

## PERSIANS STEP INTO SPOT LIGHT

Minister's Brother Was Assassinated In Front of His Home By Four Bullets From Gun.

## STREETS ARE CROWDED

Anti-Russian Demonstration Over the Shuster Case May Lead to Serious Complications.

BERLIN, Dec. 1.—Ala Ed Dowleh, brother of the former Persian minister to Berlin, was assassinated today in front of his residence in Teheran, according to a news dispatch received here. It is believed the murdered man was mistaken for his brother.

Five shots were fired at him, four of which took effect. The assassin escaped.

**The Shuster Case.** TEHERAN, Dec. 1.—The streets of this city today were the scene of a bitter anti-Russian demonstration following the action of parliament in refusing to agree to Russia's ultimatum regarding the expulsion of Shuster, the American treasurer-general of Persia.

The rejection of the ultimatum is believed to be the forerunner of serious diplomatic complications. Repeated attempts have been made to assassinate Shuster upon whom it is said the Russian government has placed a price on his head. Shuster is constantly under a heavy guard.

**Russia Sends Troops.** ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 1.—Russia has ordered troops to Teheran to enforce her demand that W. Morzan Shuster, the energetic American treasurer of Persia, be deported. Unless Persia acquiesces at once, she must fight the czar's army and in the latter event run a grave chance of being gobbled up completely by Russia and England.

The decision to move troops to the Persian capital was reached today following the rejection by the Persian parliament from England that Persia agreed to Russia.

For several weeks Russia has been mobilizing cossacks and infantry 150 miles northwest of Teheran. Practically all the troops there were ordered to the Persian capital.

Russia has long looked with covetous eyes upon a strip of Persia. There is no doubt expressed here that England and Russia have reached an understanding regarding the partition of Persia if Shuster is not expelled at once.

The Russian bureaucracy has been sorely peeved at Shuster's administration of Persian finances. Had the American not done his work so well, the czar and his advisors would have been better satisfied. The fact that Shuster has bolstered up his adopted country's finances has spoiled the hopes that the country would need Russian financial support.

Russian officialdom is wondering what course Shuster will pursue. At the war office today all information concerning the orders of the troops were refused, indicating there would be no formal declaration of war.

## EXPECTS TO GET OUT OF PRISON

Henwood, Serving Life Sentence, Sees New Hope in Patterson Verdict.

DENVER, Dec. 1.—Through the acquittal of Mrs. Patterson, Frank H. Henwood, the society man under life sentence for the murder of George E. Copeland, expects to get free.

Henwood declared today the circumstances of his shooting Tony Van Puhl, the St. Louis balloonist, in the bar room of the Brown Hotel May 24 last, are identical with the circumstances of the killing of Charles Patterson. Henwood is confident he will be acquitted if he gets a second trial.

In the Henwood case Judge Whitford ruled that even if Henwood fired a few seconds after he was knocked down, the fact that Van Puhl was shot in the back indicated that he had turned away and therefore the killing was not in self defense.

**Shot Six Women But No Rabbit.** McLOUTH, Kan., Dec. 1.—While hunting rabbits on his farm, John Clemm accidentally shot in the legs six young women standing on the front porch of his home. A rabbit ran around the house and Clemm fired at it with a shotgun. He missed the rabbit, but the shot struck the women. All will recover.

## GRAHAM GIRL AND MR. STOKES

Millionaire Who Was Shot in the Leg Had Stenographer Write His Love Letters for Him.

## THREATENED TO SUICIDE

Girl Said She Would Take Poison on One Occasion When Stokes Had Refused Her Money.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—In spite of the fact that W. E. D. Stokes is suffering from acute indigestion as the result of over indulgence of the Thanksgiving dinner, the trial of Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad the two show girls accused of shooting him in the leg was resumed today. Stokes, it was said, will take the stand again as soon as he is able to be present in court.

Miss Marian Broth, Stokes' stenographer, was shown the clothes Stokes wore the night he was shot and asked if she thought Stokes could disguise himself in them.

"Why he wore those clothes often," she declared.

Although she said Stokes dictated most of his letters to Miss Graham, the stenographer was unable to identify some of the letters shown her.

