

CONSTANTINE TAKES CONCILIATORY STAND

Future Attitude Toward Allies Is Outlined.

CABINET TO STAY INTACT

King Calls In American Correspondents for First Interview Since Return to Athens.

ATHENS, Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—King Constantine, in the uniform of a general of the Greek army, apparently still wearied from his trip home from Switzerland, called in American correspondents today and gave them his first interview since he came back to Athens. He said he appreciated the courtesy of the American officials in calling on him.

Constantine said that, as far as he understood the situation, the Greek government would follow a conciliatory attitude toward the allies and that he did not expect a change in the cabinet at present. He smilingly shrugged his shoulders regarding the uncertainty as to whether the British and French ministers would remain in Athens.

"They don't know what they are going to do," he said. "Yesterday they expected to go; today they are uncertain. Maybe tomorrow they will change their minds."

"Princess Anastasia (formerly Mrs. William B. Leeds of New York) is now a recognized Greek princess," Constantine added. The king said he had talked with her yesterday.

Constantine said Queen Sophie had been very seasick during the trip from Italy.

Constantine said to the Associated Press:

"I hope to go to Smyrna as soon as possible, but I do not expect to go there until after the meeting of the chamber of deputies, which will make possible the trip in the middle of January."

VILLA IS VICTIM OF RAID

"MEXICO EES NO SAF" PLACE FOR PEACEFUL RANCHER.

Country Gentleman Complains to President Oregon After Killing Two Marauders.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—In Mexico there is no safe place for honest workmen.

Lying just outside Canutillo, in the state of Durango, advises to Washington, says, there abides a peaceful ranchman, by name Francisco Villa.

And we read on to find that, having closed and bolted the door leading to the room containing a trunk of small field pieces and side arms, the home-loving ranchman sat down to tea and cookies the other night, only to be aroused by a peeling barnyard.

ward. A copy of Home and Fire-side clutched in his fingers, the farmer rushed to the corral to find 200 of his finest mounts missing.

A-galloping in the distance.

"Oh, dear me—oh, my!" the gentleman said to have exclaimed the while returning to his home, kicking over the cookstove and slipping again of tea and munching of cookies.

Another stamping of horses' hoofs outside. Another rush through the door. Another half-hundred wiry animals headed southward. A sigh of despair from the best little trickling down a big brown nose. And the heartless ranchman again entered his door, this time taking up pen and paper and scribbling a note to President Oregon.

It is given out that Francisco Villa, the one-time "terror of the north," in that now reported loss of his horses, with an appended line asking redress for the animals taken, and pleading for more adequate protection in future against "marauding bands of outlaws." Also he wrote:

"I herewith repeat my declaration of loyalty to the federal government."

Much discomfort it is said, has been suffered of late by this quiet Mexican gentleman, once the bearer of the title "General," and a face that struck awe to the heart of the best little murderers in the cactus country. It is understood all steps will be taken to repay him for his loss of Friday night, and to preserve the peace of Panchito's love nest.

Incidentally, the two bandits he received of earthly responsibilities last night at their second call were buried in the ravine just south of the cow lot.

Mexico Seely has posted Mr. Villa's complaint publicly. It indicates peace has come at last.

TREATY REVISION LIKELY

France Holds Action Inevitable If Constantine Stays.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The French foreign office expressed the belief today that revision of the Turkish peace treaty would be most inevitable if Constantine retains the throne of Greece.

The statement recently made by Premier Poincaré that France might reach an understanding with the Turkish nationalists is further evidence of the desire of France to revise the treaty, according to the foreign office.

ALLEGED BIGAMIST HELD

Scion of Wealthy Family Charged With Violating Mann Act.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 24.—Charles D. Seymour Jr., said by federal officials to be a member of a wealthy family of New York and Gary, Ind., and the owners of mines in Nevada, is being held here by the federal bureau of investigation on the complaint of the Baltimore department of justice agents, charged with bigamy and violation of the Mann act.

Seymour is alleged to have a wife and child in Los Angeles. He is alleged to have met Miss Helen P. Wiltz at Atlantic City, N. J., and to have married her at Ellicott City, Md., June 4, 1919. According to federal officials he had been divorced from his second wife at Chicago ten days later.

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REAL WATCH IS PRESENTED TO FAVORITE DURING PLAY

Miss Helen Menken Conceives Idea of Adding Sentiment to Real Christmas Present From Beau Back East.

