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FATE OF RUSSIA IS TREMBLING IN THE BALANCE; AUTOCRATS HAVE HOPES OF A SUDDEN REACTION

SUBMITTS PLAN TO REGULATE RATES

Idea of Minneapolis Man Is Being Considered by President Roosevelt.

Several of the Provisions Have Been Heartily Indorsed by Federal Officials.

Plans for the punishment and prevention of railroad rate abuses, including discriminations and exorbitant rates, will be the most closely followed feature of the present congress...

Provisions of the Plan.

Most of the provisions of the Traxler plan are entirely original, but some of them are in line with the more recent plans proposed by the interstate commission...

Railroads Fix Rates.

It does not give the commission power to fix rates, but leaves the power with the railroads. All investigations are to be instituted in the United States circuit or district court...

To Prevent Delay.

There is a further provision that the referee shall report his findings to the court within ten days after hearing and either party may bring the question to the court inside of twenty days...

Mr. Traxler's Views.

In support of his plan Mr. Traxler says: "This plan gives the commission itself no power to fix rates or enforce laws. In other words, to answer the question of constitutional law, there is no combination of the legislative and judicial functions."

Leaves Not Indorsed.

"By leaving the rate power with the roads themselves the government avoids the responsibility of indorsing, thru its courts or thru its interstate commerce commission, any rates. This would be the case who would otherwise be appointed as at present in bankruptcy, to act in the same manner."

NATIONS PLAN FOR 'PEACE ON EARTH'

President Roosevelt Leads in an Effort to Get Results at Next Peace Conference.

America Will Insist on Stricter Interpretation of the Neutrality Laws.

Washington, Dec. 25.—It is one of the pleasant features of the present vellecitate that the thoughts of thirty-nine governments of the world are turning toward peace and the amelioration of the horrors of war.

Choate as Chairman.

Already, in the hope of inducing other powers to act, the president has announced the selection of Joseph H. Choate, former ambassador to Great Britain, as chairman of the new commission.

America's Plans.

The president and Secretary Root have talked over the matters this government especially would like the conference to pass upon. The efforts of the conference are expected to lie in the direction of further strengthening universal ideas of right and justice, known to the world as international law, and its mission will be to give them future effect.

France's Violation of Law.

France, for instance, failed to order the fleet of Rojestevenko from her waters at Madagascar and Tonquin, China. In this case Japan's victory prevented the evil effects from the commission's action.

WOMAN ELOPES WITH 13-YEAR-OLD SCHOOLBOY

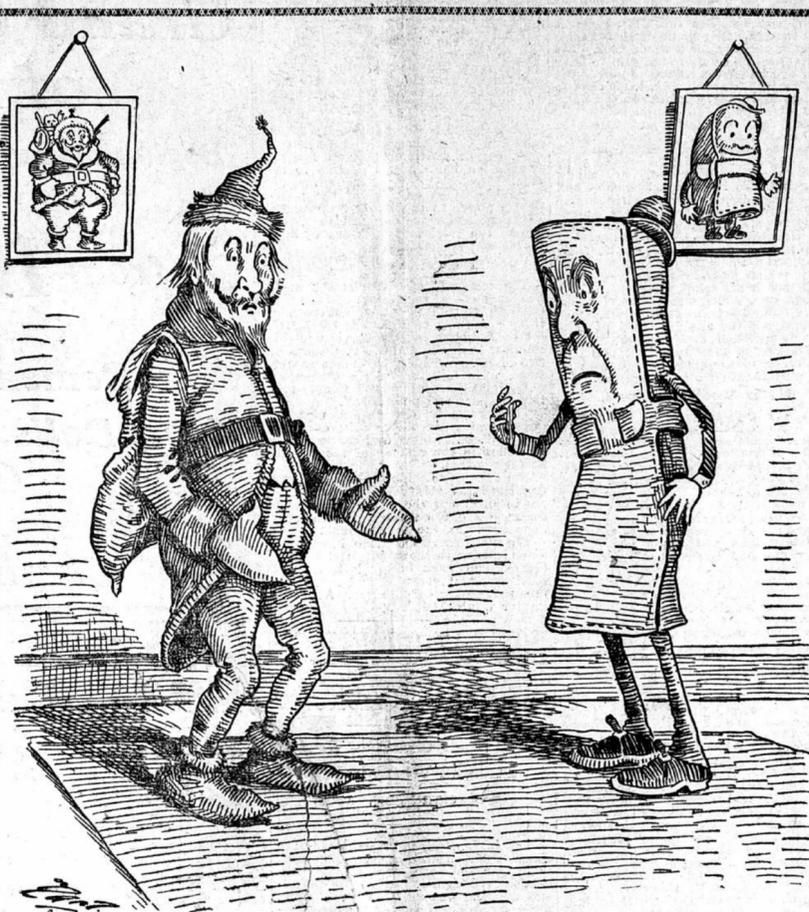
Mishawaka, Ind., Dec. 25.—A sensational case, rivaling that in which Frank Ely of Evanston figured some time ago, has stirred up this township. Miss Adelia Evans of Akron, Ohio, became infatuated with Clyde Major, a schoolboy 13 years of age, who lives at Woodland, a country village four miles south of Mishawaka.

