

## ALLIES WILLING TO ALLOW DELAY

Balkan States Make Concessions of Time to Avoid Offending Powers.

## DEMANDS ARE NOT ABATED

If Turkey Evades Answer, Conference Will Be Convoked and Notice Given of Termination of Armistice.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The Balkan nations wish the world to know that they have not weakened in their determination to resume hostilities unless Turkey accepts their terms quickly. But in deference to the powers, they may withhold the execution of their resolve a few days longer than seemed likely yesterday.

As allies, they inaugurated the doctrine of "the Balkans for the Balkan peoples," and they declare they propose to maintain the right won by their united armies to be considered a great independent people and manage their own diplomacy according to their own national interests. While they are willing to concede a brief period of delay for Turkey's answer it is not with a view of resuming negotiations on a modified basis.

Allies' Terms Unchanged. The Balkan nations have not changed their terms since those presented December 23. Turkey has yielded all along the line, except as regards Adrianople and the Aegean islands. The allies have adopted their firm attitude to convince Turkey that no alternative is possible for the conclusion of peace except compliance with their original demands. But they wish to avoid alienating the sympathies of the powers and for this reason have decided to await patiently the result of the note of the powers to Constantinople.

Turkey, they say, may meet the note in three ways. She may refuse flatly to follow the advice of Europe; she may give an inconclusive answer with the object of further postponing a decision on the subject; or she may make peace negotiations on a new basis which might provide for the retention of Adrianople, but require the dismantling of its fortifications and a pledge that no attempt would be made in the future to fortify the town.

Concessions Seem Improbable. Should Turkey refuse to follow the advice of the powers or give an evasive answer the allies will ask for a convocation of the conference, at which they will officially break off negotiations. This will be followed by the denunciation of the armistice. If Turkey makes new proposals, the Bulgarian delegation will refer the matter to Sofia for consideration, although Bulgarians here consider it impossible that their government will renounce Adrianople and be satisfied to see its fortifications raised, especially as the powers in their note to the Porte have recognized the right of the allies to the possession of the town.

The Greek, Serbian and Montenegrin delegations have notified the Bulgarian delegation that Bulgaria will have their full support in the struggle, but their decision may reach, but will leave to her full liberty to make the final decision.

The ambassadorial conference discussed the situation today in general terms, without coming to any conclusion.

## TURKS' SHIP ELUDES GREEKS

Cruiser Suddenly Appears Off Syria and Causes Havoc.

ATHENS, Jan. 15.—The Turkish cruiser Medjidieh, in a heavy fog last night, steamed out of the Dardanelles and passed unperceived through the lines of the Greek destroyers cruising off the straits. She appeared at noon today off the island of Syra, one of the Cyclades, and bombarded the powder magazine and coal depots. These were damaged, but the electric power station was wrecked.

The Medjidieh also fired on the Greek auxiliary cruiser Macedonia, which was undergoing repairs in Syra harbor. When it was fired, the commander of the Macedonia, after landing his crew to maintain order in the town and to strengthen the guard over the Turkish prisoners, took the Macedonia to prevent her destruction by the warship.

The Medjidieh then left in the direction of Smyrna. The Greek fleet has been ordered to intercept her. So far as is known, the Turkish warships have not left the Dardanelles.

## HARNESS MEN CONVENE

Representatives From All Distributing Points Meet at Lewiston.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—The annual convocation of the Northwest Harness & Saddlery Manufacturers' Association convened today in Lewiston, with about 55 wholesalers and retailers from all the principal distributing points present.

The Lewiston meeting will discuss matters concerned with the tariff on hides. The increased prices, which consumers are compelled to pay, in spite of the lowering of the tariff, is responsible for this action. Action will also be taken on alleged adulteration of leathers.

Practically all the wholesale houses of Portland, Seattle, Spokane and Tacoma are represented.

## BONDS SOLD AT AUCTION

Port of Coos Bay Issue Keeps Bidders Active Until 2 A. M.

MAINEPORT, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special.)—The Port of Coos Bay bonds were sold at auction last night. The bidding was spirited and continued until 2 o'clock this morning.

The issue of \$100,000 was taken by C. W. McNear Company, Chicago, at an advance of \$11,000 over the first bids. The price will be \$96.65 net. Sealed bids were rejected and the auction netted \$11,000 more than they gave.

