

MONTENEGRINS FIRST IN LONDON

Delegates Arrive for Peace Conference, to Begin on Saturday.

MUCH SERIOUS TALK

Servian Official Quoted as Predicting Improbable Breach With Austria.

PREPARATIONS ARE NOTED

Report Says Serbs Are Fortifying Durazzo, the Adriatic Seaport.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Montenegrin representatives who will take part in the Balkan peace negotiations which will begin here on Saturday arrived to-day.

The views of the diplomatists of the Powers on the situation varied considerably to-day. There was talk in certain quarters which seemed to indicate that general European peace was all but assured.

Later the report was current that this ambassadorial conference would not be held until next week. The nature of the conference, as stated by the foreign secretary, is "an informal and non-committal consultation, which is of course an indication that the European Powers are not yet sure that a solution of all the difficulties is in sight."

A report from Vienna to-night states that there was a special council to-day of the Austro-Hungarian Ministry, headed about with the utmost secrecy. Emperor Francis Joseph presided in person.

Mr. Novakovich, former Servian Premier and one of the representatives of his country at the conference, is quoted as having said in interviews at Vienna and later at Paris on his way to London.

"A maritime outlet is indispensable to the vitality and future of Servia. As to a treaty of commerce, Servia, which already has one with Austria, which has still several years to run, desires nothing better than a new treaty which will accord the most favored nation treatment to Austria and assure Servia of reciprocal advantages which she does not enjoy under the existing regime."

The Austrian Minister at Belgrade, according to despatches from Prague, was preparing to present a caustic note to Servia in which his Government inquires how Servia expects to bring her policy in line with that of Austria.

Further testimony on the Austro-Servian situation came in the shape of a despatch from Antivari, Montenegro, by way of Vienna, stating that the Servian troops occupying Durazzo were fortifying the town, thus seemingly indicating an intention to hold the town permanently in defiance of Austria.

Rome advises decline on "semi-official" authority that Italy and Austria-Hungary have reached an agreement by which it is hoped that Servian ambitions for an Adriatic port will be forestalled. The ambassadors of these two countries are expected to press a vigorous demand that all of Albania be declared neutral territory.

400 MIDDIES IN DISGRACE

Backed Their Football Team Like True Sports Against Special Order.

ANNAPOLIS, Dec. 11.—Because they disregarded the warning of Supt. Gibbons and violated naval and Academy regulations by betting on the Army-Navy football game at Philadelphia more than 400 midshipmen, more than half the number in the academy, will be punished in some manner to be decided by Capt. Gibbons.

The superintendent warned the midshipmen in an order issued some time before the game that they must abstain from betting and told the members of the first class personally that they must try to suppress the practice.

The facts were laid bare when after a careful investigation by board officials for the purpose the full list of those who contributed to the pool, with the amount put in by each, was discovered. This showed that the betting and that over \$2,000 was raised and placed against a like sum raised by the military cadets.

BENJAMIN GUGGENHEIM'S WILL. Titanic Victim Left Estate of \$27,840 in England.

LONDON PUTUMAYO HEARING.

Sir Roger Casement Makes Recommendation to Prevent Atrocities. Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. LONDON, Dec. 11.—At to-day's session of the commission which is investigating the Putumayo outrages Sir Roger Casement, the British Consul-General at Rio Janeiro, whose report on conditions in the Peruvian rubber fields stirred the nation some six months ago, Amazon company at which J. C. Arana, the moving spirit in the company, promised to dismiss the manager at Iquitos who was charged with responsibility for most of the outrages.

Sir Roger exhibited photographs of various persons who had been ill treated, the particulars of which have already been printed, and added that the Indians employed in the rubber district did not have human rights, not to speak of civil ones. "Assassination is not looked upon as an assassination at Putumayo," said Sir Roger.

Sir Roger suggested that all new companies formed in Great Britain for work in the rubber districts should be compelled to file a schedule of the labor conditions at Somerset House.

AVIATOR ASTLEY'S WILL FILED.

