

TURKEY MAKES GREAT CONCESSIONS

But There is Still a Wide Divergence Between Their Claims and Those of Allies

PRELIMINARIES OF THE PEACE CONFERENCE

Allies Demand Surrender of Adrianople, Scutari and Janina, Evacuation by Turks Up to Tchatalja, Cession of Aegean Islands to Greece and War Indemnity—Turkey Will Concede One Island But Will Oppose Indemnity.

London, Dec. 16.—The preliminaries of the peace conference were completed today and apparently the Greek difficulty regarding the signing of the armistice has been surmounted. Everything is in readiness for the actual negotiations to begin tomorrow.

power controlling the Ottoman debt allow them to deduct that part from the war indemnity imposed upon Turkey, which would thus remain the only debtor.

The terms formulated by Turkey have been kept secret, but it may be asserted on good authority that they include the renunciation by both sides of any money transaction under the form of indemnity or otherwise, except the taking over by the Balkan States of a portion of the Ottoman public debt proportionately to the new territories they acquire.

Servians May Yield Durazzo. The Turkish and Bulgarian delegates had another protracted informal meeting at 7 o'clock this evening, at which it is reported they discussed Adrianople.

It is reported through Berlin tonight that the Servian ministers in council decided in deference to Russian and French advice to yield the port of Durazzo on the Adriatic, and that the Servian minister, M. Pachitch, is coming to London in connection with this determination.

Will Plead Austria. This report has not been confirmed, but there are indications of relaxation in the Austro-Serb difficulty.

The Austrian emperor is credited with remarking that he was hopeful of the ability of Austria to carry out her Balkan program in its entirety without resort to force.

The Prochaska affair also appears to have been greatly misrepresented and no longer affords ground for dissension.

Naval Engagement of Greeks and Turks. The first engagement between the Greek and Turkish fleets occurred today, but so far as known without serious damage to either side.

The feature of the day was the address of welcome delivered by Sir Edward Grey, the British secretary for foreign affairs, who was elected honorary president of the conference.

The Terms of the Allies. The first encounter between the allies and the Turks will begin tomorrow. A climax will be reached when both sides exchange their respective propositions for the conclusion of peace. The terms of the allies are:

The immediate surrender of the Turkish fortresses at Scutari, Adrianople, and Janina, to the garrisons of which full military honors will be granted; the evacuations of eastern Europe by Turkey as far as East Tchatalja, to a line to be delimited on the spot; the cession to Greece of all the Aegean islands; the annexation of Crete to Greece, and the payment by Turkey of a war indemnity for one of the expenses incurred by the allies on account of the Turkish prisoners.

Concessions of the Allies. The allies in return are prepared to grant complete amnesty to the Mussulman population in the territories they annex for any acts of hostility during the war; the return of all prisoners; the recognition of the spiritual sovereignty of the sultan over the Ottomans, becoming subjects of the Balkan States, and the free administration by the Mussulmans of their pious foundations in the Balkans.

Will Take Over Part of Debt. To these conditions has now been added the taking over by the Balkan States of that part of the Ottoman public debt corresponding to the territories which they annex, unless the

SEVERAL POLICEMEN UNDER SUSPENSION

Action Follows Investigation of New York Vice Conditions.

New York, Dec. 16.—Corroboration of the story of Mrs. Mary Goode before the aldermanic investigating committee, relating to alleged police graft for protecting disorderly resorts, has not yet been obtained by District Attorney Whitman according to announcement from the prosecutor's office today. Investigation of the woman's story is not yet complete, however.

Unless proper substantiation of the facts alleged by Mrs. Goode is found, no indictments based upon her testimony will be sought by Mr. Whitman, it was stated. A grand jury subpoena was issued today for one of the men described by Mrs. Goode as "officials" of the "vice trust" in control of disorderly resorts and their inmates.

Several policemen were suspended today as a result of a separate investigation of Mrs. Goode's story conducted by Police Commissioner Waldo. Mayor Gaynor expressed his views on the regulation of vice today in a letter to Mayor George J. Karp of Columbus, Ohio, who had written Mayor Gaynor for a copy of an address on the subject.

There is a growing number of people here who think that unfortunate women should be licensed and regulated," said the mayor, "but I do not believe it."

He thought that European cities which had such regulations were no better off than New York.

