TURK MEETS GREEK

Result of Engagement Is Problematical

FIGHT LASTS HOUR AND HALF

Cruiser Averoff.

MUSSELMANS DENY INJURY

Were Wounded-Actual Negotiations for Peace Begin at London Today.

LONDON, Dec. 16 .- A naval engage ment between the Greek and Turkish fleets was fought today between the Dardanelles and Embros Island. It lasted an hour and a half and the damage done is problematical.

The official reports from Turkish and Greek commanders show that the Turkish warships left the Dardanelles at 8:20 o'clock in the morning. The fight was begun at 9:25. What ships were engaged is not known here.

Accounts at Variance.

After a heavy cannonading the Turks, who throughout had remained under the protection of the forts, retired within the Dardanelles. The Turks say they silenced the guns of the armored cruiser George Averoff, men were wounded.

The whole Greek fleet cruised in the when the Turkish destroyers appeared Greek destroyers.

The Turkish commander makes n nention of casualties, but says his ships sustained no damages,

Preliminaries Are Finished.

The preliminaries of the peace conference were completed today and apen surmounted. Everything is in readiness for actual negotiations to

begin tomorrow claims of the respective Balkan allies Taft's appointees in Oregon. and Turkey that there is little prospect of an early termination of the

The Turkish and Bulgarian delegates had a prolonged informal meeting tonight, at which it is reported they disussed Adrianople.

It is reported tonight through Berlin the Servian Ministers in council decided, in deference to Russian and French advice, to yield the port of tonight as the result of a collision Duraszo, on the Adriatic, and that the between a streetcar and a Lake Shore Servian Premier, M. Patchitch, is com- & Michigan Southern coal train on the ing to London in connection with this Oil City branch at the Center-street

Tension Seems Less.

The report has not been confirmed, but there are indications of relaxation in the Austro-Serb difficulty. The Austrian Emperor is credited with remarking that he was hopeful of the ability of Austria to carry out her Balkan programme in its entirety without resort to force.

The Prochaska affair appears to have been greatly misrepresented and no longer affords ground for dissesion. The peace plenipotentiaries met formaily today in St. James Palace. They adjourned early in the afternoon with out having entered into discussion of the question of peace.

Grey Makes Address.

The feature of the day was the adward Grey, the British Secretary for writers. Foreign Affairs, who was elected honresponses of the heads of the various in the city, which reads: delegations indicated a desire to acconference is being held.

ward Grey's speech, which aimed at hazard and will not be permitted." impartiality. But the Balkan delegates are seemingly more satisfied with its substance than were the Turks. In the passage "in this way you will lay foundations on which I trust will be built by true wisdom and statesmanship the prosperity, moral, economic and national, of your respective coun tries," they see a plain allusion to their states, as they are fighting for the principle of nationality, while for Turkey it is a question of general demolition. Thus they think that the Foreign Secretary could not help-perhaps unconsciously—giving a hint on which side are his sympathies.

First Encounter Today. in reply, Dr. Daneff, of the Bulgarian and quotations of the grain market. delegation emphasized Sir Edward's utterance, when he said the conference would work "to insure the Balkan FIVE VESSELS BARBOUND states, so troubled in the past, an era

of tranquillity and progress" which is Conditions on Coos Bay Such as to considered as meaning without Turkey. The first encounter between the al lies and the Turks will come tomorrow climax will be reached when both sides exchange their respective propo-

sitions for the conclusion of peace. The principal conditions of peace de- the har, which is shoaling because of anded by the allies comprise the im- neglect of the jetty. mediate surrender of the Turkish fortress of Scutari, Adrianople and Janina, Eastern Europe by Turkey as far East bound for San Francisco, and the Alli-(Concluded on Page 3.) ance, with passengers for Portland.

LOG OF LINER IS LIST OF TRAGEDY

VOYAGE TO ORIENT.

Two Chinese Commit Suicide on Korea, Another Is Murdered. Child Accidentally Killed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14 .- The log of the liner Korea, which arrived to day from the Orient, reads like the table of contents of a dime novel. One day out from San Francisco Chinese passenger jumped overboard

and was drowned. Another Chinese passenger was claimed as the victim of a tong war Ottomans Say They Silenced before the ship reached Honolulu. He had sought to save his life by flight from San Francisco's Chinatown, but a gunman from the enemy's ranks sailed with him on the Korea and found an opportunity to fire the fatal bullet. The slayer is held by the Federal authoritles in Honolulu.