BY LEON CASS BAER.

IN the second act of "Three Wise Fools" at the Helio, the triumvirate of doddering old wiseacres give their charming ward, Sidney Fairchild, a party on the anniversary of her stay among them for one month. It is, incidentally, her birthday, and among her gifts is a pearl necklace which the three old men have hidden in the coffee pot. It is a very happy moment in the pretty play and an even prettier episode comes a few minutes later when Sidney's youthful beau presents her with a wrist watch.

There is a lively and delightful bit of sentiment bound up in the incident and the audience liked it exceedingly. What the audience did not know was that last night a real watch, a very grand affair in platinum and with diamonds and works and everything, was presented Sidney in place of the prop watch of tin and glass which had been handed her at every second act for three solid seasons of "Three Wise Fools."

Right here it may be stated that last night was the one and only occasion on which the platinum bediamonded watch was bestowed on Sidney. It happened to be her Christmas gift from another youthful beau and not the one in the play. He lives back east somewhere and the watch arrived yesterday at the Helio for Miss Helen Menken, who is Sidney Fairchild in the play.

"Just for sentiment and perhaps because I am alive with romance and happiness I had the substitution of watches made and threatened all sorts of dire and dreadful things to my stage beau if anything befell the gift from my real beau. The words that

go with the presentation, the sentiment in the speech he makes me on the stage, fitted in so nicely and were probably just what the real giver would have said if he had been present."

So said Miss Menken. She said a lot of other things too in the chat we had at the party. Eric Hauser gave for theatrical folk last night at Hotel Multnomah. She had what she called "a wonderful time." "Bb," she continued, "happings being an attitude of mind, I endeavor to make all my times wonderful ones. I have gotten quite used to being away from home at holiday seasons. I have been on the stage since I was 6 years old. My first visit to Portland was when I was a youngster with Viola Allen in 'Midnight in the Garden' and every Christmas, save one, I have spent elsewhere than in my home. I have had Christmas in London, England, and in Oshkosh, Wis. I have hung up my Sandy stockings on the high seas and on the deserts. My gifts for others I gather as I travel from pillar to post. This season back in Minneapolis a month ago, I began to send packages away and thought I had it all done until I reached this typically western city and yesterday I took on a new attack of Christmas shopping. I sent back some cunning Indian and Japanese odds and ends and made myself a present of a Japanese short kimono costume with the wide satin panties like the native women wear. I intend to use mine as a lounging robe."

Miss Menken is moving toward the movies. In Los Angeles, the home of the film, she is to negotiate further and if everything goes as it promises we will see the Titian tressed and interesting young actress in a new version next season.

U. S. FORCE BEING CUT

RHINE TROOPS REDUCED BY 1200 EACH MONTH.

No Replacements Are Being Sent When Enlistments Expire and Americans Return Home.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The American force in Germany will soon be reduced at the rate of about 1200 a month, due to the expiration of terms of enlistment, and no replacements are being sent to Coblenz. The war department estimates that by May 1921, the force will have been reduced to 7000 or 7500 men, about one brigade.

While President Wilson has issued no orders for the withdrawal of the force, substantial reductions are occurring from month to month on an increasing basis. The force now numbers about 14,000 officers and men.

Many of the enlisted men have been on the Rhine for a long time and their enlistments are beginning to expire in considerable numbers.

The aggregate cost of the American force in Germany to June 30, 1920, which Germany must pay, amounted to \$237,065,843.25. This sum includes maintenance of officers, men and animals, charges peculiar to the army (civilian employees, rentals, billeting and claims), and a net debit covering surveys, salvage sales and the like.

Up to June 30 Germany had made a payment of \$4,724,652.78 on account, which included credits for sales, leaving a net balance due the United States on that date of \$232,341,190.57. The average cost since June 30 has run around \$2,000,000 monthly, which requires the addition of approximately \$12,000,000 to the balance due the United States on account.

The American force on the Rhine would not be less than 10,000 but for the sending of 5000 men to the occupied areas for possible duty in the Silesian plebiscite area. This force was incorporated into General Allen's army.

BRIDEGROOM LEFT IN JAIL

MAN IS HELD AT SEATTLE ON SALEM COMPLAINT.

