

# AUSTRIA BLUFFING, DELEGATES THINK

## Vienna Declared to Be Trying to Offset Effect of Reverses at Home.

### UNREST AT HOME IS FELT

#### Grave Internal Situation Exists, It Is Said—Slavs Threatening, and Empire Poorly Fortified Financially.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—Dr. Danell, head of the Bulgarian plenipotentiaries, returned tonight to London from Paris and the conference is expected to open tomorrow noon. Sir Edward Grey, the British secretary for foreign affairs, will make a brief speech of welcome and after expressing the hope of a fruitful and of their labors, he will retire and leave the conference to deliberate in private.

The delegates spent a quiet Sunday. Nothing transpired to show whether any serious difficulty is likely to arise over the attendance of the Greek delegates. Concerning the Austro-Serbian controversy, the Balkan delegates think it the result of Austrian bluff.

#### Austrian Programme Wrecked.

Vienna, having seen completely wrecked her traditional programme of gradually extending through the Balkan states to Saloniki, they say, has tried to counterbalance the bad effect it has had at home by clamoring that Albania must be autonomous, according to the Austria-Italian agreement concluded in 1907. Therefore neither Greece nor Serbia can occupy the Albanian Adriatic coast, much less Serbia, as Serbia means Russia.

#### Slavs Are Threatening.

An additional concern is the threatening attitude of the Slavs throughout Austrian territory. This resulted in the dissolution of the municipalities of Sebenico, Spalato and Zara on the charge of being anti-Austrian.

"Vienna," the Balkan delegates continue, "has too many troubles at home to think seriously of war for which she is not financially prepared, a fact proven by the loan recently contracted in the United States at a rate of interest higher than any other great power has paid in late years."

"Besides, Germany, notwithstanding her alliance, has exercised an influence tending to moderate Austrian ardor."

"Admitting a coup d'etat on the part of Austria, we know that neither Serbia nor any other Balkan state would be left alone, as Russia would come to their assistance, being today no more the Russia of the war with Japan, and indeed anxious to show what she can do in Europe."

#### Powers Would Prevent War.

"At the time of the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina the Russian Emperor warned the Austro-Hungarian ultimatum to Austria which would have led to war, but he was prevented from so doing through the friendly intervention of King Edward. It will be recalled that Germany prepared support Austria against Russia, but in this case Austria would be forced by the Russo-French alliance to attack France."

"This would mean a general conflagration, which all have more interest to prevent than to hasten and which will not be brought about for a relatively insignificant cause, such as allowing Serbia to have a strip of land along the southern frontier of Montenegro and a small stretch of coast on the Adriatic."

No further development in the international situation is reported. According to a Vienna dispatch, nothing is known of the statements circulated in Paris that Serbia has protested to Austria against the Austrian military demonstrations.

#### Financial Strain Heavy.

The Vienna Reichspost in an article dealing with the crisis refers to the financial strain on Austria-Hungary. It estimates the expenditure on military preparation at \$105,000,000 and the total losses to the dual monarchy in the last few years as a result of the recurrent Servian crisis as nearly \$25,000,000. This latter figure is understood to cover the depreciation in prices of government securities.

A Belgrade dispatch represents the Servian government as ready if necessary to send delegates to Vienna for friendly negotiations with Austria on the basis of Albanian autonomy and a Servian port on the Adriatic, which Serbia would engage not to transform into a military port, while Austria would enjoy the right of preference in the matter of loans and public works, and the most-favored nation treatment.

#### Bulgarian Organ Skeptical.

The Belgrade newspapers say that, according to advice from the general staff, the Servian government has created two new army divisions to be stationed in the Kosovo and Vardar districts, in the newly-occupied territory.

The Bulgarian government organ in Sofia, the Mir, professes to be skeptical of a favorable settlement.

It declares a majority of the members of the Sobranje, which assembled Saturday, are discontented at the arrest of the Bulgarian army almost at the gates of Constantinople. They want the government to interrupt the negotiations, continue the war and dictate peace in the Turkish capital.

In accordance with the terms of the armistice, provision trains for the Bulgarian army are passing through the Adrianople station with the permission of the Turks.

### OREGON MAN IS KILLED

#### William Syms, of Viewpoint, Run Over by Car at Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—William Syms, of Viewpoint, Or., was run over by a Pacific electric car at Sentosa Station tonight at 3:20 and instantly killed. He was standing by the track evidently waiting for the car to stop and take him on board. When it came within a few feet of him the motorman on the car says the man suddenly reeled and fell directly under the wheels of the car.

#### No Change is Probable.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Completely restored to health after a six months' vacation and three months

additional sick leave in the United States, W. Cameron Forbes, Governor-General of the Philippine Islands, arrived in Seattle last night on his way to Manila. He will sail Monday with his family and official party on the Minnesota.

"The policy of the government of the islands will not be affected by politics so long as I am in charge. The Philippines were never in better condition, and the United States has accomplished great results," said Governor-General Forbes in an interview tonight.

