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PEACE CONFERENCE SUDDENLY HALTED

Turks Refuse to Deal with Greeks.

DELAY MAY BE TEMPORARY

Delegates Will Not Negotiate Until Hostilities Cease.

SEA BATTLE IS RENEWED

United States May Be Called Upon to Act as Mediator—Austrians Annoy Servians and Friction Is Far From Abating.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The peace conference was launched yesterday only to be interrupted today by a complication resulting from the policy of Greece in waging war and negotiating peace simultaneously. The Turkish delegation announced today that it was empowered to confer only with the three Balkan kingdoms which signed the armistice at Tchatalja, and as a consequence adjournment was taken until Thursday to enable the Turks to obtain instructions.

All the conferees expressed the belief that the suspension is merely temporary and that a pathway toward the resumption of the meetings will be found.

Turks Have Power to Sign Treaty.

The prospects for a successful issue of the conference are enhanced by the declaration of the Turks that they have plenary powers to arrange and sign a treaty of peace. How far their improved military position, with the encouragement Austria is credited with giving them, may stiffen their backs against the allies' terms remains in doubt.

The first sitting of the ambassadorial court of appeals, as it is called, was held today in the foreign office. The ambassadors of five continental powers conferred with Sir Edward Grey, the British secretary for foreign affairs, for more than three hours. The different nations advanced their views on the Eastern problem.

America May Be Called Upon.

The contingency that mediation may offer the only solution of the war has been the subject of much discussion. The heads of the Bulgarian and Servian delegations, in interviews, recognized that the United States might be in a position to act as peacemaker.

The naval fight off the Dardanelles in which both Greece and Turkey claimed victory yesterday, was resumed today.

Athens announces that the Greek army is about to capture Janina.

The friction between Austria and Servia appears not to have abated. The Servians complain that Austrian gunboats in the Danube are indulging in provocative tactics, throwing their searchlights on Belgrade, which has caused a panic among the residents.

Peace "Up to Certain Point."

At the meeting today of the Ambassadors the greatest attention centered on Count Mensdorff, the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador, and Count Benckendorff, the Russian Ambassador. Their colleagues jokingly put to the former a question as to whether he had brought from Vienna peace or war. Count Mensdorff answered with a smile: "Peace, peace," adding in Latin, "sicut in quantum" (up to a certain point).

Both he and Count Benckendorff denied reports describing the armaments of their respective countries which they declare "do not have any alarming character and do not surpass prudential precautions rendered necessary by the closeness to the theater of war."

The Ambassadorial conference may acquire a still greater importance, if, as may happen Thursday, the peace conference is unable to continue at work because of difficulties between the Turks and Greeks on the question of the armistice, as the Turks may not have received instructions from Constantinople on the subject.

Peaceable Settlement Sought.

The general impression among the delegates is that this question will be amicably solved, either by finding a formula allowing Greece to adhere to the armistice, or by Turkey consenting to treat with her, leaving the question of the armistice in abeyance.

The Turkish delegation declared judicially that the Ottoman government could treat only with Bulgaria, Servia and Montenegro on the basis of the terms of the armistice; that they had no official knowledge that Greece intended to participate in the peace negotiations, and that only at today's sitting did the intention of the Greeks become officially known.

Meanwhile the Turks proposed to treat with the states for which they had full powers, and asked them to formulate their desiderata. An animated discussion ensued and the Ottoman proposal was refused for the reason that the four states form one bloc.

The Turkish delegation added that their instructions were to proceed without delay to the conclusion of an honorable peace. The result of the sitting was telegraphed to Constantinople and will be taken up for consideration by the council of Ministers there Wednesday.

Dr. Daneff, president of the Bulgarian Chamber of Deputies, in speaking

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MAN AND COUGAR BATTLE IN SNOW

RANCHER IS WOUNDED IN HAND-TO-HAND ENCOUNTER.

Mountain Lion Leaps Suddenly on Victim While Latter Is Making Way Through Timber.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—His hands and face badly lacerated and in a half-frozen condition, Harrison Monroe, a homesteader residing on the Salmon River, today walked into Whitebird, after having been attacked by a large cougar near his home.