Charles T. Kelsey Originally Taken on Charge of Fleecing With Minor Girl, Now Bride.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—While Salem, Or., police prepared their Christmas dinners and festivities and evidently forgot all about Charles T. Kelsey, 32, bridegroom of a few days, Kelsey was held today and looked forward to a pleasant Christmas dinner in the jail, with probably a short visit from his bride, who is at liberty.

Salem officials asked the police to arrest Kelsey, charging that he had fled with a minor girl. The local police made the arrest and found that the girl, who lived in Salem, had married Kelsey. She is nearly 18 years of age.

Police here did not know for what reason Kelsey was wanted in Salem, but now that the original charge has been disproved, nothing has been heard from Salem for two days and Kelsey will pass his Christmas in jail unless word is received from Salem some time tonight.

"They might at least turn him loose for our first married Christmas," the bride said today, when she came to the jail to visit her husband.

VANCOUVER NEEDY HELPED

Baskets of Christmas Goodies Distributed to Poor Families.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—No poor family in Vancouver, it is known, will be without a bounteous feast for Christmas. Today two trucks loaded with Christmas baskets were delivered to those in need, the greatest number here in many years. The food and candies for these baskets were collected through the efforts of Captain William Bruce and his assistants, who stood for many days in the pouring rain, tinkling a bell near pots to keep them boiling.

A Christmas tree will be held in the Salvation Army hut Monday evening for children who have no other place to go and who were not remembered by Santa Claus.

ALLEGED THIEF ARRESTED

Frank Walsh Charged With Theft of Rings From Benefactor.

Frank Walsh, 24, of Sheridan, Wyo., was arrested last night by Detectives Morak and McCulloch and charged with the theft of two valuable rings from a friend and benefactor. The arrest was made on a description furnished from Sheridan.

SLIDE CUTS OFF TRAFFIC

Communication Between Astoria and Upriver Towns Is Severed.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—A landslide of the rain-soaked earth from the high banks bordering the lower Columbia a short distance this side of Kerry last night so effectively blocked traffic over the road that no vehicles reached this city from up-river points today. Details of the exact location and seriousness of the slide were lacking, owing to the fact that all communication between Astoria and towns near the slip was severed when the mud swept across the road.

The bus bringing The Oregonian to Astoria was unable to pass the place and was forced to turn back to Clatskanie, from where the papers were dispatched by train. The telephone and telephone wires were down for several hours.

WINONA GRANGE ELECTS

Mrs. L. J. Frances Chosen Master at Tualatin Meeting.

Members of Winona Grange held their regular meeting at Tualatin last Saturday when officers for next year were elected. They will be installed January 18, when an interesting programme will be held.

Following are the new officers: Mrs. L. J. Frances, master; J. T. Thompson, overseer; W. C. Finch, steward; William H. Haupter, assistant; Mrs. P. T. Hill, lecturer; H. P. Blake, chaplain; R. N. Moody, gatekeeper; Mrs. J. T. Thompson, treasurer; Mrs. William H. Haupter, secretary.

A committee was appointed to increase the attendance at the society meetings.

ROAD BLOCKED BY SLIDE

Great Quantity of Earth Piled on Columbia River Highway.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—A slide on the Columbia river highway between here and Mosier yesterday left about 1000 yards of earth, rock and debris on the right of way just west of the twin tunnels, according to Angus McDonald, in charge of maintenance on that section of the road. Mr. McDonald cleared away the debris sufficiently to permit passage of automobiles. Most of the rocks and earth, however, will not be removed until spring, he said.

The slide extends for 165 feet along the new grade, and is piled 175 feet up the canyon side.

PORTLAND WOMEN HELD

Alleged Fugitives From This City Detained in Tacoma.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Mrs. Opal Miller, age 20, and Mrs. Amelia Quevoro, fugitives from the Portland detention hospital, may be returned there or held in Tacoma to answer to the charge of passing fraudulent checks. They have been accused of having one grand time while their check books held out.

Groceries, clothing, shoes and silk stockings were among the items enumerated in the stubs of their checks. Along towards the last money began rolling in so easily, it is said, that the women did not even fill out the stubs.

HOQUIAM TO CHECK CRIME

Underworld Habitués to Be Driven From City, Police Edict.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Announcement was made today by Chief of Police Hards and Commissioner of Safety Jacka that a thorough cleanup of the city is to be made, with a view of stopping the burglaries and holdups that have been an everyday happening for a week or more.

