

ITALY DELIVERS UP REDCROSS NURSES

Action Averts Clash France Prepared for Movement—Relations Strained.

MUST MEET FRENCH DEMANDS.

Italian Backdown Imperative in Consequence of Present War With Turkey—England Aroused.

Paris, Jan. 24.—It was generally agreed here today that a clash with Italy over the seizure of the 29 members of the Turkish Red Cross had been averted, but popular indignation against the Italian government had not subsided.

The fact that Italy refused to accept France's assurance that the Turks were bona fide members of the Red Cross until after the prisoners had been given a rigorous questioning by a board of Examiners, was generally regarded as a "brazen insult."

The Lantern today pointed out that no country could be regarded as "friendly" if it refused to accept statements made in good faith by the French government.

Rome, Jan. 24.—Realizing that any other course would result in an armed clash with France, Italy today decided to release the 29 Turkish Red Cross nurses aboard the French liner Manouba, off Cagliari.

The government had received information from Paris that the French ambassador was about to be recalled and that instructions had been given to the commander-in-chief of the French navy to be prepared for an invasion of the Mediterranean.

With the "Turkey struggle" on her hands, Italy was in no condition to rush into war with France and a back down was imperative. It was reported today that an official note had already been sent to Paris announcing that the Turks would be released as an "act of homage but without prejudice to the points in dispute."

Some doubt was expressed here today as to whether France would consider the note sufficiently apologetic to recompense for the insult which she believed her flag had suffered.

London, Jan. 24.—Reports were circulated here today that England has failed to demand an explanation from Italy for the seizure Saturday of the British steamer Africa because the home government believed in the event of trouble, King George and Queen Mary, who are now in the Mediterranean, would be embarrassed.

Whether the presence of the king and queen in the Mediterranean had anything to do with the matter, it was pointed out today that England has broken all precedents in not calling upon Italy for a speedy explanation. Heretofore the Lion has been the first to roar whenever any of his alleged prerogatives were not recognized.

Republican Mass Meeting.

Pursuant to the call of the Republican State and District Committee of the State of Virginia and of the 5th Congressional District of Virginia and by direction of the Republican City Committee of Alexandria, Virginia, this the 23rd of January, 1912, in meeting assembled at Rammel's Hotel, I hereby call a mass meeting of the Republican Electors of said City for Tuesday Feb. 6th, 1912, at 8 P. M. in Odd Fellows' Hall to select 4 delegates and 4 alternates to represent the Republicans of Alexandria City, Virginia, in the Republican State Convention to be held at Roanoke on March 12th, 1912, and 8 delegates and 8 alternates in the Republican District Convention to be held at Alexandria City Feb. 12th, 1912, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the said Mass Meeting.

Respectfully, HARRY B. QUINN, Chairman. W. H. P. KELLY, Secretary. Those having cards for charter membership in Degree of Pocahontas, will please sign and return to the undersigned by the 27th inst.

DUKE'S VISIT TO AMERICA.

New York, Jan. 24.—"New York-itis" has attacked the Duchess of Connaught and her daughter, Princess Patricia, to such an extent that they are in no hurry to get back home to their adopted country.

Two active days of sight-seeing opened to the party the possibilities of what can be viewed in this city and it was said that the Duchess and the Princess have insisted that they need more time to see everything.

They will attend the opera Thursday afternoon and evening while the Duke is in Washington. If it can be arranged, the Duke will go to the opera Friday night, and immediately afterward will start on the return trip to Canada.

It was said that one reason why the women of the party will not accompany the Duke to Washington is the desire of Mrs. Reid to emphasize the claim that she is really the social mentor of all America, and she did not desire to share that distinction even with the members of President Taft's family.

Today the visiting members of royalty continued their sight-seeing in and about the city. They were late in arising as the natural result of last night's dinner dance, which was attended by Mrs. Reid's selected segment of the "400" and which, according to all concerned, "securely fixed the wife of the ambassador to the court of St. James in the seat of leadership of society left vacant by the death of Mrs. Astor."

Washington, Jan. 24.—With all the pomp and ceremony accorded a new ambassador, the Duke of Connaught will be received by the President at the White House Thursday at 4:45 p. m., according to official plans announced today.

Breaking the suspense of society leaders, the plans provide for but few women to meet the Duke at the White House. Only Mrs. Taft and the wives of a few cabinet members will join the Duke at tea after the royal visitor is received by the President.

The Duke's visit is regarded as "personal" and not official, but he will be accorded distinct honor in an informal way. Major Butt, personal representative of President Taft, alone will meet the Duke at the Union Station, and, with members of the British embassy, accompany him to the legation.