Skin Grafting on Young Man. Middletown, O., Dec. 16.—Three square feet of skin was grafted on the chest and right shoulder of Clyde Rich, aged 29, in an effort to save his life today. Rich was severely burned in an explosion in New York four months ago.

Portland Pastor Called. Portland, Conn., Dec. 16.—Rev. E. C. Blomquist, pastor of the local Swedish Lutheran church, has received a call from the First Swedish Lutheran church at Tacoma, Wash. He has not yet made his answer, but has the matter under consideration.

New Chief of Field Service. Washington, Dec. 16.—Joseph D. Eggleston of Richmond, Va., state superintendent of public instruction, has been chosen chief of the field service in rural education of the United States bureau of education.

The world's output of petroleum last year was 345,000,000 barrels.

Cabled Paragraphs

Challenges Socialist to Duel. Paris, Dec. 16.—Jean Jaures, the socialist leader, received today a challenge to a personal combat from Senator Henri Berenger, who represents Gaudaloupe.

General Strike in Paris. Paris, Dec. 16.—A general strike of the whole working population of France, ordered to be carried out today by the general federation of labor as a protest against war, was partially successful.

To Form Japanese Cabinet. Tokyo, Dec. 16.—The emperor of Japan has decided to issue tomorrow a special rescript ordering Prince Taro Katsura to form a cabinet owing to the fact that the elder statesmen after a number of conferences have failed to recommend anyone as premier to take the place of the Marquis Saionji.

New President Resigns, Reconsiders. Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Dec. 16.—Archbishop Adolfo Alejandro Nouel, provisional president of the Dominican republic, presented his resignation yesterday after holding office only thirteen days. He suspended it later, however, at the request of the members of the Dominican congress and a number of prominent people.

REFUSED TO DISCLOSE AMOUNT OF THE PROFITS.

New York Banker May Be Punished for Contempt of House. Washington, Dec. 16.—The refusal today of Lewisohn, of the New York banking firm of Lewisohn Brothers to make a statement as to the profit made by a syndicate formed to float the stock of the California Petroleum company forced an adjournment of the house money trust committee. The committee adjourned until tomorrow to allow Mr. Lewisohn to confer with his counsel, Martin Vogel, as to answering the question.

If Mr. Lewisohn declines to answer the question when the committee meets tomorrow, the committee has the power to take the case to the speaker of the house, who may certify the record to the district attorney for the District of Columbia. It would be his duty to take the matter before the grand jury and ask for an indictment in contempt of the house, which is punishable by imprisonment.

The disputed question was asked after Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the committee, had led Mr. Lewisohn through a lengthy discussion of the operations which preceded the listing of the California Petroleum stock on the New York stock exchange in October.

"Will you furnish the committee a statement of your operations in this stock in the stock market when, during October, with 105,779 shares listed, 352,270 shares were traded in, and with a statement of the syndicate's profit on the sale of the stock?" asked Mr. Untermyer.

"I will not furnish a statement of the profit," said Mr. Lewisohn. "Do you refuse to furnish it?" asked Mr. Untermyer.

Chairman Pujo took a hand in the proceedings, but Mr. Lewisohn declined to answer the question. The committee then adjourned.

DEFENSE OPENS IN CASE OF JUDGE ARCHBALD.

Lehigh Valley R. R. Attorney Testifies Regarding Selection of Juris. Washington, Dec. 16.—James E. Woodward of Wilkesbarre, Pa., attorney for the Lehigh Valley railroad, whose appointment as a jury commissioner formed the ground for one of the charges against Judge Robert W. Archbald, is the central figure in today's opening of the defense in the trial by impeachment now in progress before the senate.

Mr. Woodward was produced by Judge Archbald's attorneys to disprove the charges against the judge. He held that the latter had favored the railroad in the selection of the jury commissioner. Under the questioning of Alexander Simpson, Jr., attorney for Archbald, Mr. Woodward described the "wheel" used in selecting jurymen and detailed the many steps connected with the selection of a venire of jurymen.

When Judge Archbald's attorneys finished with the witness he was put through a grilling by members of the senate and by the house managers, in the course of which he admitted that a jurymen commissioner deliberately set about the task he could secure jurors favorable to the interests of the railroad. He declared he never had done this and that it would be a complicated and difficult task to accomplish.

