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UNITED STATES UNCONCERNED

Answer of the Washington Government Regarding France's Doings in Turkey

ESTABLISHES A PRECEDENT

Secretary Hay It Is Said Has Delivered the Reply to M. Margerie, French Charge D'Affaires at Washington—Will Not Affect Trade.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—The answer of the United States government to the French overture respecting France's movements in Turkish waters is understood to have been conveyed already by Secretary Hay to M. Margerie, the French charge d'affaires here, and to have consisted of the statement that the United States government is not concerned directly in the republic's doings. In view of the French statement that it was not proposed to affect our trade unfavorably, it is surmised also that our government is not dissatisfied with the establishment by France of a precedent for the collection of indemnities from Turkey.

PROGRESS IS SLOW

State Still Producing Testimony in Trial of John Conditine.

SEATTLE, Nov. 8.—Searching examinations of important witnesses delayed the progress of the trial of John Conditine today and the state was unable to reach the end of its testimony. The testimony of the day was devoted to the fatal struggle in Guy's drug store on June 25, several witnesses testifying that Meredith had been made dumb and helpless by blows rained upon his head by Tom Conditine and had lost motion and reasoning power when John Conditine fired the fatal shot.

BID MINING SUIT

Contest Over Seven Devils Copper Mines Now On Trial.

BOISE, Ida., Nov. 8.—A large part of the day was occupied by the court at Weber in examination of Granville Stuart, plaintiff in the great suit for the recovery of an interest in the Seven Devils copper mines from ex-governor

Hausser and other Montana parties. A legal controversy arose over a question designed to draw from the witness an explanation of how it was that a deed and not a mortgage was executed, the witness being asked to explain what arrangement was made with Hausser, Judge Stewart finally overruled the objection of the defense.

DR. MARY WALKER TALKS

Says Execution of Czolgosz Was Murder.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—The pension bureau is investigating utterances attributed to Dr. Mary Walker, an ex-army nurse, who has worn masculine attire in recent years, who is alleged to have called the execution of Czolgosz a murder, and the late president himself a murderer on account of his policy in the Philippines. Commissioner Evans explained today that he had no authority to revoke the woman's pension, but that congress could do so if it desired.

CUDAHY KIDNAPING CASE

James Callahan Found Not Guilty of Perjury.

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 8.—The jury in the case of James Callahan brought in a verdict finding the defendant not guilty and the prisoner was discharged. This is the last echo of the Callahan kidnaping case.

COLE YOUNGER

Declines Position as Captain on Minneapolis Police Force.

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 8.—A. A. Amundson, mayor of Minneapolis, today tendered Cole Younger, the notorious hamlet recently released from Minnesota state prison on parole, a position as captain on the local police force. Upon the advice of his friends Younger decided to refuse the offer.

PANAMA NOT CAPTURED

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—The state department today received a message from President Schreiner of the cable company which connects at Colon, denying the reported capture of Panama, and saying his information from that place represents no change in the situation. There are about 1000 insurgents within fifteen miles of Panama.

DINER WITH ROOSEVELT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—President Roosevelt had as guests at dinner tonight Senator Hanna and John C. Mulburn, of Buffalo.

FRUSTRATED BY JAPANESE

Russian Plans Regarding Manchuria Checked By Mikado's Government.

DEMANDED COPY OF TREATY

Violent Dispute With Russian Minister Regarding Request Produces Memorandum Which Results In Li Hung Chang's Death.

PEKIN, Nov. 8.—A violent dispute with Paul Leszar, Russian minister to China, over the Manchurian treaty, appears to have been the immediate cause of the death of Li Hung Chang.

Diplomatic events presiding this tragic climax have enabled Japan for the moment to frustrate the designs of Russia.

A fortnight ago the Japanese legation secured a reliable outline of the terms of the treaty and thereupon demanded that the Chinese plenipotentiary officially lay before them the text, basing the demand upon an allegation that Japanese interests were involved in any change of the status of Manchuria.

Chinese plenipotentiaries refused to comply with the demand.

