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BALKAN WAR PEACE PROSPECTS IMPROVE

Servian Cry for Port Crux of Question.

AUSTRIA'S ATTITUDE WORRIES

Ottomans Seem Resigned to Big Loss of Territory.

TURKISH DEBTS PUZZLE

Envoys Must Settle Commercial Status of Various States—Understanding Between Bulgars and Turks Indicated.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The prospects for a satisfactory and reasonably rapid settlement of the Balkan war and of the greater European interests hanging upon it seem brighter tonight than at any time since the allied armies took the field against Turkey. The envoys from the Balkan kingdoms, Greece, if Greece decided to participate—and the Ottoman Empire, will hold the first meeting of the peace conference next Friday.

At the same time the Ambassadors of the great powers in London charged with the task of protecting the interests of their countries will meet as a sort of court of appeals to watch, advise and admonish the peace delegates.

Complicated Arrangement Reached. To reach even this complicated arrangement has strained all the resources of European diplomacy. There have been times in the last month when even the consent of all the governments to a friendly gathering appeared beyond the range of possibility.

This will be by far the most important assembly of diplomats since the Berlin conference of the Russo-Turkish war. Giants like Bismarck, Beaconsfield, Salisbury and Gortchakoff, to be sure, will not tread the stage, but their successors who go will have an equally important work to perform.

Servian Issue Dangerous. One question charged with the possibilities of disaster is Servia's unenviable determination for an Adriatic port and Austria's determination that she shall not have it.

Servian official newspapers make it plain, however, that the little kingdom has made up its mind to take instructions from the powers, so far as public opinion in Servia will let it.

A second interesting struggle will take place over Turkey's endeavors to hold as much of the conquered territory as Oriental diplomacy and the help of friendly powers can save her. The best bargain the Sultan can make probably will reduce his subjects in Europe from more than 6,000,000 to fewer than 2,000,000 and the Turk seems reconciled to this.

Greeks Important Factor. A third important factor will be the Greek attempt to gain Saloniki. Besides, various difficult questions will arise over the commercial status of the various states, the disposition of the Turkish debts attached to the conquered country and the final status of Adrianople.

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WILEY'S SUCCESSOR TO BE DR. ALSBERG

GOVERNMENT CHEMIST TO HEAD BATTLE FOR PURE FOOD.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson Aids President in Naming Man to Replace Ousted Official.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President Taft and Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, after months of consideration, decided today upon the appointment of Dr. Carl Alsberg, a chemist in the bureau of drugs and plants, as chief of the bureau of chemistry in the Department of Agriculture, a position that has been vacant since the resignation last Spring of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the famous defender of the pure food law.

In Washington the place of Chief Chemist, with its attendant duty of enforcement of the pure food act, is regarded in many ways as a non-political position.

Dr. Alsberg has been in the Department of Agriculture four years. He was educated in Columbia University and Strassburg University in Germany. He engaged in research work in Germany for several years. Before coming to Washington he was in charge of the department of sociological chemistry in Harvard University.

The President decided, upon this appointment only after a careful consideration of the claims made for other chemists. His decision to name Dr. Alsberg was made only today.

O. A. C. GIRLS HOSTESSES

Brilliant Social Success Crowns Efforts of Fair Folk.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—A brilliant social success crowned the efforts of the girls in the dormitory here as hostesses at their annual reception in Waldo Hall. The parlors and halls were crowded with 600 guests, members of the faculty and student body and friends from outside the campus. Exquisite mistletoe and hollyhocks were used in the scheme of decoration.

The chairman of the decoration committee was Miss Elva Tamm. Warrenton music committee, Miss Sylvia Oakes, Enterprise; refreshment committee, Kathleen Warner, Portland; invitations, Della Purvis, Seattle; entertainment, Lois Wilson, Salem; cleanup committee, Margaret West, Mendocino.

Those in the receiving line were Mrs. Crayne, Miss Lucy Crawford, Miss Esther Leach, Mrs. L. A. Kidder, Miss Ava B. Milam, Miss Hadwin, Miss Lois Wilson and Miss Cordelia Goffe.

CIGARETTE SMOKE COSTLY

First Vancouver Woman So Caught Gets 30 Days in Jail.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Thirty days in the city jail is the punishment imposed upon Mrs. Maude White for smoking a cigarette in the City Park while sitting on one of the benches there, by Police Judge Shaw today.

Mrs. White was sitting on the bench puffing away at a cigarette she had made apparently when Officers Jack Smith and Henry Bury passed and arrested her. At the City Hall she said that she was sick, but the Judge took a different view and passed sentence. This is the first time that a woman in this city has been arrested for such an offense.

