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TAFT REPLIES TO CRITICS OF PEACE

Charge of Inconsistency Denied.

BANQUET FULFILLS MISSION

Beginning Unpropitious, but Way Grows Smoother.

PRESIDENT WELL GUARDED

Echo of Dissension Seen in Small Size of Washington Delegation as Foreign Ambassadors Fail to Appear.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Proceeded by dissensions which seemed for a time to threaten a climax anything but pacific, the peace banquet tonight proved in realization everything that its name implied in its attendant conditions.

President Taft, the guest of honor and speaker of the evening, while arguing for the pending arbitration treaties between the United States and Great Britain and France, went further to highlight than heretofore and repudiated specifically to critics recently made against the principles embodied in these treaties.

Those of us who are in favor of these treaties have been criticized as inconsistent because we did not invoke arbitration in the recent difference between Russia.

"All I can say is that if you will read the great argument of Edith Roosevelt on the question of why the treaty should be terminated and why arbitration would not be, I would be content to stand on his exhibit and explanation of that.

"The truth is that the treaty itself contains contractual obligations on the part of the United States to recognize the doctrine of non-expatriation and to recognize the right of Russia to say that the naturalized Russian citizens in the United States should not lose their allegiance to Russia and could be punished for becoming naturalized citizens.

"Now, that was contained in the face of the treaty. It was in accordance with the doctrine that prevailed in the United States and that prevailed in Russia in 1912. The doctrine has been departed from by statute in the United States, but it remained in the treaty and we cannot, so far as a foreign country is concerned, in contractual dealings with her repeal a treaty by statute.

"Hence it was stated in the notice of termination of the treaty, made in accordance with the terms of the treaty, that the treaty was so old that it was not responsive to the views of the two nations.

"Now, why should we arbitrate a treaty of that sort in which we were met, first and foremost, by the proposition that 20 or 25 or 40 years ago we were met as an international matter.

"I say that the inconsistency that is supposed to exist in our failure to invoke arbitration there does not exist, and I recommend to those who think

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RICH MAN GARBED AS GIRL, CHARMS PRESTON GIBSON IN SKIRTS MAKES HIT IN WASHINGTON.

Army Officers Who Paid Marked Attention to Mysterious Debutante Victims of Hoax.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—Washington society is greatly exercised over the alleged "discovery" that Preston Gibson, millionaire society man and playwright, impersonated a debutante at the ball given at the Draper mansion.

One beautiful woman created quite a stir among the company. No one seemed to know her. She was dressed in a mauve gown, décolleté, disclosing well-rounded shoulders and neck. Luxurious black hair, parted on one side gave a gypsy tinge of beauty to the face.

Dainty pink slippers, gleaming with jewels, made the feet of the beautiful unknown "debutante" an attractive resting spot for any glances that happened to drop that way.

AGITATION AFFECTS WOOL Democratic Delay May Cost Growers \$15,000,000 on Next Crop.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 30.—S. W. McClure, secretary of the National Woolgrowers' Association, today made the following statement:

"There seems to be a disposition on the part of the Democrats to delay revision of the wool schedule until the steel and sugar schedules have been revised. This will mean that the wool schedule will be under consideration during the Spring and early Summer, at a time when the entire American wool clip will be on the market.

"Woolgrowers hope for early action on the wool tariff, as they know living prices cannot be obtained for wool at a time when a bill reducing the duty is pending in Congress."

STRAW-HAT PRICES MOUNT

Revolution in China Curtails Importation of Braid.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Next year's straw hat will cost more than this year's, and the price will be still higher in 1912, owing to a shortage in the importations of straw braid, most of which comes from the province of Shan-Tung, China.

"DIAZIFYING" IS FEARED Watterson Coins Word to Express His Dread of Roosevelt.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 30.—"If Roosevelt should be returned to the Presidency, he would 'Diazify' the office and 'Mexicanize' the Republic," according to Colonel Henry Watterson, the veteran Southern editor, at a banquet here.

Centralia Scene of Hold-up; Man Captured

LONE ROBBER KILLS BANK PRESIDENT

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LYNCHING IS THREATENED

Only Timely Arrival of Police Saves Slayer From Violence.

TRAMPS AID IN CAPTURE

Demand for Cash Attracts Official Who Draws Revolver Which Falls to Work and Holdup Man Gets Fatal "Drop on Him."

CENTRALIA, Wash., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—"Hands up," yelled a lone robber in the Farmers & Merchants Bank, as he shoved a revolver into the face of C. P. Uhlmann, cashier, at 7:15 o'clock tonight, then turned his weapon on Lawrence Barr, president of the savings institution, shot and killed him.

The hold-up artist and murderer was captured by bank employes and two tramps as the masked robber was trying to make his escape.

Taking advantage of the New Year's celebration, with the Saturday night throngs on the street, and timing his attempt to rob the bank when he thought the cashier was alone, the hold-up man quietly entered the bank's front entrance and, pointing a pistol at Uhlmann and a boy, Claude Krepps, ordered the former to "hand over the cash."