He left his ranch, 10 miles from Whitebird, yesterday to buy supplies and was making the journey on snowshoes. A heavy blizzard was raging in the Crain Mountains. He was armed with a 45-caliber revolver. In a thickly timbered district Mr. Monroe was attacked from behind by the cougar. Surprised and overpowered he was unable to use his firearm to any advantage. By his cries for help and superhuman efforts to ward off the blows of the animal he succeeded in using his gun to some advantage. The wounds are considered serious and when the homesteader reached Whitebird his arm was partially frozen and useless.

TOWN HAS "SWEET TOOTH"

Man Sells Oregon City Women Voters 4600 Pounds of Candy.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—That Oregon City has a sweet tooth has been proved in the last three weeks. A traveling salesman of a Portland candy firm came here election day, when the women for the first time were exercising their voting privilege, and obtained orders for 4600 pounds of chocolates, bonbons, etc. The candy was delivered today by a local transfer company, the dray creaking under the immense load.

The sale is a record one for Oregon City, and the only explanation that has been offered is that the dealers, seeing the immense throngs of women at the voting places, concluded that candy would be in greater demand the coming Christmas than ever before. However, the demand for toys, books, jewelry and other articles used as Christmas presents is just as great, which goes to prove that Oregon City's "sweet tooth" is based on prosperous conditions. Other salesmen say they never obtained larger orders for the Christmas trade than they have this year.

ROBERT DOLLAR OVERDUE

Fears Felt for Vessel En Route From Portland to Orient.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—In a cablegram from the Yokohama correspondent, the marine department of the Chamber of Commerce was informed today that fears are felt in Japan for the safety of the British steamer Robert Dollar, bound from Portland for Shanghai, China. The vessel left the Columbia River on November 10 with a large cargo of lumber valued at $53,292 and is seven days overdue at Kobe.

The Robert Dollar is a steamer of 3420 tons, owned by the Robert Dollar Steamship Company of San Francisco, and commanded by Captain Houghton. She was built on the Clyde at a cost of $400,000.

ROBBERS FIND BANK EMPTY

Money Removed From Vaults Day Before Burglars Break In.

TREMONTON, Utah, Dec. 17.—After laboring half the night to break into the old concrete money vaults of the State Bank of Tremonton, four robbers were dismayed to discover that the bank had been moved away the day before.

Miss Anna Rauber, a telephone exchange operator in the building opposite, discovered the men today just as they broke through the three-foot walls. She telephoned Marshal Brown and a running fight followed, but the robbers escaped in a buggy stolen from a physician. The Marshal and a posse followed but were unable to catch up.

POLICEMEN TO BE SANTAS

Chief Slover Orders His 300 Braves to Keep Watch.

Chief of Police Slover is going to play Santa Claus to as many needy persons as his near 300 officers can discover by observation and inquiry on their beats, or to as many of them as the resources at his command will permit.

Persons who "do good by stealth" have applied to him to find places for worthy remembrances which others are likely to overlook, and the Chief has instructed his men to keep their eyes open and report when they see an opportunity to bring the generous and the deserving together.

FLYNN SUCCEEDS WILKIE

New York Division Chief Now Heads Secret Service.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—William J. Flynn, of New York, was appointed chief of the United States secret service today by Secretary MacVeagh, of the Treasury Department, succeeding John E. Wilkie, now chief supervising agent of the customs service.

He will assume his duties tomorrow. For many years Mr. Flynn has been in charge of the New York division of the secret service, and during the early days of Mayor Gaynor's administration was deputy police commissioner of New York.

MORGAN AND PARTY READY TO TESTIFY

Array of Financiers Reach Capital.

CREDITS TO BE EXPLAINED

Questions Will Be Aimed at Reason for Contraction.

COUNTRY BANKS LENDERS

Frederick Lewisohn Admits in Money Trust Inquiry That Publicity of Promoters' Acts Would Be Benefit.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—J. Pierpont Morgan has arrived to testify before the House committee on banking and currency investigating the so-called money trust.

Mr. Morgan expected to testify tomorrow, but it is probable he will not be reached on the list of witnesses before Thursday.

A party of nearly a score accompanied Mr. Morgan in a special train that brought him from New York, including his daughter, Miss Anne Morgan; his partners in the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co.: Thomas W. Lamont and H. P. Davidson; Joseph H. Choate, John C. Spooner and Richard S. Lindabury, of counsel for Mr. Morgan; J. P. Morgan, Jr., and a staff of clerks and stenographers.

Credit Contraction to Be Subject.

