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SENATE CAUTIOUS IN RUSSIAN AFFAIR

Effect on Trade With Orient Considered.

JAPAN ENTERS AS FACTOR

Czar and Mikado Would Combine, Is Fear Expressed.

DELAY SEEMS POSSIBLE

Unless Resolution for Abrogation Reaches President Before Holidays, Whole Year Will Be Left for Discussion.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—

A report of the State Department to propose liberal treatment for American citizens in Russia had a tentative agreement for a limitation of the Russian restrictions, which might prove a satisfactory solution of the vexed question.

Opposition to the Senate programme for immediate action on the Sulzer House resolution, looking to the termination of the treaty of 1832, is developing among some Senators. It is based largely on the theory that any estrangement between this country and Russia would have the effect of bringing Russia into alliance with Japan, with the result of injuring the Oriental trade of the United States.

Opponents Send Telegrams.

Many telegrams advancing this idea were received during the day. In most of these communications the Senate was urged not to pass the resolution. Senator Lodge has given assurance that the resolution will be considered after Monday, but even then it may not succeed in going through the Senate so promptly. Senator Cullom has issued his call for the committee to meet at 11 o'clock Monday morning, and he said today he felt there would be ample time for the consideration of the resolution.

Suggestion has been made that Secretary Knox be invited before the committee, but as the committee's course was virtually prescribed by the reference to it of the Russian resolution, it has been decided that it would not do to invite possible opposition to the immediate action contemplated.

Ultimate Delay Foreseen.

There is a possibility of ultimate delay on account of the clause in the resolution which would require the concurrence of the House. Most of the Senators believe the notice of abrogation provided for by the treaty must run a year after the first of January next, succeeding action upon it. Senator Lodge has intimated his intention of offering an amendment making clear the language of the Sulzer resolution to cover this point.

If the committee and Senate accept his view it will be necessary to send the resolution back to the House. If this should prevent action by both bodies before adjournment for the Christmas holidays, there would be no further necessity for haste, as an entire year would be left in which Congress might express itself. The House, however, will be disposed to act quickly so as to expedite the resolution to the President for formal approval.

BAKER PLANS CENTENNIAL

Celebration Will Honor Coming of First White Man.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The Centennial of the coming of the first white man to Baker County will be celebrated here December 28. T. G. Elliott, of Walla Walla; George H. Himes, of Portland, of the Oregon Historical Board, and Judge S. A. Sewell, of Pendleton, are to take part. The exercises are to be directed by J. Neilson Barry, rector of St. Stephen's Church, of Baker. There will be many other visitors from all parts of Eastern Oregon. A visit to the Beaver Springs, which is mentioned in Irving's Astoria, a banquet at the Geiser Grand Hotel and public exercises in Nevins' Hall have been planned.

BREECHES BODY SAVES 60

Delhi Passenger With Broken Leg Will Require Special Tackle.

TANGIER, Dec. 15.—A moderation in the weather late this afternoon permitted the rigging of a second breeches buoy from the steamer buoy to the crew of the Delhi still remain on board and when stormy weather abated, will make an effort to save the specie the vessel carries.

SUFFRAGISTS WANT TO SERVE IN ARMY

GERMAN WOMEN WOULD FIGHT AS WELL AS VOTE.

Suggestion of Compulsory Militia Service With Ballots Arouses Discussion in Europe.

BERLIN, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—What part women will play in the next great war is a question that is the subject of lively discussion in Germany as the result of suggestions advanced by the Dusseldorf Women's Club, recommending compulsory military service of the weaker sex. According to Frau Privy Councillor Witzler and other leaders of the Dusseldorf organization, the time has come when women might be required by law to fit themselves for duties in the military hospital and commissary departments.

Frau Von Leyden, wife of the famous surgeon, and a leader in women's movements, thinks there are many difficulties. "But," she adds, "friends of the compulsory service idea can show good reasons for their position. They can say, for instance, that it is a logical consequence of the demand for equal rights. If suffragists want votes they, perhaps, ought also to perform military service."

ASSESSED VALUES GROW

Increase in Oregon Over Last Year More Than \$25,000,000.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—The total assessed valuation of the State of Oregon will probably be \$300,000,000, as compared with \$244,000,000 of last year.

The final report from the County Assessors was received by the State Tax Commission today when Malheur County reported an increase in assessed valuation of \$9,673,390, an increase for that county over the preceding year.

