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## HAD HOT TIME

## French Cabinet was Nearly Overthrown.

## ROUGH HOUSE TACTICS

## An Opposition Deputy Flourished a Saucepan in the Premier's Face.

## CROWDS THERE TO SEE SCRAP

## Policy of the Government endorsed at 1 O'Clock This Morning—Many Counts on Which the Opposition Fight is Made.

**Paris, Jan. 15.**—Premier Combe's cabinet weathered the storm after a session which lasted until after 1 this morning, and secured a majority on a motion approving the policy of the government. The debate was marked by frequent altercations, threatening a free fight, and during the course of which an opposition deputy flourished a saucepan in the face of the premier. The majority is considered sufficient to insure the retention of the ministry. It was generally expected the session would culminate in the overthrow of the ministry and Premier Combes, and the galleries and floors were packed by persons who desired to witness the final struggle.

The principal elements of opposition were:

First, the policy of the separation of the church and state; second, denouncing the government's collection of secret reports regarding the lives of army officers, and, third, the tardiness of the ministry in passing a law creating an income tax.

## WAS LEGITIMATE.

## Big Contribution to Missouri Campaign Fund Explained.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 14.—The investigating committee of the Missouri house of representatives to determine the source and nature of the \$21,000 contribution to the republican state campaign fund, officially credited to Thomas K. Niedringhaus, adjourned tonight. The senate committee did not complete its investigations today. According to the statement of republican members of the house committee, the committee report of the investigations found nothing to substantiate representative Grace's statement that the brewers contributed the fund to influence legislation.

The committee heard the testimony of Adolph Busch and Otto Stifel, wealthy brewers; E. C. Beckmeyer, chairman Niedringhaus' confidential secretary, and a number of others. Busch and Stifel told practically the same story regarding the \$21,000 contribution fund as told the committee by Niedringhaus.

Before the senate committee evidence was brought out similar to that given before the house committee.

## PAYS TO "BELONG."

## Washington Legislators Have a Good Time at Seattle's Expense.

Seattle, Jan. 14.—The members of the state legislature were guests of Seattle today, and those who care to stay will be guests of the city until Monday.

The lawmakers were taken on a tour of inspection of the Minnesota and the battleship Nebraska. A banquet was served on the Minnesota and another at the Hotel Washington. Members and their families finished the day at the theaters.

## DIGNIFIED SUSPECT.

## May Be the Vandal Who Tried to Wreck the Umbria.

Philadelphia, Jan. 14.—Detectives are expected here tomorrow from New York and Washington to identify Gessler Rousseau, the man arrested yesterday with an infernal machine in his

possession and who it is believed is the man who attempted to destroy the steamship Umbria in May, 1903. Rousseau is a man of more than average intelligence and education. His answers are civil, but dignified and firm. He cannot be induced to answer a single question about himself.

## EXPENSIVE STRIKE.

## Machinists Fight Has Cost Them a Big Fortune.

Chicago, Jan. 14.—The strike of union machinists, which went into effect May 24, last, has been expensive to their organization, according to a statement given out by Secretary Lee S. Fisher. His report shows that out of a total expenditure of \$161,000 during 1904, \$156,000 has been used in supporting strikers. When the strike was called eight hundred members of the union quit work, but a number of them have since obtained employment, and strike benefits are now being paid to only 500 men.

The strike was called at over 30 shops and by members of the Chicago Metal Trades' Association, and was caused by the refusal of the employers to increase the minimum wage scale from 28 and 30 cents an hour to 32½ and 35 cents an hour.

## Fatal Feud.

Whitesburg, Ky., Jan. 14.—At Holman, this county, feud factions led respectively by W. Rorick and Henry Holcomb, met and both Rorick and Holcomb, and Joseph Holcomb were killed. Buford Rorick was probably fatally injured. The trouble arose over the killing of one of the Roricks, years ago.

## Panama's Kick.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Panamaans are opposed to the recommendation of Mr. Barrett, the American representative at the isthmus, that the offices of minister and governor of the canal zone be merged into the office of "governor-minister."

## FAIR DATES FIXED

## Walla Walla Refuses Allotment Given Her.

## ALL LARGE MEETS COVERED

## W. W. Wehrung of Hillsboro Is Made President—Other Officers Elected and Board of Governors Taken From Executive Officers.

