

YIELDS TO RUSSIANS

Persia Consents to Dismissal of American Treasurer.

All Points in Czar's Ultimatum Accorded To—Russian Troops Occupy Persian Capital.

Washington, D. C. — Persia has yielded to the demand of the Russian ultimatum that W. Morgan Shuster, an American, who holds the post of treasurer-general in the Persia government, be dismissed from the service.

The Russian ultimatum also calls for the payment of an indemnity, which is to reimburse Russia for money expended in sending an armed expedition into Persia to enforce her demand.

Mr. Shuster's administration of Persian finances has been displeasing to Russia from the start and when he caused the seizure of property of the brother of the former Shah, over the protest of the Russian vice-consul, Russia at first demanded an apology and, when this was not forthcoming, asked for the dismissal of Mr. Shuster. This has been acceded to.

The Persian charge d'affaires at St. Petersburg called at the Russian foreign office to announce officially his government's decision to abide by the terms of the ultimatum. No late public announcement has been made at Teheran of the recession of Persia from the defiant stand she officially took against the demands of the Czar's minister, even in the face of threatened aggression.

The delay in making public the fact that she had yielded to the Russian demands probably was through fear of the consequences of public sentiment.

The exact form of Persia's reply to Russia is not yet known, but from the latest news received from Teheran it would seem the cabinet has overridden the wishes of the commission which the National council appointed to deal with the subject.

Disorders are occurring. There are only 200 Russian troops encamped three miles outside of Teheran and from this number guards are sent to town daily for the consulate and banks.

REINDEER MEAT PLENTY,

Alaska Herds Soon Will Supply States, Says Expert.

Washington, D. C.—At the present rate of propagation Alaska will have a herd of more than 2,000,000 reindeer within 25 years, according to a statement made by William T. Lopp, in charge of the government reindeer service.

Originally imported to provide means of transportation and food for the natives of Alaska, Alaska reindeer are multiplying so fast that within a few years they will largely augment the meat supply of the Pacific coast. One hundred and thirty-five reindeer were killed and dressed for the Seattle market this season, the carcasses averaging 130 pounds each.

Reindeer meat, Lopp says, is a cross between mutton and beef and more palatable than either. Opportunities for reindeer propagation in Alaska, he says, are boundless and the industry is so well established that there is no question of its success.

\$100,000,000 Baby is Host.

Washington, D. C.—Vinson Walsh McLean, the \$100,000,000 baby grandson of John R. McLean and the late mining magnate, Thomas F. Walsh, sole heir to the combined fortunes, was host at his third Christmas celebration. Baby McLean's guests included the Czar of the old Russians, in the person of Ambassador Bakhmeteff, grand uncle by marriage to the host; Admiral Dewey, another grand uncle; the Danish ambassador, Count Moltke; Senator Crane and 25 juvenile millionaires-elect.

Police Inspector Out.

Chicago—Police Inspector Levere was dismissed from the Chicago police force; Lieutenant John Hanley was exonerated and the case of Captain Bernard Baer was referred to Mayor Harrison by the city civil service commission, which had heard charges of incompetency, neglect of duty and inefficiency against them. Levere is the second police commissioner dismissed. Inspector Charles Gorman and several lieutenants and captains have also been removed.

Woman Betrays Men.

Marquette, Mich.—According to Collector of Customs Byrne and Deputy United States Marshal Willis, arrests at Sault Ste Marie indicate wholesale smuggling of opium into the United States in that vicinity. Three white men and three Chinese are under arrest. Two of the accused men have made confessions. A quarrel between Joseph Fournier and his wife brought about the arrests, the woman giving information in revenge.

Asuncion May Be Cut Off.

Paris—The French foreign office is unable to obtain replies to cablegrams addressed to M. Belin the French minister at Asuncion, the capital of Paraguay. It is thought at the foreign office that Asuncion, which has a population of about 50,000, has been surrounded by victorious Paraguayan insurgents.