Before the liner left that port another Chinese made an unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide and a day Hellenes Say That Only Five Men later still another Chinese jumped overboard to his death.

At Yokohama, on the homeward voy age, a Japanese peddler plunged a si, a watchman on the ship. The peddler fled, but later was captured on another ship in the harbor. Benuss finally recovered.

On December 9 E. C. Miller, a cabin The child was scalded so badly downward toboggan that will bring joy it died an hour later. were made to bury the little one at sea

OREGON SENATORS ARRIVE

Time This Session.

ington, Dec. 16.—Oregon was fully represented in Congress today for the first time this but the Greek account says only five first time this session. Senators Chamberlain and Bourne reached Washington last night and were in the vincinity until late in the afternoon. Senate when it convened today. Bourne

the Archbald case. he had not yet decided what course he is brought to trial. will follow with regard to Oregon Bourne was equally non-com- bread for many months to come. mittal, and it is impossible to predict

SIX KILLED IN COLLISION and his associates from the hall in today began a crusade for cheaper the general purpose of demanding

Three Others Missing as Result of held. Ashtabula Crash.

ASHTABULA, O., Dec. 16 .- Six persons were killed and thre are missing

The bodies of Mrs. W. H. Cook, rMs Frank Bartlett, Mrs. George IKtson, Miss Laura Leabhard and two unidentified women have been recovered. All were residents of Ashtabula. Four injured were taken to the hospital, one of whom, Ralph Chubb, is not expected to live. are believed to be under the wreckage.

COTTON SNOW UNDER BAN

Insurance Companies Not to Allow Inflammable Tree Decorations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 .- Many of the familiar Christmas decorations, which have been used for generations, will disappear this year as the result of a dress of welcome delivered by Sir Ed- decision by the Board of Fire Under-

A letter is to be sent this week to orary president of the conference. The every holder of a fire insurance policy

"Your attention is called to the fact complish the purpose for which the that the decorations and other inflammable matters, such as cotton to repre-All the delegates applauded Sir Ed- sent snow, constitute an additional fire

> GRAIN MEN OPPOSE CHECK Possible Laws Affecting "Futures"

> > or Wire Reports Fought.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16. - Opposition to essible legislation dealing with trading in grain "futures" brought the board of directors and the legislative committee of the Grain Dealers' Na-

tional Association together here today. Particular hostility was expressed to the Lever-House bill, which seeks to prohibit the use of the telegraph and telephone for conveying information

Halt Shipping for Time.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 16 .- (Special.)-Five steamers are barbound in Coos Bay because of the condition of

The vessels in the bay are the Breakwater, due to leave for Portland Saturose garrisons will be granted full day; the Anvil, with supplies for Rogue honors; the evacuation of River; the Nann Smith and Redondo.

BUTTER TRUST IS

Corner Broken; Prices Already Sag.

2 CENTS LOPPED OFF AT ONCE

Steady Decline Expected Until Storage Houses Are Empty.

Progressive Members of Elgin Board of Trade Force Action Just Ahead of Government Suit - Secret Service Men at Session.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16 .- (Special.)-Pricemaking machinery of the Elgin Butter passenger from Manila, was giving his Board is crushed, the 117,000,000 corner 2-year-old son a bath, when he acci- in butter is on the verge of collapse dentally turned on the hot water fau- and butter prices already are on a

Arrangements to the heart of the housewife. The wholesale price of butter fell 2 and as the shroud was being made a cents today and will continue to shoot Chinese baby was born to the steerage, downward until the cold-storage houses throughout the country and are filled with the creamery product have been

These are just a few of the results that followed in the wake of violent two separate franchises of 50 years State Fully Represented for First action that was forced upon the Elgin Board of Trade today by a few of the progressive members of that operating streetcars. M. M. Connors,

Secret Service Agent Present. in the guise of a reporter sat through. first and second reading and will come Moreover, a secret service operative soon disappeared, but Senator Cham- out the session innocently asking quesagain, but quickly retired, pursued by berlain remained to hear evidence in tions and getting information from the butter men that will be used against Senator Chamberlain said today that them when the trust suit now pending