Lynching is Threatened. Just at this time President Barr entered the banking room from his office and the robber, without hesitation, fired at him, hitting him almost instantly. The masked man then ran for the front door, through which he had entered, and the shots attracting the tramps outside the building, the murderer ran into their arms.

Three shots fired at Barr took effect, one locating in the breast, the other entering the abdomen and the third through the hand. "They've got me, Ben, but I'm ready to die," were the last words uttered by Mr. Barr, as he expired in the arms of Benjamin Bates, a Centralia jeweler, who was among those who heard the first shot fired and rushed to the bank.

Barr Would Shoot Robber. According to Cashier Uhlmann, Mr. Barr, hearing the demand of the would-be robber for the bank's cash, rushed in from his office, seized a revolver from under the counter and attempted to shoot the hold-up man, but his gun failed to work and the robber got the "drop on him."

The crowds on the streets were enraged to a point of violence and the murderer was hurried to the police station and from there to the County Jail in Chehalis, as there were open threats of lynching. It is not known whether the man was working single-handed. Two men were seen to run up an alley in the rear of the bank as soon as the shots were fired and the police are searching for them. A good description was secured of them and sent to towns surrounding Centralia in the hope of capturing them.

Shortly before the shooting three men peered in at the window of the Zimmer hardware store, where Miss Clara Knecht was working alone, but when she drew a revolver from a desk drawer the men ran. These are believed to be the tramps who aided in the capture.

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ANNUAL OUT TOMORROW.

Tomorrow is the date of publication of The Oregonian Annual, the big special edition in which the progress of Portland and the state during the past 12 months is chronicled. The Annual will be one of the most interesting and best illustrated numbers in the series of 30 elaborate year-end editions that this newspaper has published.

The Annual will be sold in green wrappers only. The price will be 5 cents a copy. Postage in the United States and its possessions, Canada and Mexico will be 5 cents a copy. Postage to all other countries will be 10 cents a copy.

Every citizen of Oregon should read the Annual and mail it to his friends in other states. It contains a complete review of the remarkable advancement in this state during a year that has tended to dullness in other sections.

The complete section of full-page Portland street scenes and two 14-column panoramas of the business district, is sure to attract wide attention.

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GIANT WAVE RACKS STEAMER ROANOKE

1 Drowned, Many Hurt as Angry Sea-Hits.

PANIC SEIZES PASSENGERS

Portland People Are Pummeled by Rushing Water.

WOMEN BRAVE IN CRISIS

Pipes Broken by Flood Fill Disastrous Ship With Hissing Steam. S. F. Blythe, of Hood River, Describes Experiences.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—One life was lost and several passengers and members of the crew were injured when the steamer Roanoke, Captain Jensen, bound from Portland to San Francisco, shipped a huge comb in crossing the Columbia river bar at 8 o'clock last Thursday morning.

One passenger, Robert Stevens, 23 years old, a Canadian electrician, who forced his way from the social hall to the after-deck, against the orders of the ship's officers, was washed overboard and drowned. His body was not recovered.

H. A. Dahl, the ship's carpenter, who was on deck when the heavy seas struck the vessel, was carried 50 feet on the crest of a big wave and thrown against a winch, breaking his right leg. When the Roanoke arrived at the seawall this morning, Dahl was hurried to the Harbor Emergency Hospital.

Woman is Injured. Mrs. Isabel Mulrenry, of Portland, sustained a severe injury to her right hand, which was caught in a door jamb when the sea stove in the side of her stateroom.

O. Waldrop, of 2142 Lewiston street, Berkeley, who was suffering from appendicitis, occupied a berth on the starboard side of the vessel. The huge comb which threw the Roanoke on her beams crashed through the door of his stateroom. The young man was thrown from his berth and sustained serious injuries which greatly augmented his sufferings. He was hurried to Trinity Hospital. Several other passengers suffered slight injuries.

Panic Seizes Passengers. There were five women and six children among the Roanoke's passengers. They with other passengers were hurried to the social hall and equipped with life preservers. Panic seized the crowd.

The officers, however, declare that the women behaved better than several of the men aboard, who in their fright tried to force their way to the decks to reach lifeboats. All except Stevens were restrained by First Officer Oscar Landahl and Second Officer H. Murchison, who forced them back and locked them inside.

Hissing Steam Fills Ship. The great wave which struck the Roanoke not only stove in woodwork along the rail, carried away doors and flooded the decks, but it broke steam pipes and hissing steam filled the dining saloon, galley and social hall and added to the terror of the panic-stricken passengers, who feared the vessel was about to be swamped.

S. F. Blythe, of Hood River, past commander of the Department of Oregon, Grand Army of the Republic, and Mrs. Blythe, were in their stateroom on the starboard side when the heavy seas were shipped. The door of their stateroom was battered in. They were

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SUITOR SLAYS GIRL IN NEW YEAR REVEL

GIRL VICTIM IN MIDST OF SEATTLE MERRYMAKERS.