Portland, Jan. 14.—The Northern Pacific Fair Association met today and allotted dates for harness events throughout the circuit. There was a considerable contest before the matter was settled; one result being the decision of Walla Walla not to accept the dates given them—September 16-21—as being too late in the season. The dates wanted by Walla Walla conflicted with the Lewis and Clark horse show.

Following is the schedule:  
Portland—Lewis and Clark horse show, August 30-September 8.  
Salem—State fair, September 11-18.  
Everett—September 18-23.  
Seattle—September 25-30.  
Victoria—September 26-30.  
Pugilip—Washington state fair, October 2-7.

Spokane—Interstate fair, October 9-14.  
Lewiston—Lewiston fair, October 16-21.

The apparent conflict between Seattle and Victoria is explained by the fact that there is an entirely different class of horse races at these places. The association elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

W. W. Wehrung, Hillsboro, president; J. S. Smith, Spokane, vice president; M. D. Wisdom, Portland, secretary-treasurer; board of governors, W. H. Wehrung, J. S. Smith, M. D. Wisdom, R. H. Cosgrove, Spokane; A. T. Van Devanter, Seattle, and J. E. Shannon, North Yakima.

## Safe Cracker Caught.

Seattle, Jan. 14.—John King, the notorious safe cracker wanted at Victoria for shooting the detective who had him under arrest, and from whom he escaped, was arrested in Tacoma tonight and is now in jail here.

## ALL A BLUFF

## London Not Alarmed Over the Russian Note.

## HAYASHI DISCREDITS IT

## China Disclaims Any Guilt in the Matter of Violation of Neutrality.

## CZAR PRAISES THE FALLEN

## Imperial Rescript Pays High Tribute to the Defenders of Port Arthur—Tone of the Russian Press Is One of Confidence.

London, Jan. 14.—Russia's circular letter rescinding China's neutrality has not been received by the British government, consequently the foreign office has declined to express an opinion.

In diplomatic circles the circular is regarded as a move to head off complaints of Russian transgression in Chinese territory coming from Japan. Diplomats do not think it indicates any immediate or serious action.

After the visit of Baron Hayashi to Lord Lansdowne the latter stated that the Japanese will probably reply. Hayashi said he considered the accusation on a par with the recent attempt to create a scare on the "yellow peril." It is added that Great Britain, the United States and Germany represent China and can tell whether there is any necessity to interfere.

At the Chinese legation it is stated that China, has maintained neutrality in the fact of trying circumstances such as few nations could have done. They fail to understand, in view of the repeated violations by France and Germany why China is selected. Chinese, it was stated, do not, as a rule favor the Japanese any more than Russians.

## CZAR'S PRAISE.

## High Imperial Tribute to the Defenders of Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 14.—Emperor Nicholas has addressed the following rescript to the army and navy:

"Port Arthur has passed into the hands of the enemy. During eleven months the fight had been going on in its defense. More than seven months its noble defenders had been cut off from the rest of the world. Without any positive assurance of relief they continued to fight and did everything in their power to check the progress of the enemy, sparing neither life nor hearts' blood to uphold the honor of the Russians.

"Russia with pride and admiration, followed each move in the contest. The whole world praises their gallantry, but rally their ranks were thinned; their powers of resistance diminished, and under repeated attacks by the enemy they were obliged to give way. "Peace, honor, and undying memory will be the portion of your Russians who have fallen in the defense of Port Arthur. Far from home, you have laid your bodies upon alien soil—a sacrifice of the dictates of your own honor and the demands of your emperor. "Peace and honor be your portion. Always will you be held so in our hearts and memory."

## STONE OF THE PRESS.

## Russian Papers Sound Notes of Discontent With China.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 14.—New Year's reviews by the various newspapers admit frankly that the Japanese have had the better of the war so far, but the whole tone of the press is summed up in the following statement in the Russ:

"They have done well, but not well enough. They have entrenched themselves in Korea as though they were at home, have captured Port Arthur and made conquest of most of Southern Manchuria, but are fain to face with

a Russian army of equal numbers and they are checked. The new year will show the Russian flag raised again along the borders of the warm waters."