A squadron of Fort Myer cavalry will escort the Duke and his party from the embassy to the White House, where President Taft, accompanied only by Major Butt and Secretary of State Knox, will receive the Duke in the Blue Room. After a chat the military and naval aides of the President and the Duke will enter the room and later be guests of Mrs. Taft at tea.

The cavalry escort will accompany the British party back to the embassy. Washington, Jan. 24.—Strictly "stag" petticoats being barred, will be the White House reception tomorrow to the Duke of Connaught. This was practically decided today by Secretary of State Knox, official "umpire" of the viceregal visit.

The "For Men Only" sign will be hung out at the White House when the Duke arrives. President Taft and possibly his cabinet members will receive the royal party. But a select coterie of society women will be thrown a sop of consideration by invitations to a small exclusive reception to King George's uncle at the British Embassy, following the private dinner of Ambassador Bryce, Cabinet officers and their wives, Supreme Court Justices, and some members of the diplomatic corps have been invited to the post-prandial reception by the British Ambassador.

Petticoats are eliminated from the White House reception, it is said, because the Duke comes alone, unaccompanied by the Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia. Official Washington today is wrestling with the problem of getting its etiquette on straight, Major Butt, military aide to the President, and Secretary of State Knox settling the momentous problem.

Whether a troop of Fort Myer cavalry as an escort is desired by the Duke will be one of the questions which Major Butt will ask the royal visitor.

C. JONES RIXEY MUCH IMPROVED

Dr. De Jarnette, of Staunton, Says He May Soon be Able to Stand Trial.

APPEARS IN COURT TODAY.

Long Argument Made by Attorneys on Motion to Send Rixey to Hospital for Criminal Insane at Marion.

That C. Jones Rixey, former president and treasurer of the Virginia Safe Deposit and Trust Corporation is improving rapidly, both mentally and physically, as to warrant the assertion that he will shortly be able to stand trial on the indictments in Alexandria against him, was the statement made this morning by Dr. J. S. DeJarnette, superintendent of the Western State Asylum for the Insane at Staunton, Va., where Mr. Rixey is now confined.

The statement was made in the corporation court this morning when Judge Louis C. Barley heard arguments on the motion of the Commonwealth Attorney Samuel G. Brent to have Mr. Rixey removed from Staunton to the hospital for the Criminal Insane at Marion.

Mr. Rixey appeared in court, having been brought from Staunton this morning by order of Judge Barley. His physical condition does not seem to have changed materially since he was here last September. He still drags one foot, and is compelled to use a cane. During the proceedings he sat with bowed head and did not seem at all interested in what was going on in the court room, although at times it reverberated with the eloquence of the attorneys who were pleading his cause.

Dr. DeJarnette was the only witness examined and during the questioning by Judge Barley a number of interesting facts were brought out. In answer to a question as to the condition of the patient, Dr. DeJarnette said:

"Since Mr. Rixey has been confined at Staunton he has shown great improvement, both mentally and physically. He has gained 15 pounds in weight. Most of the time he has been working on the farm, shucking corn and engaged in other pursuits. He has been given a number of privileges, but has not abused them."

Judge Barley asked Dr. DeJarnette if in his opinion Rixey was in condition to stand trial, and the following answer was made:

"I do not think that he has recovered sufficiently to stand trial at the present time and give his attorneys any assistance, but I do not think it will be a long time before he will be able to stand trial."

Dr. DeJarnette was questioned as to the privileges given Mr. Rixey and was asked concerning the newspaper reports which had been published, as to his appearance on the streets of Staunton. He replied:

"We gave him the privilege of going to and from the hospital on a pass, such as given to other prisoners in the same mental condition. He spent a night in town with his wife on four different occasions but always returned promptly. We did this to encourage him, and try to effect a cure. We have no prisoners at Staunton, and give all of our inmates the maximum amount of liberty if their mental condition justifies it, and in Mr. Rixey's case, the wisdom of our course has been shown by his splendid improvement. He has had no more privileges than any other patient in the same mental condition."

Mr. Jeffries, leading counsel for Rixey, asked Dr. DeJarnette if in his opinion Rixey would continue to improve if sent to Marion, to which the doctor replied that he did not know what his environments at Marion would be, and that he might improve or might deteriorate, but that he was improving under his care at Staunton, and that if his advice was asked, he would suggest that he remain where he is at present.

In reply to questions as to the progress being made in the erection of the necessary buildings at Marion, the witness said that only the foundation had been completed, and that if the legislature at the present session made an appropriation for the completion of the building, it could be finished in a year's time. He said that there was some provision being made at Marion for the care of the criminal insane, but that he did not know exactly what it was.

