

## PEACE CONFERENCE TO END BALKAN WAR POSTPONED AFTER DEADLOCK

### ALLIES REJECT TURK'S DEMAND AT CONFERENCE

Permission to Re-victual Adrianople Refused and Peace Meeting Postponed Until After Christmas Holidays.

Envoys as Far as Ever From Agreeing Desire to Consult Home Governments.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Hope that the meeting of Turkish and Balkan envoys here will result in peace in the Near East got a shock today when conferences to that end hopelessly deadlocked, were abandoned until Saturday.

The impasse came over the demand of the Turkish that they be permitted to re-victual Adrianople before proceeding to a discussion of the terms to end the war. Set as ever against this concession, the Balkan envoys flatly refused to yield. Then came the announcement this evening that the conferences would go over until Saturday on account of the Christmas holidays.

**Far From Agreement**  
This, it is believed is a mere glossing over of the facts, and a subterfuge to conceal the certainty that the envoys are as far as ever from agreement. In fact, it was semi-officially admitted that all the envoys want further time to consult their home governments before taking the final steps which will mean peace or war.

Before resumption of the conferences here today between envoys of Turkey and the Balkan allies, the Turkish delegates stated they would persist in their demand that Turkey be permitted to re-victual Adrianople. It is conceded that a crisis in the negotiations will be reached at the formal meetings this afternoon.

The envoys met officially at four o'clock. Before going into conference it was admitted that a resumption of the war was possible unless one side or the other yielded on the Adrianople matter. Premier Danett officially stated that unless the Turks withdraw their re-victualing demands, the Balkan allies' delegates may recommend a resumption of hostilities.

**Turks Disgust Balkans**  
Before the formal conference today the envoys conferred at their hotels. The Balkan envoys declared they were disgusted with the attitude of the Turks but the latter strenuously denied that they were playing for time and declared their demands were made in good faith.

### CHRISTMAS FOR THE POOR.

In order that Santa Claus may visit every family in Medford, names of those in straitened or destitute circumstances should be turned in at once. If you know of any person or family in need, send word at once to Mayor Canon, or to the Elks or K. of P. relief committees or phone

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### TURKISH WARSHIPS SUFFER BIG DEFEAT RUNNING BLOCKADE

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 23.—Reports that the Turkish warships have suffered a new defeat in an effort to run the Greek blockade of the Dardanelles were officially confirmed here today. No information was given out as to the damage inflicted when a heavy Greek fire drove the Turkish vessels back.

It is also officially stated here that the Greek forces which are attempting to win their way to Janina have finally been repulsed after five days of continuous and bloody fighting. The Turkish dead include Djavid Pasha, commander of the seventh army corps.

### SUSTAIN CHARGES IN STATE BLIND SCHOOL

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 23.—Admissions that are regarded as sustaining some of the charges preferred by inmates of the state industrial school for the blind in Oakland were made when the investigation was resumed here today. Director John F. Randolph admitted under questioning by Chairman Meyer that the usual supper menu consisted of beans, prunes and biscuit and this after the men had worked hard all day. He thought it was sufficient, volunteering the information that the majority of people over-eat.

Director John P. Irish was forced to admit that two widely varying reports had been submitted to the state, one that the buildings were inadequate and another that the buildings were a credit to the state.

### New York Underworld Indictments

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The special grand jury empaneled to investigate alleged police grafting from women of the underworld returned indictments today against Patrolman John Skelley, Solomon Wolf, a liquor dealer, and Emanuel Mass, a manufacturer of beer bottles. The indictments alleged bribery.

### VICEROY OF INDIA INJURED BY BOMB HURLED AT HOWDAH

DELHI, Ind., Dec. 23.—That British Charles Hardinge, viceroy of India, who was injured by a bomb hurled at his howdah, or basket, on the viceroy's elephant, is not seriously wounded is the report of surgeons attending him here today.

The bomb was hurled from a house top, wounding the viceroy in the shoulder and killing one of his attendants. Another attendant was wounded eight times. The assassin escaped.

Lady Hardinge fainted at the shock but was unhurt and soon recovered. At the request of Baron Hardinge the procession continued to Delhi fort, where Sir Guy Douglas Arathur Metwood, finance member of the council of India, held the Durbar.

It was learned later that an unidentified boy in the crowd was struck by fragments of the bomb and killed. Several natives were also injured. Fragments of metal struck Hardinge three times in the back but did not penetrate the flesh.