People out after 11 o'clock at night without a good explanation will have a chance to "tell it to the judge." Fourteen arrests have been made this week, most of them for intoxication.

S. & H. green stamps for cash. Holman Fuel Co. Main 552, 550-29.—Adv.

Brading embroidery hemstitching. Booth's Morgan bldg.—Adv.

Edletsen's wish you Merry Xmas. Adv.

SCIENCE AS GERMAN WAR AID IS FEARED

Lefevre Explains Firmness for Long Army Service.

FRANCE HELD IN DANGER

Resignation Is Explained in Speech in Chamber—Control of Laboratories Urged.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Andrew Lefevre today completed his speech in the chamber in which he explained his resignation, and gave his reasons for insisting on two years' service with the colors, while the other ministers favored from 12 to 18 months. He said it was the German laboratory that France had to fear more than anything else.

"That is what we ought to keep under control," declared M. Lefevre. "We should prevent science from giving a weak German army a powerful weapon of surprise."

The new war minister, Flaminius Ruhlert, replying, said he was in accord with Marshals Foch and Pétain, in advocating a reduction of the period of military service and lightening the army budget. He announced that the Germans had destroyed or delivered 3396 cannon and that 60,000 more were in the course of delivery. Premier Lefevre took the floor again today and recalled that France held bridgeheads on the Rhine which she was supposed to give up in 15 years only if Germany executed the treaty of Versailles. He said that of 30,000 motors and 18,000 airplanes Germany possessed after the signing of the armistice she had delivered 25,000 motors and 16,000 airplanes.

Andre Tardieu interrupted the premier to ask if it were not a fact that the Franco-American treaty not having been ratified and the Franco-British treaty being non-effective for that reason, France, according to the treaty of Versailles, could hold the left bank of the Rhine until Germany executed the treaty terms.

General de Mandat-Huy, deputy for Metz, shouted: "We are in Germany, and if the Germans want to use barbarous methods—if they burn ten houses in Paris from airplanes—we shall burn a hundred in Frankfurt and a hundred in Mayence. Let Germany understand that. It is the only means to prevent disloyal barbarous wars."

Lefevre, in explaining to the chamber of deputies last night his controversy with his colleagues in the cabinet, said:

"I believe Germany still has 200,000 machine guns."

He affirmed also that the Krupp works had continued working under intense pressure, turning out field pieces after the armistice and until the peace treaty's commission of control was installed.

"What kind of gun is this?" exclaimed M. Lefevre. "We know from documents found on battlefields that the German 77 of the new model of 1916 was not satisfactory. Is it logical to suppose that Krupp, after the armistice, continued to make unsatisfactory pieces? No. Krupp was working upon a new gun, one that would use the new projectiles which we found left behind when the Germans were abandoning the left bank of the Rhine. They were much more carefully made than the ordinary 77 shells. The cases were marked: 'For the experimental batteries.'"

U. S. Prosecutor Runs Bar When Owner Is Arrested.

Patron Horrified When Four-Bits Buys Ginger Ale.

A PATRON of the Idle Hour Pool Hall sauntered up to the bar yesterday afternoon and repeated a formula.

"Gimme a shot."

A 50-cent piece accompanied the request. The combination served as an open sesame.

A black-haired, distinguished-looking young man behind the bar reached for the nearest bottle and poured out a potion.

The liquor was downed at one gulp. A look of surprised horror flashed across the face of the patron and he began voluble protests. Turning around, he espied the proprietor of the place, J. W. Chandler, and carried his protest to him. A word from Chandler silenced him and he gathered in a little group that waited for the next customer to come in and be greeted with the same results.

As an assistant United States district attorney Austin Flegel Jr. is a distinct success.

But as a bartender he is a flagrant failure. For the handsome young barkeep was none other than the well-known federal prosecutor. Earlier in the day revenue officers arrested Chandler after they asserted they had bought instead of stronger liquor. Hence his unpopularity with the bibulous.

MAJESTIC

Direction of Jensen and Von Herberg

GODLESS MEN

With lovely
Helene Chadwick
who recently created a furore in "Scratch My Back."

She has the part of a lone castaway, the only girl on a rough tramp schooner, away out on southern seas; desired by the bitterest, hardest men alive, and unable to get away.

From the Saturday Post Story, "Black Paul," Bob Ames Williams' Masterpiece



Pathe News

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Get Ready for the Majestic's Annual New Year's Eve Riot!
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