Leaves Entire Estate, \$328,005, to His Widow, an American.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. LONDON, Dec. 11.—The will of Henry J. Delavay Astley, the aviator who was killed at Belfast on September 21, showed when filed to-day that he left an estate valued at \$328,005. All of this goes to his widow, who was formerly Miss May Kinder, an American musical comedy actress, except \$20,000, which is bequeathed to relatives of the testator.

Mr. Astley was but 24 years of age when he was killed, took up aviation as a pastime. He was the eldest son of Lady Florence Heathcote-Drummond-Wiloughby, who was the third daughter of the Marquis of Conyngham.

Mr. Astley had been doing considerable flying in his leisure moments when he suddenly loomed up in the public eye through sensational flights with Miss Trehawke Davies as a passenger.

On August 28, about three weeks before his death, he flew from London to Paris with Miss Davies as a passenger. He made the journey in a leisurely manner, but reached Paris in nine hours.

Mr. Astley married Miss Kinder in 1909 when he was 21 years of age.

SAY BOTH SIDES PADDED REPORTS OF CUBA ELECTION

Zayistas Procuring Annulments of Menocal's Victory in Many Districts.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. HAVANA, Dec. 11.—The followers of Vice-President Zayas, the unsuccessful Liberal candidate for the Presidency at the recent national election, have evolved a startling scheme by which they hope to annul the result at the polls.

While the Zayistas are ostensibly relying on their appeal to the Supreme Court, resulting in a declaration that the Crowder electoral law, which was adopted under the administration of Gov. Magoon, is unconstitutional, they are really going ahead and procuring court decisions to the effect that the elections in this or that town or ward were fraudulent and the leaders declare that before the date of the inauguration of President-elect Menocal, May 20, they will have enough local elections adjudged illegal to support the contention that the entire election was invalid.

The fact is that a registration of 600,000 in a population of 2,200,000 showed plainly that the lists were padded. While it is notorious that a great many men voted four or five times, the Zayistas probably repeated more frequently than the Conservatives, so that if there had been a fair election the result would have been the same.

SUFFRAGETTE GETS 2 MONTHS.

London Woman Who Turned in False Fire Alarm Sentenced.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Elsie Howey, the suffragette who was arrested last night for turning in a false fire alarm, was sentenced to-day to two months imprisonment, this being the maximum sentence in such a case. The firemen of London were kept on the jump all day yesterday answering suffragette alarms, but Elsie Howey was the only woman arrested.

The woman told the magistrate that the only way in which the Government could stop the women was to give them the vote.

That the suffragette attack on the fire alarms was a concerted one is indicated by the fact that in Manchester, Birmingham and other cities similar outrages were committed.

FLASHES FROM THE CABLE.

COLOGNE—Richard Beckman is building a hydroaeroplane of extraordinary size in which, he says, he will cross the Atlantic in forty-eight hours, sailing from the Azores and landing at Halifax.

VERSAILLES—The body of a young woman found murdered in the forest of Fontainebleau was identified as that of Gabrielle Eude, daughter of a retired Surgeon-General. Mile Eude disappeared two months ago while supposedly on a visit to relatives at St. Quentin.

BELFAST—The White Star Line new triple screw steamer Ceramic of 12,000 tons was launched here. The Ceramic will be the largest vessel of the New Zealand service of the White Star Line and is expected to be completed early next spring.

AMOY—The United States Minister to China, William J. Calhoun, with Mrs. Calhoun and friends, arrived here on the cruiser Itasca.

TIFFANY & CO. DIAMOND JEWELRY

THREE DAYS OF ROUART SALE REALIZE \$950,000

One Ancient, Bought for Dublin Galleries, Quadruples in Value.

BOSTON GETS A PRUD'HON

Sons of Paris Collector Purchase Several Good Canvases of Collection.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. PARIS, Dec. 11.—The ancient pictures from the collection of the late Henri Rouart, seventy-seven lots in all, were disposed of yesterday. The sum of \$149,883 was realized, making the total amount brought by the ancient and modern pictures in the collection nearly \$650,000.

Chardons, Fragonards, Prud'hons and Greco's were more liberally displayed than the canvases of other masters and generally brought the high prices.