ABROGATION IS UPHELD.

Congress Promptly Ratifies Termination of Russian Treaty.

Washington, D. C. — Congress very promptly ratified the president's notification of the termination of the Russian treaty of 1832 and sent the measure to the president for his signature. The house disposed of it according to program within 75 minutes.

Speaker Clark signed it at 2:56 p. m.; Vice President Sherman signed it at 3:51 p. m., after the senate had remained in session purposely to permit him, under the rules, to affix his signature while it was in session.

It was a perfunctory proceeding in the house, for Democrats and Republicans voted together, Macon, of Arkansas, Democrat, alone voting in the negative. He explained to the house later that he voted against the resolution in a spirit of levity.

In the debate Republicans joined with their political opponents in tributes to Representative Sulzer, of New York, the Democratic author of the house bill, for accepting the senate measure amending his own.

"Mr. Sulzer has shown that he is acting through the promptings of patriotism, not politics," Republican Leader Mann said.

The Russian reply to the notice from Ambassador Guild that America wished to terminate the treaty of 1832 has been received at the State department. The officials decline to publish the text of the note, but admit that its contents have been well outlined in the news dispatches from St. Petersburg.

GIRLS BARTERED FOR GOLD.

Russian Miss Who Wants to Wed American Tells.

Los Angeles — Declaring bitterly that the local Russian colony of 3,000 is a marriage market wherein young girls are bartered by their parents like so many cattle, Elsie Navikoff braved a hundred pairs of eyes in Judge Wilbur's court and screamed that she would bare the secrets of her people rather than submit.

Beside her stood Raynor Hallack, a sturdy American, who served five years in the navy and to whom she clung because she loves him and he wants to marry her. She is 17, educated, Americanized and pretty, the daughter of John Navikoff, and she asserted that her father and mother had sold her for \$500 gold to a man she had never seen, so she ran away. That is why she was before the judge in the juvenile court.

The girl's testimony constitutes a sensational chapter as any ever heard in a local court. She asserted, and offered to prove, that there are 600 young Russian girls for sale here at an average price of \$500 to men wanting wives; that their parents are the sellers and the highest bidders the buyers; that the personal charms of girls are inventoried like the points of livestock and constitute the criterion of sale.

Her frail form shaking with the intensity of her feelings, she flung the denials of a score of Russian patriarchs present back into their teeth. Judge Wilbur continued the case and a thorough investigation of the colony will be made.

Officers of the court declare the girl's statements are true.

Gompers Courts Investigation.

Washington, D. C.—"We are ready at any time for the agents of the law to begin investigating." So declares Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, in an editorial on "Labor's Position Lawful and Progressive," which will appear in the January issue of the American Federationist.

Mr. Gompers pledges his full cooperation in any investigation that may be made. The forthcoming number of the official organ of the Federation will be the first to appear since organized labor's defense of the McNamara brothers collapsed by reason of their confession of the outrages charged against them. In his editorial Mr. Gompers confines himself to a discussion of the issues raised by the McNamara case, saying of the case itself that he and his colleagues will stand by the statement they authorized soon after the confession of the brothers.

Shuster May Have to Go.

Teheran — The cabinet has won an important victory over the national council which foreshadows the acceptance of Russia's demand for the dismissal of W. Morgan Shuster, the American treasurer general of Persia, unless public opinion proves too strong. The national council, in a session that lasted from 8 o'clock until after midnight, finally accepted the proposal to appoint a commission of five deputies with plenary powers to deal with the Russian ultimatum. The Democrats opposed the proposal.

Will Consider Tariff Reform.

Washington, D. C.—Congress will begin consideration of the tariff legislation in the committees of the two houses after the holiday recess, though Democratic leaders of the house say that no measure will be ready to be reported for several weeks. Republican Leader Penrose, of the senate, said the finance committee would begin its work in advance of the house, though the bill would not be in final shape until February.

Portland Bill Favored.

