

## TURKS NOW ASKING FOR EXPLANATION

Passages in Note of Powers Declared to Be Perplexing to Ottoman Mind.

### WHAT OF CONSTANTINOPLE?

Will Allies Be Permitted to Conquer and Hold Capital, or Will Europe Govern? One of Questions Asked.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Turkey wishes certain passages in the note of the powers explained before her reply is presented. Rechad Rassa, head of the Turkish peace delegation, and Turkish ambassadors to the powers have been instructed to seek the elucidation of the passages in question.

Some of the points on which Turkey wishes explanations are outlined as follows:

The joint note says that in case the war is prolonged, the fate of Constantinople might be put in question. Does the note mean that the allies might be allowed to attack, conquer and remain in Constantinople? Or does it mean that the powers themselves might control the government in the Ottoman capital?

"Benevolent Support" Puzzles. The note speaks of the "moral, material and benevolent support of the powers." What must Turkey understand by that? How is this support to be extended—under what form, to what extent? What guarantee is there of fulfillment of this promise?

Turkey also asks what assurances the powers offer for the settlement of the question of the Aegean Islands in such a manner as to exclude their menace to the security of Turkey?

It is stated that the Turkish delegates in endeavoring to obtain satisfactory answers to these questions have made reference to what they describe as "Europe's broken faith" in failing to live up to the promise made four months ago, that the status quo would not be changed, whatever the result of the war.

Diplomat Grows Impatient. A distinguished diplomat, losing patience, has recommended them not to pretend to be more naive than they are, since the Turks know well that the statement of the European powers contemplated only a case in which the Ottoman arms were victorious, as in 1877, when Turkey defeated Greece, on which occasion Europe would not permit a change in the status quo.

One of the chief difficulties hitherto existing between Roumania and Bulgaria was removed today by the consent of the Bulgarian government to the cession to Roumania of a portion of coast territory which will enable Roumania to establish a naval port at Mangalia on the Black Sea.

Owing to the proximity of this Roumanian port to the Bulgarian boundary, it had until now been impracticable to transform it into a naval base.

The representatives of both Bulgaria and Roumania consequently are satisfied that the remaining questions at issue can be easily arranged.

### GUNS LOADED FOR FIGHT

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said tonight by leaders that the re-portionment fight will require fully a week to settle.

A bill was introduced in the Senate today by Senator Davis providing for the issuance in this state of an official election pamphlet prior to elections similar to the pamphlet published in Oregon. The bill provides that all candidates for state or county offices be given a page in the pamphlet to explain their platform.

made for the devotion of space in the pamphlet to the statements of opponents of the candidate, the statements to be signed and certified to before a notary public. Any number of opponents can present arguments against a candidate by paying for the required space in the pamphlet.

Single Tax Bobs Up. A single tax measure bopped up in the House today and promises to cause a heated fuss before it is finally disposed of. The bill was introduced by Representative Cleland and was referred to the committee on constitutional revision. The committee immediately arranged for a special meeting next Tuesday night at the Capitol at which arguments for and against the measure would be heard. The public has been invited to attend. The bill as proposed provides:

"That cities having a population of 10,000 or more, may make total or partial exemption from taxation of personal property and improvements on realty or of any kind, class or portion thereof. When such exemption shall be made by any such city or cities, the uniform and equal assessment of all property, whether exempted or not, shall continue to be made thereon, and the tax for state, county, school district and other purposes, on property within such city, not so exempted from taxation, shall be increased by reason of such exemption, so that the total revenue raised shall be the same as if no exemption had been made. This provision shall operate as a direct grant of authority to any such city without legislative enactment.

Lively Squabble Expected. "All limitations upon municipal indebtedness prescribed by any other provision of this constitution shall continue to be based on the total amount of property in such municipality that is subject to assessment, without regard to the classes of property taxed thereon."

A lively squabble which has been a daily feature of the Senate sessions this week over the question of hiring two attorneys to draft bills was settled today after the usual fuss. An appropriation of \$1000 was given the Attorney-General to engage help for checking bills.

They will pass only on the constitutionality of bills and will draft measures requested by legislators.

Reformatory Head Makes Offer. Announcement that a move is to be made to change the management of the State Reformatory at Monroe because of mismanagement under the present system, brought an invitation from C. E. Shank, of the board of managers of the institution, to investigate. Mr. Shank notified the Senate and House that he would charter a steamer for the trip to the institution. The invitation was accepted and as many members as desire will go next Saturday.

The Senate today sat down heavily on the reformatory adopted by the House Monday providing for a state-wide junket of the entire Legislature to in-

spect the various state institutions which are asking for appropriations. With a half dozen Senators waiting for the rest of the body to be merciful with the bill and kill it gracefully and in a manner that would not arouse the animosity of the House, the main part of the body sent the plan to oblivion in a merciful manner.

