

SERVIA RECALLS MINISTER TO AUSTRIA

FIRST STEP TO WAR SEEN IN SERVICIACTION

No Explanation Offered for Minister's Recall and No Successor Announced—Servia Offers Reparation of Ill-Treatment of Minister.

Roumania Barred From Peace Conference for Fear of Introducing Fresh Complications.

VIENNA, Dec. 12.—By an imperative order from Belgrade, the Servian minister to Austria, M. Simics, was recalled today. Neither Simics nor the Servian foreign minister would explain the action.

No successor has been announced and Simics' recall is construed as a formal breaking off of diplomatic relations between Austria and Servia.

This may mean the first step to war. The recall of the Servian minister caused great uneasiness here, but opponents of war took comfort in a simultaneous announcement by Servia to the Austrian minister at Belgrade that Servia was willing and ready to make any possible reparation for the ill treatment of the Austrian consul Prochaska at Prirend.

Roumania Barred

PARIS, Dec. 12.—Semi-official advices received here today state that France and England have declined to accept the demand of Roumania to participate in the ambassadorial conference to be held in London. It is feared that if Roumania were admitted it would enlarge the scope of the conference, thus causing complications.

Plan Formal Meeting

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Diplomats here today predict that a formal ambassadorial conference of the great European powers will be held in (Continued on page 2.)

BRYAN OUTLINES VIEWS ON FINANCE AND PUBLIC ISSUES

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 12.—The views of William J. Bryan regarding financial legislation and the suggestion that ex-presidents be made life members of congress are set forth in the current issue of the Commoner under the heading of "Mr. Bryan's position." The article says:

"First—Mr. Bryan does not advocate the retirement of outstanding national bank currency, but opposes any enlargement of privilege now enjoyed by National banks. He believes such emergency currency as may be necessary should be issued by the government and not by the banks.

"Second—In conferring upon former presidents the right to participate in the debates in the senate and house, he believes it need not be accompanied by compensation. The privilege should be conferred as an honor, rather than as an office.

"Third—The democrats of the senate are right in insisting that important appointments be reserved for President-elect Wilson.

"Fourth—The democrats in Washington are justified in condemning the partisanship which led the president to extend the civil service when such extension has no higher purpose than the retention in office of republican appointees."

CLEMENCY PLEA SENT WEST BY 5 GOVERNORS

Hundred Prominent Portlanders at Salem to Protest Execution of Convicted Men Tomorrow—Want People to Vote Again.

Taylor Commuted to Life Imprisonment—Governor Remains Firm for Executions.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 12.—John W. Taylor, slayer of A. H. Perry in Harney county will not hang Friday. He was commuted to life imprisonment by Governor West at 11 o'clock today.

It is strongly hinted that Noble Faulder, another of the five is insane, and his case will be put in the hands of an insanity commission. Faulder was convicted of killing Louis Gilbert.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 12.—Carrying letters of protests from the governors of all of the states where capital punishment has been abolished and armed with other material which they hope to crystallize into a successful plea for a respite for the five men doomed to die in the penitentiary tomorrow until the people can again vote on the question of hanging, 100 prominent Portlanders are here today.

The letters are from the governors of Kansas, Maine, Wisconsin, Michigan and Rhode Island, and there are further missives from Lord George Biddisburgh of England and Walter Voisseman, vice-president of the Hamburg-American Steamship Line asking that the governor postpone the executions until the people as a whole can again be heard from.

Piled on the governor's desk are hundreds of letters from voters who want to withdraw their mark for capital punishment on the November ballots, and free scores of people outside of the state, who state that Oregon will be eternally disgraced by her "bloody Friday."

Governor West, however, reiterates what he has been saying since the result of the vote was known, the men will positively hang; everyone of them.

It is expected that the commutation papers in Faulder's case will be sent to the prison this afternoon. It was at first planned, according to good authority, to announce this act of the governor's just before Taylor stepped on the gallows tomorrow.

The governor is denying himself to interviewers, simply contenting himself with the announcement that Taylor's sentence has been commuted to life imprisonment.

The fact that the first hanging will not take place before 11:30 indicates strongly that Faulder has felt the benefit of executive clemency. (Continued on page 2.)