This makes the total assessed valuation for the state as shown by the rolls of the County Assessors to be \$782,949,217. Last year the total assessed by the County Assessors was \$747,824,404, or an increase of \$35,124,812 for this year, the percentage of increase being between 4 and 5 per cent.

The assessments as made by the County Assessors do not include assessments for public service corporations. The assessment of these corporations by the State Tax Commission will probably total about \$20,000,000.

BEGGARS ASK \$120,000,000

Mrs. E. H. Harriman Swamped With Requests for Cash.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—If Mrs. E. H. Harriman should answer favorably every letter that she has received in the past year and a half asking for financial aid, the widow of the railroad king would have her fortune reduced to \$120,000,000. That was the deduction reached after compilation of Mrs. Harriman's letters to the Bureau of Municipal Research.

In all she turned over 6000 begging letters to the bureau. The fortune left to Mrs. Harriman by her husband was \$149,999,999.

Dr. William H. Allen, head of the Bureau, said the writers of 350 of the letters from American addresses alone wanted \$69,781,406.37.

Some months ago Mrs. Harriman took 6000 letters to Dr. Allen for analysis. She had been overwhelmed by appeals and several private secretaries could not keep track of them.

Taft GETS PENSION DATA

Preparation for Dollar-a-Day Bill Sought Through Statistics.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—President Taft, in anticipation of having to pass on the "Sherwood dollar-a-day" pension bill today directed Pension Commissioner Davenport to make a thorough investigation of the bill and to report as soon as possible. Estimates of the increased expenditure from the Capitol range as high as \$74,000,000, but the President is not content to see the figures without an investigation by pension authorities.

It frequently has been stated that Mr. Taft, although his political friends would refuse to approve the Sherwood bill, if he does disapprove the measure the figures obtained through the Pension Bureau could be used in any argument he wished to make to Congress against the bill.

The measure passed the Senate, but has not yet come up to the House.

MOTHER JAILED FOR SON

Seattle Woman Would Save Son, but Latter Confesses Theft.

EVERETT, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—To save her son from arrest, Mrs. Eva Norton, a hair dresser, allowed herself to be locked up in jail last night on a charge of burglary in the second degree.

Today Willis Norton, 12 years old, confessed that he, and not his mother, had been guilty.

Mrs. Norton was accused of having taken a bracelet from the home of Mrs. Minnie Marro. Mrs. Norton said she had found the bracelet and returned it to its owner, but did not know that an additional theft, the taking of \$50, had occurred.

The boy confessed that he alone had robbed the home twice, taking the \$50 one time and the jewelry the other. Norton was turned over to the Juvenile Court.

JURY IS QUICK TO FREE SHOW GIRLS

One Sobs, Other Hysterical at Acquittal.

"THANK GOD," GASPS ETHEL

Stokes, Victim of Shooting Players, Is Recovering.

PRINCIPALS ARE GRILLED

Prosecutor Spares Neither Millionaire for Lull Nor Lillian Graham and Miss Conrad for Money Grabbing.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A verdict of "not guilty" was returned late today, freeing Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad of criminal charges on which they had been held since last June for shooting the millionaire sportsman, W. E. D. Stokes. The jury reached its verdict in slightly less than one hour.

"The shooting show girls" were tried on an indictment of three counts, the first charging an attempt to murder Stokes. Of consideration of this count, however, the jurors were relieved by Justice Marcus at the request of the District Attorney. The court restricted the jury to the second and third counts, which charged, respectively, assault in the first degree with intent to kill and assault in the second degree with intent to do bodily injury.

Girls Are Unnerved.

When summoned to hear the verdict, Miss Graham appeared untrusting and was assisted into the courtroom, trembling. The more spirited Miss Conrad came unassisted, but nervous.

When the girls faced the foreman, he announced the words, "not guilty." Miss Conrad gasped, "Thank God!" and went into violent hysterics. She sank to the counsel table, then jumped up again, shrieking and tearing her hair and throwing her arms about wildly. It was a surprise to the spectators, for Miss Conrad had kept much the better nerve of the two girls throughout the trial.

Miss Graham Comforts Friend.

On the other hand, Miss Graham, who continually wept during the trial, and sobbed the more when she heard the verdict, recovered herself when she saw her companion so affected, and acted as the comforter to her younger friend. It was at first thought Miss Conrad had misunderstood the verdict and her companion tried to assure her that they were free.

