

MAY CANCEL RUSSIAN TREATY

PRESIDENT LIKELY TO SEND MESSAGE TO CONGRESS ON IT.

He is getting information in view of the refusal of Russia to recognize passports of Jewish citizens. Russia says we have some of her people.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—President Taft is gathering data on the alleged failure of Russia to recognize the passports of Jewish citizens of this country in accordance with the convention of 1892 between the two countries. Mr. Taft probably will send this information as the basis for a message to Congress on the subject. He has received a memorandum from the State Department outlining the diplomatic and historical phases of the question. In addition he has had personal conferences with prominent Jews, among them Dr. Stephen S. Wise, rabbi of the Free Synagogue of New York, who had luncheon with Mr. Taft yesterday.

Most of the prominent Jews of the country are demanding the abrogation of the convention of 1892, and the terms of which they contend the Russian Government has failed to comply. While President Taft has the authority on his own responsibility to terminate this convention, there is a long line of precedents against such action. The usual method is for the President to lay the matter before Congress for indication of his views by resolution.

In the present case it is probable that the Jewish-Russian passport question will be brought to the attention of Congress shortly after the beginning of the coming session. The President is expected to refer to it either in his regular message or in a special communication devoted exclusively to the Jewish question. Many members of the Senate and the House will probably endeavor to bring the question before Congress.

Last session Representative Sulzer, chairman of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, introduced a resolution for the abrogation of the convention. Senator Culberson of Texas took similar action in the Senate. If Congress adopts a resolution of this character President Taft will carry out its wishes and instruct Secretary of State Knox officially to notify the Russian Government of the intention of the United States to denounce the treaty. The convention can be terminated by either contracting party on one year's notice.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 25.—The Russian Foreign Ministry believes it will be able to head off any action by the American Congress to instruct the United States Government to take action in regard to the passport restrictions against American Jews in this country. The Department of the Interior has ignored the American protest altogether, taking the attitude that the communications on this subject are not worth answering and refusing to engage in any controversy.

The State Department, however, desires to preserve courteous diplomatic relations and has notified the American Embassy that the United States by its own special immigration regulations has excluded Mongolians and Tatars, who form a large law abiding portion of the Russian population. It is therefore unable to raise any question about any race which Russia may choose to exclude for her own interests.

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Meanwhile the man was quietly walking to the door. Father Sheehan got there ahead of him and asked for the purse. Father Sheehan is a slight man and the intruder was more than six feet tall and muscular.

"Purse, say what?" "I don't know what you mean," said the man. "No, you don't," said the two young women, placing themselves in the doorway.

Others from the pews in the basement and from the church above joined them and brought Dan Kinnally, the sexton, who was not much for his size, and a policeman. "Well, see that he don't get away," ordered half a dozen of the young women. They formed a circle about the priest, who was dressed in the white habit of a Dominican friar and started up Lexington avenue for the East Sixty-seventh street police station. Detectives White and Ryan had already started out in response to a telephone message from the Dominican priory and after they had searched their way through a circle of young women arrested the man.

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TWO SCHOONERS GO DOWN.

Hannah E. Carleton and Joseph G. Ray to the Bottom—Crews Saved.

CHATHAM, Mass., Nov. 25.—The two masted schooner Hannah E. Carleton of Bangor, Me., loaded with coal for Cashe Island, headed early last night one mile and a half northwest of the Handkerchief Shoal lightship. Capt. Brown and his crew of four men reached the lightship about midnight. To-day the revenue cutter Vigilant towed the men at Vineyard Haven.

The schooner blew off Cape Cod last night and when the masts of the sunken vessel were sighted by the life savers at Vineyard Point it was feared that all hands had lost their lives because of the heavy sea.

At 10 o'clock yesterday morning the four masted schooner Joseph G. Ray, Capt. Benjamin, from Port Tampa for Baltimore, with phosphate rock, lies on Cape Charles Middle Ground about a mile and a half from the shore. The schooner is likely to prove a total loss. The crew and crew of nine were taken off by the cutter Vigilant, which was blown off the great gale blowing by the tug DeWitt, which landed them here to-day. The cutter previously tried to float the Ray.