Thereupon the Japanese government from Tokio communicated with the southern shoguns and induced them to use their influence with the Empress Dowager against the treaty. In the meantime the Empress Dowager instructed Li Hung Chang to communicate the treaty, after certain modifications, to the ministers of the powers, and if they did not object, to sign the same.

Li Hung Chang visited Leszar and explained the instructions. The Russian minister strongly objected to revealing the text of the treaty to the ministers of the other powers, and a stormy interview ensued. Li Hung Chang went home in a violent passion, and had a hemorrhage, which the doctors attributed to over-exertion of his weakened system.

LONDON, Nov. 8.—The Hankow correspondent of the Times supplies what he alleges is the correct translation of the text of the Manchurian convention proposed by Russia. The convention stipulates for the gradual withdrawal of Russian forces within three years, "provided no other rebellion occurs and the powers do not interfere." The number and stations of Chinese garrisons must be settled in concert with the Russian military authorities and Russian assent must be obtained for any railway construction in southern Manchuria.

STRIKE ON RIO GRANDE

ALL SWITCHMEN AT DENVER WALK OUT.

Dismissal of Members of Union Brought Matters to a Climax.

DENVER, Nov. 8.—Advice received by Grand Master Frank T. Hawley, of the Switchmen Union of America, who is in charge of the strike on the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad called into effect late yesterday afternoon, indicates that the strike order has been obeyed by every switchman employed on the Rio Grande System, numbering 235 men. Mr. Hawley came here from his home in Buffalo early in October and has made every effort to settle the trouble between the switchmen and the company ever since. In an interview he stated that the switchmen did not expect assistance from the other trainmen organizations.

General Manager Herbert, of the Denver & Rio Grande, stated that the strike of the switchmen would not interfere with the company's business, and that no man involved in this strike will be re-employed. According to the story of the switchmen the difficulties arose several weeks ago.

The union sent representatives to Denver to meet the general superintendent of the railway, the desire being to secure the acceptance of a regular schedule, such as is in force between the railway and other orders. Failing in this the grievance committee telegraphed for the grand master and after his arrival he called at the office of Manager Herbert, of the Denver & Rio Grande. This conference, the switchmen say, was friendly. Mr. Hawley agreed to withdraw the clause in the schedule relating to wages, providing the remaining clauses were considered. From Mr. Herbert's conversation, they

say, they thought he approved of the agreement and only required the arrangement of the details. While Mr. Hawley was in Pueblo on that particular duty, the report came to him of the dismissal of several of the men in Denver including members of the grievance brought matters to a climax and a strike was declared immediately.

An official of the road, speaking of the strike, said:

"The strike of these men is not a serious matter to the railroad. They insisted that we should recognize their union by making a new schedule for the switchmen working in the yards. We could not do this without violating our agreement with the trainmen union. The schedule already in force with the trainmen takes in those yard switchmen and we cannot branch off and recognize all the side unions they want to form."

RICH GOLD STRIKE

Heavy Ledge Found While Grading for Federal Building at Helena.

HELENA, Mont., Nov. 8.—A ledge of free milling ore was struck today while grading for the foundation of the United States federal building now under construction. The ledge is a very strong one of iron-stained quartz.

HAY-PANCOFFOTE TREATY

Lord Panncoff and Secretary Hay in Consultation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 8.—Lord Panncoff had a half hour's talk with Secretary Hay in regard to the preparation of the new Hay-Panncoffote treaty.

FIFTY LIVES LOST

Steamer Turuhiko Maru Wrecked Off Goto Island.

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 8.—The steamer Queen Adelaide, from Kobe, brought the news of the loss of the steamer Turuhiko Maru, which ran on the rocks off Goto Island, October 11, and the crew of fifty were lost.

MAHER DEFEATS JEFFORDS

BALTIMORE, Nov. 8.—Peter Maher defeated Jim Jeffords, of California, tonight in the second round of what was to have been a ten-round contest.