"Oh, I know," she said, "Tell mother we are free. Tell her we are coming home."

The girl's hysteria continued ten minutes. The jury arrived at its verdict after four ballots. On three of them, the jurymen voted each time 11 to 1 for acquittal, the one man dissenting being in favor of a conviction of second-degree assault.

The arguments which Assistant District Attorney (Concluded on Page 3.)

MILLIONS SPENT IN OREGON

Construction work under way in Oregon during 1911 is cause for gratification to every citizen of the state. In the year that is closing many millions of dollars have been spent on big projects in every section of the state. This development is especially significant when it is considered that capital elsewhere has shown a tendency to retrench.

The big things that are being accomplished in Oregon will be featured in The Oregonian Annual, to be issued January 1, 1912. The activities of the railroads, for instance, are well worth reviewing. Construction of two trunk lines into Central Oregon has progressed; a new railroad, which has been completed from Portland to Tillamook; work has started on a line to tap the rich Coos Bay district; electric railways have been under construction from Portland to Mount Hood and from Salem to Eugene.

These railroad extensions, as well as other big works, such as the Celilo Canal, the erection of power dams, immense grading and reclamation projects, will have their place in the Annual. It will be a paper that the Oregon citizen can read with satisfaction and take pride in sending to his friends.

The price of the Annual will be 5 cents. Postage in the United States, Canada, Mexico and the insular possessions, 5 cents. Foreign postage, 10 cents.

NEW YORK SUN IS SOLD?

W. C. Reick Said to Have Bought Mrs. A. M. Laffan's Stock.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—William C. Reick has purchased of Mrs. A. M. Laffan a majority of the stock of the New York Sun, according to a well-authenticated report, the Tribune says this morning.

The Sun, in its issue of Sunday next, it is said, will announce the transfer of control to Mr. Reick, who since 1907 has been one of the owners of the New York Times and the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

William M. Laffan died in 1909.

YOUNG VANDERBILT IS ILL

Cornelius Will Undergo Operation for Appendicitis Today.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Cornelius Vanderbilt is to undergo an operation for appendicitis some time today, according to a story published here this morning.

After two months of ill health the young millionaire's illness reached an acute stage within the last 72 hours, it is stated, and after a consultation it was decided that an immediate operation was necessary.

DRUG WAR INTERNATIONAL

Opium Conference Puts Ban on Habit-Forming Narcotics.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 15.—The International Opium Conference today adopted a resolution submitted by the British delegates, restricting the import or export of morphine or cocaine in the countries represented at the conference.

It was decided that all resolutions concerning morphine should be applicable to opium and similar drugs.

Fire Damage Great.

The biggest loss of the series of recent losses was sustained when the quartermaster's storehouse, apart from other buildings, was burned on the night of March 14. The structure, which cost approximately \$250,000, was a total loss.

Another fire followed on March 20, the cavalry ordnance building being ignited, but the loss was small.

But on June 3 an attempt was made to burn a building containing soldiers' mattresses, soaked with kerosene, were placed against the messroom door and

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FORT RILEY HAS REIGN OF TERROR

Fires, Bombs, Threats of Death Figure.

ARRESTS BARE CONDITIONS

Sixth Soldier Charged With Dynamite Outrages.

OFFICERS AS MARKED MEN

Army Men Are Unwilling to Tell of Series of Depredations, Resulting in Loss of \$1,000,000 to Government.

JUNCTION CITY, Kan., Dec. 15.—Trumpeter John Crile, of Battery E, Sixth Field Artillery, was arrested late today in connection with the dynamite explosions and fires at Fort Riley, which cost the Government \$1,000,000.

Crile is the sixth soldier placed under arrest since the investigation of the explosion became public, on Private Michael Quirk's confession that he caused the explosions at the instigation of the Rev. Charles M. Brewer, ex-chaplain at the fort.

The arrest of Crile and the release of Mrs. Anna Jordan, of Kansas City, before Deputy United States Marshal Meed arrived here for her, were the developments in the case today. Commissioner Chase said he would have a warrant issued at once for Mrs. Jordan's arrest and would have it served through the United States Marshal's office at Kansas City.

Post Has Reign of Terror.