When the measure came up Senator Allen asked that it be given at least decent consideration. "The House favors this plan," he said, "and we should at least give it some consideration. Perhaps we will have some pet scheme we will want the House to ratify some time."

"Kill it and put it out of its misery," urged Senator Hutchinson. "Give it a fair hearing," said Senator Jensen.

Postponement Is Indefinite. In the midst of all manner of motions and while the Senate was in an uproar of laughter over remarks to the effect that the reason some members did not want to go on a trip was that they were afraid to be seen around the state prison or lunatic asylum, a motion was made by Senator Brown to definitely postpone action, which motion carried.

A dozen or more members of the House stood in the rear of the Senate chamber and saw their measure slaughtered.

By unanimous vote the House passed a resolution favoring amending the Constitution of the United States providing for the direct election of United States Senators. The resolution was submitted by Congress and is the first measure to receive the approval of every one of the 57 members of the House during the present session.

Ratification Seems Certain. This action and its ratification by the Senate tomorrow, which is said to be certain, are designed practically to assure Washington state a system of direct election of Senators similar to that now in force in Oregon. With both branches of the Legislature on record as favoring the direct election, no trouble is expected in getting through a House bill by Representative Murphine providing for a duplication of the Oregon system in Washington.

The resolution which was adopted is a duplicate of a measure sent to each Legislature in the country asking for the ratification of an act by Congress providing for the direct election of Senators in every state. When brought up at the beginning of the session, it was predicted that there would be some opposition to it. It was referred to the memorial committee, where it received approval and was sent back to the House. For the first time during the session every member was present.

Oregon System in Favor. A canvass of the Senate this afternoon assures the resolution being adopted there as soon as brought up. The bill which is now before the Judiciary committee of the House providing for the Oregon system in Washington is expected to receive an overwhelming vote. While Representative Murphine says he expects some opposition, he believes the vote of today assures the measure a heavy enough vote to put it through both branches.

Factions which have been contending over a Presidential preferential primary law for the state got together today and introduced a bill which is expected to carry. Those appearing as authors of the measure are Senators Hippius, Landrum, Scott, Hutchinson, Fairchild, Brown, French, Flummerfelt and Esby. The measure provides for a Presidential primary in May of each Presidential election year.

A joint memorial by the House asking the Idaho Legislature to suppress the Alan, Idaho, racetrack was adopted by the Senate today.

Senator French, of Clark County, introduced a bill providing for the extension of road No. 8 from Washougal, Wash., to Vancouver and from Golden- dale to Mabton.

New Bills Introduced. Among the Senate bills introduced today were the following:

A bill to prohibit the sale of liquor within three miles of the Soldiers' Home.

A bill by Bethel to tax notes secured by real estate mortgages at 50 per cent of their face value.

A bill by Esby to provide for salvage associations.

A bill by Collins creating Simcoe County out of a portion of Clatsop County.

A bill by French to increase the license for non-resident fishermen.

A bill by White adopting a system of closing immoral houses by injunction proceedings.

A bill by 17 Senators making an appropriation of \$300,000 for the rebuilding of the Cheney National Forest.

Among the bills introduced in the House were the following:

A bill by Stewart to prohibit the issuance of a franchise to a corporation or individual in cities of the fourth class without submitting the question to the vote of the people.

A bill by Foster to license drugstore dealers.

A bill by Stewart prohibiting the storage of meat for more than six months.

The House Judiciary committee today adopted a bill providing that possession of a stolen horse shall be prima facie evidence of the guilt of the person holding it. The committee also adopted a bill making the issuance of an over-draft check grand larceny.

OIL REPORTS FALSIFIED. WITNESS ADMITS FALSE AFFIDAVIT IN WISNER CASE.

Laudatory Reports Concerning Properties Continue to Appear After Protests.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Reports describing falsely the value of oil properties controlled by A. L. Wisner & Company were published in mining publications owned in part by John J. Meyers, a member of the company, according to the editor, a Government witness, today in the trial of Meyers and A. L. Wisner for alleged fraudulent use of the mails in promoting oil and mining companies. The Government rested its case and the defense will open tomorrow.

Carl A. Eastman, a writer of San Francisco, testified that changes were made in the offices of the Pacific Oil Reporter, in which Meyers had a proprietary interest, in stories he had written relating to Wisner properties. When he complained of this, he said, he was told to cease writing. Laudatory comments on the Wisner claim continued to appear in the Reporter. The witness added that a false affidavit was made by himself and two other persons as to the value of Wisner properties.