At the conclusion of the testimony arguments on Mr. Brent's motion to have Mr. Rixey sent to Marion were commenced. The opening argument was made by Walter S. Foster, who is Mr. Brent's assistant in the case. He defended the constitutionality of the act of the legislature under which Mr. Rixey was committed to the asylum. He was followed by Mr. Rixey's attorneys, James R. Caton, John Jeffries of Norfolk, and John S. Barbour of Fairfax Court, who attacked the constitutionality of the statute. Mr. Brent had the closing argument.

Judge Barley took the matter under advisement and said that he would render a decision on Feb. 1. Mr. Rixey was returned to Staunton until that date.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Italy's reply to France will agree to give up the Turks surrendered by the captain of the French steamship Manouba, when that vessel was detained by the Italian authorities, but as an act of homage to France and without prejudice, according to a special dispatch from Rome received in Paris.

Capt. Julius A. Sitgreaves, a Confederate veteran, 74 years old, whose company was in the attack on Fort Sumter in 1861, and who was credited by some with having fired the first gun, died suddenly while sitting at his desk in the office of an art publication in New York yesterday. Apoplexy was given as the cause of death. Capt. Sitgreaves was born in Rockhill, S. C. He served with distinction in the civil war, retiring with the loss of his right leg in battle. He had been engaged in editorial work in New York since 1887.

L. A. Yockstad, of Alexandria, N. D., who fell in a well of icy water when the temperature was 15 degrees below zero, and who was compelled to stand on his toes to keep his mouth and nose out, is hovering between life and death. His daughter aged 10 years, made a frantic drive of six miles for help while the father faced death. Yockstad fell into the well while trying to rescue a cap which had blown from his head. He was at home alone with his daughter on their farm and the child could not aid him.

Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson; the confessed murderer of Miss Avis Lincoln, is believed to be dying, and may not live to feel the extreme penalty pronounced upon him by the Massachusetts court.

Pensions for Confederate veterans are proposed in a bill introduced yesterday by Representative Brantley, of Georgia.

William J. Bryan takes the side of Gov. Woodrow Wilson in his break with Colonel Harvey and Henry Waterson, justifying the action of the New Jersey Governor in requesting that his name be withdrawn from the columns of Harper's Weekly. Senator Benjamin R. Tillman, of South Carolina, is of the opinion that the Harvey Waterson-Wilson incident has proved a boomerang for the "Star-Eyed Goddess" and the editor of Harper's Weekly, and will rebound to Governor Wilson's credit rather than injure him as a candidate.

Leroy and Ethel Lee, aged five and six respectively, drew straws in Denver Monday to determine which should go on the operating table first. The boy lost, went under the knife and died in 20 minutes. The children were afflicted with adenoids. It was at their own suggestion that straws were drawn. The boy failed to recover from the anaesthetic and the girl was not operated upon.

A suicide pact contrived by the father and intended to wipe out a family consisting of father, mother and three children was said yesterday morning by Gertrude McVey, aged 20, to explain the death of William E. McVey, Mrs. McVey and their five-month old child. The bodies of the three were found in a two-room shack in Shantytown, a dismal section of Taylorville, west of Terre Haute, Ind., early yesterday morning by neighbors, who were attracted by the frantic screams of Gertrude, the daughter of the dead couple. The girl yesterday morning said her father had poured the poison from a bottle and deliberately gave the children and her mother the poison and then swallowed what was left in the vial.

President Taft told callers today that he will veto the Underwood bill to reduce the steel tariff. The administration's fight against the democratic measure was outlined today at a White House conference, with all republican members of the House Ways and Means Committee. They agreed to oppose the Underwood bill in the absence of a steel report from the Tariff Commission.

President Taft told the minority members that he is against any tinkering with the steel tariff until tangible information is available.

The tariff commission is now working upon the steel schedule, but President Taft has not been advised of its progress.

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STREET WORK CAUSES WRANGLE

Council Again Argues Question of Paving Streets From the General Fund.

PRESENT METHOD TO STAY.

Resolution of Mr. Brockett to Pay Cost of New Paving Without Contributions of Property Owners Lost.

Council last night again took up the question of street improvement. Whether the general fund above should be used for this work or the abutting property owners be called on for a portion of the cost was the question brought up by a resolution introduced by Mr. Brockett directing the committees on streets and general laws to have prepared ordinances that would make the \$45,250.00 appropriated last summer available without waiting for contributions amounting to \$9,700.00 from property holders.