PASTOR ON SCHOOL BOARD

Rev. Harry Hendley Chosen From Field of Nine at Tacoma.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—With only 302 votes cast in the whole city, Rev. Harry R. Hendley, pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church was elected a member of the Board of Education at the school election here today, to succeed George B. Williamson, retiring. Williamson had refused to stand for re-election and there was a field of nine candidates out for the place, including three women.

Rev. Mr. Hendley received 1122 votes, his next nearest competitor, Mrs. Minnie Davis, having but 420 and the other candidates below that figure. No attempt was made to enforce the election closing law upon the saloons which have always kept open on school election days.

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2 ROBBERS WOUND GROCER; GET \$17

Joe Charland Is Victim of Highwaymen.

THREE BULLETS STRIKE LEGS

Wounded Man Fights Flames From Upset Lamp.

YOUNG ROBBERS ESCAPE

Woman Employee Sounds Call for Aid and Neighbors Rescue Man From Flames—Of Four Shots Three Take Effect.

With instep smashed by a bullet, two bullets in his leg and his head bleeding from a blow from an empty soda bottle in the hands of a holdup man, Joseph Charland, proprietor of the Eleven-Mile House, on the Base Line road, crawled back into his store when his cries failed to summon aid last night, and with his bare hands struggled to beat out the flames which had kindled the building when his assailant, feeling fired a last shot into the kerosene lamp which lighted the room.

Charland's Escape. The hold-up occurred about 1:30 o'clock, two men being implicated, neither one of whom appeared to be more than 20 years old, according to Charland and Mrs. Maude Wilson, who was employed in the 11-Mile House. Mrs. Wilson was alone in the room when the first man entered and purchased a bottle of soda water. In a few minutes the proprietor came in and Mrs. Wilson left the room to attend to some of her duties about the store.

An instant later a second man came in and threatening Charland with two revolvers, ordered him to give up all the money he had in the store. Charland attempted to close with him and disarm him. In the scuffle five shots were fired, three of which struck Charland. The first smashed his right ankle and instep and as he fell to the floor he received another in his right leg above the knee and one in his left leg.

Bottle Flung Weapon.

The fourth shot went wide. His assailant, who in the scuffle had passed one of his guns to his companion struck the prostrate man over the head with the empty soda bottle. Then both men fled. As they left the room the man who had attacked Charland fired his last shot into the kerosene lamp. The oil splashed over the walls and carpet, and the room was quickly filled with flames.

Charland crawled into the road and endeavored to summon help, but, as no one responded, he crawled back into the burning room and attempted to beat out the flames, where he could reach them, with his bare hands.

Timely Help Arrives.

In the meantime Mrs. Wilson heard the scuffle and shots and ran to call help, returning with neighbors in time to rescue Charland from the burning room and, with hastily gathered buckets, to put out the fire. Deputy Sheriffs Leonard, Hunter, French and Phillips hurried to the store as soon as the report reached them, arriving within half an hour of the hold-up. Up to midnight no clew had been found as to who Charland's assailants might be, excepting a hat dropped by one of them in the road. Both the bands were torn out of the hat, making it practically valueless as a clew.

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SWAYING OF CHAIR MAKES POPE ILL

RESTORATIVES REVIVE PONTIFF AFTER CONSISTORY.

At All Future Functions Aged Man Will Be Carried Only Inside Hall of Beatification.

ROMANS REVIVE PONTIFF

ROME, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The Pope was so affected by dizziness and sickness caused by the swaying of the gestatorial chair during the recent consistory that he nearly fainted in his apartments, and doctors had to use restoratives to revive him. It has since been decided that at all future functions the Pope shall be carried in the chair only inside the Hall of Beatification, and not all the way from his apartments and down the steps, which occupies a full quarter of an hour. This action was taken because it was feared that, at the Pope's age, such an attack as the recent one might some time prove fatal.

The use of the chair cannot be abolished, as it is part of the liturgy, and during the ceremonial the Pontiff is carried shoulder high, surrounded by cardinals, with other lay and ecclesiastical functionaries walking behind.

DRESS SUITS UP FOR VOTE

University of Washington Students to Decide Formal Ball Fate.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The war on the campus between those who favor an informal "Varsity ball" and the supporters of the "full dress" affair will be settled by an election. The board of control will put the matter before the students at the Spring election and it will be decided once for all whether the student body will pay for a formal function every year.

Two members of the "Varsity ball" committee have announced their intentions of appearing at the function minus the dress suit and other students will follow their example. The dance is financed by the student body and has been a money loser nearly every year. Because of the high cost of living an agitation was started this year to do away with the dress suit part as well as the taxicabs and flowers, and the faculty has given its support to the movement. Dean Condon, of the Law School, who is a member of the faculty committee on student affairs, is one of the radical supporters of the informal dance idea.