The committee will take up the main part of the "money trust" inquiry, relating to the "contraction of money and credits" and it is on this point that Mr. Morgan will be examined. Before he will be questioned, however, a mass of statistical matter will be placed in the record.

The committee took up today the attraction of money to New York by high rates of interest on call loans, and showed that country banks lend on stock exchange securities vast sums of money at times when the demand for funds forces a high rate on the New York call money market.

Lewisohn Favors Publicity.

The first witness of the day was Frederick Lewisohn, who consented to answer questions which he declined to answer yesterday. The questions related to the profits of the syndicate that launched the stock of the California Petroleum Company on the stock market.

Mr. Lewisohn placed in the record the syndicate agreement under which the stock was sold and the participation letters which assigned the shares of the deal taken by Lewisohn Brothers, William Soloman & Co. and Hallgarten & Co.

Mr. Lewisohn said he believed that a

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ANSWERS ALL QUESTIONS

"In our work we have found The Oregonian Annual Edition a very valuable aid in answering inquiries of our correspondents," said William McMurray, general passenger agent of the O.-W. R. & N. Company, yesterday. "It covers the field of activity of Oregon and the whole Northwest so well and so thoroughly that there is hardly a question pertaining to the development of this country and its varied industries that some portion of the Annual cannot answer.

"We have adopted a policy—and have followed it for years—of sending a copy of The Oregonian's New Year's edition to every person in the East who inquires of us about this territory. We always can depend upon the reliability of its statements. Frequently it has helped to induce people to locate here permanently."

Orders for the Annual should be sent to The Oregonian now. It will be issued January 1 and the price will be 5 cents. Postage in the United States and its possessions, Mexico and Canada will be 5 cents. Foreign postage 10 cents.

MESSAGE IS DISCUSSED

Cabinet Meets With Taft, Probably for Last Time This Year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—President Taft and his Cabinet discussed the President's forthcoming message to Congress at the regular Tuesday meeting. It probably will be the last session of the year, because the President leaves Thursday for Panama and will not be in Washington again until December 31.

The forthcoming message will be devoted largely to a review of the accomplishments of the Government departments in the last year. The President hopes to send it in Thursday.

TAFT'S SON TAKES HONORS

Charles P. Taft Again Is Highest in His Class at School.

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 17.—A dispatch today from Watertown, Conn., announced that Charles P. Taft, son of the President, had again won the highest honors of the Taft School, of which his uncle, Horace P. Taft, is principal.

Charles attained a mark for the year of 96 points, his nearest rivals being four students, who succeeded in getting 90 points each. The average mark for all the pupils was 71.

TAFT CANAL PLANS MADE

President to Spend Christmas, One of Three Days, on Isthmus.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Final arrangements for President Taft's trip to Panama provide that he will spend three days, including Christmas, on the Isthmus.

The President is due to arrive at Colon on the morning of December 24. He will leave Colon at midnight December 26, giving him three full days to inspect the canal and consult with Colonel Goethals.

FLYERS' CLOTHING AND PLANE FOUND

Sea Yields Relics of Air Tragedy.

BATTERED WING RECOVERED

Kearney and Lawrence Apparently Die Near Shore.

AVIATORS BLAME ENGINE

Shirt and Vest, Ripped and Torn as Though Removed in Haste, Give Evidence of Final Battle With Waves—Hope Abandoned.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—Fragments of a hydro-aeroplane and clothing, which were washed ashore and promptly identified proved today that Aviator Horace Kearny and his reporter companion, Chester Lawrence, met disaster soon after they started, last Saturday, on their proposed flight over the ocean to San Francisco.

The circumstances surrounding their death probably always will remain a secret of the sea. They may have died within a few hours after they vanished, Saturday afternoon, in the mists off Point Firmin, or they may have clung to their fragile craft all through a stormy night and the next day. But, judging from the position of the wreckage, which gave today the first definite clew to their fate, they died a short distance from shore, and in all probability their bodies now rest in the tangled morass of the kelp beds near Redondo Beach.

Wreckage Found in Cove.

The wreckage of the hydro-aeroplane was found at Fisherman's Cove, four miles south of Redondo Beach, by Paul Banzhaf and two companions, who conducted an independent search. The wreckage consisted of a five-foot wing pontoon, companion piece of the pontoon which was recovered Sunday floating five miles off Redondo Beach, and a fragment of a wing tip. Near by the searchers picked up a shirt and a vest.