"GRANDFATHER LAW" IN CIRCUIT COURT

Act to Disfranchise Negroes Sent on to the Supreme Court. St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 16.—Two questions relating to the validity of Oklahoma "grandfather law" an election statute framed to disfranchise uneducated Negroes, were certified today by the United States circuit court of appeals sitting in St. Louis, to the United States supreme court.

The "grandfather law" provides that any person may be debarred from voting in case of his inability to read and write any section of the state constitution unless his ancestors were qualified voters before January 3, 1865.

Frank Guinn and J. J. Beal, election officials who refused the ballot to certain negroes under this law were convicted of offenses against the federal election law and were sentenced to one year's imprisonment each in Fort Leavenworth prison and to pay a fine of \$100 each.

Their appeal placed the question before the court here, which sent it on to Washington.

OBITUARY.

Wallace Porter of Higganum. Higganum, Conn., Dec. 16.—Wallace Porter, a well known resident of Middlesex county and president of the D. & H. Scoville Co. company of this city, died suddenly at his home here tonight after a brief illness of pneumonia. He was 52 years old and is survived by a widow, five daughters and two sons.

Steamship Arrivals. Genoa, Dec. 13.—Arrived, America, New York; 14th, Princess Irene, New York.

Naples, Dec. 14.—Arrived, Calabria, New York.

Plymouth, Dec. 15.—Arrived, President Grant, New York for Hamburg, Rotterdam, Dec. 14.—Arrived, Peta-dam, New York.

Christiansand, Dec. 15.—Arrived, Oscar II, New York for Copenhagen, Dover, Dec. 14.—Arrived, Kronland, New York.

Glasgow, Dec. 15.—Arrived, Cameronia, New York.

Suffragettes On 140 Mile March

ONLY 12 OF 34 STARTERS COMPLETE FIRST LAP

JEERED AND CHEERED

Police Patrol Wagon Placed at Disposal of Weary Ones—Distance of Ten Miles Covered on the First Day.

Irvington, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Depleted in numbers but courageous in spirit, the suffragette "army" finished here today the first lap of its 140 mile journey to Albany to carry to Governor Sulzer on woman suffrage.

Thirty-four marchers were in the ranks when the expedition started from the outskirts of New York shortly before 10 o'clock, but one by one they dropped out on the way until less than a dozen trudged into this village shortly after 6 o'clock tonight.

Only Six to Complete Trip. It was explained, however, by Miss Rosalie G. Jones, commander of the expedition, that those who deserted did so by previous intention, as only six had promised to make the entire two weeks' journey to the state capital.

From village to village recruits are expected to enlist for short marches, and this proved the case today when a brigade representing the Woman's Suffrage association of Yonkers marched five miles to Hastings. About ten miles was covered during the day.

While there were less for the women as they trudged through city and village streets, clad in walking costume and decorated with yellow sashes for Women sashes, there were also cheers.

Police Patrol Wagon at Head. When the march was resumed Chief of Police Wolff placed a police patrol wagon at the disposal of the marchers and, headed by this vehicle, the "army" proceeded to Hastings.

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DESPERADO KILLED AFTER HARD FIGHT. Attacked a Young Girl and Was Pursued by 100 Officers.

Santa Ana, Cal., Dec. 16.—In a fight today in the hills at Tamato Springs, twelve miles northeast of Santa Ana, between a young desperado and more than 100 county officers, militiamen and citizens, the outlaw, who had attacked a young girl last night, was killed. Under Sheriff Robert Squires and a posse of deputies, the desperado was shot and killed.

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Condensed Telegrams

Health Conditions in the Philippines as a result of American sanitation methods are better than ever before.

John D. Rockefeller Bought \$400 worth of Red Cross seals. More than \$10,000 has been raised by the society.

The Navy is About 6,000 Men Short of its authorized strength, although latest reports show an improvement in recruiting.

The Name of Carmi Thompson, the new treasurer of the United States, appears on 60,000 new \$1 bills just put into circulation.

Uruguay Has Decided to place an order in the United States for an \$800,000 vessel for the use of its new institute of fisheries.

Manuel Prior, Aged 15, was sentenced to serve six years in the state reformatory by Judge Wurdeman at Clayton, Mo., for killing a cat.

There Was a Net Decrease of five officers and a net increase of 4,455 enlisted men in the authorized strength of the regular army last year.

The Quotations Committee, which is alleged to be the "trust" feature of the Elgin butter board, was abolished by vote of the membership yesterday afternoon.