BALKAN CREDIT IS GOOD

Financier Says Low Interest Shows Bankers Discredit World War.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—George A. Crater, Jr., who has homes in London and San Francisco, arrived today on the steamship Cedric from Liverpool. He said that he had reported London financial interests in negotiating the loan to the Balkan states in their war with Turkey. The Balkan countries, he declared, had gotten all the money they wanted at 3 per cent and could get as much more as they desired at the same rate.

This indicated, he pointed out, the feeling of security of the European bankers in the face of world war talk. He said that the bankers had no fear of any sort of a general outbreak of hostilities.

BANKER WINS AN ACTRESS

New Yorker Soon to Wed Willette Kershaw and Tour Europe.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Richard Schuster, a member of the banking house of Speyer & Co., will marry Miss Willette Kershaw, the actress, within a few days, and on December 19 they intend to leave for a wedding trip through Europe. Schuster is a prominent banker in Wall street and rich. Miss Kershaw was last seen in New York in "Snobs." Before that she appeared in "The Country Boy" and "Brown of Harvard," and in 1909 she succeeded Miss Elsie Ferguson in "The Battle."

POLITICIANS ROAST ON GRIDIRON GRILL

Scribes Poke Fun at Leaders and Issues.

WILSON LANDSLIDE EXPLAINED

Beneath Each Jest Is Touch of Human Kindness.

TAFT AND CABINET ATTEND

Leaders of Three Big Parties Burlesqued in Wit and Song—Bull Moose Fight Is "Carmen" Feature at Annual Dinner.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The landslide of 1912; how it happened, and the futility of an attempt to reorganize the "G. O. P." on the old lines, were the themes upon which played the wit and humor of the Gridiron Club at the annual Fall dinner tonight. Events of political importance and actions upon which turned National issues were treated in a spirit of levity and fun. Underlying each jest and quip and skit were touches of human sympathy and kindness for the victims of the November avalanche, as well as some bits of homely advice and warning for the victors, that kept everybody in good humor.

Not even his late, political enemies failed to welcome the pathetic tribute to President Taft in the song rendered by the Gridiron Quartet appealing to him, "not to forget us when you go away." The President sat and listened with the members of his Cabinet seated about the banquet hall.

Fun Begins Early.

The fun started early. It was discovered that the usually immaculate hall was not as tidy as it should be, and a "White Wine" was sent about zesterling all sorts of litter. This turned out to be "Campaign Rubbish," and each find brought forth a ripple of applause. He pulled out from the bandstand a pair of moose horns, and the club members tossed into the bargain worn-out souvenirs of the campaign. Such were the "I am positive" predictions of Senator Dixon and Charles D. Hillen; "that smile that wouldn't come off; the bluff at big business, O. K.'d by Bill Bryan; a couple of old empty wallets, one marked, "C. P. T." and the other, "G. W. P."; the peace treaties, the commerce court, and the "hopes of Henry Cabot Lodge for the chairmanship of the Foreign Relations Committee."

Unlike other clubs the Gridiron Club initiates its members in public, and this time it acquired two worthy young journalists in novel fashion. Hobbling into the hall on crutches, bandaged, hags knocked in, and clothes disheveled, came caricatures of President Taft, "Uncle Joe" Cannon, "Mick" Longworth, Murray Crane and Representatives Solloway, McKinley and Dabzell, "sons of the landlides," who declared their purpose to reorganize the Republican party rallying around the states of Utah and Vermont. The messengers from these states each announced their four votes in a verse, Vermont declaring:

In the green Mountain State, recollect, Old Taft was out by a neck, And we'd've elected him in forty-six states, by heck!

"Spies" Are Discovered.

The messengers, it was discovered, were "Bull Moose spies" in disguise, who when stripped of their false beards turned out to be the new members of the club, Charles P. Keyser, correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat and Edward B. Clark, correspondent of the Chicago Evening Post. The Republican Electoral College in (Continued on Page 5.)

SCRAP HEAP YIELDS VALUABLE STAMPS

MAN MAY REALIZE \$100,000 FROM \$50 PURCHASE.

In Bundle of Waste Paper Also Are Found War Requisitions Signed by George Washington.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7.—(Special.)

—Edward D. Hemingway, who found a fortune that may exceed \$100,000 in a heap of scrap paper purchased for \$50 the other day, has already sorted out 125 rare stamps, valued at \$100,000. He is said to have sold five stamps for \$10,000 and is negotiating with a syndicate for the sale of the rest of the lot for \$100,000 flat.

Last week Hemingway, trading as the Hemingway Paper Stock Company, bought a heap of scrap paper—from whom he will not say. It was taken to the plant to be made into news paper. While sorting it Hemingway found 65 letters, or covers, on which 102 stamps were pasted, and several documents which are yellow and faded with age.