Charles Day, who built Kearny's aeroplane, identified the pontoon and the broken wing tip. Glenn Martin, who undertook Sunday the dangerous hydro-aeroplane flight in search of Kearny, declared that the vest was part of the clothing Lawrence wore when he boarded the aeroplane with Kearny for the ill-starred flight.

Clothing Ripped and Torn.

Shirt and vest were ripped and torn, indicating the haste and desperation with which their wearer had cast off impediments for his battle with the sea. The pontoon was battered and dented and the condition of the fragmentary wing tip also gave evidence of having been battered by the waves.

Martin and Day joined in the statement that Kearny recklessly undertook

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A WINTER THAW IN ILLINOIS.

ROMANCE ATTENDS GOULD BETROTHAL

HEIRESS HEARS WORD OF LOVE IN DARKNESS AMID DISASTER.

Finley J. Shepard Moved to Speak When Seeing Wealthy Woman Aiding Injured in Wreck.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Real romance amid wreck, darkness and disaster attended the betrothal of Finley J. Shepard and Miss Helen Miller Gould. Warm admiration each had felt for the other turned into a stronger sentiment when Miss Gould saw her escort leave here after he knew she was safe and bend his energies to saving others whose lives were endangered in a serious railroad wreck.

Then the man, after his work was done and order restored, found the woman who had aroused the love and admiration of a Nation quietly and unostentatiously administering to helpless women and children who knew her not, the emotions that in the past he had been able to repress forced his lips to speak the dictates of his heart.

Mr. Shepard was in Chicago, on his way to St. Louis, when he received a telegram from his superior requesting him to return to New York and escort Miss Gould to Chicago, where she was going with a party of her friends to attend a convention of the Railroad Y. M. C. A.

The details of the railroad journey were left to Mr. Shepard. E. B. Pryor, one of the receivers of the Wabash road, was in New York with his private car, which he placed at the disposal of Miss Gould and her party. It was attached to the Chicago train which was wrecked. Previous to this time Mr. Shepard and Miss Gould had ben thrown together a great deal in a business way.

REPRESENTATIVE JURY AIM

District Attorney-elect Asks for Selection From Whole Tax Roll.

Walter H. Evans, District Attorney-elect, who will take office January 6, has written a letter to the County Court advising that the jurors be selected from the tax roll of the county as a whole instead of from the personal tax list only, as has been the practice. Mr. Evans declares that the law contemplates a selection from the whole roll and not merely from a portion of it.

Referring to the question of household exemption, Mr. Evans advises the County Court when drawing the jury list for the year in January to be careful to select only the names of persons who are known to have property in excess of what is exempt.

The passage by the voters of the state on November 5 of a law exempting household furniture from taxation will render many voters ineligible for jury duty.

Mr. Evans declares that only by selecting from the roll as a whole can the spirit of the law, which states that jurors shall be the most permanent and substantial citizens of the community, be met.

WOMEN SEEK POLLS JOBS

Fair Sex Want Election Board Work, but Applications Are Faulty.

When T. A. Sweeney, chairman of the Multnomah County Progressive Committee, announced that he had been delegated to designate members of the third party, both sexes, to serve as members of election boards, he was immediately swamped with applications, two of every three received coming from women.

Negligently, however, nine of every 10 women failed to indicate on her application her precinct residence.

Mr. Sweeney is desirous that hereafter women indicate in their applications the number of the precinct in which they live and can serve. He has on his desk more than 100 applications in which the women voters failed to give the number of the precinct in which they live. He urges other women submitting their applications for service on election boards to give the number of the precinct in which they live. If they do not know, the fact can be ascertained by calling the County Clerk's office.

HOLIDAY HUNT KING'S PLAN

England's Monarch to Pass Christmas at York Cottage, Norfolk.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Contrary to expectation the King and Queen will not pass their Christmas at Windsor Castle, as is generally their custom, but at York Cottage, Norfolk. The reason for this is that the widowed Queen Alexandra will be at Sandringham and the King and his consort wish to be with her at that season of the year.

During the Christmas holidays King George will attend one or two of the meets of the West Norfolk hounds, and it is likely that the Prince of Wales also will join in the fun of chasing "Brer Fox." Soon after the new year dawns, the court will be transferred to Windsor, where two large house parties are to be entertained for the finish of the shooting. London's court season will open early in February.