George W. Storck, the last Government witness, testified that the books showed that more than 17,500,000 shares in all the Wisner companies were disposed of with a cash return of \$2,046,000. The products of all the companies yielded \$415,193, and the total cash received for all were \$23,852, with office expenses of \$481,000.

## GUNBOAT RUSHING TO AID AMERICANS

Wheeling Goes to Vera Cruz, Where Lawlessness Puts Many in Jeopardy.

### BRIGANDAGE IS RAMPANT

Foreigners to Board United States War Craft for Safety While Moral Effect of Guns Is Expected to Subdue Rebels.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—Alarmed for the safety of Americans whose lives are in jeopardy because of widespread lawlessness of Mexican rebels in Vera Cruz state and throughout Southern Mexico, the State Department again has called upon the Navy to protect American interests in the republic.

The gunboat Wheeling is steaming tonight from Tampa, Fla., for Vera Cruz, where Americans are said to face a graver crisis than that relieved by the cruiser Des Moines at the time of the Diaz uprising last October.

The request from the State Department to the Navy came after the receipt of a long series of official reports from Ambassador Wilson and consuls in Southern Mexican cities, all reflecting a condition of anarchy, especially in the State of Vera Cruz, where Federal authorities face the problem of restoring civil order with a disorganized and divided army. Guerrilla warfare, brigandage, sacking of ranches and villages and other desperate crimes place Americans and other foreign residents in a state of constant danger and the latest advice to the State Department express fear of a worse outbreak.

When the Wheeling arrives in Vera Cruz harbor Americans and other foreigners will be taken aboard and officials express the hope that the sight of her guns may have the same moral effect that followed the arrival of the Des Moines a few months ago. Today's action by the State Department indicates that the Administration's policy of non-intervention will be adhered to, to the close of President Taft's term of office. While the present Administration will endeavor to take no action which will embarrass the succeeding regime, it is taken for granted that aggressive action will be resorted to if disturbed conditions menace the safety of American citizens.

Wheeling Ordered to Vera Cruz. TAMPA, Fla., Jan. 21.—Captain B. F. Hutchinson, of the United States gunboat Wheeling, now in port here, received orders by wireless this afternoon to proceed at once to Vera Cruz. The Wheeling expects to sail tomorrow morning.

ARMY BILL PASSES HOUSE. Rider Is Affixed Limiting Price to Be Paid for Gunpowder.

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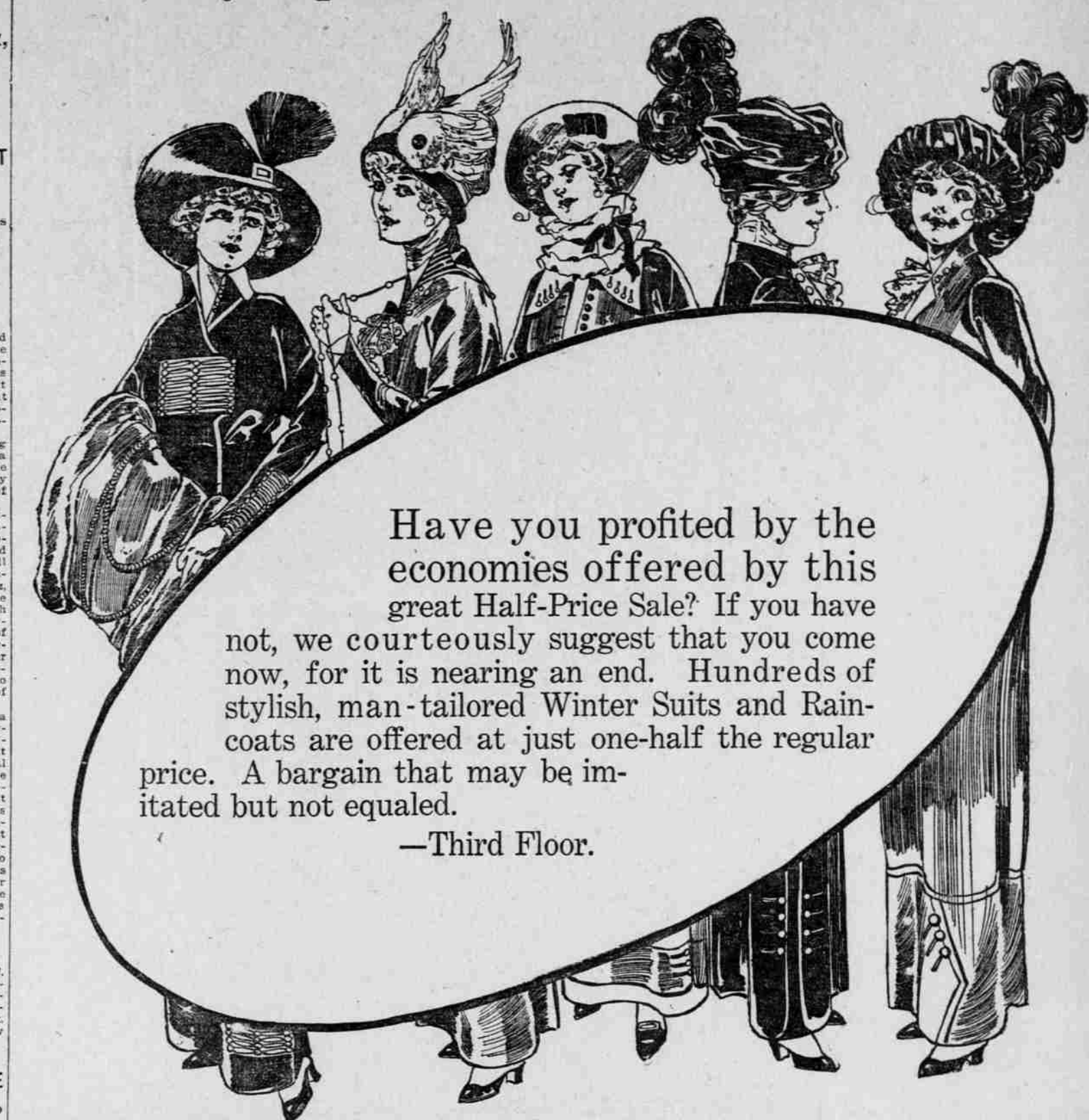
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## POLICE QUIET WOMAN