The best price for a single picture, however, was paid for "The Spanish Woman," by Goya y Lucientes. The canvas was bought for the Rouart sale for four times the sum at which it was valued, for the Dublin Municipal Art Gallery. The purchaser was Sir Hugh Lane, the director of the gallery, who yesterday obtained a Degas, "On the Beach," for \$1,600.

The picture shows a woman three-quarters to the left, her black hair tumbling about her forehead, the bust draped in a gray shawl, the throat slightly uncovered. From the ears flash large gold rings.

An interesting feature of the sale was the buying of Prud'hon's "Abundance" by Jules Guiffrey, president of the Society of the History of French Art, who was acting for the Boston museum. This is the first canvas bought at the Rouart sale for any American gallery, with the possible exception of the Degas which Director Durand-Ruel bought yesterday for Mrs. E. C. Havemeyer, as it was rumored.

The picture, for which M. Guiffrey paid \$5,400, \$1,000 more than the valuation price, depicts a young woman standing, in décolleté, wearing a mauve gown, and pouring out in front of a young woman in a gray gown who is looking at the other the contents of a horn of plenty.

The four sons of Henri Rouart were more successful in their bidding to-day, securing five valuable canvases from the collection. Notably they got Fragonard's "Landscape" for \$14,000, thus paying \$8,000 more than the valuation price. Their other purchases were Greco's "Saint Francis of Assisi in Prayer," at \$84, valuation \$200; Van Eyck's "Navigation," at \$90, and Netscher's "Portrait of a Woman."

Greco's picture, "An Apostle," wherefor M. Rouart once refused \$10,000, went yesterday for \$12,000, \$2,000 more than the valuation price.

Fragonard's "Rest During the Flight Into Egypt" brought \$5,000, more than twice the sum at which it was valued. Granet's "The Lesson" also brought a fair price, going for \$12,000, valuation \$10,000.

Herr Chailavia, the Berlin collector, was a generous bidder, and secured four pictures. His most important acquisition was Chardin's "Musical Instruments," for which he paid \$8,200. The picture shows resting on a red tablecloth a viola partly covered by the leaves of a music book, a flute and a violin, beside which lies the bow.

He secured also Prud'hon's "Portrait of the Princess Elisa Baciocchi," for which he paid \$6,000. The Princess is shown in a grey décolleté gown. Only her head and chest are visible. Her hair is bound with a ribbon.

The list of other pictures sold, with the painters, the price paid and the price at which the pictures were valued, follows, in each case the buyer paying an extra 10 per cent. for costs:

- "Manners in the Presence of a Turkish Lady," Dandré Bardon, \$180.
"The Apparition of the Virgin," Greco, \$7,100, valuation \$4,000.
"Saint Francis of Assisi," Greco, \$620, \$1,000.
"The Convalescent," Jaurat, \$2,068, \$200.
"The Blind Sculptor," Ribera, \$2,200.
"The Garden of the Infant," Robert, \$6,400.
"The Infancy of Bacchus," \$5,400, \$4,000.
"Portrait of a Man," Leherlier, \$1,060, \$700.

Beginning next week Monday and lasting through Wednesday the remainder of the collection, consisting of pastels and drawings, will be offered for sale.

GREEK STEAMER WRECKED?

Planks Washed Ashore on the Scilly Isles.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. LONDON, Dec. 11.—Quantities of wreckage which have been washed ashore on the Scilly Isles on the southwest coast of England give rise to the belief that the Greek steamship Antonios has been lost with all on board. Planks have been found marked Greta Holme, the former name of the Antonios.

The steamship hailed from the Hungarian port of Flume and according to the latest advice left Aiders December 2, bound for Liverpool.

Colorado Railroad Declares Dividend. Directors of the Colorado and Southern Railroad yesterday declared a dividend of 1 per cent. on the common stock. Since 1907 the company has been paying 2 per cent. per annum.

BOOKS, DOG AND PIPE ENOUGH.

Mrs. Colby Doesn't Think So and Accuses Husband of Desertion.