NEGRO DESPERADO HANGED

MADISON, Fla., Nov. 8.—Will Jones, a negro desperado, who recently killed three men in one day and shot several other members of the sheriff's posse, was publicly hanged today.

CITIZENS KILL CONVICTS

THEY HAD TAKEN REFUGE IN A FARMER'S BARN.

In Attempting to Avoid Capture They Are Fired Upon by Posse and Three Are Killed.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Nov. 8.—Five of the convicts who escaped yesterday were discovered today, hidden in a barn on the farm of William Weishaar, near Nortonville. Weishaar organized a posse to capture the men. The convicts emerged from the barn to make a sudden dash for liberty, firing at the citizens as they came out. Weishaar and the citizens returned the fire, killing three instantly and wounding the other two. Two more convicts, Norie and Davenport, were captured two miles north of Jarbalo.

Up to the present it is known that Convicts Hoffman and Hoffenholz have been killed and Moore captured unhurt. Green and Drake are also in the officers' hands, both slightly wounded.

CONNECTED BY CABLE

Islands of Masbate and Panay Have Telegraphic Communication.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—General Greeley has received a cablegram from Manila announcing that the islands of Masbate and Panay have been connected by cable. This cable will materially assist the army operations.

NEW CANNERS' SYNDICATE

All the Leading Pacific Coast Establishments to Pass Into Eastern Hands.

CAPITAL STOCK OF \$5,000,000.

Combined Capacities of the Plants Included in Proposed Deal Will Be Not Less Than 1,500,000 Cases or 36,000,000 Cans.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 8.—A deal is about to be consummated by which all the leading fruit canning establishments outside of the California Fruit Canners' Association will pass into the hands of an eastern syndicate. The combined capacities of the plants to be included in the proposed deal will equal that of the existing combine. The annual output will be not less than 1,500,000 cases, or 36,000,000 cans.

It is understood from reliable authority that nearly all of the 20 and odd outside canneries have given options to a firm of attorneys and that the new company will soon be incorporated under the laws of New Jersey with a capital of \$5,000,000. The names of the capitalists interested were not given.

LABOR CONGRESS DELEGATES

English Representatives to America Given Farewell Reception.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—A dispatch to the London Times and the New York Times from Liverpool says the trade unionists there held a mass meeting last night to bid farewell to the delegates chosen to attend the American labor congress. Ben Tillett, in a speech said they were going to tell the American workmen that the same forces have been at work degrading them as those in England and concluding by saying that the fact that they were joining themselves against their comrades in the old country would react with the effect of a boomerang upon themselves.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Dr. C. M. Spalter of this city was accidentally killed in Long Island Sound, off New Rochelle, N. Y., by Dr. Edward E. Tull, also of this city, while duck hunting. Dr. Tull was passing a gun to Dr. Spalter when in some manner it was discharged. Dr. Spalter receiving the load of shot in the head and dying instantly. Dr. Spalter was about 27 years of age. He came from Keene, N. H.

A GIGANTIC ENTERPRISE

SAN FRANCISCO STREET RAILWAYS DISPOSED OF.

It Is the Largest Street Railway Transaction Ever Consummated in This Country.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 8.—The entire system of the Market Street Railway has practically been sold to a Baltimore syndicate which has for several months been negotiating for its purchase. The deal is understood to have been closed at a conference between H. E. Huntington and L. W. Hellman, representing themselves and other stockholders of the Market Street Railway Company and George Webb of Baltimore, R. G. Hanford and Attorney General T. L. Ford of this city, representing the Baltimore syndicate. The terms of the sale are not definitely known. The call states that \$25,000,000 in cash is to be paid for the property and that the final papers will be signed today. It adds that the syndicate will expend at least \$4,000,000 in improving the property. The Examiner says that the agreed price per share is believed to be \$95. It states that the syndicate has deposited \$250,000 as a forfeit in case it backs out of the agreement to buy, after sixty days which will be allowed for another examination of the property and books of the company.