Washington, D. C.—The secretary of the treasury submitted a favorable report upon the bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for the Portland Federal building. Supporters of the measure are hopeful of getting the bill through the senate soon after the holidays.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE

ROSEBURG AFTER S. P.

Claims Corporation Pays No Taxes on City Property.

Roseburg—Alleging that Roseburg in common with other municipalities of similar situation throughout the state, is losing thousands of dollars annually through the present system of apportioning the valuations of properties of the Southern Pacific company, the council has empowered Mayor Micelli to confer with officials of the various other Oregon cities, with a view of compelling the State tax commission to levy more equitable valuations.

Mayor Micelli contends that under the present system the total valuation of the Southern Pacific's properties in a certain county are divided by the number of miles and apportioned equally among the bordering road and school districts. He said that such procedure is unfair considering that in Roseburg there are many more miles of track than in the adjacent districts.

It was also cited that the shops, oil tanks and other valuable equipment are within the city limits, and yet, Roseburg receives only that sum of taxes realized on the basis of main line mileage.

Mayor Micelli contends that Roseburg like every other city in the state is entitled to taxes on actual mileage, including sidetracks, as well as the shops, oil tanks and other equipment. He says Roseburg had about five miles of track in the city, enhanced by the shops and equipment and yet receives only that sum of taxes realized from the total divided by 116 which is the actual number of miles of road in Douglas county.

The mayor said that he would immediately confer with the mayors of all the important towns in the state and that a formal protest would be sent later to the State tax commission.

In event this action fails to bring results, attorneys will be employed and the law governing the present procedure of the Tax commission will be attacked. The council has authorized an appropriation necessary in defraying the costs of the action.

BOX MEN EXTEND MARKET.

Preparations Made for Increased Business Next Few Years.

Astoria—At a meeting of representatives of the box factories in Oregon and Washington, held a few days ago, an organization was formed with the object of extending the market of the various plants in the two states, and R. B. Dyer, superintendent of the Clatsop mill, of this city, was elected as its president. An office is being opened in Portland with a Mr. Lanning in charge, and his duties are to comprise an investigation to ascertain the prices, the extent of the demand and all other information regarding the box trade on the Atlantic coast, in China, Australia and South America.

The opening of the Panama canal within the next year or two will, it is believed, give the plants located on the waterways cheaper freight rates, so that they will be able to extend their trade into new fields.

POULTRY SHOW TO BE HELD

Central Willamette Association is Organized at Albany.

Albany—To hold an annual poultry fair at this city the Central Willamette Poultry association was organized here. The association will include the poultrymen of Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties and possibly other adjoining counties.

Ed Schoel, of Albany, was elected president of the new association.

It was decided to hold the first show in December, 1912. Mr. Schoel who is superintendent of the poultry department of the Oregon State fair, was chosen superintendent of the show and committees were named to arrange premium lists and organize the advance work for the shows.

Strawberries Grown in Winter.

Cottage Grove—There's not much the matter with a country that will produce strawberries right in the middle of the winter, and that's what the Cottage Grove country is doing. Felix Curran was in the city this week with a bunch of the berries that opened the eyes of even old-timers. They were large, solid, healthy-looking berries, only a few of which were yet ripe. There were also several blossoms which had not yet developed into berries. These berries were grown in the open.

Japs Lease Three Farms.

Gresham—Three more of the finest farms in eastern Multnomah have recently been leased to Japanese farmers, who are already at work preparing for future crops. One of the three is the Powell donation land claim, partially inside the city limits of Gresham, and owned by John Clanshan. Another is the former Captain A. J. Brown farm opposite the Twelve-Mile house, while the third is the big prairie farm of J. J. Kaddery.

Poultry Association at Milton.

Milton—A poultry association is to be organized in the Milton-Freewater district. A meeting was held by poultry fanciers, at which the Rev. J. A. Lord presided. I. E. Young, E. A. Williams and E. B. Tolen were appointed to draw up a constitution and by-laws, and B. F. Williams was named as chairman of a committee of 12 to solicit membership and funds.