MILLIONAIRE KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

New York, Dec. 25.—James E. Martin, prominent in New York society, a member of the New York Yacht club, the Metropolitan society and the Country club, was instantly killed yesterday near Flushing, L. I., when his automobile plowed into a strip of loose dirt on the side of the road and turned completely over.

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AFTER EFFECTS. Santa Claus—These up-to-date flat chimneys do pull a fellow out pretty thin. The Pocketbook—I find the modern Christmas leaves me pretty thin, myself.

FIRE INTERRUPTS CHRISTMAS JOY

Tenement Section of New York Is Threatened by Early Morning Blaze.

New York, Dec. 25.—Hundreds of tenement-house babies and their toy-laden Christmas trees and decorations were in the street before daylight today, during a fire which threatened to obliterate several blocks of the city in the vicinity of Fifty-eighth street and Eleventh avenue.

Ladders Refuse to Work.

The fire was first discovered when flames burst from the third-story windows and belched across Fifty-eighth street with a roar like a discharging cannon. When the fire department arrived and tried to put up its compressed air extension ladders to the sixth floor, the ladders refused to extend.

Battle on Window Sill.

At the height of the fire thousands of spectators momentarily forgot the burning building in watching a struggle in the upper window of a tenement house in Fifty-eighth street. A man started to climb over the window sill preparing to drop to the street in his nightclothes.

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EX-SENATOR BARD INJURED

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—Former United States Senator Bard was seriously injured Saturday in a runaway near Orsard. He was thrown from his buggy into a ditch, sustaining a dislocation and a fracture of his left hip.

PRESIDENT FEARS CHINESE REVOLT

Increases Philippines Forces in Expectation of Great Outbreak in China.

Washington, Dec. 25.—The president and secretary of state are seriously concerned over the situation in China, where all the signs indicate that an internal revolution is about to occur. Unless the situation is quickly controlled by strong hands, trouble far more serious than the Boxer war is expected.

SHANGHAI COURT GUARDED

Shanghai, Dec. 25.—The mixed court was reopened Saturday. The German ambassador and armed foreign guards were present, but everything was normal. All is quiet today, but blue jackets and guards are still posted around the foreign concessions.

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ODELL HAS BOLT FOR ROOSEVELT

New York Man Preparing a Series of Bitter Attacks on President.

New York, Dec. 25.—"In Russia the people are fighting for a constitution. Here in New York we are fighting to maintain a constitution." This shot at President Roosevelt and Governor Higgins by State Senator George R. Maltby, as he was leaving for his home at Ogdensburg last night, indicates the bitterness which has been stirred up in the republican party by the entrance of President Roosevelt and Governor Higgins into the speakership fight.

