

SIX WARSHIPS OF GREECE OFF TURK CAPITOL

Great Excitement at Constantinople—Austria Agrees to Participation of All Powers in Conference and Danger of European War Passes.

Servia Mounts Batteries on Danube and Austria is Mobilizing More Troops.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 7.—Great excitement was caused here today by a report that six Greek warships had been sighted off the entrance of the Dardanelles.

It is feared the war vessels may attempt to run the straits and attack Constantinople.

VIENNA, Dec. 7.—Danger of European war as a result of the conflicting claims of Austria and Servia for an Adriatic port is believed to have passed with the announcement here today that Austria has accepted the proposal of Sir Edward Grey for an ambassadorial conference.

Austria's announcement of acceptance ensures the participation of all the powers, and is believed almost certainly to have lessened the chances of a rupture with Servia and Russia to the vanishing point.

BERLIN, Dec. 7.—Despite the fact that all the powers have signified their intention of participating in Sir Edward Grey's ambassadorial conference on the Turkish question, the German press is today again pessimistic on the outlook. It comments dolefully on the unconfirmed reports that Servia has mounted batteries on the Danube and that Austria is mobilizing troops at Semlin, Hungary professing to see in these facts portents of coming war.

FINAL EFFORT IS UNDERWAY TO STOP HANGINGS

ALBANY, Ore., Dec. 7.—Judge J. K. Weatherford of this city has today undertaken to secure a commutation of the death sentence passed on John W. Taylor of Harney county, one of the men scheduled to be executed at the penitentiary next Friday. The judge will leave here this evening for Eastern Oregon and has already wired to attorneys at Vale to file an appeal.

As there was no bill of exceptions taken at the trial, it has been decided to act under a provision of the recently passed initiative bill, which gives the supreme court jurisdiction to review the subject matter of a case.

According to the testimony now on file in the transcript of the case it appears that Taylor shot Albert H. Perry when the latter was about to make an assault on him; that Perry had a reputation of being a "bad man" and that Taylor is quite old.

Robert H. Settemeyer was fatally injured by the same bullet that killed Perry, but Settemeyer exonerated Taylor in a signed statement before he died.

SUFFRAGETTES SHOUT IRISH LEADER DOWN

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Because militant suffragettes persisted in screaming "Votes for women" and fighting viciously with all who attempted to stop them, John E. Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalists in parliament, was forced to give up trying to make a thirty minute address at a home rule meeting in the Alston district today. The suffragettes were finally ejected by ushers, and several men who protested at the man-handling of the women, were likewise ejected.

DOOMED MEN PREFER NOOSE TO LIFE TERM

"We Do Not Want Life Imprisonment," We Prefer Death Instead" Is Unanimous Desire of Prisoners to Hang on Black Friday.

One of Five Might Be Worth Saving—Says He Killed Bad Man in Self Defense.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 7.—"We do not want life imprisonment. We prefer death instead." This is the unanimous desire of Mike Morgan, Frank Garrison, Noble Faulder, John W. Taylor and H. E. Roberts, the five men condemned to hang Friday at the state penitentiary here, when advised by newspapermen that attempts were being made to have their sentences commuted.

One Worth Saving
"I don't want a sheriff or deputy sheriff to see me hanged," stated Roberts today. "I don't want a ny of that automobile party there when I hang. I want my lawyer, Roscoe Hurst and Mr. McLaren of the Portland commons there."

About the five, John N. Taylor loomed as the one man who might be worth saving. Taylor shot an alleged "bad man" in self defense in Harney county and his conviction was a surprise even to the presiding judge and prosecutor, it is reported.

"I think a cold blooded murderer should hang," said Taylor today. "I do not believe a man who kills in self defense should die, though I am not afraid to pay the extreme penalty if the governor says I must."

Keeping Mother Ignorant
Down in California, Taylor, who came from a prominent family of pioneer stock, has a mother. His sole request to Governor West was that the news of his death be broken gently to his mother and that she never know how or why he died. She has been kept in ignorance of her boy's plight, his two brothers, who are with her, aiding in the deception.