The rarest of the stamps has been sold for \$2500. A collector is now coming 3000 miles across the country to look at the collection. The find overshadows that of 1895 in the basement of the Louisville, Ky., Courthouse, that finally was disposed of by an expert stamp dealer at a trifle less than \$100,000.

The value of the "Hemingway find" is almost concentrated in one kind of stamp—the famous "Bear" issue of St. Louis. The value of each of these stamps ranges from \$400 and \$500 to \$5000.

Among the account books found are some kept by Chaumont & White, who were provisioners to the Continental Army and original requisitions for supplies signed by George Washington. Autograph letters of Robert Morris, the financier of the revolution; a few by Major-General Benedict Arnold, and others by Anthony Wayne were found in the scrap heap by Hemingway.

OLD WOMAN EARNS HOME

Early Settler in Baker County "Proves Up" on Homestead.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Perhaps the oldest citizen of this county who ever made final proof on a homestead was Mrs. Elizabeth Elliott, who did so this afternoon before County Clerk Combs.

Mrs. Elliott is 78 years old and has been a resident of Baker County since 1852, when she crossed the plains with her husband to this state. The piece of land secured by Mrs. Elliott is located in Pleasant Valley and consists of 120 acres.

Mrs. Elliott is growing very feeble and this afternoon, when she was asked to sign the necessary affidavits, she could only touch the pen so that Mr. Combs could make a cross and write her name.

At the close of the ordeal the old lady said, with no little satisfaction, "I'll have a home as long as I live, any way."

SEARCH ALL NIGHT WINS

Walla Walla Babe Found in Early Morning Looking for Santa.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—After being the object of a night long search by frantic grandparents and the police force, 8-year-old Helen Mohr was found today with a lot of other tots, in front of a store window in which Santa Claus has been advertised to appear. The little tot failed to come home yesterday from school and as she usually was on time the grandfather, Henry Mohr, with whom she lived, became alarmed and called on the police force for aid. A policeman saw a red-headed little girl pressed up close against the Santa Claus window this morning and the search was over.

She didn't care to go home right then, but did go, however. She thought nothing of having stayed all night at the home of a little friend, without asking the consent of her elders.

DUKE SPURNS ROYAL RIGHT FOR FAMILY

Czar Upset by Act of Brother Michel.

DECISION IMPERILS DYNASTY

Son Born of Morganatic Wife Influences Russian.

LIFE ON FARM PREFERRED

Emperor Opposes Step Because of Recent Illness of Son, Which Has Revived Fears of Succession to Throne.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 7.—Emperor Nicholas and the members of the imperial family are greatly upset by the determination of the Emperor's only brother, Grand Duke Michel Androvitch, definitely to renounce his rights of succession to the throne.

The morganatic marriage contracted in 1910 by the Grand Duke with the divorced wife of a brother officer was recently blessed by the birth of a son. This event prompted Grand Duke Michel's decision. He wishes to retire to the private life of a country gentleman, assuming the title of Count in order to enjoy domestic bliss far from the atmosphere of the court.

Czar Fears Result of Son's Illness.

The Emperor is opposed to this step, because of the recent illness of his only son, Crown Prince Alexis, which has revived fears for the succession. The son of the late Grand Duke Vladimir, who would become the next candidates for the throne, unhappily share their father's intense unpopularity. All classes of well-informed Russians, indeed, regard the possibility of their ascending the throne as disastrous for the dynasty.

Emperor's Mother Angry.

The Dowager Empress Marie is so incensed at the action of the Grand Duke Michel that she announced that she will not return to Russia unless he changes his mind. Such a change would involve dissolution of the morganatic marriage.

The illness of the Czar's little son and heir, the Grand Duke Alexis, is surrounded by much mystery. Ever since the first report of the Czar's serious indisposition first became known prayers for the boy's recovery have been offered throughout Russia. At present the royal heir is said to be improved.

Cause of Illness Secret.

The extraordinary secrecy which has been maintained as to the origin of the Czar's illness has given rise to all sorts of rumors, one of which was to the effect that he had been attacked by a revolutionary on board the imperial yacht Standart. Denial of this was issued officially.

Following the rumor that the young Alexis has been the victim of a plot came the suicide of Rear-Admiral Tchagin. The officer's act, it was declared, was because he held himself officially responsible for an accident which had happened to the Czar's yacht on board the Standart, which the Admiral commanded. Tchagin shot himself at his house in St. Petersburg on October 24. He distinguished himself in the Russo-Japanese war and the Czar held him in high esteem.

The Grand Duke Michel, who celebrated his 44th birthday anniversary last Thursday, was born in 1878 and is the third son of the late Emperor Alexander III. The Grand Duke George, brother of the Czar and Michel, died in 1899, leaving Michel as the next in (Continued on Page 7.)

PICTORIAL SIDELIGHTS CAST BY CARTOONIST REYNOLDS ON SOME EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK.