No matter what action the Governnominations that have been made, or ment may take, however, the butter will later be made this session, nor consumer will not be compelled to pay has he conferred with other Demo- trust prices in the immediate future. cratic Senators regarding the general The reformation of the Board and its ing the signing of the armistice had policy of holding up nominations so price-manipulating programme will reas to create vacancles on March 4. sult in cheaper spread for the Nation's

But these reforms were not brough So wide is the divergence in the just what fate is in store for President about without a violent upheaval, altion. The session finally was brought nant withdrawal of Joseph Newman Elgin where the meeting was being

Misuse of Proxies Churged, gressives, headed by James P. Younger and F. R. Moles, were using proxies for purposes that never had been intended by the men to whom they belonged.

These charges brought nothing but (Concluded on Page 3.)

PRESIDENT'S PARTY ON TRIP LARGE

SMASHED TO BITS TAFT FAMILY AND OFFICIALS

Delaware, Carrying Press Representatives, to Escort Dreadnought Arkansas Sailing Thursday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. - Although final details of President Taft's trip to Panama have not been completed, personnel of his party and most of the preliminary arrangements have been

Mrs. Taft, Charles Taft, the President's young son; Miss Louise Taft, brother; Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hilles, Assistant Secretary of the Navy Winthrop and Mrs. Winthrop, Major Thomas L. Rhoads, the President's military aide, and Lleutenant Commander John K. Timmons, his naval aide, will be in the BREAK IS FROM WITHIN official party. They will be quartered with the President aboard the dreadnought Arkansas.

The escort will be the battleship Delaware. Half a dozen newspapermen and several photographers will

make the voyage on that ship. The President will leave Washington at 10:30 Thursday night, is due in Key West late Saturday, and expects to sail for Panama that night. He expects to be back in Washington December \$1.

TWO FRANCHISES SOUGHT

Northwestern Electric Asks Vanconver for 50-Year Permits.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 16 .-(Special.)-The Northwestern Electric Company, which was granted a franchise in Portland at the recent election, tonight asked two franchises from the Vancouver Council. The company seeks The action came but a couple attorney for the company in Vancouver, announced that the company plans to spend between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000 in Clark County if their entrance into Vancouver is allowed.

The ordinance was brought up for up for final passage in the near fu-

The company has a power site on the Lewis River, which it has agreed to old in the Senate. develop within five years at a cost of Those who have denied the Vancouver franchise it will of Tennessee, Smith of Georgia, Smith its way to Portland at Camas.

Cents in War With Dealers.

to a summary conclusion by the indig- sand New York women, following the cal features of the "insurgent proeggs. Fixing 26 cents a dozen as a recognition for all members of the his sentence. action was unfair and that the pro- the Housewives' League and affiliated ators Stone and O'Gorman, who have firm that had knowledge that he was Deputies James (Texas) Stacy, Will will be sold at moderate prices.

of butter and vegetables.

SANTA CLAUS LANDS IN NEW YORK.

SENATE DEMOCRATS PLAN TO "INSURGE"

Dozen Meet at Dinner; Policies Outlined.

FIGHT TO REACH TO WILSON

daughter of C. P. Taft, the President's Radical Members Say They Will Control in March.

SYSTEM PROPOSED

Abolition of Seniority Rule in Selection of Committees and "Progressive" Legislation Urged by Leaders in Movement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16. - The fight within the Democratic party for control of the Senate under the next Administration has taken definite form within the last few days, as the re- him personally and on whose judg- ficers, militiamen and citizens on the sult of concerted action by a small ment he would like to lean, Mr. Wilbody of Democrats toward laying the basis for what they term "progressive control," in the next Congress.

A series of conferences, culminating in a dinner yesterday, at which nearly a dozen Democrats were present, have resulted in a general understanding for a reorganization movement designed to insure the control of legislation and Wilson replied that the convening of each, one to operate as a light and policies after March 4 by Senators in the New Jersey Legislature in January power dispensing company and one for full sympathy with the views of Presi-

No Programme Outlined.