Charles R. Colby, president of the Seaboard Securities Company at 20 New Street, was directed yesterday by Supreme Court Justice Page to pay \$15 a week alimony to Mrs. Corine W. Colby, who is suing for separation. Mrs. Colby alleges desertion and cruel treatment. She says that Colby had a wife when he married her. She says he promised to provide her with luxuries, but failed to do so. A number of his letters to her were submitted, in one of which he wrote: "With my books, my dog and my pipe I can pass the time away about as I please."

STAGE SOCIETY'S WORK CALLED PHILANTHROPY

Bourke Cockran Argues Its Sunday Plays Are Really Private Affairs.

Supreme Court Justice Page appeared before the Stage Society of New York and asked the court to continue an injunction restraining Police Commissioner Waldo from interfering with the production on Sunday nights of plays staged by the society for the purpose of bringing out the work of unknown playwrights.

Commissioner Waldo stopped plays which were to be produced last Sunday night at the Lyceum Theatre and the society got a temporary injunction, but the management of the theatre refused to permit it to be used.

Mr. Cockran, who was accompanied to court by Mrs. Cockran and Miss Constance Collier, secretary of the Stage Society, and other members of the organization, pointed out that the society charges no admission and produces plays only for its members. He declared that the stage society is doing a philanthropic work of the highest order.

Mr. Cockran told the court that managers are slow to take chances on an uncertain play because of the expense involved in a production. It was for this reason, he said, that the Stage Society of New York solicited the cooperation of influential persons as members to aid in bringing out plays that appear promising.

Justice Page determined the value of a play it is necessary to get an audience in some way. Mr. Cockran maintained, and while the plays might be produced in a private house it is better to give them in a theatre, where the conditions are such that the production will not suffer and there is better opportunity for judging them.

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In opposing the application Assistant Corporation Counsel Hahlo contended that the Penal Code prohibits giving dramatic performances on Sunday nights for other than charitable purposes. He based on a decision by Justice O'Grady, now United States Senator, which, he said, refused an injunction under similar circumstances.

Justice Page reserved decision.

INSISTS JEWELS WERE FOUND.

"Daily Telegraph" Says Irish Crown Gems Are in London.

Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun. LONDON, Dec. 12.—The Dublin correspondent of the Daily Telegraph insists, in spite of the immediate contradiction of the story that public opinion there has swung around and that it is now believed that the crown jewels which were stolen some five years ago have been returned and are in official hands. They are not yet in Dublin, however, but are being kept in London.

The people of Dublin connect the departure of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland for London on Tuesday night and the departure of Ulster King at Arms last night (Wednesday) for the same place with the statement that the jewels are now in the hands of the Crown in London if they are not yet in Dublin.

Christmas Appeal

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SUPT. MAXWELL REPLIES TO MAYOR'S CRITICISM

Says Gaynor Was Wrong in One or Two Statements in School Budget. TELLS WHAT CUT MEANS

Power Over the Schools, He Says, Must Be Taken From the Politicians.

City Superintendent of Schools Maxwell at Cooper Union last night replied to Mayor Gaynor's statements accompanying the \$229,000 cut in the Board of Estimate budget. He said the Mayor was wrong in one or two statements, that the cut means the abandoning of classes like summer English classes for newly arrived foreigners.

The address, delivered in the regular school lecture course, was in part as follows: "The principle that the people's schools should have some stable revenue that cannot be interfered with through the whims or caprices of any Board of Estimate or any Board of Aldermen, or through any attempt to win popularity or to make political capital through foolish parsimony was firmly established in the law in the year 1900. I now tell you that if the schools are to progress the revenue by which they are supported must be increased to the measure of present needs and the power to curtail the activities of the schools must be removed from the

Board of Estimate, the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen. "Either the city authorities will be obliged to give us more money by borrowing during the year 1913 or else the Board of Education will be compelled, in order to live within its appropriation, to shorten the term of evening schools or to limit the summer activities or to discharge teachers. There is no other way of getting through."

He combated the Mayor's statement that there was a large balance at the end of the year, made up of salary accounts, and says that 1911 will be much less than \$100,000, which will be turned over to the fund for reducing taxation, and for this year not over \$200,000.

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