Miss Agnes Haade, floor clerk of the Hotel Ansonia said that she warned Miss Graham from the hotel after Stokes had been married. She asked Miss Graham what she was doing there after she knew Stokes was married, telling her that she might cause trouble with his wife.

"Miss Graham said: 'What do I care for his—Denver red headed wife?'" Miss Haade described a scene in which the Graham girl threatened to take poison if Stokes did not give her money.

## PRESIDENT IS WOOL GATHERING

Believed to be Writing Special Message on That Section of Tariff Law.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Following a report of a split in the tariff board on the wool section, President Taft today summoned to the white house Henry C. Emery and Alvin H. Sanders, two members of the board and postponed the capital meeting to confer with them. It is believed the president asked for what information they had on hand and that from this he would begin the preparation of his special wool message without waiting for the board to report. It is predicted Taft will urge a big reduction in the wool tariff.

## THE WEATHER.

**Weather Forecast.** Keokuk and vicinity—Generally fair tonight and Saturday. Not much change in temperature.

**Wis.**—Generally fair tonight and Saturday, except unsettled weather in the north portion tonight. Not much change in temperature.

**Iowa.**—Generally fair tonight and Saturday. Somewhat colder in the north and central portions tonight.

## Weather Conditions.

The crest of the field of high pressure, which covers the territory west of the Mississippi valley, has moved to the gulf, causing decidedly cold weather in the southern states, and killing frosts as far south as northern Florida, while it is warmer from the Rockies to the Mississippi valley.

A depression passing north of the upper lakes is attended by cloudy weather and brisk winds in the lake region, but no precipitation.

Conditions indicate fair weather, with little change in temperature, for this section tonight and Saturday.

**Daily River Bulletin.**  
Stage, Height, Change, Weather

St. Paul	14	Frozen	Pl C
La Crosse	12	Frozen	Cldy
Dubuque	18	3.5 -1.0	Rain
Davenport	15	2.5 -0.1	Rain
Galland	8	1.8 -0.1	
Keokuk	15	3.0 -0.2	Cldy
St. Louis	30	8.1 -0.1	Cldy

**River Forecast.** The river will fall slowly from Davenport southward for the next forty-eight hours.

**Local Observations.** Nov. 30, 7 p. m., 33 degrees, clear. Dec. 1, 7 a. m., 34 degrees, cloudy. Mean temperature, Nov. 30, 28 degrees, highest 38, lowest 17, lowest last night 30.

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## MYSTERY IS IN THE AIR AGAIN

Every Day Seems to Bring Forth Some New Thing to Talk About in McNamara Trial.

## RUMORS OF BRIBERY

Defense Fund for Man on Trial is Said to be Taken to Get Franklin Out on Bail.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 1.—An additional air of mystery was thrown around the McNamara case today when District Attorney Fredericks was granted a continuance until this afternoon. He declared it was vitally necessary but declined to explain further.

Rumors were immediately spread that further important arrests would be made in connection with the bribery charges but they could not be confirmed.

Because of an allegation that money contributed to the McNamara defense fund was being diverted for bail for Bert H. Franklin, accused of trying to bribe a prospective McNamara juror, the attorneys interested are today considering issuing a formal statement concerning the matter.

Attorney Darrow declares there is no truth in the report that the cash bail put up for Franklin and the large fee paid to former Governor Gege came from money sent to him by the American Federation of Labor.

The district attorney's office is working hard on the Franklin case which comes up Monday. Samuel Browne who arrested Franklin, declared he would show that an attempt was made to bribe not only Lockwood but other men who were prospective jurors.

The twelfth day of the McNamara case reported today.

## MRS. PATTERSON WILL LEAVE DENVER

Goes Back to Girlhood Home Tonight, Never to Return to the West.

DENVER, Dec. 1.—Overwhelmed by the storm of criticism which has been raised since her acquittal on Wednesday, Mrs. Gertrude Gibson Patterson announced at noon that she would leave Denver tonight never to return. With her parents and sister she will go to Sandoval, Ill., the home of her girlhood to remain for several months.