No detailed programme has been outlined, but the campaign is under-stood to involve the entire subject of Senate control, the direction of affairs Utien Bank Clerk Arrested Here Well by Senators approved by the reorganizers and the establishment of a new system of committee assignments that will distribute important committee places alike to men new and

Those who have participated in the denied the vancouver tranchise it will of Tennessee, Smith of Georgia, Smith or Geor Newlands of Nevada, Ashurst of Arl- lives and friends. zons, Gore and Ewen of Oklahoma,

Senators Not Unit. It is understod that all the Senators NEW YORK, Dec. 16 .- Fifty thou- named do not agree to the more radilead of their sisters in Philadelphia, gramme," although they have approved 'fair and reasonable price," the day party and for the establishment of was devoted to a campaign of educa- what they term progressive legislative organizations propose to establish sta- participated in the latter conferences, tions throughout the city where eggs have urged some moderation of the general plan outlined at the earlier this brokerage firm to recover the made to carry the desperado's strong-

crusade is only the beginning of a general movement to lower the prices

The Senate fight is expected to reach the testimony to general movement to lower the prices

President-elect Wilson almost as soon clock may give. (Concluded on Page 2.)

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A DEMOCRAT

WILSON TO DEFER FILLING OFFICES

PRESIDENT-ELECT RECOGNIZES TWO KINDS OF CABINETS.

Whether Body Is to Be Chosen to Preserve Party Harmony or for Personal Fitness Is Undecided.

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 16 .- After : month's recreation in the Bermuda Woodrow Wilson returned home tonight and took up the many tasks that confront him in his dual role as Governor of New Jersey and

President-elect of the United States.
Thousands of letters awaited Mo Wilson's arrival, and though most of them concerned his National Administration, the President-elect made I clear that he still was Governor. He said he would defer office filling and announcements concerning his admin istration until after he had away the accumulated detail of his OUTLAW HEAVILY ARMED New Jersey office.

Mr. Wilson said today he had mad no final Cabinet selections. Mr. Wil-son said he realized that before deciding upon the personnel of his Cabinet he would have to determine just what type of Cabinet he would form He recognizes two types, from a re view of the manner in which his pre-decessors have met this question. On type is the political Cabinet construct ed from party material that must in a sense be rewarded in order to pre serve party harmony. The other is characterized by Mr. Wilson as the Springs, 12 miles northeast of Santa personal Cabinet, made up of men Ana, between a young desperado on whose business fitness is known to son declined to say which type of Cabinet he prefers.

It was learned tonight that th ePresident-elect has been obliged to send his regrets in response to the invitation from President and Mrs. Taft for the Wilsons to visit the White House in January. It is understood Governor probably would make it impossible for them to accept the invitation.

OVATION GIVEN PRISONER

Received at Home.

When United States Deputy Marshal Frank Beatty arrived at Utica, N. Y., with Guy W. Clark, under indictment there on a charge of having been \$3,000,000. If the company is conference thus fare are Senators Lea a defaulter in a United States National

The court was in session, to which Stone of Missouri, O'Gorman of New Clark was immediately taken, and on CRUSADE ON EGGS EXTENDS Stone of Missouri, Odorman of Rep- pleading guilty was sentenced to five at the ranch of William Huff in the resentative Norris Shepart, of Texas, years in the Atlanta, Ga., penitentiary. San Joaquin district and attacked the New York Women Begin Sale at 26 prospective successor to Senator Balley. His sentence was the least provided by latter's niece, Myrtle Huff, 14 years old. and after it was pronounced the guilty had tied Miss Huff's elder sister, Jessie, man was spoken to pleasantly by all to a fence near the barn. the court officials, including the judge,

Clark lost about \$40,000 of its funds In speculation through a brokerage the fugitive. This posse bank has now entered suit against were wounded in the first attempts money and it is basing its claims on hold and rescue Squires' body from the According to Mrs. Heath, the egg gatherings.

The Senate fight is expected to reach the testimony that the defaulting bank gulch.