KLAMATH FALLS ANXIOUS.

Will It Remain "Premium Station" Is Question Now Uppermost.

Klamath Falls—This city boasts of one of the few stations on the Southern Pacific system classed as perfect by the great corporation which holds it. For this reason there is a sign over the front of the structure which reads, "Premium Station." The local structure has held this distinction for two successive years, the silver medal having been awarded in 1909 to F. M. Thompson and last year to Clarence B. Mills. The present agent, S. J. Bailey, would like to take the medal this year, and is awaiting with interest the verdict of the 1911 annual inspection, which is now under way and which will be completed within a couple of weeks.

Once every year the general superintendent of the Southern Pacific, with the assistant chief engineer and all the division superintendents, go over the entire railroad system and determine upon the nearness to perfection of the different classes of work, each superintendent in turn being disqualified as an inspector when his own particular division is under examination. Prizes are given for the best divisions, the best sections, the best pieces of roadbed, the best depots, the best pump houses, section houses and grounds. Last year 20 stations on the system were awarded silver medals for perfection. One of the first to secure this last prize, for which there is much competition over the entire system, was Klamath Falls.

SITE CHOSEN FOR STATION.

Southern Oregon Experiment Farm in Rogue River Valley.

Corvallis—Twenty-five acres of land with \$2,500 worth of buildings, formerly part of the Jackson county poor farm, has been deeded to the Oregon Agricultural college by the county for use for the new Southern Oregon Branch Experiment station, eight miles south of Medford and half a mile east of Talent on the main county road.

As there are four distinct types of soil on the property, some of the most important commercially in the Rogue River valley, this is an unusually well adapted site for experimental work. There are two different types of the Bear Creek river bottom soils which are good examples of the soil in the valley flats, and two upland soils of a more gravelly type, which represent the hillside soils in the western part of the valley. A spring with perpetual flow has made it possible to have over half the acreage under irrigation at present.

Eugene Spies Full-Grown Deer.

Eugene—Two full grown deer, a buck and a doe, were seen at different times within the city limits of Eugene on Sunday afternoon. Shortly after noon, E. J. Crow saw a large buck deer in his pasture near the golf links. The animal was apparently entirely undisturbed, and was walking around with the cattle in the pasture. A short time afterward L. L. Godrich saw a large doe come down from the hills to the south of the city, cross the streetcar tracks, and jump the golf links fence. The animals were seen by several people, and did not seem to be at all disturbed by their urban surroundings. Tiring of sightseeing, they jumped the intervening fences and returned to the hills around Spencer Butte.

Baker Industry is Sold.

Baker—The purchase of the Lime and Gypsum works, near Huntington, was consummated when 17 instruments were filed with the Baker county clerk, conveying the property from Charles E. Ladd and General Charles F. Beebe to the Pacific Lime and Gypsum company. The articles of conveyance set [the consideration at \$1, but a first mortgage, 6 per cent gold bond for \$200,000 was recorded in favor of the Commonwealth Trust & Loan company, of New York. The filing fees were \$51.

82 Killed on Railways.

Salem—There were 82 people killed and 290 injured on the railroads of the State of Oregon in the year ending November 11, 1911, as shown by the State Railroad commission. Of this number eight passengers were killed and 66 injured. Three persons carried under contract or agreement were injured; four trainmen were killed and 52 injured; eight yard trainmen were killed and 16 injured; 17 other employees were killed and 88 injured.

Jetty Makes New Course.

Wheeler—Due to the construction of the jetty the north channel at the mouth of the Nehalem river has shifted a mile south, and one hour after high tide recently the depth over the bar was found to be 14 feet. The steam schooner Patsy followed the new channel, its master reporting the deep sounding. The jetty is under construction by the Port of Nehalem and government engineers are in charge.