SEES BROTHER IN MOVING PICTURE

Lincoln Man Communicates with Long-Lost Relative Thru Strange Medium.

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POLICE HOLD TWO MURDER SUSPECTS

Hanley and Burns Must Explain What They Did Saturday Evening.

The Mayor Offers Reward for the Capture of Bader's Slayers.

Every detective and policeman in the city is searching diligently today to find the two murderers who killed Charles O. Bader while in his hotel and saloon, 416 Second street S., Saturday evening.

Had Plenty of Money.

Burns is said to have served a term in the state penitentiary of North Dakota for holding up a bank. He is thought to be well versed in the hold-up art. Both men were rooming together in a lodging house at First avenue and Second street, and when arrested they appeared to have plenty of money.

Mayor Offers Reward.

Police Superintendent Doyle is directing the search for the murderers of Charles O. Bader. He left word with the police last night that he was going to Duluth, but he has been seen in the city recently.

AN ISOLATED SPOT

Falls Hotel Is Ideally Located for Operation of Highwaymen.

Nowhere in the city could desperate men find a more favorable place for operating than at the Falls hotel. Although the hotel is a large one, it is commercial and industrial activity, it is really as lonely as a roadside tavern.

Arrests Help Little.

Arresting the leaders of the workingmen failed to cow their followers, who already have chosen new leaders and are arranging to hold mass meetings to protest against such arrests.

Bandits Knew Place.

The bandits knew that a policeman did not pass the one month, that transients rarely entered the place, that Charles Bader had a large sum of money about and that the opportunities for a quick and successful get-away were unnumbered.

Bader Did Not Hear.

It is plain that Mr. Bader did not hear the robbers' command. There was so much noise about the premises that a Mr. Butterfield, who was in the place, did not even hear the shot. He is somewhat deaf, it is true, but he can engage in conversation without much difficulty.

Trepoff Against Witt.

Trepoff is persistently striving to break down Witt's influence with the czar and an offset or upset the premier's plans. That he is succeeding in a measure anyway is betrayed by an incident which occurred at the palace last Thursday.

FATE OF RUSSIA HANGS BY THREAD

Czar's Capital Looks for a Strong Reaction Toward the Autocracy.

Progress of Revolutionists in the Next Two Days Will Settle Question.

COST IN BLOOD AND FLAMES TO RUSSIA

Deaths and property damage in Russia since the first great strike began are estimated as follows: Killed by Troops and Mobs. Moscow, 2,000. St. Petersburg, 7,500. Finland, 5,000. Poland, 5,000. Kishinef (Jews), 750. Kharkoff, 2,500. Kronstadt, 2,000. Odessa (Jews), 15,000. Caucasus states, 7,500. Vladivostok, 600. Sevastopol, 5,000. Kieff, 15,000. Total, 67,940.

Troops Killed by Rioters.

Moscow, 250. St. Petersburg, 1,000. Finland, 500. Poland, 300. Kharkoff, 1,000. Odessa, 1,200. Caucasus states, 10,000. Vladivostok, 500. Sevastopol, 4,000. Kieff, 3,000. Total, 24,550.

Moscow Cautious Fear.

Yet Moscow's precarious condition has caused the utmost consternation in the imperial court. So far no rioting has developed from the strike there, but there is a feeling that the reign of terror in that other capital, the holy city of Russia, may spread to this one.

Baltic Provinces Affame.

In the Baltic provinces matters are going from bad to worse. Maddened peasants are perpetrating atrocities on a huge scale. The police are unable to do more than to send more than a single regiment from here to combat the disorders there.

Finland Has Virtually Thrown off all semblance of obedience to the central authority of the empire.

In Poland, the apparent quiet has been produced by simply ceasing to enforce imperial rule.

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