Concerning the sword of Damocles hanging over his head with a Democratic President and Democratic House, the Governor-General expressed himself as not worried, saying:

"Not being appointed for a specified term I suppose I hold office during good behavior. I can't say how well the new Democratic President will like my behavior. That's hardly my concern. Suffice it to say that I am going back to work, and will continue working at the job as long as I am Governor-General."

Before being appointed on the Philippine commission he was vice-president of the Stone & Webster Corporation, of Boston, and was interested in the purchase of the street railway lines in Seattle by Stone & Webster when the Seattle Electric Company, now the Puget Sound Traction Light & Power Company, was formed.

### SCHOOL FIGHT STARTED

#### PRESIDENT OF GRANT COUNTY BOARD EJECTED.

#### Officers' Place Declared Vacant by Superintendent on Refusal to Sign Teachers' Warrants.

PRAIRIE CITY, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—W. W. Austen, County Superintendent of Grant County's public schools, has issued an order declaring the office of Union High School director of Strawberry District vacant. The office was held by A. E. Thomas.

The Union High school, located here, is made up of five school districts. Mr. Thomas, who was elected director representing the Strawberry District, was, upon the organization of the Union High School board, chosen its president.

Shortly after the election of the teachers for the new High School some question was raised as to the legality of the election of the Union District and Mr. Thomas, upon advice of his lawyer, refused to sign the warrants for the payment of the school law defining the duties of directors. A clause gives the County Superintendent the power to declare vacant the office of any director who for 60 days neglects or refuses to perform the duties incumbent upon him, due notice to be served on the director by the Superintendent upon complaint of the board. Complaint was filed by the board with Superintendent Austen, and notice served on Mr. Thomas two weeks ago, the order declaring his office vacant following immediately.

This step will necessitate a reorganization of the High School board and the election of a new chairman, after which the teachers who have drawn no pay since school opened will receive their salaries for the past three months. Strawberry District probably will call a special election in order to choose a new director.

What the further outcome of the tangle may be, or whether the matter will be carried into court, depends on the view Mr. Thomas and his district may take of the matter.

### Cannery Debt Being Raised.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—In order to raise the \$2200 debt on the Centralia cannery preparatory to starting the plant next year, the officers of the Centralia Commercial Club have started a 50-cent cannery fund. The city is being canvassed and every man in Centralia will be asked to donate half a dollar to the fund. Those desiring it will be given a first mortgage against the plant, the 50 cents to be repaid with interest from the first earnings of the concern. The fund is swelling rapidly.

### Bankers on Call

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#### ARCHBALD CASE HASTENED

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The main inquiry of the "money trust" investigation, that into the alleged concentration of money and credits in the hands of a few financiers of New York, will be begun tomorrow, when the Pujo committee of the House resumes its hearings.

Bankers from New York and outlying cities and towns have been subpoenaed to answer as to the extent of New York's control over the bank deposits of the Nation and the extent to which a few men may control the banking activities of New York.

Efforts will be made to hasten in the Senate conclusion of the impeachment trial of Judge Archbald, but it is expected the jurists' attorneys will not close their case this week.

#### Appropriations Under Way.

Appropriation bills will hold the floor in each house until the Christmas recess Thursday night. The Indian, Postoffice and fortifications appropriation bills in the House and the legislative, executive and judicial appropriations in the Senate will be pushed as rapidly as possible in the hope that they can be passed before adjournment.

The Senate has agreed to take up the Shepherd-Kenyon bill prohibiting shipments of liquor into prohibition states immediately after the opening of the session tomorrow. No indication has been given of the extent of the fight that may develop over the bill. An effort will be made by Senator Kenyon to keep it before the Senate as the "unfinished business" and to secure final action on it this week.

Hearings before the campaign expenditure investigation committee will be resumed Tuesday. William E. Hearst, ex-Senator foraker, of Ohio, and several other witnesses have been asked to appear.

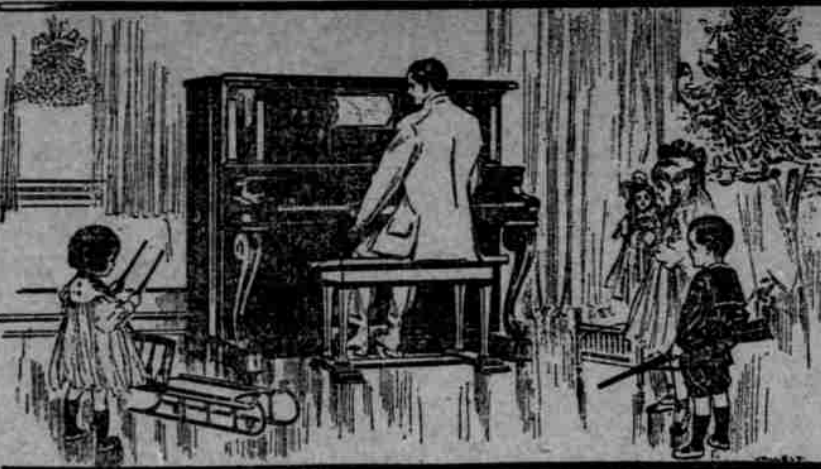
Much of the about the political activities of the Standard Oil Company, as revealed by John D. Archbald and the Archbald letters first made public by Mr. Hearst.