"PIGTAILS" AT ALBANY

Girls Taboo "Rats" and Boys Wear Loud Socks to School.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 17.—(Special.)—Yesterday was "loud sock" day for the boys and "no rat" day for the girls at the Albany High School.

The boys of the school appeared in all kinds of startling hosiery, and all of the girls wore their hair in braids to prove that the natural supply of hair was not augmented. Many of the young women appeared with their hair in "pigtails."

DEAD OUTLAW IS JOE MATLOCK, JR.

Desperado Son of Ex-Mayor of Eugene.

BODY IDENTIFIED BY DENTIST

Santa Ana Murderer's Three Victims May Recover.

YOUTH OREGON FUGITIVE

Record at Eugene Consists of Series of Crimes Similar to That Attempted Prior to Battle With California Posse.

SANTA ANA, Cal., Dec. 17.—The young desperado who was killed yesterday after slaying one and wounding three of the posse which battled with him, was identified today as Joe Matlock, Jr., formerly of Eugene, Or. The identification was made by Dr. L. L. Whitson, a dentist, who formerly lived in the Oregon town.

Dr. Whitson said that Matlock had been arrested at Eugene three or four years ago for a crime similar to that which he attempted Sunday night, but he left that vicinity after his release on bail.

On a torn envelope in the dead man's pocket was written the name "H. L. Bowen," and, according to the dentist, Bowen was Sheriff at Eugene when Matlock was arrested.

Sheriff Ruddock, of Orange County, found a photograph of Matlock which had been sent out by the Eugene Sheriff at the time of Matlock's departure and it bears a strong resemblance to the dead man.

Matlock was a son of J. B. Matlock, a former Mayor of Eugene.

The three deputies wounded by the desperado were reported as doing well today. The condition of Will Prater, who was shot through the head, is serious, but, according to physicians, he has a good chance for recovery.

MATLOCK EARLY CRIMINAL

Young Desperado Twice Fugitive From Justice at Eugene.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 17.—Joe Matlock, Jr., son of a former Mayor of Eugene, had an unenviable record here. While yet a high school boy in October, 1902, he attacked a girl and was arrested. He forfeited bail of $350 and was not seen in the town for several years.

He returned in 1909 and again was often in the limelight, figuring in the police court for drunkenness several times, and at another time was arrested for knocking down a druggist who would not reduce the price on some trifle. He escaped from the city jail by breaking through the roof, but was subsequently arrested.

In this case sentence was suspended until his father should return to town, and was never pressed. He married a girl named Jones, from the Grays Harbor district, but there were constant quarrels in the family that brought them into public notice. His wife sought a divorce, charging inhuman conduct.

While the suit was still pending he was arrested, October 15, 1909, for an attack on a girl in an unfrequented part of the city. It the trial he admitted the crime, but maintained the girl had accepted a ring from him. He was convicted, but appealed on claim of an error.

While waiting for a second trial he was released on bail of $1500, which his father, who was then Mayor, and his brother furnished. He did not appear for trial and several months later the bond was paid. He has not since been in Eugene.

Ira Jones, the name first given to the desperado, is the name of Matlock's brother-in-law.

HONOR COMES AS SURPRISE

Henry Harkson Is New Danish Vice-Consul for Portland.

Through being out of town, Henry Harkson, of the real estate firm of Otto & Harkson, 133½ First street, did not know until yesterday that there had been waiting for him since Saturday commissions from the King of Denmark and President Taft appointing him to the position of Royal Vice-Consul of Denmark for the State of Oregon. The appointment was made subject to approval, October 28.

Mr. Harkson came to America in 1883, and settled first in Nebraska. There he lived for 22 years, being a member of the Legislature for four years and postmaster for eight more. During the Lewis and Clark exposition he came to Portland and has since made his home here.

When Dr. William Eisen resigned the vice-consulate three years ago, no one was appointed to fill the vacancy. Mr. Harkson had been doing considerable work for the Danish consulate in San Francisco, and when members of the Danish colony got together here to decide upon a man best fitted for the office, he was their unanimous choice.

"I made no effort to secure the position," said Mr. Harkson yesterday, "and did not even know my friends had made efforts for me. Now that this honor has come to me I will do my best to fill the position worthily."