"The syndicate," says the Examiner, "is to pay cash or offer in payment standard securities adaptable to the sellers. It takes all of the 128,170 shares at \$95 which is believed to be the actual agreed price, it will have to pay \$12,176,150. It is thought Mr. Webb and his conferees will be able to get practically all these shares. In that event it will be one of the largest street railway deals consummated in this country."

Mr. Webb, one of the principal representatives of the syndicate recently

purchased the San Francisco and San Mateo Electric line and the Sutter Street cable line. He is said to be backed by Alexander Brown & Company, Baltimore, who have branch houses in New York and London.

EXCITES BITTER CRITICISM

French Minister of Marine Stirrs Up a Hornet's Nest.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—The Paris correspondent of the London Times and the New York Times condemns M. De Lantzas, the French minister of marine, for his order abolishing compulsory attendance at mass on men of war. Sometime ago M. De Lantzas forbade the draping of naval flags with crepe on good Friday. He is accused of dechristianizing the fleet. His action, however, fills the Radicals, Socialists and anti-Christians with joy.

The Gauls criticize the minister's order, particularly as it comes just at the time when the French are demanding of Turkey the non-taxation of the French religious communities in the Orient and the reconstruction of convents, churches and schools.

AFTER MORE STEAMERS

J. P. Morgan Negotiating for Hamburg-American Line.

LONDON, Nov. 8.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily Mail gives currency to the report that Albert Baldwin, of the Hamburg-American line, is in London, negotiating for the sale of 15 steamers to J. P. Morgan.

MOTHER SUES SON

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 8.—Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir, widow of the founder of one of British Columbia's wealthiest families, has entered action against her son, James Dunsmuir, premier of British Columbia, in which she asks for the delivery of 4993 shares in the R. Dunsmuir Company, Limited.

She claims she is entitled to these under an agreement with the defendant. The mother and son have, so rumor says, had many business differences during the past few years.

DEMOCRATS WILL CONTROL

BALTIMORE, Nov. 8.—The official count in the counties gives the Democrats 48 members in the house and the Republicans 23. This will enable the Democrats to organize the house, even if the official count in Baltimore city should show that the Republicans had elected a small delegation of 18 members, which is improbable. The senate, according to official returns, will stand 17 Democrats and 9 Republicans.

NOTED WOMAN DEAD

BUNKER HILL, Kan., Nov. 8.—Mother Byrkedike, of army fame, died this afternoon at the age of 81 years. She was a nurse during the civil war.

HOLD WEIRD CEREMONIES

Yaqui Indians Build Fires in the Mountains Close to Guaymas, Mexico.

THEY MAKE NIGHTLY RAIDS

In a Recent Fight With Mexican Cavalry a Large Number of the Indians Were Killed—Bodies Carried to Surrounding Hills.

DENVER, Nov. 8.—A special to the News from Tucson, Ariz., says:

Great fires are built almost every night by the Yaquis in the mountains close to Guaymas, Mexico. In a recent fight between the Yaquis and Mexican cavalry, a large number of Indians were killed and they are now holding weird ceremonies over the bodies, which they took to the highest point on the mountains surrounding Guaymas. The Yaquis make raids nightly on the ranches.

AGAINST BRITISH COMMERCE

Amsterdam Dockers Still Determined to Form a Boycott.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—The Amsterdam dockers, says the Brussels correspondent of the London Times and the New York Times, stick to their idea of boycotting British commerce. A meeting of political and other societies was called by them to discuss measures to help the work of propaganda. The meeting passed a resolution that a committee be appointed to decide on means to help the dockers morally and financially, "should the proposed boycott enter into a practical phase of action."

FOOHLHVE NI GEIG

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Mrs. Archibald S. White, wife of President White of the National Salt Company, was found dead in the bathroom of her residence today. A slip on the floor of the bathroom caused her to fall backward, her head striking the edge of a marble basin, fracturing her skull.

RIGHT FORFEITED

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Nov. 8.—The supreme court has sustained arbitrators in declaring that the English company which had obtained a concession has forfeited the right to exclusive steam navigation of the San Juan river and Lake Nicaragua.

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