

## RUSSIA FILES PROTEST AGAINST CONGRESS CALLING HER BAD NAMES

### PRESIDENT PASSES IT UP TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE TO "CUT IT OUT" IN THE SENATE

Diplomatic Relations With Russia Have Been Broken Off as a Result of Russia's Dissatisfaction With the Language Used by Congress, Attributing Bad Faith to Her and Calling Her Some Naughty Names—Taft Gets Sore, Knox Angry, and Congressman Sulzer, Who is a Progressive, Stands Pat.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The diplomatic negotiations seeking the settlement of the passport question have been broken as a result of Russia's dissatisfaction at the action of the house of representatives favoring Congressman Sulzer's abrogation resolution.

It was positively stated that the message by the Russian ambassador was not a threat against America. The ambassador said that Russia did not object strongly to the abrogation of the treaty of 1832, but did object strongly to the language of the Sulzer resolution, flatly charging Russia with bad faith, and stating the terms of the treaty.

The sudden termination of negotiations leaves President Taft bereft of the means whereby he hoped to forestall congressional action on the Jewish passport question. The president summoned Chairman Cullom, of the senate foreign committee, and urged him to amend the resolution so as to

eliminate the language which Russia finds offensive. President Taft said that the same result would be accomplished by a "temperately worded" resolution.

Congressman Sulzer, author of the Russian bill, said: "I should like to have been in Secretary Knox's place to reply to the Russian protest. I know what I should have said in reply. There is no doubt in my mind that, whether Russia protests or not, the Russian bill will pass the senate."

Congressman Man of Illinois, minority leader in the house, who opposed the wording of the resolution, said:

"If the Russian bill passes the senate the treaty will be abrogated, and Russia, if she chooses, may shut out all Americans. If we say we are determined that Americans shall go into Russia, that country can only force its exclusion by continuing at the end of war."

The Russian ambassador, it was

### Lost His Appendix.

New York, Dec. 16.—Cornelius Vanderbilt today underwent an operation for appendicitis at his home here, and at noon Dr. Austin Flint issued a bulletin to the effect that the work of the surgeons had been successful, and the patient's condition was very favorable. Dr. Flint was assisted by Dr. Joseph Blake in performing the operation. Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, the patient's two sisters, Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney and Mrs. Egl Bailey, and his brother, Reginald, were present when the operation was undertaken. Vanderbilt was stricken while traveling in Europe last fall.

learned today, asked a conference with President Taft and Secretary Knox yesterday, and met them both last night. The result was Russia's message today.

The White House says the entire situation has been placed in the hands of the foreign relations committee, and "that it is up to them."

### A Severe Earthquake.

Mexico City, Dec. 16.—Dispatches from Colima this afternoon state that an earthquake lasting three minutes, and causing considerable damage, occurred in the province at 12:40 p. m. Fifteen persons are reported dead at Cuernavaca, sixty at Guaymas and 13 at Jalapa. Several supposedly extinct volcanoes are reported to be in eruption.

### Celebrate Their Sentence.

Seattle, Dec. 16.—The Seattle Star editors are today celebrating the first anniversary of their jail sentence for constructive contempt of court. It is one year today since Superior Judge Gilliam sentenced the editor and managing editor to four months and one month, respectively for criticizing his injunction against the Duwamish valley people, in their fight for lower rates.

In the meantime the supreme court of the state has abrogated Gilliam's injunction by deciding the original rate case in favor of the people, and the traction company is now paying back some of the money paid by patrons while the high rates were effective.

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES BILL PASSES CALIFORNIA SETS PACE FOR ALL

### GOVERNOR JOHNSON PLEASSED LAW GIVES PLENARY POWER TO CONTROL CORPORATIONS

Governor Johnson Expresses His Satisfaction at the Passage of the Public Utilities Bill, and Says It Alone is Worth Many Times the Cost of the Special Session—He Comments at Length on Its Fairness, and the Calm Tone That Pervades the Most Important Document.

### San Francisco, Dec. 16.—

The trial of former Mayor Eugene Schmitz, for bribery in connection with the trolley cases, will begin January 5, having been set for that date today by Judge Laylor at the district attorney's request. The date of the gas cases trial will be set at that time.

### Eugene Schmitz Trial.

Schmitz appeared in court personally and by counsel, Attorney Frank Brew. Attorney Brew again objected strenuously to delaying the case from today, again invoking the code section providing for trial within 60 days. His objection was overruled.

The state has presented a bill of extraordinary importance to the corporations within it, has invited the co-operation of those who really bow to the will of the people, and publicly has endeavored justly but firmly to do that which has so long been the demand of the people—regulate its utilities.

"Formerly, if any attempt were made by some over-brave legislator to introduce such a bill, a representative of the corporations would appear at Sacramento and arrogantly direct the legislators to smother it, and no more was heard from it. This year the discussion here has been in the open and the most significant thing that occurred was the remark of one of the representatives of the Southern Pacific in the assembly chamber that his company had finally reached the conclusion that they would have to submit to regulation by the state.

"What an astounding change from the attitude of that company for 49 years past. "The public utilities law is alone worth a hundred times the cost of this extraordinary session."

### MAY BE AN INSULT BUT IF SO, INSULT HER

Washington, Dec. 16.—That the resolution introduced by Congressman Sulzer, of New York to brogate the treaty of 1832 between the United States and Russia, will be considered as an "insult to Russia" if enacted into law, is the substance of a message conveyed to President Taft by Secretary of State Knox today, following a conference between Knox and Ambassador Bakhmetoff of Russia.

### MODERN FIRE ESCAPE FOR MARION HOTEL

The building committee of the Marion Hotel is determined that nothing about their premises shall be second-best. Following out this excellent policy, the old fire escapes, which were of the ladder type, have been taken down and are being replaced by splendid new ones of the most modern pattern. The work is being done as speedily as possible, and when finished will greatly improve the safety of that beautiful building.

