

MONTENEGRO DEFIES AUSTRIA AID SERVIA

OUTLET TO SEA VITAL TO BOTH INLAND STATES

Montenegro Will Stand by Servia in Seizure of Adriatic Port—Refuse to Consider Independence of Albania.

Greece Remains With Balkan Allies—Hopes to Force a Partition of Albania and Secure Portion.

ANTIVARI, Montenegro, Dec. 5.—Flat and final defiance of Austria's demand that Servia be kept isolated from the Adriatic Sea was voiced here today by General Martynovitch, the premier and commander-in-chief of Montenegro.

"If Austria refuses Servia the port desired," he said, "Austria will have to fight Servia and Montenegro together. Montenegro and Servia interests run together in this matter. An outlet on the Adriatic Sea is vital to Servia. The Servian army can hold the territory it has conquered. We refuse to even consider the independence or autonomy of Albania."

Conference Approved

PARIS, Dec. 5.—Foreign Minister Herchold of Austria has endorsed Sir Edward Grey's proposal for a conference of European ambassadors to settle the differences between Servia and Austria, according to a dispatch received here today from Budapest. It was stated that Herchold is communicating the plan to other members of the triple alliance.

ATHENS, Dec. 5.—It was officially announced that Greece will negotiate in the peace negotiations with Turkey and will remain a part of the Balkan alliance.

State of War Exist

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 5.—It was officially announced here today that a state of war still exists between Greece and Turkey. It is expected that Greece will capture the fortress of Janina, and the island of Chios within a few days, and that then King George will be willing to suspend hostilities and sign a separate armistice, after which Greece will be represented in the permanent peace negotiations to be held in London.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—Greek activities at Valona, have alarmed diplomats here, who now fear Greece is in earnest and hopes to force a partition of Albania. It is expected that the allies, with the exception of Greece, will be able to agree with Turkey regarding the division of the territory when the envoys meet in London December 13. It is also probable that the European ambassadors will meet here simultaneously with the envoys in an attempt to adjust differences between Servia and Austria.

PHYSICAL VALUE OF RAILROADS IS VOTED BY HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The Adamson bill providing for physical valuation of railroads was passed by the house today by a viva voce vote. It requires the interstate commerce commission to report annually to congress on the actual physical value of every piece of railroad property in the country and the amount of outstanding stocks and bonds.

The republicans secured the adoption of an amendment providing for an investigation of how the government can supervise and limit the issue of railroad securities, prevent the issuance of watered stock and to insure that all money secured is actually used for physical improvements.

REVOLVER ENDS ROMANCE WITH CHORUS GIRL

Robert J. Widney, Wealthy Los Angeles Realty Broker is Shot While in Apartments of Vivian Vale, Wife of Denver Man.

Reams of Passionate Letters Disclose Romance of Long Standing—Suicidal Attempt Probable.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5.—While intimating that Robert J. Widney, a Los Angeles real estate broker who was shot in the abdomen here last night in the apartments of Vivian Vale, a chorus girl, formerly the wife of William C. Lyons of Denver, was accidentally shot, the woman today supplied reams of letters and telegrams from Widney which indicate that the broker may have tried suicide.

Widney, who is still at the point of death in a local hospital, refuses to discuss what happened before the pistol cracked. The Lyons woman maintains her innocence and declares Widney exonerated her before he was taken to the hospital. Between the two the police are puzzled. They are holding the woman but so far no charge has been placed against her.

Passionate Love Letters

Never in all the history of tangled romances which have been bared to the world in San Francisco has there been a case where more fervor was packed into letters and telegrams than Widney crowded into his. Some of the letters are familiar to bear publication, but even the telegrams, pleading, begging, imploring for the love of the woman who wanted to break away are so strenuous that the wires must have warmed when they passed over.

Beautiful and petite, the Lyons woman was apparently the center of Widney's life, and he was willing and anxious to lose all for her. Most of his letters were signed "V. L. A. B." which the girl says indicate: "Violet, I adore you—Bob."

Proud of Conquest

And the girl, though guarded by the police, is proud of her conquest. She made no objection to Widney's letters being taken by the press today, and cheerfully concurred in a selection of huge photographs in which her charms are displayed being taken for reproduction. Some of the exhibits found when her rooms in the Hotel Sorrento, where the shooting occurred, were searched showed that one at least of her admirers had artistic tastes. One book in particular, was found full of sketches well and cleverly drawn, but so nauseous in subject that even the policemen who aided in the search blushed and the girl herself held down her head as they were revealed.

It is evident from some of them that Mrs. Lyons was endeavoring to break away from Widney, who showed money, terms of endearment and threats to commit suicide upon her.