A reward of \$500 has been offered for the capture of the bomb-thrower and a double guard has been placed about the vice regal residence and Fort Delhi.

No clue to the identity of the culprit has been obtained.

### TWO SCHOONERS LOST IN STORM ON GULF

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 23.—That the entire crews of the British schooners Cartagena and Georgiana, including the family of Captain Woods of the latter vessel, numbering in all twenty-two persons, perished in the recent hurricane which swept over the Gulf of Mexico after destroying many towns in the West Indies, is the report received here today.

The two schooners went down between Cayman Islands and Jamaica, the advices say. No word from either ship has been received since November 15.

### TWENTY-NINE NEW YORK SUFFRAGISTS START OUT ON LONG HIKE TO INVAD THE STATE LEGISLATURE AT ALBANY



Full of enthusiasm and bristling over with the suffrage spirit, twenty-nine suffragists are on their way from New York city to Albany, N. Y., to invade the New York State Legislature with their "Votes for women." The distance is 137 miles, and the leaders of the brigade are very anxious to make the "hike" in record time. Not only is it their intention to invade Albany but also to reap in as many converts as possible on the way. The above photographs show the start of the parade, each woman with her walking stick and a pack on her back. Mrs. Inez Craven, one of the most enthusiastic leaders, is pictured smoking a cigarette while on the march.

### DEMURRER IN MEDFORD RATE BILL OVERRULED

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 23.—Federal Judge Wolverton today overruled the demurrer filed by the state railroad commission against the charge of nine railroads doing business in the state to the effect that the Medford rate bill is too intangible to be strictly followed, and the clauses that can be interpreted are altogether too arbitrary.

The state was given until January 6th to show cause why a permanent injunction should not be filed against the bill. A temporary injunction has already been secured.

### \$12,000 DAMAGES AWARDED BY JURY FOR BOY'S DEATH

A verdict for \$12,500 was returned by the jury in the damage suit brought by James T. Flaugherly for \$25,000 against the Oregon-California Power company for the death of his son, who was killed last spring at Jacksonville by an electric current while in the employ of the company. The verdict was returned Saturday. The case will be appealed.

Young Flaugherly was employed by the electric company as a line-man and was at work on the top of a pole near Jacksonville when he came in contact with a live wire which instantly killed him.

R. E. Reames represented the plaintiff and A. C. Hough and W. P. Mealey the defendants.

### SMASH RAILROAD CONTROL OF ALL PRIVATE CANALS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—That Corporation Commissioner Conant's report will result in an extension of the O'Shaughnessy resolution now before the house urging a congressional probe into the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad to include a general investigation of control of waterways is the expectation here today.

The democrats probably demanded legislation tending to remedy present conditions where railroad and steamship combines have destroyed competition. It is asserted that the railroads now control ninety per cent of the private canals of the country.

### NEW ENGLAND TRAFFIC CHIEFS ARE INDICTED

Mellen of New Haven and Chamberlain of Grand Trunk Accused of Criminal Restraint of Trade in Making Combine.

Seven Specific Overt Acts Involving Various Steps of Alleged Conspiracy Are Cited.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Indictments charging criminal restraint of trade were returned by the United States grand jury here today against President Mellen of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad; President Chamberlain of the Grand Trunk railroad, and Alfred Smithers, chairman of the Grand Trunk board of directors.

The indictments are the result of an investigation which showed an alleged traffic agreement between the Grand Trunk and the New Haven lines.

Both Mellen and Chamberlain wanted to testify before the grand jury but their requests were denied on the ground that they would gain immunity by so doing.

The indictments review at length trade relations between the New Haven and Grand Trunk lines. It alleges seven specific overt acts, involving the various steps of alleged negotiations between Mellen, Chamberlain and Smithers.

The general counsels for the New Haven and Grand Trunk systems were notified that they must be able to produce Mellen, Chamberlain and Smithers in court either late today or tomorrow to enter the pleas. The government, it was said, is determined to rush their trials.

### SEARCHERS SEEK LOST SAILORS FROM WRECK

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 23.—Hoping to find survivors of the Furness Line Steamer Florence which foundered on the ledges west of St. Shotts Friday with 22 members of her crew aboard, searchers left Trepassy today.

The coast is honeycombed with small caves and butts and hope is entertained that some of the crew reached land safely.