The Novoe Vremya alone comments on the Russian note to the powers regarding Chinese neutrality and says it reveals a serious situation that Secretary Hay's diplomacy well conceived at the beginning of the war for the limitation of the field of hostilities, has broken down under the test of actual trial. China cannot or will not preserve her neutrality and Russia has been confronted time and time again the article says, by the way in which Wei Hai Wei and Che Foo have been used as Japanese bases.

In conclusion the Novoe Vremya says it is a situation wherein Russia must no longer rely upon international diplomacy, but must take steps for her own protection.

## Hills Bombardment.

Huanshan, Jan. 15.—The Japanese today bombarded Lao Fan-tun and Liutzyatun, and also Lone Tree and Novogorod Hills, which they are extremely anxious to capture.

## For Snowballing.

Seattle, Jan. 14.—S. E. Ricaby, manager of a minstrel troupe, was arrested tonight on a charge of assaulting a small boy who threw a snowball at him while his company was on parade.

## Big Prize List.

Portland, Jan. 14.—The Multnomah Fair Association today decided to offer an aggregate of \$30,000 in prizes for the race meet next August. The daily prizes will amount to \$1,500 or \$300 more than in 1904.

## Rivers and Harbors.

Washington, Jan. 14.—The house committee on rivers and harbors expect to report the bill making appropriations for river and harbor work, but as yet nothing definite is learned as to the amount it will carry.

## WASHINGTON NEWS

## Epitome of Happenings at the National Capital.

## TIMELY NOTE AND COMMENT

## An Irrate American Consul Pulls Down the American Flag from Turkish Consulate Building and President Sends Another Man.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 14.—The disposition of the house military is to cut the appropriations for the transportation of regular army troops to the annual maneuvers such as were held at Manassas. The committee members have all along been skeptical of the wisdom of such maneuvers when the enormous cost is taken into consideration. Occurrences around headquarters at Manassas last September have only confirmed the committee members in this view. Accordingly, from the present plans of the committee, the total appropriation for transportation of the army for the next fiscal year will be \$12,000,000, a reduction of \$3,000,000 from the appropriation under the same head for the present fiscal year. The reduction will be effective in preventing the massing of troops for such maneuvers. Then it is the intention to withhold any appropriation for the transportation of the national guard.

Judge Baker, who was judge of the supreme court of New Mexico, and who was removed by the president, was reinstated. It was announced at the department of justice that the department made a full and fair examination into the alleged irregularities in New Mexico, and then it recommended the removal. The president immediately chopped off Judge Baker's official head. Judge Barker, very much alive, descended on the president here in Washington, and in an hour's talk convinced him that the order of removal was unjust and unfair, and the president immediately ordered Judge Baker reinstated. Judge Baker, smarting under the injustice of the whole thing, after he had been exonerated, proceeded to resign.

One day not so very long ago Consul Davis at Alexandretta did a very foolish thing. The sultan had a birthday feast. Consul Davis got spunky

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## IS DYING OUT

## Supreme Court Judge's Mormon Epitaph.

## STILL TRYING SMOOT

## Statehood Bill Cannot Get a Date Set for a Vote to be Taken.

## FAST PENSION LEGISLATION

## Republican Members of the House from Wisconsin Indorse the President's Request for an Early Revision of the Tariff.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Eleven witnesses testified today in the Smoot case. All except two told of political conditions in Utah and of the Mormon endowment house ceremony.

Several witnesses said the ceremony included no obligations that conflict with the duties of a citizen to the state or the nation.

Chairman Burrows asked two witnesses to give the nature of the ceremonies, but both refused on the ground that they had given oaths not to divulge what had taken place within the temple. They both claimed not to be Mormons, one having been expelled and the other voluntarily withdrawn from the church.

A former judge of the supreme court under territorial and state government told of prosecutions for polygamous cohabitation expressing the opinion that polygamy is now almost a thing of the past and the sentiment of Mormons in the state is against plural marriage.

The general opinion expressed among senators is that there is not sufficient time left to accomplish anything in that line during the present congress.