Gladys Tasche, Aged 18, Attacked on Downtown Street by Man Whom Patrolman Captures.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 30.—A throng of New Year merry-makers at Fourth avenue and Pike street, the night center of Seattle, were horrified witnesses tonight of the shooting of Gladys Tasche, 18 years old, by an unwelcome suitor, Charles Huford, a liquor salesman, aged 47.

The girl and her mother were standing on the corner when Huford, pistol in hand, came from behind a streetcar and fired four shots into the body of Miss Tasche, inflicting wounds that caused her death three hours later.

The brilliantly lighted corner is always crowded at night, and was especially so tonight, with people stinging and blowing horns to bid farewell to the old year. It is supposed that Huford had been following the women and that he chose the crowded corner, in expectation that he could lose himself in the crowds and escape. In this calculation he was partly correct for no one on the sidewalk tried to stop him and he ran north on Westlake avenue.

However, a motorcycle policeman riding along Pike street saw all the shooting, pursued Huford and knocked him into the gutter with his club.

Huford had annoyed Miss Tasche with his attentions and had been told that she wished to have nothing to do with him.

INFANTA IN SECLUSION

Eulalie Said to Be Planning Secret Apology to King Alfonso.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—The Infanta Eulalie has left Paris and is now in seclusion. It is believed that she is in Switzerland, but a rumor is current that she has gone to Spain and will have a secret audience with King Alfonso for the purpose of making her submission and apologizing for the stand she took when she published her book to which he violently objected and which has now been withdrawn from circulation.

The King's ostensible objection was to one of the Spanish royal houses printing the book before the head of the family had read and sanctioned it. The Infanta demurred at the King's intrusion and telegraphed him a denunciatory message.

Before the Infanta Eulalie disappeared from Paris she autographed and gave a correspondent a photograph of herself and Prince Alvaro of Bourbon Orleans.

MORGAN OFF FOR EGYPT

Money King Will Go First to Europe, Then Up Nile in His New Boat.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—(Special.)—J. P. Morgan sailed for Europe today on the Olympic. It is his intention to visit London and Paris to look after his various art treasures before starting for Egypt, his ultimate destination.

"I'm going to Egypt on a vacation," said Mr. Morgan. "I shall go up the Nile in my new boat. I don't know when I shall return home."

Among other passengers on the Olympic were Lord and Lady Camoys, Lord and Lady Deles and Count and Countess de la Grèze.

GRAZING FEES ARE CUT

Forest Service Makes Reduction on Use of National Tracts.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 30.—The Forest Service has decided to make a material cut in grazing fees to be charged for the range in National forests during 1912. The new schedule will reduce the rate on sheep 1 to 1 1/2 cents a head, with proportionate reduction on cattle.

It is estimated this reduction will reduce the total fees collected next year about \$50,000.

FIGURES FOR YEAR SHOW PROSPERITY

Portland Business in 1911 Enormous.

CITY TAKES HIGH POSITION

Last Few Weeks Indicate Great Rush of Trade.

BRIGHT PERIOD IN STORE

Bank Clearings Pass Half Billion. Postoffice Now in Million-Dollar Class—Building, Realty and Shipping Reflect Wealth.

GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS IN PORTLAND MAKE 1911 BANNER

Portland's greatest development was reached in 1911, as indicated as follows: Bank clearings are \$557,464,844.17, against \$517,171,967.97 in 1910. Postoffice receipts are \$1,000,200, against \$925,164.52 in 1910. Building permits are \$19,178,874, compared with \$20,886,202 in 1910. Real estate transfers amounted to \$25,209,449, the number of deeds filed being 18,333. In railroad construction, extensions and betterments the total expenditure of the various roads in the state reached \$30,000,000.

With the close of the year a retrospective view of Portland's activity for 1911 shows that the city has made extraordinary progress in every line of endeavor. The records from month to month reflect achievements of such a pronounced and substantial character that the city easily takes one of the highest positions among the commercial, industrial and shipping centers of the country.

In the three years that prosperity has attended Portland, the past twelve months has witnessed every important branch of business eclipse all previous showings. The chief crops of the Northwest, the bulk of the returns of which filtered here, were normally good and prices satisfactory. The lumber industry, admittedly the greatest wealth-producing factor in the state, has assumed healthy conditions after a long period of comparative inactivity.

Millions Spent in Betterments. Marked advances were made in the totals of bank clearings, Postoffice receipts, lumber, wheat and stock shipments, while building construction completed and under way is equally as good as the record made in 1910, the banner year. In addition to the great volume of business represented in these activities, there was expended millions of dollars in betterments and extensions by public service corporations.

In the development of residence districts large sums were involved while the expenditure in municipal improvements reached enormous proportions. Miles of hard-surface paving were installed and gas, water and sewer mains laid aggregating in cost more than \$8,000,000. With these big things accomplished, there were several important projects planned and started that will be carried to completion early in 1912.

Portland's trade expansion was one of the gratifying features of the year. The established wholesale business connections showed a healthy increase while, with the opening up of the vast interior portion of the state by railroads, a larger and more direct

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CARTOONIST REYNOLDS OFFERS A FEW PICTORIAL OBSERVATIONS ON NEW YEAR'S.