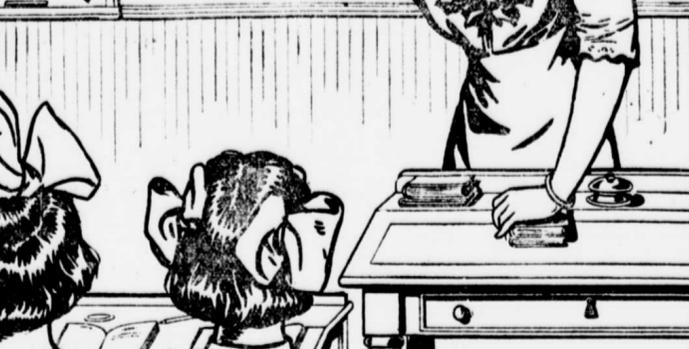
Witnesses will make another attempt, as the vessel is comparatively new and very valuable. The stranding is attributed to the removal of Tally Ho, the Hudson, she being in a narrow channel and was struck by Capt. Ditchborn, who went on the vessel at 6 o'clock yesterday morning.

"How many know" Says Phoebe Snow "The Shortest Route To Buffalo?" "May I recite?" Says Tommy White "I know—The Road of Anthracite."

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Lackawanna Railroad



FOUGHT FOR 36 HOURS.

Chinese Rebels and Imperialists Have Intensive Battle at Hankow.

Shanghai, Nov. 25.—A battle between the imperialists and revolutionists, who have been watching each other at Hankow for many days, has been fought, but with no decisive result. The fight was waged continuously for thirty-six hours and there were many desperate encounters.

According to the latest advices from up the river received here, firing was still going on this morning.

The revolutionary leader sent a telegram to his friends here in which he announced a great victory for the rebel cause. He said that the shells from the cruisers whose crews recently deserted and turned the vessels over to the Chinese people's cause, had done great execution in the Manchurians.

The shells also fired the extensive tanks of the Standard Oil Company on the edge of the city, causing a brilliant conflagration which burned unchecked throughout the night. Tank after tank blew up, until practically the whole plant was destroyed.

The revolutionists have occupied the river forts at Hankow. They met with no opposition. The gates of Hankow have been closed since this morning. The Japanese Consul is the only foreign representative inside the gates. Telephone communication with Hsia-kwan, near Hankow, has been cut.

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JEWELS MRS. YERKES WORE

COURT ASKED TO SAY THAT SHE HAD ENOUGH

And That New Ones She Bought Should Not Be Charged as New to Her Husband's Estate—\$300,000 Hope of Perils and a \$15,000 Ruby.

The value of the jewels owned by the late Mrs. Mary Adelaide Yerkes, widow of Charles T. Yerkes, was the subject of testimony filed in the Supreme Court yesterday. Shortly before her death Mrs. Yerkes began suit against Louis S. Owsley, executor of her husband's estate, to compel the estate to pay \$6,963 for miscellaneous jewelry purchased at Tiffany's in 1904, \$5,200 for adding two rows to Mrs. Yerkes's diamond collar at another date, and \$275 for a diamond brooch. Mrs. Yerkes said that the jewels had been ordered by her husband, but that they had been charged to her own account.

The suit has been revived by the executors of Mrs. Yerkes's will, and in answer to the suit Mr. Owsley contends that the estate cannot be held for the jewels, because they were not necessary inasmuch as Mrs. Yerkes had more jewelry than she needed when she bought those upon which the suit is based.

To prove his contentions Mr. Owsley got an order to examine his brother Frederick, himself, and Charles Sims, one of the executors of Mrs. Yerkes's will, who now has possession of her jewels. Frederick Owsley testified that he saw Mrs. Yerkes in Cairo, Egypt, on one occasion, when she was wearing the hand-somest pearl necklace he ever saw, a magnificent pearl collar and a pair of pearls that hung below her waist. She had one diamond she called the Duke of Brunswick, which had been exhibited at the World's Fair in Chicago and was purchased for her by her husband at that time. Mr. Owsley said that Mrs. Yerkes stated then that one jeweler in New York had offered to credit her with \$20,000 for the purchase of pearls. Owsley said that he was a good judge of pearls and that Mrs. Yerkes had one pigeon blood ruby ring that was worth \$5,000. The executor of her jewelry outfit said that Mrs. Yerkes had her death from \$150,000 to \$200,000.