MOTHER WOULD TAKE INJURED SON OUT OF HOSPITAL.

Doctor Orders Boy With Broken Leg to Be Held and Summons Officers to His Aid.

Two policemen were required last night to secure the retention in St. Vincent's Hospital of 14-year-old Vernon Best, son of Mrs. Margaret Best, of 164 Chapman street. Mrs. Best refused to leave her boy in the hospital, until Police Captain Riley, at Dr. Zan's request, sent two plainclothes officers to the hospital, where she agreed to talk it over with the Captain.

Mrs. Best's statement that unless she refrained from interfering with the work of the doctor she would be arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct caused her to agree to leave the boy alone. She said that she wished to take him to her home to work upon him by Christian Science methods.

Spence Dunn, driver of an automobile for L. Lang, of 40 Ella street, collided with the boy at King and Washington streets last night. The boy had no light on his bicycle and Dunn said that he did not see the wheel until they struck. The boy, Dunn declared, ran

into the side of the automobile. Mr. Lang took Vernon to St. Vincent's Hospital, where he got him a room and special nurse. Vernon's leg was badly fractured just above the knee.

The weight necessary to keep the leg in position until the fracture could be set, caused Mrs. Best to protest, and she asked to be allowed to take him home. She said that he was not hurt and that under her efforts he would be all right. Dr. Zan refused to allow her to remove the boy, and when she made demonstrations which made it impossible to go on with setting the bone, Dr. Zan called for the police aid.

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"Soot" and his wife. Their elegant new \$6000 home contains every modern convenience, including electric lights, which was brought into pleasing service for this occasion.

Sanitation Views to Be Given. In order to explain fully to them his ideas on and the necessity for immediate measures to relieve sanitary conditions in Portland, Mayor Rushlight will ask the members of the Sanitation Commission to devote an afternoon to a trip about the city in the near future. He will take them to the garbage crematory at Guild's Lake and to Ross Island to show them present conditions. The next session of the Commission will be held at 1:30 o'clock Friday afternoon in the Mayor's committee-room at the City Hall. At the time the Mayor will give his views on sanitation. The weather of the past week has been so poor that the various committees have as yet been unable to proceed with their work.

Negro Is Suspected Thief. Edward Koonis, a negro, 25 years old, was arrested last night by Detectives Craddock and Goltz, on suspicion of robbing A. McCutcheon, a railroad man, of a watch and a diamond ring, valued at \$100, in the Golden West Hotel, Park and Everett streets. The negro was identified by the pawnshop man, where the watch was sold, and was held on a charge of vagrancy until the arrival of McCutcheon, who is out of town.

Woodlawn School Plans Event. The Parents' and Teachers' Association of Woodlawn will hold their regular monthly meeting Friday, January 24, 2:30 P. M., at the Woodlawn school. There will be a short business meeting followed by a musical given by the upper grades of the school. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

CARD OF THANKS. We desire to thank our many friends and acquaintances for their kindness and sympathy during our recent bereavement, and the many beautiful floral offerings.

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