The few Army officers who could be induced to talk privately of the explosions today declared that Fort Riley for nine months has been a near state of terror as a well-disciplined Army post can be. Not only were there numerous incendiary fires, but the commanding officers of the post had received frequent letters, threatening them with death and the tort with destruction.

Night and day, since early last Spring, Fort Riley has been under more than double guard, sentries have been posted constantly at the homes of the commissioned officers and guards have spent each night in the cellars of those homes in order to frustrate threats of the destruction of the house by dynamite.

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RUNAWAY WRECKS NEWSPAPER HOME

GRANTS PASS SCENE OF DAMAGE BY TERRIFIED HORSES.

Office Demolished, Plate Glass Scattered Far and Editor Barely Escapes Injury in Mixup.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Printing office wrecked, two horses maimed and 20 feet of heavy plate-glass crushed to fragments is the sum total of damage done by a runaway team at the noon hour today.

A handsome team of blacks hooked to a wagon in charge of Harry Orr, delivering apples for Christmas in the northern part of the city, took fright and sped for the business section, where they tore down Fifth street in a reckless manner, threatening destruction to everything in their path.

Attempting to make an open lively stable door, one horse fell and was dragged by its mate, together with the wagon, into the office of the Rogue River Courier. Just inside the heavy plate-glass front through which they crashed sat Editor C. G. Coutant, who barely escaped death by the shower of glass that fell around him.

Both horses are badly mutilated and the wagon is ruined. Had it not occurred at the noon hour the runaway would have endangered the lives of Tom Hanley, telegrapher, and Miss Louise Birdsall, stenographer, who were a few minutes previous at their desks but two feet from the large window.

The same team ran away six weeks ago and broke the driver's leg. The Courier office was damaged in the sum of \$300.

BANKS HERE STILL GAIN

Portland's Clearings, \$11,603,000, Show 8.7 Per Cent Increase.

Bank clearings for the week made a good showing in the principal Pacific Coast cities. Portland's clearings amounted to \$11,603,000, with a gain of 8.7 per cent over the totals for the corresponding week of last year. The clearings at Seattle were \$11,800,000, while the percentage of gain was only 4.4.

San Francisco and Los Angeles showed substantial increases, the gains in those cities being, respectively 5.9 and 18.7 per cent. The total at Tacoma was \$4,579,000 and at Spokane \$4,566,000. The decrease at Tacoma was 3 per cent and the loss at Spokane was 6.4 per cent.

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The Weather.

YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 31 degrees; minimum, 41 degrees.

TODAY'S—Occasional rain; southwesterly wind.

Foreign.

German suffragists would go to war as well as vote.

National.

Monetary commission seeking to meet objections to Aldrich plan.

Possible complications with Japan loom in Russian treaty abrogation.

Soldiers may have bayonet drill at beef carcasses.

Domestic.

Indianapolis investigators get dynamite evidence implicating W. A. Gardner.

St. Louis jury wins; judge accepts verdict.

Roosevelt denounces apologists for McNamara.

Western Governors organize, with Norris, of Montana, as president.

Jury acquits Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad of crime for shooting Stokes.

Spokane woman deserts her husband; latter says cause of what neighbors would say is cause.

Fort Riley has reign of terror.

Pacific Northwest.

Uniform plans for state fair grounds will be drawn.

Northwestern road now believed to hold control of Northern Pacific.

Defeated Sheridan party declare election was illegal.

"Boj", bad man of 19 years terrorizes Tacoma by hold-ups.

Idaho Penitentiary overcrowded, sadly in need of financial aid.

Willamette University students appeal to "parental" patrons and Methodists to aid in completing \$500,000 endowment.

Court takes land grant case under advisement.

Bankers of New York to finance big Oregon-Idaho sawmill combine.

Runaway team wrecks Grants Pass newspaper office.

Sports.

Lincoln and The Dalles high schools will play for state interscholastic football championship today.

City baseball league scheduled to start about January 15.

Joe Tinker comments on prospect of 1912 baseball season.

Seattle Athletic Club eleven, which is to play Multnomah, is strong on weight.

Commercial and Marine.

Sharp advance in canned tomatoes on Pacific Coast.

Prosperous trade conditions reported in leading lines.

New York stock market irregular and professional.

All wheat markets affected by Argentine crop news.

Christmas cattle being high prices at Portland stockyards.