Either You or Oblivion

A telegram sent to Mrs. Lyons in Denver June 15, says: "After mature deliberation have come to conclusion that life without (Continued on Page Five.)"

RUSSIA SENDS ARMY TO FIGHT FOR MANCHURIA

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 5.—Under orders to proceed to western Mongolia, a detachment of Russian troops has arrived at Urga, according to advices here today.

Arrangements for transportation facilities along the line of march were made with the Mongolian government. The troops are proceeding to Urga because of the reports that Chinese troops are advancing on Kokdo and Uliassutai and reports of Russian merchants being plundered.



LO! THE POOR INDIAN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The committee appointed to investigate infectious diseases among Indians on all of the reservations in the country reports that the American Indians are more afflicted with infectious diseases than any other race on earth. Two of the most common diseases are tuberculosis and trachoma, both of which are breaking down the health of the 300,000 Indians now living in the United States. The death rate from tuberculosis is estimated at thirty per cent, almost three times as high as the rate among whites.

ARCHBALD'S GRAFT IS SWORN TO BY FORMER PARTNER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—When the trial in the senate of Judge Robert W. Archbald, of the commerce court, charged with misconduct in office, was resumed today, Edward W. Williams of Dunmore, Pa., continued his testimony of Archbald's alleged partnership with him in the purchase of a culm dump near Seranton. The witness was cross examined by Congressman Webb of North Carolina.

Williams reluctantly admitted that Archbald drew up an agreement for an option on the Katydid culm bank, in the sale of which, it is alleged, Archbald held a half interest. Archbald watched Williams closely throughout his testimony.

SCOTTISH SUFFRAGETTES BREAK UP MEETING

GLASGOW, Scotland, Dec. 5.—Militant suffragettes, twenty-five strong invaded a meeting of university students during the speech of Irish Secretary Birrell here today, and by shrieking "Votes for women" drowned out the speaker.

Students roughly handled the women who fought back viciously with hatpins and fingernails. Twelve of the suffragettes were arrested.

RUBY ROBERT AND WIFE KISS AND MAKE UP

DECATUR, Ill., Dec. 5.—"All is serene in the Fitzsimmons family" said Mrs. Robert Fitzsimmons, wife of the former heavyweight champion here today in denying a report that she intended leaving the stage to go to Reno for a divorce. She insisted that she was having no trouble with "Ruby Robert."

LOWER RATES ON BOX LUMBER IN OREGON ORDERED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The interstate commerce commission sustained today the contention of the Multnomah Box company and others of Portland and Astoria that the rates on box lumber from these cities to points in California are discriminatory and unjust.

The defendants in the case are the Southern Pacific and the Spokane, Portland and Seattle railway companies.

UNION PACIFIC TO KEEP CENTRAL

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5.—Southern Pacific railroad interests likely to be affected by the supreme court's merger decision is the subject of daily conferences here today between William Sproule, the company's president and vice President E. E. Calvin and Vice President William F. Herrin.

The most important matter under consideration is the question of whether there is any way of the Southern Pacific retaining its distributing system if the Union Pacific acquires the Central Pacific from Ogden to Sacramento and the old Central California from Sacramento to Oakland.

The officials, it is said, are trying to devise some means whereby the Union Pacific would be enabled to acquire merely the Ogden-Oakland main line, leaving the other branches for distribution purposes.

Sproule, Calvin, and Herrin will leave early next week to attend the conference of Harriman officials at Salt Lake.

LAFFERTY SEES STAND-PAT DOOM IN NEW CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—That the old standpat wing of the republican party would merge with the conservative element in the democrat party, this force to battle with the allied progressives of both old parties for control of the presidential election in 1916 was the prediction here today of Congressman A. W. Lafferty (republican) Oregon.

"I expect President-elect Wilson will prove another Taft or Cleveland," said Lafferty. "This will result in the amalgamation of the progressive elements of the republican and democrat parties before the next general election."

"In my opinion the republican progressives in congress will remain 'regular' for a time, hoping that the progressive element within the party will control nominations and shape platform declarations two years from now. There is no denying the fact that the independent progressive movement this year was composed almost exclusively of republicans."

BETTER CONDITIONS IN STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The stock market opened somewhat firmer today. Reading was up 5-8 and American Can 3-4. The tone was unsettled. The report that banking institutions intended to scrutinize closely the character of industrial collateral for loans was again heard, causing some liquidation. Money was comparatively easy.

The market closed with a better tone. Bonds were easy.

PLAN TO BAR EXCHANGES FROM MAILS

Stock and Produce Exchanges and Clearing Houses to Be Prosecuted as Conspiracies in Restraint of Trade as Outcome of Trust Probe

Reorganization Planned and Changes in Business Methods to Be Forced by Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Legislation to bar stock and produce exchanges and certain clearing houses from the use of the mails as "conspiracies in restraint of trade," is a probable outcome of the money trust investigation, according to Representative Pujo, chairman of the house committee which is conducting the probe.