Race Suicide is Not Flourishing, for the baby carriage business is more active than ever. More perambulators have been sold this year than any former year.

An Inquiry Into the High Price of anthracite coal in Boston was decided upon yesterday by the executive committee of the United Improvement association.

David L. Burnett, one of the five men who founded the Knights of Pythias, died suddenly at Washington last Sunday night of heart disease, aged 75 years.

The Presence of Several Cases of scarlet fever among pupils of Morris school in Danbury led to the closing of the school until after the Christmas recess.

Frank F. Davis of Gloucester, R. I., was nominated for speaker of the house at the caucus of the republican members of the incoming general assembly yesterday.

Seven Students of New York High school were found during a recent test in arithmetic who could not add one and one, declares Prof. Louis Blau of Columbia university.

Anthony Baron of Mount Carbon, Pa., lost his nose when he kissed a girl. James Currie and David Dando, jealous suitors, witnessed the osculation and attacked him.

President Taft Yesterday announced through Secretary Hillis that the post of ambassador to Great Britain made vacant by the death of Whitehall Reid will not be filled by him.

Matteo Dall'Orto, a young Italian, convicted of triple murder committed in Brooklyn, paid the penalty of death by electric chair at Sing Sing prison yesterday morning.

Johns Hopkins University's Tuition fee will be raised next term. In the last twenty years nearly every other big college has raised its tuition fees excepting Yale and Harvard.

President Taft Yesterday directed Secretary Wilson to appoint Dr. Carl Albers, a chemist in the agricultural department, chief of the bureau of chemistry to succeed Dr. Harvey W. Wiley.

Many of the Familiar Christmas decorations which have been used in New York for generations will disappear this year as the result of a decision by the New York board of underwriters.

Whether or Not Congress will investigate the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad's alleged monopoly of transportation facilities in New England will be determined here Thursday.

A Joint Resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to make representatives in congress elective for four years instead of two was introduced yesterday by Representative DeForest of New York.

James Burns, captured by trainmen and lodged in jail at Red Cliff, Col., under charges of holding up the Denver and Rio Grande station agent at Pando Saturday night and killing W. A. Maxfield, a laborer, has confessed.

Several Hundred Weavers employed in the Mohawk valley and steam cotton mills in Utica, N. Y., quit work yesterday. Four weavers in one of the mills who have been employed for years are not members of the union.

A Hen Belonging to Gilbert Brown of Tarrytown, N. Y., has been laying eggs in her master's icehouse for some time, thus forming a productive and cool storage plant in the same place. Brown found 12 well preserved eggs in the house.

Five Men, comprising the crew of the gasoline fishing boat Madonna, were rescued by the revenue cutter Androscooggin yesterday when the Madonna was sunk in a collision off Gloucester with the Margaret T., another fishing craft.

Coroner John Phelan said yesterday that he intended to make an exhaustive investigation of the sale and use of the drug heroin in Bridgeport, with a view to the recommendation of city and state laws regulating its sale and making it more difficult to obtain the drug.

Seizure of the Property of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company and its condemnation and purchase by the government are proposed in a resolution introduced in the house yesterday by Representative Victor L. Berger, the socialist member from Wisconsin.

A Plea of Guilty to a charge of taking \$12,000 from Frank E. Paige of Boston was entered yesterday by Edward H. Hoarford, former treasurer of the James Donovan Slipper company, of Everett. Hoarford is at liberty under \$5,000 bonds until sentence is passed upon him.

Postmaster General Hitchcock yesterday ordered the indefinite postponement of the annual "dead letter" sale which was to have begun there. Washington merchants have protested vigorously that the sale just before Christmas caused them to lose a considerable trade in gifts.

Official Returns of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company for the football game of the last Yale-Harvard football game at New Haven show a total of 52,718 passengers carried, counting excursion tickets as double fares. This is 3,350 passengers in excess of the number carried two years ago.

Paul Cheritan, United States judge for Porto Rico, has resigned.

Internecine War of the Democrats

PROGRESSIVE SENATORS LINE UP FOR TROUBLE

WILSON'S SUPPORTERS

Contingent Numbering 27 to Insist on Carrying Out Policies of President-elect—Plans Discussed at a Dinner.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The fight within the democratic party for control of the senate under the next administration has taken definite form within the last few days as the result of concerted action by a small body of democrats toward laying the basis for what they term "progressive control" in the next congress.