INVITED CAPTAIN TO RAID.

Boettler Taken Along to See Williamsburg Poolroom Broken Into.

A raiding party headed by Detective James White of the Central Office squad in Manhattan and Lieut. Becker, and all armed with axes and crowbars, swooped down on Teutonia Hall at Harrison avenue and Bartlett street, Williamsburg, late yesterday afternoon and found a poolroom and a crap game in full swing.

The raid was made over the head of Capt. William H. Boettler of the Clymer street police station, in whose precinct the hall is located, but the automobile containing the raiders stopped at the station house and took along the captain. On Friday the same raiders invaded the Carlton Hotel, in the same precinct, and, as alleged, found a crap game going on and made six arrests on warrants.

The raiders at Teutonia Hall entered it on the Bartlett street side and soon had the doors down. On the second floor in one room the results of the Norfolk races were being received and in an adjoining room a crap game had been going on. There were about 100 men in the place. Only two arrests were made. They were Frank Broushard, 37 years old, of 21 Emma street, L. I., and Thomas Jones, 35, of 960 Lorimer street. Magistrate Kemper had issued warrants for both. Broushard being charged with conducting a game of chance and the other with carrying on a poolroom and bookmaking. A large amount of paraphernalia was seized, including racing sheets and klondike boards.

Broushard and Jones were held at the Clymer street police station. All the other men in the hall were let go.

FIGHT OVER \$5,000,000 ESTATE.

Sons Fall to Have Sister Removed as One of the Executors.

Surrogate Ketchum in Brooklyn yesterday denied the motion of three executors of the will of Claus Doscher, Henry Doscher, John Doscher and Charles Doscher, to remove their sister, Mrs. Doscher Engel, as an executrix. Mrs. Doscher, a retired sugar refiner, died in July, 1910, leaving an estate valued at \$5,000,000. His will gave his estate to his sons and his three daughters, Mrs. Gesine Engel, Mrs. Caroline Candicus and Mrs. Matilda C. Behre, in equal shares. In September last the three sons brought suit to have Mrs. Engel removed as executrix. They asserted that she had retained other lawyers than the lawyer obtained by them and that she would not agree to things that they wanted to do. The trial before Judge Ketchum occupied two weeks.

FATALY STRICKEN IN THE STREET.

YONKER, Nov. 25.—Benjamin F. Barnes formerly employed in the Chemical National Bank in New York, died of apoplexy in the street near his home here this afternoon. He lived at 27 Union place. He was 51 years old and had been connected with the Chemical National Bank ever since his boyhood. In his younger days he was well known as an oarsman. He is survived by his wife and four children.

BABY DEAD AND MOTHER DYING OF BURNS.

WHITE PLAINS, Nov. 25.—Mrs. Vincenzo Rituzzo used kerosene to light a fire to-night in her home at 31 North street. The gas exploded and the woman and her five-year-old daughter Marie were showered with burning oil. The child died in the hospital and the mother is fatally burned.

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OTHER OFFICERS OF FEDERATION WIN WITH HIM—MITCHELL AND LEWIS CLASH. ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 25.—With the reelection of President Samuel Gompers and all the other officers and the selection of Rochester, N. Y., as the meeting place in 1912 the American Federation of Labor concluded to-night the two weeks session of the thirty-first convention.

Other officers did not come and they were closed without opposition. One of the most important actions taken by the convention on the closing day was to order the building trades department to reinstate the 200,000 carpenters belonging to the carpenters union who were suspended last year because of some differences between their organization and the department. The convention also instructed the department to merge the steamfitters and the plumbers. The federation declared this country is not large enough for two organizations of the same craft and the president was instructed to carry out this principle.