When the wide spread denunciation of the verdict was first brought to her attention, Mrs. Patterson declared she would not run away from it but remain here. Her parents influenced her to leave.

## CHINESE DICKER ON PEACE QUESTION

Three Day Truce Granted in Order to Talk the Matter Over.

PEKIN, Dec. 1.—Premier Yuan Shi Kai has granted a three days truce to discuss proposed plans of peace with the rebels. If at the end of three days no definite agreement has been reached and there is still a reasonable possibility of a settlement, the truce will be extended fifteen days.

The Manchus appear more lenient in their plans since the capture of Purple Hill at Nankin by the rebel forces.

Gen. Li in command of the rebel forces has not yet accepted the terms of the armistice. If he does the leaders will meet at Shanghai to consider the settlement outlined by the premier.

## Post is a Rainmaker.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—Charles W. Post, of Battle Creek, Mich., says he has demonstrated repeatedly on his 24,000 acre farm in Texas that rain can be produced by explosions of dynamite. "Proceeding on the theory that after a battle it rains," said Post, "we made a battle last spring to benefit suffering crops, and brought rain almost at once."

## CITY NEWS.

It is probable that the case of the city against George G. Leighton, a resident of South Sixteenth street, for harboring a female dog without pay license and the same being a nuisance, will be dismissed. The owner of the animal found it dead in his yard yesterday.

## THIN ICE BRINGS DEATH TO TWO

Anna and Isabelle Dorsey of Carthage Drowned This Morning While Skating on Pond in the Johnson Pasture.

## RECOVER THE BODIES

Skating Party of Eight Had Left the City Early in the Forenoon for a Pleasure Party on the Ice.

[Special to The Gate City.]

CARTHAGE, Ill., Dec. 1.—Anna and Isabelle Dorsey, aged 14 and 8 years respectively, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Dorsey, drowned this morning while skating with a party of other children. The skating party was composed of young school children ranging in ages from eight to fourteen years and left Carthage about nine o'clock this morning to go to a pond in the Johnson pasture, about a mile east of the Moss Ridge cemetery. While skating the ice broke and precipitated the young people into the water, all of them escaping except the Dorsey children, who got under the ice and were unable to free themselves. The bodies were recovered and brought into the city and prepared for burial. Two young boys very narrowly escaped. There are four children in the Dorsey family.

Chicago Beer Goes Higher. CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 1.—For the second time within sixty days the price of beer has been raised. Beer that Oct. 1 sold for \$4 a barrel, sells for \$4.50. All grades of the malt product are similarly affected.

## Garner for Congress.

QUINCY, Ill., Dec. 1.—The republicans are urging John Frank Garner, mayor of Quincy to seek the nomination as congressman from the Fifteenth Illinois district.

## GOUGE OUT EYES OF THE ENEMY

Italian Charge Against Turks and Arabs Reveals Savage Barbarities Practiced on Soldiers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Stories of alleged barbarities practiced by Arabs and Turks are contained in dispatches received at the Italian embassy here. In a dispatch received from Rome the Italian minister of foreign affairs describes alleged atrocities practiced on the Italian wounded, which include crucifixion and burial alive.

Women, it is said, take part in the perpetration of these cruelties.

The dispatch, which is signed by Signor San Gulliano, minister of foreign affairs, is in part as follows:

"Near the Mosque of Hanl, where the medical post of the Twenty-seventh battalion of Bersaglieri had been located, and in its vicinity, twenty-eight bodies of our soldiers were found."

"They were horribly mutilated, crucified, with their throats cut open, impaled, torn to pieces, and dismembered. Among them there was the body of a surgeon lieutenant."

In the Arab cemetery, near the place where the fourth company of Bersaglieri was located, seven bodies were discovered. They had been interred alive, with the heads out of the earth. The body of one of these shows that he had been terribly tortured."

The dispatch also confirms the withdrawal of the Italian troops from Henni. This, it is said, was necessary because the Turks had polluted the wells.