## PHOTOS FROM BALKAN BATTLEFIELD



These pictures of scenes before the forts of Tchataldja were made by G. Woltz, court photographer of Sofia, and correspondent of the Bain News Service with the Bulgarian army. They are the most remarkable pictures which have come out of the Balkan war. The correspondent of the Bain News Service and his assistants got to the front and made these pictures of the operations before the fortresses which form the last line of defense of Constantinople. Here the Bulgarian army is now awaiting word of the signing of the peace of London or the failure of the peace conference and the powers to come to an understanding which will end the war.

The first of these pictures shows the big guns of the Bulgarian army being dragged through mud and over roads little better than plowed fields to the attacking lines. The second shows the Bulgarian trenches thrown up by their engineers operating their rapid-fire guns of French make against the defenders of the Turkish capital. The third shows the burial of the Bulgarian dead.

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## WARREN IS ACCUSED

House Committee Says Senator Illegally Fenced Land.

NO ACTION RECOMMENDED

Livestock Company, of Which Wyoming Solon Was Head, Said to Have Operated Contrary to Law in 1906, as Shown in Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—That the Warren Livestock Company, of which Senator Warren, of Wyoming, was the head, was "maintaining unlawful enclosures" of public lands in Wyoming and Colorado in 1906, was the substance of a report adopted today by the house committee on expenditures in the Interior Department.

The committee's conclusions were based on the complete inspection of records, reports and correspondence procured from the Interior Department, covering the investigation by the Government in 1906 and 1907. These records showed that after a second inspection by Assistant Attorney-General Purdy, at the request of President Roosevelt, Senator Warren's company was exonerated of the illegal acts which special agents of the Interior Department had charged.

Minority Report Prepared. The minority report drawn by Representative Burke, of South Dakota, also will be presented to the House. Mr. Burke holds the records show that Senator Warren's company was not holding illegally any public land in 1906. No action against Senator Warren's company is recommended by the committee. The report is limited to the statement of conclusion that his company then was maintaining illegal fences.

Included in the documents made public today, with the brief committee report, are sharp letters sent by President Roosevelt to Ethan A. Hitchcock, then Secretary of the Interior, in which the President declared the Interior Department inspectors had not made good their charges against Senator Warren.

Settlers' Affidavits Presented. Accompanying this report were many affidavits from settlers, as to the alleged illegal fencing, charging Senator Warren's company with intimidating bona fide settlers, and telling of a threat Senator Warren was declared to have made as to the acquisition of certain lands.

In a letter to President Roosevelt in 1908, Senator Warren declared his company was observing the law, that he personally had no illegal fences, and that he protected against "assassinating and dark lantern procedure" of the special agents of the Interior Department.

President Roosevelt directed a new examination of the Wyoming lands. The documents made public today

contain no report on the recent investigation.

Florida Case May Reopen Whole Method of Making Schedules.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Upon the outcome of arguments today before the Supreme Court of the United States as to the proper rates on vegetables and fruits over the Florida East Coast Railroad, may depend the entire method of fixing rates by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Fred C. Bryan and Alexander St. Clair-Abrams, of counsel for the railroad, argued that the rates fixed by the Commission did not allow a reasonable return upon the money invested in the road. Blackburn Kesterling, special assistant to the Attorney-General, took the position that the shippers should not be required to pay a return upon the fortune spent in extending the road over the Florida Keys. F. M. Paddock, of the Florida Railroad Commission, spoke in behalf of the reasonableness of the rates fixed by the Commission.

C. W. Needham, for the Interstate Commerce Commission, declared that the Commission should not be required, in passing upon every single rate, to inaugurate a proceeding to determine the value of the railroad, but could arrive at a "cost of service," by accepting the value of the road given in its annual reports.

To require such a proceeding, he said, would be to make the fixing of rates a farce.

NEW TAX SYSTEM WANTED

New Mexico Governor Would Assess Everything at Full Cash Value.

SANTA FE, N. M., Jan. 15.—A new system of taxation for the state where, by all property will be assessed at its cash value and a law to enforce such assessment against the large corporations and the small property owners is the most important recommendation in Governor McDonald's message to the Legislature today.

"This will be possible," says the Governor, "to increase the assessed valuation of property in the state from \$23,000,000 to \$800,000,000 and thereby reduce the state tax levy from 15 mills to 2 mills."