MORGAN'S HELP SENDS STOCKS UP

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The stock market opened heavy and slow today. A bear raid caused a flurry for fifteen minutes, following which it was rumored that J. P. Morgan had purchased 150,000 shares of Union Pacific at \$150. It is not known whether the report is true, but the story caused brokers to believe that Morgan was supporting the market and the whole list advanced materially, Union Pacific jumping to \$156.50. Much profit taking was encountered at this price. Canadian Pacific, Great Northern, St. Paul, Northern Pacific, Lehigh Valley, Southern Pacific and United States Steel advanced 1 to 2 points. The market closed strong. Bonds were firm.

HOW THE WAR HAS PROBABLY ALTERED TURKEY AND THE BALKANS.



PROBABLE DIVISION OF TURKEY IN EUROPE AMONG THE ALLIES.

MRS. PANKHURST DEFENDS RINGING OF FIRE ALARMS

LONDON, Dec. 12.—In a scathing editorial appearing in today's issue of "The Suffragette," Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst denounces the two months sentence recently imposed upon Elsie Howey, a militant suffragette, for turning in false fire alarms.

"There is a symbolic fitness about this new scheme of ringing fire alarms," writes Mrs. Pankhurst. "It is arousing the public, which is just what we want to do. The sacrifice of hundreds of women and girls annually in the white slave traffic, sweatshops and kindred evils is the cause of our agitation. We want to vote in order to remedy these conditions."

"In striking contrast is the imposition of the maximum sentence upon Elsie Howey for ringing in false alarms, and that of an Aberdeen man who was given fifteen days imprisonment for assaulting an eight-year-old girl."

MANY TWELVES IN CHECK GIVEN TO 12-YEAR OLD

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Dec. 12.—"12-12-12" is the date of a check for \$1,212.12, made out at 12 minutes past 12 o'clock today, the 12th day of the 12th month of the 12th year of the century by Len R. MacDonald, a wealthy oil man, in favor of his 12 year old daughter, Mabel. The check will draw interest from an investment MacDonald will make biennial at 12-12 per cent.

Each year since one minute after 12 o'clock, January 1, 1901, MacDonald has followed his scheme of check writing, the amounts being commensurate with the dates.

"But never again, for 100 years," he said, after blotting the final check.

AMERICANS PERMITTED TO VISIT BATTLEFIELDS

BELGRADE, Dec. 12.—Special permission to an American military commission to visit the Macedonian battlefields was accorded to the American government today.

YOUTH CONFESSES KILLED FATHER AFTER QUARREL

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12.—After two hours of close questioning by the police, Martin Rieker, fourteen, confessed that he shot and killed his father, Daniel Rieker, at their home here early today.

The shooting, the boy said, followed a quarrel which began last night when he disobeyed his father's command to carry wood to the kitchen. After the dispute was renewed today Rieker went to the yard of his home to feed a horse. Martin, according to the police, fired at him with a 22 calibre rifle through an open bathroom window, shooting him through the heart.

According to the story wrung from the boy, he told his mother what he had done, and they agreed to claim that the shooting was accidental. It was only when confronted by neighbors to whom he inadvertently had told his secret, that he broke down and admitted the shooting. This, the police say, was corroborated by Mrs. Rieker.

AMERICAN WARSHIPS ARRIVE AT VERA CRUZ

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, Dec. 12.—Four United States battleships under command of Admiral Fletcher are due to arrive here this afternoon. Mexicans generally view with distrust the visit of the warships.

FIRE AT PRISON SET BY CONVICT TO MAKE ESCAPE

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 12.—John J. Stanley, serving seven years for forgery, and his cellmate, Louis Huffman, are today in solitary confinement as the result of an alleged discovery that Stanley was responsible for the fire of December 3, which partially destroyed the Auditorium at the penitentiary. It is believed a general jail delivery was planned.

Stanley was doing veneer work in the new library at the time the fire broke out, and it has been determined that the blaze was caused by the setting afire of veneer soaked rags. A hole had been bored through the three foot concrete floor of Stanley's cell and it is supposed that the men had planned to knock a portion of the floor out, drop to the cellar underneath and then make for the walls, while the guards were fighting the flames.

CONGRESS VOTES TO EXPEL BOWMAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—By a vote of 147 to 125 the house rejected today a resolution declaring regular the election of Representative Charles Bowman, republican of Pennsylvania. The resolution also provided for dismissing the contests against Bowman, in which fraud and corruption were charged.

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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\$25,000,000 LOANED DAILY AND NO RECORD

Probe of Money Trust Shows Business Methods Governing Wall Street Operations—Consolidated Exchange Discriminated Against.

Morgan and Rockefeller Interests Biggest Lenders to Brokers and Speculators.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Indignant denial of allegations in the morning newspapers here that brokers of the new York stock exchange are unduly held in Washington to testify before the house committee investigating the money trust was made by Representative Pujo, chairman of the committee.