### Medford Claims Motor-Car Record.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—One person out of every 35 in this town has an automobile, which is believed to be the record for the state, if not for the country. Medford, with a population estimated at 10,000, is credited with 290 automobiles and 343 motor vehicles. Jackson County entire, with a population of about 30,000, has 575 motor vehicles and 596 automobiles.

### Washington Pioneer Found Dead.

WINLOCK, Wash., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—James Kingston, who lived about four miles northwest of this place for more than 20 years, was found dead in his room Wednesday morning by his wife. Mr. Kingston was more than 80 years of age, and his death, it is believed, was due to natural causes.



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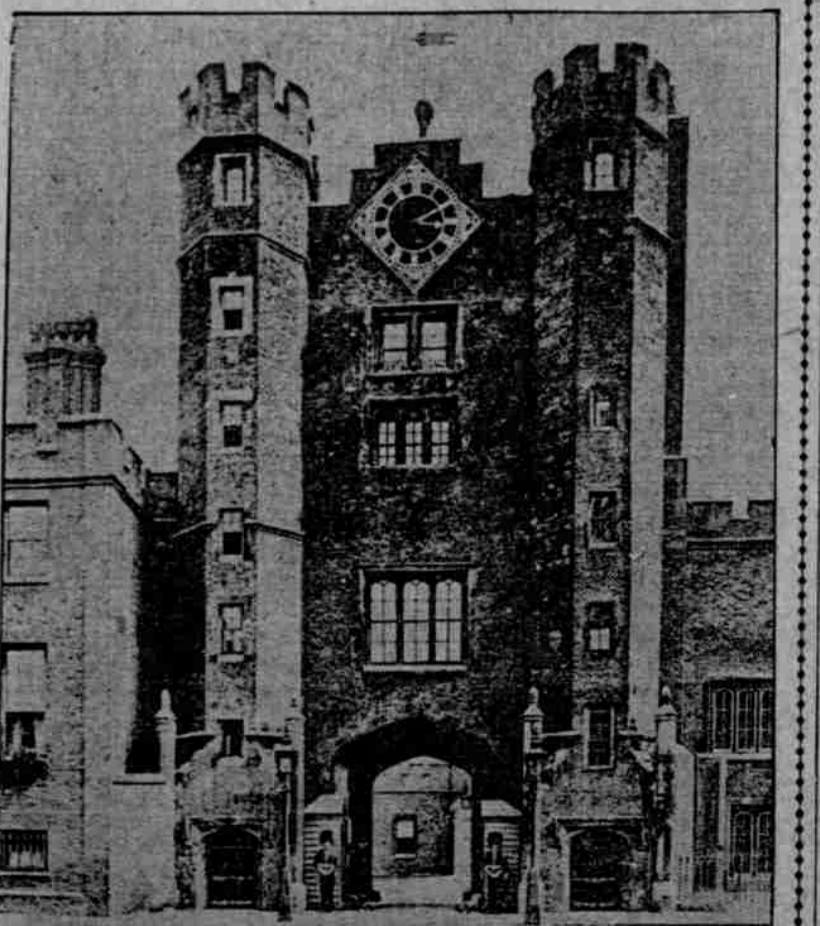
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### WHERE BALKAN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BEGIN TODAY, AND BRITISH OFFICIAL WHO WILL PRESIDE



ABOVE, SIR EDWARD GREY, BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER—BELOW, ST. JAMES' PALACE.

## MANY TO GO SOUTH

### More Than 100 Now in Royal Rosarians' Party.

### CITY WILL BE ADVERTISED

#### President Hutchin, of Pacific Coast Festivals Association, Tells of Plans to Invite Californians to Rose Show.

More than 100 reservations have been made already for the excursion of the Royal Rosarians to California to advertise the Portland Rose Festival, and it appears that many more will be received in the coming week.

Besides the active members of the Royal Rosarians about 50 prominent business men of Portland who are not members of the organization have made arrangements to accompany the party on the excursion, and those in charge of the preparations believe that this visit of Oregon people to California will rival that of the big "Oregon First" party which went to San Francisco last Spring to select a site for the Oregon building at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

"People of San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Sacramento and Pasadena are sending us messages of welcome and assurances of big preparations for our entertainment in their cities," said George L. Hutchin, president of the Pacific Coast Festivals Association and one of the members of the committee which is preparing the excursion.

"It will be up to the people of Port-

## OLD AT 40

### Some Younger at 65 Than Others Are at 40 Years

### OREGON CITY SURPRISES

#### Former Resident Finds Revelation on Visit After 30 Years.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—"There have been so many changes in the city since I left here," said John Blackwell, of Tacoma, who is visiting friends, "that I hardly knew the place. I left the city more than 30 years ago, and have always wanted to come back, but this is the first opportunity that I have had."

Mr. Blackwell came to Oregon City 55 years ago, and lived here 28 years. He said tonight that he had met only three men who lived here when he was a resident of the city. They are Charles E. Burns, David Caulfield and George Miller. Mr. Blackwell attended the meeting of the Masonic lodge tonight, having been initiated in the local order 43 years ago.

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