At first the Chair referred this resolution to the committee on finance and streets, but on Mr. Williams moving that it be passed, the discussion started. Nearly everything said had been said many times before when the same matter was under discussion last summer. Mr. Brockett, however, stated that if some real determination was shown to do this work at once it would probably have considerable weight with the Judge who would hear the annexation question. On the other hand Mr. Snowden thought the work was progressing with sufficient speed under the plan now adopted and no change in the plan was necessary. Three squares have been paved and the money of the property holders is up for a fourth square. The discussion continued for some time, nearly every member taking part and many members speaking several times.

Finally on a roll call Messrs. Leadbeater, Yates, Williams, Graham, Monroe, Brockett, Harrison and Chauncey (8) voted aye and Messrs. Burke, Smith, Birrell, Marshall, Spinks and Snowden (6) voted no, and it was declared lost as it failed to get the vote necessary to pass on the night of its introduction.

Mr. Snowden then suggested referring it to the proper committee for report but Mr. Williams objected to this and it was not done. Under this decision no change will be made in the method of street improvement and no work will be done until the property holders have contributed their part.

The resolution appropriating \$3,000 for legal expenses in the annexation movement came in from the Board of Aldermen, having been passed by that body several days ago. The chair ruled that this would have to lay over at least one day before it could be acted upon. After considerable discussion it was decided to meet at four o'clock this afternoon to act upon this resolution. Mr. Smith then offered a resolution directing the commonwealth attorney to inform council what resolutions and ordinances could be passed on the night of their introduction, and what votes would be necessary to pass them which was adopted.

Ordinances requesting the State legislature to amend the city charter, so that council would have power to issue bonds and borrow money and to abolish the Board of Fire Wardens, and the Board of Health, and vest the control of the health and fire departments in committees of council were passed.

The special committee, appointed by council at its last meeting to confer with a committee from the City School Board, recommended that \$10,000.00 be appropriated at once for the purchase of a suitable site for a school building and other public purposes, this to be expended under the direction of the special committee, and the committee on finance as directed by council. This was referred to the finance committee.

Mr. Smith, Chairman of the General Laws committee reported the health ordinance. This was received and laid over without discussion.

The committee on light reported that it would cost \$71 to place gas lights on the 14 corners in the city now not lighted, but reached by the city gas mains, and their report was received. The same committee reported favorably a bill of \$579 from Alexandria County Lighting Co. for arc and incandescent lighting provided the proper reduction be made for the arc lights that were out during the period covered by the bill and for one incandescent lamp that should not have been charged for. They also asked that council request the Police Commissioners to see that the police make proper returns of the arc lights not burning, as it is not believed that they are doing this with sufficient care at the present time.

A request from Policeman Banner T. Young for the payment of the balance of his salary for the time he was unable to work on account of a broken arm was referred to the finance committee.

WORKINGMEN TO ORGANIZE

Birmingham, England, Jan. 24.—"Organization of the workmen of the United Kingdom for better industrial and social conditions," is the watchword of the annual convention of the British Parliamentary labor party which met here today for a three days' session.

The part, representing 2,500,000 trade unionists, already has 45 members in the House of Commons and proposes to wage a vigorous campaign for larger representation. Resolutions to be presented to the convention favor votes for women; government ownership of railways, canals, mines, etc.; reduction of the old age qualifying limit from 70 to 60 years; and the reduction of contributions paid by workmen and employers to the national industrial insurance fund.

Attempts of employers to secure the repeal of the act giving the unions right to establish pickets during a strike will be severely censured. A resolution favoring a general strike will likely be adopted if the act is repealed.

JEWISH COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

The Jewish Council of Women held an interesting social meeting on Tuesday evening at the Synagogue. Mrs. Friedlander, vice-president, presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. Kauffmann, during the opening services, then the meeting was turned over to Mrs. Erdman, chairman of the entertainment committee.

The musical programme was excellent and varied. Mrs. Davis of St. Elmo rendered a solo, Miss Nina Tanner several selections on the piano with great skill and taste. Mr. George Evans sang in his usual artistic style, and Mrs. Friedlander sang. Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett gave an address on the Progressive Movements in Virginia. At the close of the programme refreshments were served. Mrs. Weil was chairman of the refreshment committee.

DEATH OF A FORMER RESIDENT.

Mrs. Martha Wrenn, widow of Robert Wrenn and eldest sister of W. D. Hudson, a former resident of Alexandria, died in Washington this morning and will be brought to this city and interred.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

A meeting of motor boat owners and those interested in the sport will be held tonight at eight o'clock at Fleischmann's Hotel for the purpose of organizing a club.

A meeting of the Civic Improvement League will be held tonight in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. Two young white men, who had been charged with disorderly conduct, were before the Police Court this morning. They were dismissed. A colored man, charged with a similar offense, had his case continued.