F. F. Garrison, typical badman, five times a convict, sentenced to hang for murdering Ray Perkins and throwing his body in Coos River, said:

"I want Governor West to see me hanged. I want him to hear what I say before the trap springs. I would rather be hanged than remain in prison for life."

Garrison asserts his innocence.

Breaking Under Strain
Jack Roberts, who needlessly and wantonly killed two youths in an automobile because they did not stop at his command to be robbed, is on the verge of insanity, if he is not actually insane.

He alone of the five is breaking under the strain.

Roberts read Daniel 11:40c:55 to the party to show that if he were given life imprisonment he would be on earth to meet the Lord when he came again.

Governor West gives no indication that he will interfere with the execution of any of the five men and preparations for bloody Friday are being carried on hourly at the penitentiary.

FIRST SANTA CLAUS LETTER FROM CRIPPLE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Postmaster General Hitchcock received today the first letter of the annual avalanche of mail addressed to Santa Claus. It came from a little girl at Camp Hill, La., who said she had just broken her hip and was bedridden.

Hitchcock has not decided whether to send all Santa Claus letters to the dead letter office or to turn them over to charitable organizations.

HOMESTEAD MILLS AGAIN RUNNING FULL BLAST

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 7.—For the first time since the trainmen in the Carnegie Steel plants went on strike several days ago, all departments of the Homestead Mills were operating today. Seventy-five engineers have resumed work.

DRASTIC BILL TO LIMIT USE OF CAMPAIGN COIN

Senator Clapp, as Result of Probe Made by Committee, Introduces Measure Forbidding Sending of Money to Other States in Elections

Raising Money in Cities and Sending It to Distant States Put Under Ban.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—As a result of the senate campaign contribution committee's investigation, Senator Moses E. Clapp of Minnesota, chairman of the committee, introduced in the senate today a drastic bill limiting the use of campaign funds in presidential and congressional elections. It forbids any person, firm, corporation, association, committee or any officer thereof to send money from one state to another for the purpose of influencing elections. Such general prohibition, however, it now provided against political committees, the bill specifying: "The national committees of political parties may make payments for expenses of campaign speakers, transportation, hotel bills, expenses for the dissemination of campaign literature and advertising."

Violations of the proposed measure are made punishable by imprisonment of from six months to one year.

Senator Clapp explained that his bill was intended to prevent large sums from being raised in financial centers and sent to distant states for the use of state committees. It would compel the people of each state to finance and independently conduct their own campaigns except that the national committees may furnish speakers and literature.

JACK JOHNSON SEEKS RING FIGHT AT PARIS

PARIS, Dec. 7.—Jack Johnson, American negro prizefighter, today wired Paris fight promoters asking for a match here with Bombardier Wells, heavyweight champion of England. Officials of the Boxing Federation here immediately opposed the plan, asserting they would demand the police stop the battle if it is arranged.

Negroes are unpopular here since the questionable clashes in Paris between Sam McVey and Sam Langford.

RESUME CAMPAIGN PROBE ON TUESDAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Next Tuesday is the date set by Chairman Clapp for resumption of the senate probe of campaign contributions. The meeting of the committee will be merely preliminary to map out a future course of action.

No witnesses have been summoned for the initial meeting. It is not certain that testimony will be taken for sometime as a quorum of the committee is lacking. Senator Oliver of Pennsylvania is sick in Baltimore, Senator Jones of Washington is detained on the coast and Senator Paynter of Kentucky is also absent.

HILL ISSUES GAIN IN STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The stock market opened uncertain today. The tone was irregular. Among the strongest issues were Northern Pacific, Great Northern preferred and the Hill issues, which gained fractionally. Prices were inclined to advance, but this tendency was checked by a break in some of the industrials which slumped sharply. American Beet Sugar fell 2 1/2. The market closed weak.

Bonds were steady.