Lighthouse inspector Beck says listing of tide tables at Astoria is not sur on Columbia bar.

Portland and Vicinity.

Taft committee to open headquarters soon and complete plans for organization of clubs throughout state.

Harriman railway officials praise livestock show at Lewiston.

J. C. Alsworth, following visit to canal zone, foresees advantage to Portland.

East Side delegation makes urgent appeal for docks before commission and expert engineers.

Fourteen railroad shop strikers appeal to Executive Board for police protection.

Three hundred persons attend brilliant reception at Portland Press Club.

Two persons say Leon Lechard, suspected of Holman murder, shot him.

Entrepreneur sues against Northwestern Long-Distance Telephone Company alleged to be scheme of Bell interests to acquire control of Portland Home Phone.

East side charter committee delayed to report.

Portland explains needs of Christmas season in Portland.

NORTHERN PACIFIC IN NEW HANDS NOW

Northwestern Believed in Control of Road.

HILL BUSY WITH BURLINGTON

Milwaukee's Activity Leads Hughtitt's Road to Awaken.

MERRY WAR IS PREDICTED

For Months Chicago & Northwestern Has Been Attempting to Get Foot-hold in Pacific Coast Country.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—That the Chicago & Northwestern and Northern Pacific have formed more than a traffic agreement to run through trains from Portland and Seattle to Chicago, and that the Northern Pacific line is now, or shortly will be, the Northwestern's own outlet to Portland and the Puget Sound country, was the declaration today of traffic officials of all lines who have been watching the movements of the two companies for the past year.

Color was given to the belief by the announcement on Tuesday by President Howard Elliott, from New York, of the traffic agreement in regard to passenger service inaugurated on Thursday.

James J. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern, last week sold a heavy issue of Burlington bonds in London.

Hill Road Active Recently.

Financiers on the inside said that Mr. Hill negotiated the sale largely because of his disposal of his Northern Pacific stock, which he had already determined to unload. For some time the Great Northern has been building parallel lines and branches in Northern Pacific territory, and the announcement that Mr. Hill had ceased to hold a fiscal interest in the rival line would cause no surprise, it is said, in railroad circles.

For more than six months the Northwestern has been endeavoring to secure a foothold on the Pacific Coast country, but the project was resisted by the Harriman system.

Whether the latest deal between the Coast line and the Northwestern was accomplished with the consent of the Harriman officials is not known, but several of the Seattle traffic men took it to indicate that the Harriman interests were jet at defiance.

Vigorous Policy Moving.

A more vigorous policy was inaugurated on the Northwestern system through the elevation of W. A. Gardner to the presidency. The Milwaukee, the strongest competitor of the Northwestern, completing its own line to the Pacific Coast, stimulated the plans of the Northwestern to reach into similar territory.

"Although I am not on the inside of the deal, I am satisfied that the Northwestern has secured control of the Northern Pacific," said R. M. Calkins, general traffic manager of the Milwaukee, today. "We shall welcome the new road. For 35 years we have been fighting them in the East, and shall be prepared to carry on the battle out here."

It was freely predicted in high railroad circles today that within the next six months, as the result of the new agreement or sale, in which the two lines are involved, that solid Northwestern through trains would be running from Chicago to North Pacific Coast points.

SEALSKIN SUPPLY WANES

Only 6000 Scaques Available This Season for Women.

VICTORIA, Dec. 15.—Only 6000 seal-skin scaques are available to the world's women this year. Cable advices say that today's sales in London brought out but 25,000 skins, the price showing a decline of \$2, the average being \$27 per skin. Of the total of the United States Government seal 12,492, taken from the Pribyloff rookeries, and pelagic sealers sent 12,500, of which 2700 were from Victoria, the catch of four schooners, the lowest catch of the smallest fleet ever sent from this port.

Next March 300 skins from Copper Island will be offered by the Russian government. The fact that Russia has only 300 pelts to offer from a group of islands which less than ten years ago had 60,000 skins show the inroads made by Japanese.

PAROLE DENIED WARRINER

Big Four Embezzler Unanimously Refused Freedom.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 15.—By unanimous vote the State Board of Administration, acting as a parole board, today rejected the application of Charles H. Warriner, former treasurer of the Big Four Railroad Company at Cincinnati, who confessed to embezzlements aggregating \$643,000. Warriner has served about two years of a six-year sentence.

