an appeal for a new trial in order to take up the case to the Board of Pardons immediately.

## Yukon Gold Reduces Dividend.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—The Yukon Gold Company, a subsidiary of the Guggenheim Exploration Company, today reduced its quarterly dividend from 10 cents to 7 1/2 cents. This is equivalent to a cut of 2 1/2 per cent from the regular 8 per cent rate.

## Oregon City Woman Dies.

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