"The most sensational testimony," Pujo said, "is yet to come. There are fifty more witnesses to be examined. When we finish with these men they will be excused, and not before."

It was expected that the hearing would adjourn at 7 p. m. today until Monday. The committee probably will excuse the witnesses early next week until early in January, adjourning for the holidays.

Exchanges Fight

President De Agnerio of the Consolidated Exchange of New York was the first witness today. He described the feud which exists between his organization and the New York stock exchange.

De Agnerio charged that the steel trust and the Pennsylvania, Lehigh and Santa Fe railroads, with discrimination against the Consolidated Exchange and that many other interstate corporations limited trading in their stock to the New York stock exchange. He asserted that members of the Consolidated Exchange were barred from the floor of the New York stock exchange.

Loans Without Record

J. H. Griesel and Charles Turner asserted that \$25,000,000 loans were made daily to the New York stock exchange without any official record being made.

Griesel testified that the biggest lenders to the stock exchange were the City National Bank, the Chase National Bank, the Commerce Bank, J. P. Morgan and Company, and Kuhn, Loeb and Company.

ROBBING LOAN SHARKS OF THEIR FRISCO PREY

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 12.—To rob the loan shark of his prey and to afford the needy a chance to borrow small sums at a "live and let live" rate of interest, the San Francisco Remedial Loan Association is preparing today to open for business next Monday.

At first the loans will be confined to two classes—pledges and chatties—but it is expected later to add a third, the salary loan. Rates for pledge loans will be 1 1/2 per cent per month and on chattel loans 2 per cent.

Many prominent business men and bankers are on the board of directors. The organization follows the general plan adopted for similar concerns in many eastern cities.

WEDDING BELLS END ROMANCE OF TITANIC

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—As an aftermath of the Titanic disaster, two survivors, Miss Bessie McCoy of New York and Thomas McCormick of Bayonne, N. J., are to be married, according to announcement here today.

McCormick leaped into the water just before the big liner sank and was pulled into a lifeboat by Miss McCoy.

SECURING OF SPANOS JURY IS SLOW WORK

Veniremen Have Mostly Read of the Case and Many Have Devised Opinions—Capital Punishment Is Feature of Examination.

Spanos Will Deny His Confession but State Will Make Fight for Its Admission.

Owing to the importance of the case considerable difficulty is being experienced in the circuit court in securing a jury to try the case of the state vs. Mike Spanos. The trial jury panel was exhausted this morning with only three men having a chance of retaining their seats. Sheriff Jones was instructed to summon a new panel. At noon today the state had used 3 of its six peremptory challenges and the defense four of its twelve.

The chief difficulty encountered seems to be the wide knowledge of the case gained through the newspapers and an opposition to an infliction of capital punishment. The recent campaign seems to be responsible for a greater understanding of this problem.

The case against Spanos was called in the circuit court Monday at noon and since then the entire time has been devoted to securing a jury. It may be that a complete jury will not be obtained until Friday, which by the way is hangman's day in Oregon.

From questions hurled at the veniremen by attorneys for the defense it is very evident that Spanos will repudiate his confession in court claiming that it was obtained under duress. The state is prepared to offset this, summoning many witnesses to cover this point.

Mike Spanos, when he came into court, appeared more worn than at any time previous. He smiled very infrequently and at all times manifested great interest in the proceedings in court. His wife sat as near him as possible and took great interest in all that went on.

HILL REPORTED BUYING HEAVILY TO CONTROL ESPEE

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—It is reported on good authority here that James J. Hill, of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railroads, is buying heavily into Southern Pacific stock in an effort to gain control of that road. Hill, at present, has to get hold of but few more shares to gain possession, it is stated.

The fact that Southern Pacific common continued to average 108 and closed today at 109, despite the break in the other Harriman stocks, on account of merger decisions practically confirms Hill's activity.

The amount of stock held by Hill cannot be approximated but it is enough to have caused Kuhn, Loeb and company to fight for control of the company for its Harriman clients.

The drop of 4 1-4 points in Union Pacific today, causing Morgan to bolster this stock to normal, also indicates that Hill is playing S. P. stock against the other roads.

ARCHBALD CASE TO LAST UNTIL JANUARY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The prosecution in the impeachment proceedings against Judge Robert W. Archbald of the commerce court probably will rest its case the last of this week.

The defense will present 50 witnesses, making it improbable that the case will end before January 11.