MRS. RICHARDS SAYS LULU GLASER STOLE HER HUSBAND, AND SHE SUES FOR \$50,000



Lulu Glaser, the actress, is making preparations in Pittsburg, Pa., to defend a suit for \$50,000 filed by Mrs. Bertha Richards, the wife of Thomas Richards, for the alleged abduction of her husband's affections. Miss Glaser and Richards have been appearing together in a vaudeville sketch.

The actress is being held in a bond for \$2,000 to insure her appearance in court to answer the charges when the case is called.

Mrs. Richards, who was once a well known chair singer, and toured the country with the Theodore Thomas Orchestra, charges that her husband has deserted her and failed to contribute to her support since October, 1910, when the actress, by her wiles and coquetry, did wickedly and maliciously contrive to injure the plaintiff in her husband's love and affection.

NEGRO HATING GOVERNOR YELLS WILD DEFIANCE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—"I don't care a damn what a few governors may say about my actions at Richmond. I am not accountable to them but to the good people of old South Carolina."

This was the way Governor Cole Blease of South Carolina defended here today his speech before the recent governors' convention at Richmond, in which he advocated lynching as a preventive measure against negro assaults upon white women.

"I want to say here and now," continued Blease, "that so long as I am a governor I never will call out the militia to protect a black scoundrel who has insulted a white woman. I do not want to see good men shot down by soldiers to protect the black brutes."

"I was frequently misquoted in Richmond, but I do say this much: If the constitution of my state stands between me and the safety of our womanhood, then my battle cry is: 'To hell with the constitution.' If a negro does anything deserving swinging, then I'll be blamed if I use the militia to interfere. I may also say for me that I expect to go to the United States senate. I intend to announce my candidacy at the first vacancy, and I believe I will win—I know I will."

GENERAL DENIALS BY DYNAMITE DEFENDANTS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 7.—W. E. Reddin, financial secretary and business agent of the Ironworkers' local at Milwaukee, one of the defendants in the dynamite conspiracy trial here, was cross examined today. Reddin admitted writing to John J. McNamara urging additional organizers but denied that the organizers were intended for dynamitings.

Fred Mooney, financial secretary of the Duluth Ironworkers local, and one of the defendants, testified that he never met John J. McNamara, and knew nothing of the alleged dynamite conspiracy. He also denied collecting money to defend the McNamara brothers.

COFFMAN, THE CANDY MAN ASSIGNS TO CREDITORS

PORTLAND, Dec. 7.—A. J. Coffman, who has been operating four large confectionery establishments in Portland for several years, had today his stores closed for the benefit of creditors.

Coffman has left the city, it is said.

TILLMAN TELLS DEMOCRATS TO HEW TO THE LINE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—"I believe the democrats in the senate and in the house should hew to the line and prove that they have been sincere in all the accusations of wrongdoing that they have made against the republicans," declared Senator Ben R. Tillman, of South Carolina, today.

"I do not intend to make any speeches on the tariff. My views are well known. I have not been neatly mouthed in my expressions on that question."

Tillman said he was undecided whether his health would permit him to perform the heavy work of the chairmanship of the appropriations committee. The next in importance of the chairmanships to which he is entitled as ranking democratic member is that on naval affairs.

OFFICERS ARE TOLD TO KEEP OFFICE HOURS

Grand Jury Files Report in Which It Urges County Officials Remain in Their Offices From 8 to 5 With Exception of Hour at Noon.

Rap Taken at Janitor Service—Vaults Too Small and Old—Poor Farm and Jail in Good Condition.

Taking a rap at the janitor service on the court house and urging the county officials to keep office hours as required by law, and not have more deputies than are actually required, the grand jury filed its final report Friday afternoon with Judge Calkins and was discharged. The grand jury returned nine true bills and two not true bills.

The grand jury reported that the county hospital and farm was "economically and well managed and take this opportunity to commend the management." The 27 patients, two being women, all seemed well fed, clothed, comfortable and happy.

Concerning the county officials they were "convinced that all things are kept in a neat, orderly and business like manner." The jail was "extremely well kept, clean, sanitary, and wholesome" and the jury wished to commend the officers that provided this jail for the county as well as those who have it in charge; however the grand jury found that the janitor service about the court house "is not as efficient as it should be and should be improved upon."