Plans Discussed at Dinner. A series of conferences culminating in a dinner yesterday at which nearly a dozen democrats were present have resulted in a general understanding for a reorganization movement designed to insure the control of legislation and policies after March 4 by senators in full sympathy with the views of President-elect Wilson. No detailed programme has been outlined, but the campaign is understood to involve the entire subject of senate control. The direction of affairs by senators approved by the present reorganization and the establishment of a new system of committee assignments that will distribute important committee places alike to men new and old in the service of the senate.

Stand for Progressive Policies. Those who have participated in the come moderate the senators Len of Tennessee, Smith of Georgia, Smith of South Carolina, Myers of Montana, Newlands of Nevada, Ashurst of Arizona, Gore and Owen of Oklahoma, Stone of Missouri, O'Gorman of New York, Martine of New Jersey and Representative Morris Sheppard of Texas, prospective successor to Senator Bailey.

It is understood that all of the senators named do not agree to the radical features of the "insurgent" programme, though they have endorsed the general purpose of demanding recognition for all members of the party in the reorganization and for the establishment of what they term progressive legislative policies.

27 in the Movement. It is understood that Senators Stone and O'Gorman, who have participated in the later conferences, have urged the moderate plan in the general plan outlined at the earlier gatherings. The senate fight is expected to reach President-elect Wilson almost as soon as he takes up questions of legislation in his reorganizational administration. The leaders in the democratic "insurgent" movement assert that at least 17 of the 49 democratic senators in the next congress will support their view of the "progressive programme." They estimate that this number will "hold over" senators will align themselves with the organization element and that a majority of the incoming democrats will join them.

Fight for Committee Places. The fight for places on the important senate committees is an integral part of the new movement. The insurgent democratic forces probably will demand a fair distribution of places among new and old members, on the five leading committees—appropriations, finance, foreign relations, judiciary and interstate commerce—and a similar distribution on the five most important committees—commerce, military affairs, navy, postoffices and agriculture. Such an arrangement would radically change the seniority system long recognized under which the old senators had the choice of places and the commanding positions on several of the leading committees.

PRESIDENT-ELECT AND WIFE MAY BE GUESTS OF TAFTS. Are Expected to Spend a Day and Night at the White House.

Washington, Dec. 16.—President-elect Wilson and Mrs. Wilson may come to the White House before March 4 to spend a day and a night as guests of the president and Mrs. Taft. The president extended an invitation to Mr. Wilson while he was in Bermuda. He has received no reply, but it is believed in Washington that the visit will be made in January.

The president and Mrs. Taft are leaving for Panama Thursday and will not be back in Washington until Dec. 21. Mr. Wilson will pass through the capital twice on his way to and from the celebration in his honor at Staunton, Va., his birthplace, on Dec. 28.

The president and Mrs. Taft entered the mansion unacquainted with many of the details essential to its conduct, although both of them had been frequent guests at functions given by former President Roosevelt. President Taft believes that Mr. Wilson would like to become familiar with the interior arrangements of his new home and that Mrs. Wilson would like to obtain some first-hand information as to how domestic affairs are managed there.

GOVERNOR OF ARKANSAS PARDONS 360 CONVICTS. Criticizes Magistrates for Imposing Long Sentences.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 15.—Governor George W. Donaghy today pardoned 316 state and 44 county convicts and in a long statement said his action was taken as a protest against the system of leasing convicts in vogue in Arkansas. The governor in his statement scolded magistrates for imposing long sentences for trivial offenses and told of what he termed "disadvantages of the lease system. As a result of the pardons three state convict camps where prisoners working on the roads are housed will be continued in operation. Some of the men pardoned were sentenced to terms of fifteen years.

Masked Men Rob Bank of \$17,000. Kyle, Tex., Dec. 15.—Four masked men bound and gagged the watchman at the Kyle State bank early today, took him in a box car and escaped with \$17,000 of the bank's funds. Three charges of nitro-glycerine were fired and the vault of the bank was wrecked.

New Honors for Captain Amundsen. Paris, Dec. 15.—President Fallieres today received Capt. Roald Amundsen, the polar explorer, and handed to him the insignia of grand officer of the Legion of Honor.

Cigar Cutters Have Been Banished from Pittsburg cigar stores. It is said that the machines spread disease.