Milton Ranch Brings \$10,500.

Milton—The old Warfield ranch on Basket mountain, 510 acres of hay and cattle land, was sold this week to Herbert March for \$10,500.

POWERS PRESENT NOTE.

Anxious for Peace in China, But Insist on Republic.

Shanghai — The consuls of the six powers called on Tang Shao Yi and Dr. Wu Ting Fang and presented their note expressing the good will of their respective governments and the hope that the peace conference now in session would be successful.

The presentations first at the headquarters of Tang Shao Yi and at the home of Dr. Wu Ting Fang made an impression. The German consul was the first spokesman at each place.

The American representative, Consul General Amos Wilmer, seconded the German's address and was followed by the other four diplomats in order of their seniority as determined by the length of residence at Shanghai.

The minister of communications in the Republican provisional government, Yen Tso Yao, said that any attempt to obtain foreign intervention would only make matters worse in China and endanger foreign interests. His party would not consent to the retention of the Manchus, he said, even upon a limited basis and would insist upon the establishment of a republic.

The Republican government, he said, was prepared amply to provide for Manchu officials and to offer Yuan Shi Kai the presidency of the republic, but he added, Yuan Shi Kai must accept it before it is too late.

NOTE OF POWERS IS POINTED

Unofficial Word Asserts That War in Orient Must Cease.

Washington, D. C.—While mild in tone, the communication addressed by the representatives of the powers to the Chinese peace commissioners does not lack virility. It indicates pointedly that the present strife must cease.

As explained at the State department, each of the representatives of the six powers addressed an informal and unofficial note to the Chinese peace commissioners, expressing the desire of their individual governments for an early and amicable settlement of the present situation.

To the United States belongs the credit of bringing about a concert of action in China by the six great powers of the world, which is likely to accomplish peace there.

Contrary to past experience, the six powers now practically are united in their aims and desires regarding China, based on a recognition of the necessity of preserving the integrity and autonomy of that country. Whether this is accomplished under an imperial or a republican form of government is not regarded as material.

PARK ROADS APPROVED.

Major Morrow Outlines System for Crater Lake.

Washington, D. C.—The secretary of war has sent to congress with his endorsement the report of Major J. J. Morrow on the survey and estimate for a system of roads and trails in the Crater Lake National park. Major Morrow's plan contemplates the construction of 62 miles of road and 160 miles of trails at a total cost of \$642,000, of which amount \$100,000 will be available next year if congress approves the recommendation.

In addition it is proposed to expend \$65,000 for a system of tanks and water supply lines for sprinkling. It will cost \$20,000 annually to maintain the roads when completed. The more important roads, it is said, can be completed within three years if congress makes available sufficient money, but completion of the entire system will require seven working seasons.

Stubbs Pension Approved.

San Francisco—Thirty-two applications for pensions were approved by the pension board of the Harriman lines within the jurisdiction of the Pacific system. The board also approved the retirement of J. C. Stubbs, who resigned recently after 42 years of service. It was reported that Stubbs would have a pension of \$18,000 a year. The persons pensioned ranged in position from laborers to high officials, among the latter being D. W. Horsburg, who had been auditor of freight accounts for 41 years and 7 months.

Turks May Ask for Peace.

London—The Turkish government is about to make peace proposals, according to a dispatch from the Italian capital. The British foreign office has issued a statement that Turkey was informed in 1904 that Sollum, in Barda, the eastern division of Tripoli, was included in Egyptian territory, and that its occupation by Egyptian troops is now mere formality. It is believed, however, that Turkey never formally admitted this view.

River Avon on Rampage.

Swansea, Wales—The floods caused throughout Southern Wales have subsided to a great extent. A score of bridges over the River Avon have been swept away, and hundreds of homes inundated. The losses in the Avon and Neath valleys, which were most affected by the inundation, probably will amount to \$1,000,000.

Snow Plows Out in Texas.