The county officials were requested to arrive at their offices on time and continue to their work until the close of the day, as provided by law. The hours were designated at from 8 to 5 with an intermission of one hour at noon.

It was recommended that the clerical force employed by the various offices be regulated according to the actual needs of the various offices, based upon a requirement that the work of each individual employed shall fulfill the lawful requirement as to character of service and time employed.

New vaults are required or old ones be enlarged to meet requirements of business. The present ones were found to be entirely inadequate for the business in hand.

TAFT FILCHES MORE JOBS FROM DEMOCRATS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Through an executive order issued today by President Taft, more than 20,000 employes of navy yards throughout the United States are put under the protection of civil services.

The civil service commission has approved the order of the president which conformed with an opinion rendered by Attorney General Wickersham.

SIoux CITY, Iowa, Dec. 7.—"The Western Union Telegraph company must quit persecuting our organization or there will be an open fight."

This statement was issued here today by President S. J. Konekamp of the Commercial Telegraphers' union of America, following the discharge of six operators in the local office of the company. It is alleged that the men were let out because of being union men.

THIEVES GRAB \$5000 JEWELRY AT PASADENA

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 7.—The residence of E. E. Hewlett, a millionaire, living in the exclusive Oak Knoll district here, was entered early today by a burglar, and jewelry worth \$5,000 taken. The intruder found \$200 lying on a table, and entering the bathroom adjoining, found a diamond ring worth \$2,000, a pink pearl and diamond ring worth \$2,000 and a pearl necklace with diamond clasp on a shelf where they had been left by Mrs. Hewlett.

A vicious dog was in the room but is believed to have been drugged. A watchman is supposed to guard the premises also, but knew nothing of the affair until informed by the police.

CLUB TO LYNCH KNOCKER AND BURN HAMMER

Commercial Club Plans Great Celebration to Symbolize the Reign of Harmony in the Valley and the Death of Discord—Also Banquet.

All Cities of the Valley Invited to Bring Their Hammers as Fuel for the Flames.

At a meeting of the special committee of the Medford Commercial club appointed for the purpose, it was decided to have a grand celebration to "lynch the knocker" and "burn the hammer" Friday evening, December 27 in the public square near the library.

Following the ceremonies, there will be a light banquet at the Hotel Medford, where brief talks will be made upon the valleys needs and resources.

It is planned to first parade the "knocker" a straw figure with a gigantic hammer, through the streets to the park. Here incendiary speeches against the knocker will be made and when the indignation of the mob is sufficiently fired, a Ku Klux Klan band will seize him, strap him to the stake and light the bon fire. As it burns, representatives of Ashland, Grants Pass, and other towns, are expected after brief speeches, to hurl their hammers into the blaze.

Then the club members will sit down at 9 o'clock to a light banquet or Dutch supper at the Hotel Medford, where it is expected that from 400 to 500 will participate. Brief speeches will be made on vital topics by representative citizens of all parts of the country.

The hearty co-operation and assistance of all commercial bodies is expected and everyone in Medford is expected to assist.

ABSENT TREATMENT BY SUFFRAGETTES

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The potency of concentrated thought is to be given a thorough tryout by the new suffragette organization, the Women's Silent Co-operation for Freedom, formed for those who do not care to participate in public demonstrations.

Instead of smashing Bond Street windows, the setting of fire to cabinet ministers' homes, or even attending Albert hall meetings, Silent Co-operators will seek to move the British government by merely thinking. Fifty members have pledged themselves to concentrate their thoughts for ten minutes each day on "votes for women."

Another organization just formed is the Qui Vive corps, which is military, but not militant. Its members, clad in serviceable uniforms of broad coat and skirts, brown hat and green cockade, are to hold street parades every Saturday.

New Year's Issue

In accordance with its annual custom the Mail Tribune will on New Year's day issue a special edition descriptive of the growth and progress of Medford and the Rogue river valley during the past year.

The issue will be profusely illustrated and be replete with cuts and maps descriptive of the valley's development.

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