Second Mate J. Hedley, who with four others left the Florence in a small boat seeking a suitable landing place, and who brought news of the disaster to Trepassy, expects to aid the searchers this afternoon if sufficiently recovered.

### TOO PROUD TO BEG. SNATCHES POCKET BOOK

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—"A hungry man can be too proud to beg but not too good to steal," was the explanation given here today by B. C. Chism, arrested at midnight for snatching a purse from Miss Caroline Evans at the Sausalito Ferry.

Chism says his father is a state official of Tennessee, and his brother an officer in the navy. He ate ravenously when fed by the police.

### AMERICAN WOMAN FREED IN PARIS—UNWRITTEN LAW

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Mme. Bloch who shot and killed Mrs. Bridgeman, an American, in the latter's apartment several months ago, because she believed Mrs. Bridgeman had stolen Bloch's love, was acquitted here today of the charge of murder.

The trial began this morning. Attorneys representing Mme. Bloch pleaded the "unwritten law."

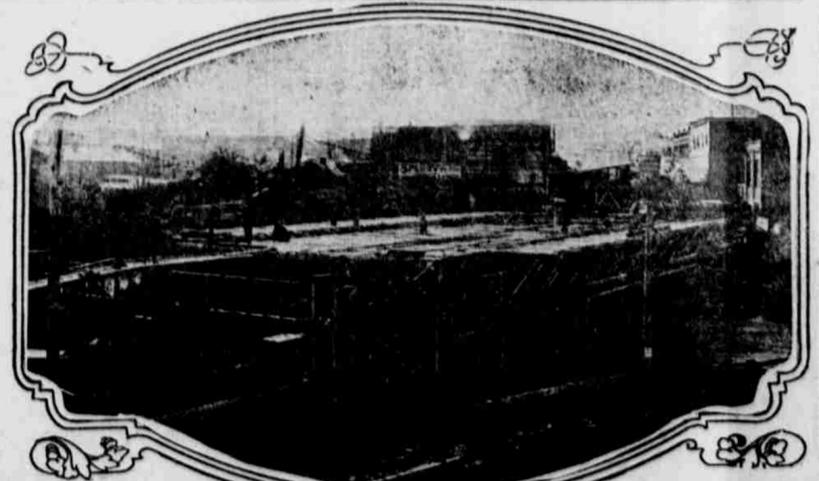
## BOWERS ASKS COUNTY TO PAY COSTS IN MEDFORD BRIDGE CASE

Prominent Citizens and Leading Taxpayers Leave Bowers Holding the Sack in the Injunction Proceedings.

"Attorney Briggs for Benton Bowers requested that the county pay the costs for Mr. Bowers in the Medford bridge case appeal, and offered not to ask a rehearing in the case if the county agreed to the proposal," states County Judge J. R. Nell. "I told him that the county would do nothing of the sort, as far as the old court was concerned, and he would have to deal with the new court. There is no reason why Mr. Bowers should not pay his own costs."

Mr. Briggs then appealed to Judge-elect Tom Velle, who stated that the old court would have to settle old matters as the new court would not consider it.

It is a hard luck story that Mr. Briggs tells of "leading citizens and heavy taxpayers" who aided and abetted Mr. Bowers in bringing the injunction proceedings, promising financial support, and now leaving Bowers to hold the sack and foot the bills himself. One of the wealthiest



The reinforced concrete structure at Medford, litigation over which has just been ended in the supreme court. Taxpayers, from whom much moral encouragement has been received, came through when solicited, with the munificent sum of \$2 and the

real haven't put anything in the collection plate—hence the Christmas appeal to the county for help. Mr. Bowers, it is said, will place the matter of a rehearing in the hands of Judge L. R. Webster of Portland, when he visits that city shortly.

### WILSON TO SLEEP AGAIN IN BIRTH BED

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 23.—In the same bed in which Woodrow Wilson killed his eyes to the world in Staunton, Va., December 28, 1856, he will open them again on the morning of December 28, 1912, his fifty-sixth birthday.

The president-elect some time ago accepted an invitation to attend a jubilee celebration in his honor at his birthplace and sleep again in the manse where his father, a Presbyterian preacher lived and where he spent most of his boyhood days.

### YOUTH WHO KILLED FATHER HELD FOR TRIAL

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—Martin Rickett, 14 years of age, who shot and killed his father, Daniel Rickett, was held on a murder charge without bail by Justice Judge Chesboro here today. Mrs. Rickett and her other three sons accompanied the boy to court.

## 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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