## SOME WERE CRUCIFIED

Buried Alive in the Ground With Heads Sticking Out and Eye Lids Sewn Together.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—The survivors of the Army of the Frontier will celebrate the 49th anniversary of the battle of Prairie Grove, in this city, Thursday evening, December 8, with a six o'clock dinner at Dempsey's Cafe, closing with a social good time in a hall close by. It is earnestly desired that every survivor of that historic event, that was preceded by a forced march of 125 miles in less than four days, unparalleled in the history of the war, be present. Those who anticipate coming are requested to notify J. W. Morton of the committee at once. Those who cannot come are asked to write a short sketch of their experience in the historic event. On the committee are Capt. J. T. Gray and J. W. Morton.

## PRAIRIE GROVE SURVIVORS TO MEET

Veterans Will Gather at Washington, Iowa, Thursday to Recall Experiences.

## LITTLE BOYS KILLED BY AUTO

Were Helping Father With Wheelbarrow Full of Wood for Thanksgiving Fireplace.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 1.—Walking beside his father and helping him trundle a barrow loaded with wood for a Thanksgiving fireplace, Harry Rouff, aged 12 and his brother, John, 7, were struck and killed by an automobile on the Charles river esplanade. The father, John Rouff, was injured.

The driver of the truck is held in \$5,000 bail on a charge of manslaughter. The esplanade was dimly lighted and the accident is said to have been due to that fact.

## STAVE USED ON MINISTER

After Good Old-Fashioned Boyhood Days Spanking a Bucket of Tar Was Spilled Over Him.

## HE HAD AN AFFINITY

Sunday School Teacher and Church Organist Was Friendly With the Married Preacher.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 1.—New Mexico has been stirred by the alleged administering of a sound whipping followed by a liberal application of tar, to the Rev. Henry S. Wannamaker, founder of the town of Amistad, Union county, and promoter of two railroads in the new state.

The reported chastisement of the minister, citizen and promoter occurred a few nights ago. Wannamaker was accused of being friendly with Mrs. Mary Fulton, music teacher, Sunday school teacher and church organist.

It is said the attack on Wannamaker followed the discovery recently made by his wife, who told prominent men of the community and asked aid in putting a stop to the intrigue.

Immediately a vigilance committee was formed, the home of the widow was carefully watched and on last Sunday night Wannamaker was seen to enter it about midnight. The vigilantes broke into the house.

Wannamaker, it is said, was subdued at the point of a revolver, hauled out of the house, spanked with a barrel stave and a bucket of tar poured over him. The widow was not molested, but it is said that unless she leaves the community at once the women of Amistad will conduct a tarring party on their own account.

The entire community is in sympathy with Wannamaker's wife, who is a cultured woman of the east and mother of several children. The authorities have taken no action.

## WHO HAS CONTROL OF THE RIVERS

Government Has No Control Over Water Power Rights in Any Stream Whatever.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Rome C. Brown of Minneapolis, counsel for water power interests in Minnesota, Illinois and elsewhere, told the Inland Waterway commission that the powers of the federal government with regard to streams is restricted only to control over navigable streams.

All the other power, he declared, had passed to the states, which, in turn, in some cases, had passed these powers to riparian owners. The federal government, he said, had no control over water power rights in navigable and non-navigable streams.

## MRS. PATTERSON IS SET FREE

Woman Who Shot Her Husband to Death is Acquitted by the Jury.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 1.—Gertrude Gibson Patterson, accused of the murder of her husband, Charles A. Patterson, whom she shot to death while the couple were walking together in a suburb, September 25, was declared not guilty by a jury in the District Court.

The verdict was announced at 2:34 in the afternoon, more than two hours after the jury had agreed, the long wait, carrying with it an agony of suspense for the woman, resulting from the absence of Judge Allen, who was attending the funeral of his colleague, Judge Carlton M. Bliss.

As the clerk finished reading the verdict, Mrs. Patterson sprang to her feet and caught the outstretched hand of her attorney. From outside the courtroom rose a great roar of cheers, inside the crowd was quiet and orderly.

## CITY NEWS.

Anticipating a special freight rate hearing in Keokuk, John DeWitt, agent for the Industrial Association, will immediately begin to collect evidence to be submitted before the interstate commerce commission on behalf of Keokuk shippers.