JONES WILL DEMAND VOTE after Squires had been hit, When he

Certain Nominations.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-Ington, Dec. 16-Senator Jones, of Washington, arrived today and is preparing to engage in a conflict with his celleague, Senator Poindexter, over the nominations of Clinton W. Howard as of age. He weighed about 150 pounds

torney for Western Washington, Poindexter has had both nominations held up with the evident purpose of preventing a vote being taken. Senator Jones will insist that the nominations be reported to the Senate, so that a vote can be taken. If Poindexter has the co-operation of the Democratic Senators and a few Progressives, he may be able to prevent confirmation, but Senator Jones intends to get both nominations to a vote, even if they are ultimately defeated. He will not consent to have them pocketed in com

struments Fail to Record Shake.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 16 .- Two distinct earthquake shocks were felt about 7 o'clock tonight at Maryaville, Bald Butte, Bald Mountain and Jay from Helena. The shock also was felt pritted address "H. L. Brown, Eugene,

SPOKANE, Dec. 16. - No record of left was "Ira." the reported earthquake shocks in Montana were shown tonight by seismograph at Genzaga College here, placed in the same morgue. Stacy was

Presiding Officer.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 .- The chair of the presiding officer of the Senate was filled today for the rest of the session by a plan, through which Senators Gallinger and Bacon will alternate in terms of two weeks each as president pro tem, until March 4.

The resolution was adopted against sharp opposition led by Senator Bris-

One of Posse Dead; 3 Others Wounded

SANTA ANA, BATTLE SCENE

Fugitive Holds Officers at Bay Until Militia Arrives.

Young Criminal Attacks Girl, Flees to Strongly Intrenched Position and Opens Fire-Letters in Pocket From Oregon Points.

SANTA ANA, Cal., Dec. 16 .- In a battle today in the hills at Tomato one side and more than 100 county ofother, the desperado, who the night before had attacked a girl, was killed, Robert Squires, Under Sheriff, met death and three of his deputies were

seriously wounded. The battle was the climax of an allnight pursuit which ended at dawn on the summit of the rocky hills overlooking the waterholes of Tomato Springs. Turning upon his pursuers, the desperado, intrenched behind natural breastworks of rock, opened fire One of his first bullets struck Squires and the Under Sheriff, fatally wounded, fell in a gulch almost directly beneath his slayer's hiding place. The officer called for help for a long time, but each time an effort was made to reach him one or more members of his posse fell

wounded. Guardsmen Flank Desperado. It was not until Company L of the Seventh Regiment, California National Guard, had been summoned and the soldiers, flanking the desperado's position, had riddled his body with bullets, The officer then had been dead for

some time. The desperado appeared last night

Jessle managed to work herself free the alarm. After midnight Sheriff While working in a National bank, Ruddeck dispatched a squad of officers under Squires to take the trail of

Wounded Man Fired Upon

Stacy was wounded first. A bullet struck him in the left shoulder soon was brought back to this city for treat-Poindexter Opposes Decision as to ment by fellow officers, Company L was mobilized and rushed to the scene of the conflict in automobiles, Stacy himself lay under the desperado's deadly repeating rifle for an hour before he was taken out of range.

Until the militiamen arrived the deaperado was master of the situation. The man was between 25 and 30 years Judge and B. W. Colner as District At- and was five feet eight inches tall. His eyes were a bluish gray, his hair brown, with a face smooth and sallow. He was armed with a 25-35 rifle and a 32-20 revolver. He had 200 or 300 cartridges.

There was nothing among the man's effects to establish identity immediately, but it was thought some information about him might be obtained from postal authorities in Gregon through receipts for money sent by

Receipts Are From Portland.

Some of the receipts, bearing dates through August, September and November this year, were from Portland, Hood River and Linnton, Or. The sums MINING CAMPS FEEL QUAKE varied from \$1.50 to \$25. One based at Portland, November 16, 1912, for \$25, Montana Shaken but Spokane In- bore the number 169,063. for indersement on the back bore the name "Fred Glenn." The writing was eramped, but Glenn's address appar-

ently was "Clatekanie, Or." In one of the man's peckets also was found a piece of envelope upon which, in the upper left hand corner, was the dress was torn away. The one word

The bodies of Squires and the desperado were brought to Santa Ana and taken home. The surgeons were unable to extract the bullet from his SENATE CHAIR IS FILLED shoulder. Culver and Prothers were taken to the hospital. Fears were ex-Gallinger and Bacon to Alternate as pressed for the recovery of Prothers, "chance."

Dominican President Resigns.

SANTO DOMINGO, Dec. 15 .- Archbishop Adolfo Alejandro Nouel, Provisional President of the Dominican republic, presented his resignation yes-terday after holding office only 13 days. He suspended it later, however, days. He suspended it later, not the at the request of the members of the Dominican Congress and a number of prominent people.

IN NAVAL BATTLE FOUR VIOLENT DEATHS MARK