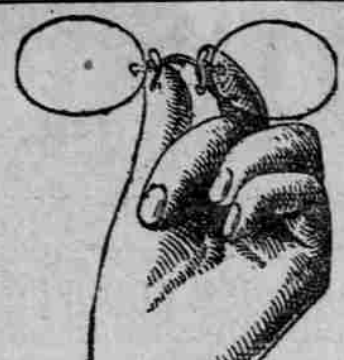
Immediate ratification of the income tax amendment to the United States Constitution is also urged, together with an inheritance tax law.

In closing his message, the Governor says:

"This is a progressive age. He who lags will be lost. The initiative and referendum are being demanded from one end of the country to the other. You should propose amendments to the constitution, including the referendum provision and providing for an initiative on a fair basis."

Gilham Appointments Made.

CONDON, Or., Jan. 14.—(Special.)—At its first meeting of the New Year the Gilham County Court, reappointed W. L. McCaleb County Roadmaster. Other appointments made were: T. C. Mobley, of Olex, County Fruit Inspector; J. A. McKerris, W. L. McCaleb and J. W. Kirschner, road viewers to serve during the coming year. Dr. Miller was also chosen County Health Officer.



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mitted by many leading Democrats that "such a monstrous measure would have received their support if they had not felt sure it would have been throttled in the Senate."

Combination Is Denied. T. G. Palmer, of Chicago, urged the committee to make a rate of 2 cents a pound on raw sugar or to leave the tariff as it stands. He said that 97 per cent of all the beet sugar in this country were raised by 75,000 or 100,000 independent farmers, all of whom were directly interested in the tariff.

"Isn't it true," Mr. Palmer was asked, "that the beet sugar companies in Michigan are in combination?"

"No," he said, "the Michigan Sugar Company has six plants."

F. B. Case, of Los Angeles, and I. B. O'Donnell, of Billings, Mont., took the view that should the domestic beet sugar industry go out of business there would be removed the only competition of the big refineries.

## THUNDER STARTLES CITY

SAN FRANCISCO HAS ELECTRIC, WIND AND RAIN STORM.

Lighthouse Struck by Lightning and Streets Are Flooded by Sudden Rush of Water.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—A storm of rain and wind swept San Francisco last night and early today and before it had moderated the city experienced the meteorological oddity of thunder and lightning.

The storm came up with a stiff northeaster which gained in velocity until it reached a 30-mile-a-minute speed. Streets were flooded, manholes burst, streetcars were forced to stop here and there and theater-goers compelled to wade back to their homes.

The greatest damage occurred at the Point Bonita lifesaving station, on the Marin County side of the Golden Gate. Two bolts of lightning struck the station, one razing the signal staff from the summit of the hill and the other demolishing the observation tower over the station house. The lightning severed telephone wires connecting the isolated station with the outside world and wrecked the plumbing. Captain J. L. Nutter and his crew were uninjured.

In various sections of San Francisco billboards were torn down and one man was hurt by a falling sign. So fierce was the gale outside the heads that two pilot-boats, accustomed to the fiercest weather, were compelled to seek refuge in port. The boats suffered considerable damage before they could return inside the harbor. The pilots reported the roughest weather they had experienced in years.

OPTION GIVEN SETTLERS

Borah and French Would Substitute Other Work for Clearing.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 15.—Senator Borah and Representative French today introduced bills amending the three-year homestead law by providing that in lieu of cultivation of the areas fixed by that law, settlers may make improvements representing average outlay of \$150 an acre a year and thus show good faith, improvements to include fencing, clearing, erection of buildings, planting of orchards, etc.

In some localities it is found difficult for homesteaders to cultivate as much land as required by the three-year law, especially in the timbered regions.

New York for Direct Elections.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 15.—New York's Legislature went on record today as favoring the proposed amendment to the Federal Constitution providing elec-

tion of United States Senators by the people. The resolution adopted by the Assembly yesterday was approved today by the Senate.

South Dakota Senate for Suffrage.

PIERRE, S. D., Jan. 15.—The equal suffrage constitutional amendment carried in the Senate today with only two opposing votes. This was the first time it has gone through without a fight.

Dr. Percival Barton, at 90, is still able to practice medicine in St. Paul.

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when the thinking man and woman will realize that the grasping hold which the undertaking profession of the present day has upon the family in its time of sorrow is wrong, radically wrong, and should be done away with.

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