## REFUSED BY THE MAN SHE LOVED

Mrs. Edna Robnison, a Portland Woman, Now in Chicago, Takes a Shot at Herself With a Pistol.

### BULLET GRAZES HER HEART

She is a divorcee—At the Hospital She Said: "Last Night I Asked Frank to Marry Me—He Refused I Telegraphed Him Again This Morning, and He Refused Again, and I Decided I Did Not Want to Live Any Longer."

### Chicago, Or., Dec. 16.—

When told that her sister, Mrs. Edna Robnison, had attempted suicide at Chicago on account of a love affair, Mrs. J. C. Clark, wife of a well-known East Side Druggist, said she doubted if the Chicago woman was her sister.

"I got a night letter from Edna yesterday, in which she said she would start for Portland today," said Mrs. Clark. "The letter indicated that she was in good spirits. Edna was emotional, and I do not believe there is a man living for whom she would try to kill herself."

Mrs. Robnison, who formerly lived here with Mr. Clark, has been away from Portland for more than a year. Mrs. Robnison was the daughter of James Smith, formerly well known in Portland, ten years ago.

She obtained her divorce from Harry Robnison in Portland five years ago. Robnison was a telegraph operator when they were married. Later he served in the Spanish-American war in the Philippine islands. She divorced him on his return to Portland. Her relatives, who are prominent here and in Eastern Oregon, are wealthy.

At the hospital today Mrs. Robnison said: "I shot myself because Frank refused to marry me. We went to a restaurant last night and I asked Frank to marry me. He refused. I telephoned him again this morning asking him again. He refused again, and I decided I did not want to live any longer." The bullet barely missed her heart.

## INSTITUTE FOR FEEBLE MINDED IS OVERCROWDED

Because there is already a waiting list of about 150 for the Feeble Minded Institute, three babies in the Bay Baby Home at Portland cannot be admitted and a problem has arisen as to what disposition is to be made of them.

At the last session of the legislature, the appropriations were cut down. The result has been that the institution cannot accommodate those entitled to admission, and with the present inmates, will have difficulty

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### SILVERTON'S SEWAGE MAY CAUSE LAWSUIT

If the State Board of Health has its way, the city of Silverton will find itself confronted soon with a suit to bring about the abatement of the nuisance suffered by the city depositing its untreated sewage into Silver creek, for the secretary of the board has already taken the matter up with District Attorney McNary.

There is a law making it unlawful to deposit sewage in creeks, but it does not apply to navigable streams. The test of navigability in the state is the ability of the stream to carry logs at any time of the year, and Silver creek does this in the winter. There is some doubt, therefore, whether the subject can be reached by this statute, but may probably be by some other.

### SNOW STORMS BLOCK TRAFFIC IN THE EAST

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Rain and snow, settling over the lake region and the Ohio valley, partially tied up train and telegraph traffic today, and caused great discomfort to Christmas shoppers in eastern cities. It is forecasted that the snow will continue tonight and tomorrow with slightly lower temperature. The rain extended as far east as the New England states. The storm is central in the Ohio valley.

### SOME STATISTICS ABOUT PETTY CRIMES

One thousand, one hundred and eighty-three arrests have been made so far during the year by the police, and before the old year dies and the new one is born they will no doubt reach the 1200 mark.

### WILLAMETTE STUDENTS SUBSCRIBE LIBERALLY

That the students of the Willamette University are interested and intensely so in the endowment campaign, was made evident yesterday when at chapel service they subscribed \$1,250 for it.

After this subscription had been pledged by the students they signed an appeal directed to Methodists of the Northwest to make a Christmas gift of \$100,000 in order to secure the endowment. Two hundred and fifty students signed the appeal.

Newport high school has 104 pupils as against 65 last year.

## SALEM'S XMAS STORE

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Ladies' \$1.00 Black Mercerized Black Sateen Petticoats now **65c**  
Ladies' New Silk Waists, the swellest line in Salem, all colors and black **\$2.45, \$3.50 up**  
Ladies' \$7.50 Rain Coats, now **\$4.80**  
Boys' \$4.50 Wool Suits now **\$2.45**  
Men's Shirts **49c, 75c and up**  
Ladies' and Men's Handkerchiefs, Silk and linen **5c, 10c, 15c, 25c and up**  
Men's Kid Finished Suspenders in boxes, \$1.00 values for **65c.**  
FRENCH and WILLOW Plumes now on sales, big bargains, all colors.  
Ladies' wool insoles **19c and 25c.**  
Ladies' Misses and Children's Coats now on sale at January Clearance prices.

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**Xmas Gifts**  
PRICED AWAY DOWN.

75c Woolen Dress Goods, all colors yard **49c**  
Fine Imported Silks for Dresses and Waists, now, yard **35c, 49c, 75c**  
85c velvet shopping bags, now **49c**  
\$4.50 German Mesh Silver Hand bags now **\$2.45**  
\$3.50 Fur Muffs **\$1.49**  
\$3.95 Fur Neckpieces **\$1.75**  
\$4.50 Silk Umbrellas, our price **\$2.50**  
50c Mechanical Toys, now **25c**  
Books, all kinds, now **5c, 10c, 25c**  
Dolls, kid and Fancy Dressed each **10c, 15c, 25c up**  
Ladies' \$12.50 Tailored Suits, this season's newest, now **\$6.90**  
Kid Gloves now **49c, 75c, 98c up**  
75c Boot Silk Hosiery, now pair **48c**  
Men's 45c Silk Ties, now **23c**  
Men's \$1.50 Sweaters, now **75c**

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