In an interview Chairman Pujo outlined revolutionary reforms which the committee plans to force upon stock and produce exchanges and clearing houses, and hinted at sensational facts which the preliminary investigation has disclosed. He said:

Bar From Mails

"I believe it is clearly shown that the stock exchanges and some of the produce exchanges as well as most of the clearing houses of the country are conspiracies in restraint of trade. As such all their inter-state business should be barred from the mails, and I feel certain that the committee will recommend such action."

In listing securities, limiting the size of the membership and by various restrictions, the stock exchange and the clearing house associations have become, in effect, gigantic trusts and monopolies which are amenable to the law. The New York stock exchange is a striking example of this business domination. The postal laws will be invoked to exclude exchanges, and associations of bankers and brokers from the use of the mails in inter-state commerce unless a complete reorganization is made. If they are not reorganized they will be treated exactly as the Louisiana lottery was.

Federal Incorporation

"I believe federal incorporation of stock exchanges will be enacted." Pujo said the bills enforcing drastic remodeling of business would be introduced in January. "The money trust, he said, would be resumed Monday to frame legislation seeking the re-organization."

"The clearing houses," Pujo added, "must and will be re-organized. As a result of our investigation, I understood several clearing houses are voluntarily removing restrictions upon membership and their business methods. They must change their methods radically, however, or face prosecution under the Sherman anti-trust law. They also face the probable loss of the use of the mails."

Prosecutions to Result

"As now organized, the clearing houses force the banks to join or re- (Continued on page 2.)"

58 ESCAPES IN PAST 18 MONTHS

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 5.—According to biennial reports fifty-eight men have escaped from the penitentiary during the eighteen months that Governor West's honor system has been in vogue. In the similar period preceding these eighteen months twenty-two escaped and a number of these were feeble minded.

Of the fifty-eight were honor men working unguarded on county roads and elsewhere. Two were returned to the penitentiary while a number were arrested and jailed elsewhere.

One of the "honor" men, Jesse Hall, terrorized the whole state until captured in Benson county and returned to jail. The annual average of "honor" escapes is twenty.

ULTIMATUM TO POWER COMPANY COMES TONIGHT

City Council Expected to Give Company Certain Time to File Proposition, Then, If Not Forthcoming to Fix Rates Under New Law.

City Tires of Dilatory Tactics on Part of Company Officials and Will Force the Issue.

An ultimatum to the Oregon-California power company has been prepared and will in all probability be adopted by the city council this evening. In effect it puts the light proposition in the city squarely up to the company, which must act within a certain number of days or the city will proceed to put an ordinance into effect regulating the prices for power in the city. The city is given this power under the new public utilities bill passed at the recent election.

The city officials have wearied of the dilatory tactics on the part of the power officials and now proceed to go ahead. They have asked for propositions covering the points at issue and have determined to wait no longer for them. The ultimatum is expected to give the company a definite period of time to come to terms and if they fail the city will proceed.

Under the public utilities bill passed by the people in November a city is given power to regulate all charges for public utilities. An ordinance covering the prices to be charged for power will be passed. The only recourse the company has is an appeal to the state commission, and show that the prices fixed are unreasonable.

As the rates for power and light are higher here than in other cities in Oregon it is believed that the company will settle its differences with the city.

CANADA TO BUILD THREE OF WORLD'S BIGGEST WARSHIPS

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 5.—Under the Canadian government's temporary naval policy which was announced in the house of commons today by Premier Borden, parliament is asked to vote \$35,000,000 to construct three Canadian super-dreadnaughts, which are to be the strongest in the world.

The three great seafighters will be built in England and will be at the disposal of the British admiralty for the defense of the empire, and will be maintained and controlled as part of the royal navy.

Premier Borden informed parliament that Canada has been assured that if in the future it should be the will of the people of Canada to establish a Canadian unit, the vessels could be recalled by Canada to form part of the dominion's navy. In that case they would be maintained by Canada, not by England.

In the event that Canada decides to withdraw her ships, she must give notice to the British admiralty. Special arrangements will be made to afford the Canadian an opportunity to officer the vessels. The admiralty is prepared to order for early construction in Canada small cruisers, oil tank vessels and various auxiliary craft. The Canadian government agrees to bear part of the cost of establishing the necessary plants to build these vessels.

It is suggested that one Canadian minister should reside in London for a part or the whole of each year.

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Because of the scandal of the Jack Johnson-Lucille Cameron marriage, Charles A. Karel, member of the Illinois legislature, announced today that he will push a bill forbidding miscegenation in this state.