## RAILROAD REGULATION.

## Hepburn Will Frame Law on Roosevelt's Recommendation.

Washington, Jan. 14.—The president had a conference today with Secretary Taft and Representative Hepburn regarding railroad freight rate legislation. At the conclusion of the conference Hepburn said he was prepared for a bill on the subject of freight rates which embodied the recommendations of the president so far as they went. Hepburn added that in a few days a conference will be held, for consideration of the measure he prepared.

"Do you think rate legislation will be enacted at the present session?" Hepburn was asked.

"I do, most certainly," replied Hepburn. "I believe the house can pass the measure before the end of this month, and see no reason why it should not be crystallized into a law before the session ends."

## FAST PENSIONING.

## 359 Bills Passed by the House in 18 Minutes the Record.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Pension legislation at the rate of 359 bills in 18 minutes was indulged in by the house today, the result being the smashing of all previous records for legislative nimbleness. When the pension bill was ground by unanimous consent this legislation held sway for nearly an hour, and not a measure presented under this head came under the ban of objection.

Several bills of minor importance were passed.

## BEVERIDGE FAILS.

## No Date Secured for a Vote on the Statehood Bill.

Washington, Jan. 14.—In the senate today an unavailing effort was made by Beveridge to secure consent to fix a day for taking a vote on the statehood bill. Bate spoke for the opponents of the bill, saying there are still a number of speeches to be made.

There was some discussion of the bill permitting American women, who married foreigners to retain citizenship in the United States, but it did not reach a vote.

Among other bills passed was one protecting the great seal of the United States against counterfeiting.

## Ask for Revision.

Washington, Jan. 14.—The republican members of the house from Wisconsin held a conference today. Resolutions declaring for an early revision of the tariff were unanimously adopted.

## FLEISCHMAN'S MILLIONS.

## Arrangements Made to Release Heir's Immense Heritage.

New York, Jan. 14.—Arrangements have been practically perfected for a settlement out of court of the millions involved in the estates of Charles, Max, and Louis Fleischmann. Mayor Julius Fleischmann of Cincinnati, the heir of his uncle Max here, and as the representative of the heirs of Charles Fleischmann, is stated to have made friendly arrangement to pay them several millions of dollars rather than to have the entire fortune tied up for years. The plan will be put into effect as soon as a court decree empowering to take this course is rendered.

This ends a litigation which was begun soon after the death of Charles Fleischman on his yacht in 1897. His brother, Max, died in 1890.

## NEGATIVE ACQUITTAL.

## Technicality Provides an Escape for an Erring Churchman.

Reading, Pa., Jan. 14.—The ecclesiastical court of inquiry called to consider the charges against Bishop Talbot of Central Pennsylvania, adjourned sine die yesterday, the members having decided that the body was uncanonically constituted.

## MRS. DUKE TALKS

## Former Portland Woman Gives History of Marriage.

## KNEW DUKE ONLY TWO DAYS

Town.

## Says the Millionaire Agreed to Convey Her Some Valuable Stocks and Bonds During His Lifetime to Protect Her Old Age.

New York, Jan. 14.—Mrs. Brodie L. Duke, whose marriage in December to the halfbrother of the tobacco magnate, was followed by her husband's commitment to a sanitarium, pending an inquiry as to his sanity, today made a statement.

She says she met Duke as the result of an effort to secure a loan on tobacco property in Redfield, Texas. Duke proposed marriage two days later, and she told him she would sign an agreement not to accept any of his property in case of his death. She would only secure her own property. Duke said he would find a way to give her stocks and bonds while he was alive and leave the rest for the children to fight over. She said he never gave her any stocks or bonds.

She said she is 37 years old; was born in Buffalo; is the granddaughter of a professor of languages at New London university, and was married in 1885 to George W. Hopkinson, and in 1897 to E. H. Powell, said to be largely interested in tobacco raising in Texas and formerly in business in Chicago.

## THROUGH CHINA'S HEART.

## Pierpont Morgan Annexes the Flowery Kingdom.

Paris, Jan. 14.—Information from Brussels reaching the highest quarters here shows that the extensive interests of King Leopold in the Canton-Hankow railroad passed into the hands of J. Pierpont Morgan of New York. The contemplated combine of French, Belgian and American interests is to eventually cover the Franco-Belgian concession for a line from Pekin to Hankow, thus making a continuous trunk line from Pekin to Canton covering 2500 miles and cutting through the heart of populous China.