John Mitchell and T. L. Lewis, former presidents of the United Mine Workers, clashed in the convention this afternoon and a personal feud was narrowly averted. Lewis started the trouble by asserting that Mitchell's charges that the last convention of the miners was "packed" were baseless. Advancing on Lewis, Mitchell said: "I wish to say to Delegate Lewis, and I make my remarks personal, that if he intends to intimate that I told a falsehood when I made no charge, I will still a personal matter and I will stand by it. The Columbus convention was packed and I have proof."

Delegate interposed and prevented the men from coming together. It is rumored to-night that the mine workers intend to withdraw from the federation. ROLLER SQUAD INQUIRY. Three Patrolmen Transferred and Two of Them Suspended. Douglas I. McKay, First Deputy Police Commissioner and at present acting Commissioner in the absence of Commissioner Waldo, made an investigation yesterday upon some matters pertaining to the boiler squad. Afterward Policeman Graham of the squad was transferred to the Butler street station in Brooklyn and was suspended. Policeman Fitzpatrick was suspended and Policeman Lynch was transferred to Tottenville.

The squad numbers something like a score of men under command of Lieut. Henry Green. No association meeting was made of the nature of the matters under investigation. Commercial Use of Strikes. The suit brought by A. L. Morse and Son to restrain the Mason Builders Association from calling a strike of the bricklayers on the plaintiffs' building in course of construction in West Seventy-first street because a corporation to which the plaintiff sold property is in debt to a member of the Mason Builders Association was settled yesterday upon receipt by the plaintiffs of a letter from the defendant association reciting that it had approved the steps to call a strike without sufficient knowledge of the facts. The bricklayers' unions and their various delegates have been directed to take no further action regarding a strike.

ART SALES AND EXHIBITIONS. AT THE Old Galleries 10 LIBERTY ST. near NASSAU. AUGUSTUS W. CLAIRKE, Auctioneer. CREDITOR'S AUCTION SALE of 1,000 Oriental Rugs by order of GEORGE A. MOULTON, Attorney TO-MORROW (MONDAY) AND FOLLOWING DAYS At 11 A.M. and 2 P.M. SALE ABSOLUTE. This will be conducted by Mr. George H. Weirer.

TWO BOMB EXPLOSIONS. Crashes Visit a Grocer and a Butcher—None Hurt. Two bomb outrages yesterday enlivened the sections of the city in which they occurred. No one suffered any bodily harm and in each case the bomb planters escaped. One bomb, placed in an ashcan in the hallway of the five story tenement at 333 East Eleventh street, exploded at 3:30 o'clock last night, tearing down considerable plaster and breaking much glass. No one was hurt and the damage was not over \$200.

Angelo Mazza runs a grocery store in half of the street floor of the building. The windows of his store were blown out and the interior ruffled up a bit. "I was not in the store," he said, "but I had been threatened, but a bomb was found in the same hallway about six months ago and was confiscated by the police before it had a chance to explode."

There was an explosion last night in the doorway at 1203 First avenue, a four story tenement, the ground floor of which is occupied by Samuel Brenawasser, who has a butcher shop there. The door was blown from its hinges and plaster was loosened from the walls and ceiling. Brenawasser's supper dishes, which were still on the table, were broken. There was a similar explosion outside his shop a few months ago and the one last night aroused only a passing interest in the neighborhood. The police are inclined to think it was a big breacher and that his neighbors are hinting to Samuel to move.

EDISON WOULD REFUSE. Said That He Would Not Take Nobel Prize Since He Does Not Need It. Edward H. Johnson, who has been with Thomas A. Edison for forty-one years and represented the inventor last night at a banquet of the Capt. John Ericsson Memorial Society of Swedish Engineers, at the Engineers Club, told the guests at the dinner that if the Nobel prize of \$100,000 was offered Mr. Edison, as report says it may be, he would not accept it. Mr. Edison would decline, the speaker said on the ground that Nobel's idea was that the prize should be given to someone who did not have the financial resources to carry on his inventive work. There were about seventy-five present at the banquet and other speakers heard were C. G. de Laval, president of the Memorial Society of Swedish Engineers; Col. William Church, Col. E. D. Meier, president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; Capt. A. P. Lundin and Gust Pers Wern.