The district court reconvened this afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Judge W. S. Hamilton presiding. The first case to be taken up is that of David L. Conklin vs. Maggie L. Conklin, involving difficulties over the settling of an estate.

—Lon Booz, who believed in living up to all that his name implied, became very much boozed on Thanksgiving day and was arrested. The man with the "liquorish" sounding name was sentenced to thirty days in jail this morning. John Mitchell, not related to the president of the Coal Miner's union, was also given a like sentence for the same offense, celebrating the day of thanks with too much intoxicants.

## HOUSE BLEW UP AFTER DINNER

Thanksgiving Day Feast Had Just Been Completed When the Explosion Scattered Destruction.

## TWO KILLED OUTRIGHT

All Others in the House Were Injured When Acetylene Gas Generator Went to Pieces.

MATTOON, Ill., Dec. 1.—The beautiful country home of J. M. Hinton, one of the wealthiest farmers in the Mattoon section of Illinois, was wrecked and every one in the house killed or injured yesterday afternoon by the explosion of an acetylene gas generator which furnished illumination gas for the residence and buildings on the Hinton farm.

The dead are: MRS. RACHEL GEARHART, 70 years old, Hinton's aunt.

EVELYN HINTON, his 6 year old daughter.

The injured are: Mrs. J. M. Hinton, probably fatally injured; Bernadine Hinton, 18; Cecil Hinton, 14, and Genevieve Hinton, 10, all bruised and burned.

Miss Bernadine Hinton's left knee was fractured in addition to her other injuries.

The accident occurred shortly after the family had finished their Thanksgiving dinner, and Hinton had taken his gun and gone into the woods to hunt. He heard the explosion, and hastened back to find his home a wreck and his family buried in the ruins, which had taken fire.

Neighbors responded from a great distance when they heard the explosion, and extinguished the flames, which did not gain much headway. They also removed the dead and injured from the ruins.

The Hinton home is eight miles northwest of Mattoon, and Drs. Edward Summers, Albert Summers, W. J. Carter and O. W. Ferguson hurried out in two ambulances in response to a telephone call. After temporary treatment had been given the sufferers were brought to Mattoon and placed in Memorial hospital. Mrs. Hinton is so seriously injured the physicians do not expect her to survive.

The explosion is explained by the fact that the top of the gas generator had been left off and the gas escaped through the house in large quantities and probably was ignited by the fire in the furnace.

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## HIS OWN VIEW OF ADMINISTRATION

President Taft Gives to the World His Views in an Authorized Interview for Eastern Magazine.

## UP TO THE PEOPLE

If They Do Not Desire Him as President for Another Term, Says He Can Retire and Be Happy.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—President Taft has given to the world his own view of his administration. It is presented through an authorized interview by Francis E. Lupp, former commissioner of Indian affairs and will be published in The Outlook December 2.

Briefly summarized, the president admits that, with his present knowledge, he would not again proclaim the Payne tariff act "the best ever passed," as he did in his celebrated Winona speech. At the same time he declares that the act still contains less to be criticized than its predecessors, maintaining that, on the whole, it did revise the existing schedule downward.

In defending his vetoes at the last session the president characterizes the legislation sent him as so crude and ill-digested that its authors must have known he could not approve it.

The president's chief objection to a needlessly high tariff is that it nourishes monopoly. He defends the makeup of his tariff board, which he says is doing a most useful work, elaborates upon the admittedly good points in the existing tariff, argues for an income tax, stoutly defends his judicial appointments and take the public into his confidence regarding the "unfinished business" for the rest of his term.

The insurgents, Mr. Taft recounts, had altered his railroad bill seriously and would have nothing to do with the thirty-day rate agreement permit which Mr. Roosevelt had frequently recommended. The president accepted a half loaf as better than no bread. The postal savings bill got past the senate insurgents by a close shave, and the conservation bill was enacted.

The president gives a history of the corporation tax, of which he says, he is proud. He dwells upon the important measures before congress and, in conclusion, explains how it came about that troops were sent to the Mexican border during the recent rebellion.

Here are some utterances by Taft in the interview:

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