Wichita Falls, Tex.—Snow plows were ordered out in Texas Wednesday. Four feet of snow are on the level along the Panhandle route of the Fort Worth & Denver railway. Preceded by heavy rains the blizzard appeared to be traveling southeast.

CUT IN PHONE RATES

Home and Postal Companies Will Fight Bell Interests.

No Combination Planned—Companies Exchange Use of Lines Over Entire Country.

San Francisco—A telephone rate war up and down the Pacific Coast was instituted here by the Postal Telegraph company, which made a 15-cent slash in the charge for talking to Sacramento. Officials of the company said that the Postal company, within six months, would be in the telephone business in California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada and Utah.

William Hearn, superintendent of the California and Southwest division of the Postal company, said that an agreement with the Independent Telephone company in Portland, Or., was being closed and that similar arrangements will be made in other cities.

Such a one has been effected with the Home Telephone company of Los Angeles already.

This is the Postal company's first real invasion of the long-distance telephone field up and down the Coast and is to compete with the Western Union-Bell Telephone alliance.

The Postal officials have announced a rate of 25 cents for a 10 minute talk with Sacramento, 86 miles away, as against the existing rate of 40 cents a minute, and like reductions will be offered to other Coast points as soon as a schedule can be promulgated.

"The Postal company is preparing to give connected telephone service throughout the country," said Mr. Hearn. "We have operated a line from San Francisco to Salt Lake for nearly a year. We have already entered into agreements with some independent companies and agreements with others are pending.

"The Postal company is not absorbing these companies but simply exchanging service with them. We are fitting out main lines so that we will be able to give service over all of them.

"Our rates will be in comparison with that put into effect between this city and Sacramento, or about one-seventh of the existing rates.

"We are just closing up an agreement with the independent company at Portland, and that city will be one of the first connected."

DEVICE CONVICTS BRIBER

Gary Alderman's Illicit Transaction Recorded by Dictaphone.

Crown Point, Ind.—Alderman Gibson, of Gary, Ind., was found guilty of bribery in connection with the passage by the Gary committee of the council of a heating franchise ordinance secured by Thomas B. Dean, of Louisville, Ky. It is the first conviction based on evidence secured by a dictaphone on record.

This is the first of several trials of Gary officials on charges of bribery. The dictaphone, the delicate electrical instrument which gathers minute sounds in one room and transmits them to a telephone receiver elsewhere, carried to stenographers conversation between Dean and Gibson when they were negotiating in regard to the franchise, and the stenographers read into the record what purported to be the conversations, including the alleged offers of bribes and their receipt. Dean, by whom the dictaphone was installed, was a witness against Gibson.

Paper Fraud Revealed.

Washington, D. C.—Discovery by the congressional joint committee on printing that "adulterated" paper had been used for years in the government printing office led to the announcement of a complete new set of government paper standards. The paper adulteration was accomplished by the substitution of clay for the more substantial wood or rag fibers, leading to the grave fear that many of the printed records of the government would crumble and become unreadable in less than a century.

Federal Control is Urged.

St. Paul—"Federal control," said James Wickersham, delegate to congress from Alaska, in an interview here, "is the only salvation of Alaska." Mr. Wickersham, who is on his way to Washington, spoke before the Current Topics Club. "As things are now," Mr. Wickersham said, "the Guggenheim-Morgan interests control not only the territory, but the real seat of the territorial government, which is in Washington."

Typhoid Serum Advised.

Washington, D. C.—Typhoid inoculation is to be introduced by official order among the field force of the Department of Agriculture. This is the first time on record that a civil department of the government has taken such a step. The inoculation is not compulsory, but is recommended because of the ravages of typhoid in the force.

Taft's Success Predicted.

Helena, Mont.—"President Taft will be renominated if he wants to be," said Thomas A. Marlow, Republican National committeeman. "There is little force to the opposition to the re-nomination of the president." Mr. Marlow attended the meeting of the National committee at Washington.