The ice in the river began to move about noon yesterday, but it was clogged and stationary at an early hour this morning. The steamer Northumberland left Baltimore this morning for the Potomac. It is not expected, however, that she will come to this port.

A petition from the Alexandria Free Kindergarten, asking for \$500.00, was referred to the finance committee. A petition from the Children's Home asking for \$250.00 was also referred to the finance committee. A resolution appropriating \$250.00 for fire plugs and other necessary equipments to be expended by the board of fire wardens and chief of the department was passed.

A communication from the board of police commissioners, through its secretary, T. A. Fisher, asking to have the city charter changed so as to make the police force consist of a chief and as many sergeants and policemen as council may desire, was referred to the committee on police.

A petition from M. J. McFarland on behalf of a number of property owners asking that cinders be placed on the east side of Washington street, between Wythe and Montgomery streets, a distance of two squares, was referred to the street committee.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The actual time consumed by the Board of Aldermen during its deliberations last night was about half an hour. There was no discussion whatever of the matters which came before the body, the members being of one accord, and most of the three hours which kept the city fathers in the City Hall was consumed by the members of the upper board in recesses or in listening to the debates in the Common Council. The Aldermen concurred in the action of the lower board on all the papers sent in. There were but two resolutions, which were of minor importance, introduced in the Aldermen. One was passed and the other appropriately referred. The official proceedings will be found elsewhere in the Gazette.

SCENE AT FIRE IN A HOSPITAL.

Violent Patients Attempt to Jump From Windows--Nurses Fight the Frantic.

NO CASUALTIES RESULT

Inmates Smash Windows, But Wire Netting and Bars Keep Them From Making Their Way Out.

Danvers, Mass., Jan. 24.—Fighting scores of violently insane persons to prevent them leaping from windows in abject terror following the outbreak of a fire in the building, the night force of nurses of the State hospital for the Insane here were compelled in a number of instances to use the utmost force to get their charges under subjection early today.

Some of the more violent of the patients, believing that they were about to be cremated, smashed the windows but were kept from leaping to the court yards below by the wire netting and steel bars with which the building was equipped.

The Danvers firemen aided by members of the Salem Department, who were called on for help, managed to capture of both the violent and semi-violent wards were quickly transferred to places of safety.

It was not believed that any lives were lost, but a search of the ruins was ordered as soon as they cooled sufficiently.

The wing of the asylum in which the fire started was occupied by the women patients. The blaze originated on the fourth floor which was unoccupied and the smoke soon filled every bit of that part of the asylum. The lights were turned low and this fact was responsible for much of the panic among the frightened women.

As soon as the lights were in working order, the attendants, aided by the firemen, formed the frightened patients into line and marched them to the yard and then into the reserve part of the asylum building. The fire was confined to the wing in which it started and the loss will not exceed \$20,000.

MARRIED.

PATTEN-DEAR, January 17, 1912, at the Cairo, Washington, D. C. Miss Lillian Roberta Dear of Superior, Wisconsin, to Dr. William Francis Patten, of Melbee, South Carolina. Miss Dear is the daughter of Mr. Riddle Jamesson Dear and the late Richard B. Dear, both formerly of Fairfax county.

IN MEMORIAM.

CHESHIRE.—In sad but loving remembrance of my dear mother, MARY V. CHESHIRE, who departed from this life thirteen years ago today, January 24th, 1899.

This is the heart at the moment shed, When the cold earth has just been thrown o'er her. That tells how beloved is the one that is dead.

Or how deep in my heart I loved her, 'Tis the heart through many a long day wept.

'Tis my life's whole pathway shaded, 'Tis the one remembrance fondly kept, When all my lighter griefs have faded.

By HER DAUGHTER, JULIA H. MASON.

DIED.

Suddenly at his home, 201 South Lee street, Alexandria, Va., 1:50 a. m., January 24th, 1912, JOHN DONNELLY, beloved husband of Teresa M. Donnelly, in the 72d year of his age. Funeral Friday, January 25th at 9:30 a. m. at St. Mary's Church.—(Washington and Baltimore papers please copy.)

JOHNIE COLEMAN, died January 23rd 1912, at 2:45 p. m. Tuesday, at 712 Gibson street.

Funeral notice. The funeral of Mrs. PETER R. PULLMAN who died at Cameron Run, Fairfax county, yesterday, will take place from the residence of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Hammersley, 1109 Cameron street at 2 o'clock tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon. Relatives and friends invited to attend.

Come and See American Girl Tableaux Young People's Building, Friday, January 26th, 1912, 8 p. m. for benefit of Presbyterian Building fund. Admission 25c