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BULGARIANS THROW OFF TURK'S YOKE

Proclaim Their Own Czar as Ruler at Ancient Capitol of Tirnova

Austria-Hungary Works With Prince Ferdinand in Preconcerted Plan

Servia Aroused to Danger Point and Street Marchers Shout for War

Turkey Refuses to Accept and Powers of Europe Strive for Peace

LONDON, Oct. 5.—In the ancient capital of Tirnova the independence of Bulgaria was proclaimed today with the czar of the Bulgarians as a ruler. Czar of the Bulgarians is recognized to mean more than czar of Bulgaria, because it is a distinct intimation that he regards his country as having sovereignty over all the people of that blood in the east. Within a day or two Austria-Hungary, which has been working with Prince Ferdinand in this preconcerted plan, will proclaim the new status of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The question has been stirring the whole of Europe more deeply than any similar question in the memory of the present generation. Does it mean war? From all the capitals tonight it was heard that the British government, another European congress of the signers of the treaty of Berlin to consider the situation and probably to revise the treaty, Turkey, caught in a moment of weakness, is the victim of this situation, while some international animosities have been stirred up, probably no power is willing to make war. Reports from the emancipated Turkish press to London indicate that the British government will follow this bitter pill as best they can, and if they do, naturally the Bulgarians, while willing and eager for war, will have no cause on which to base their claims of hostility.

GREAT BRITAIN'S STANCE
From the British standpoint the whole affair has been a surprise, and more than a surprise, because for the first time in years the British government felt itself, with apparently a perfect understanding with France and Italy, to be in a position where it dominated European politics, reserving out of this consideration the almost open enmity between itself and Germany.

Probably never in the history of Europe have politics taken such amazing kaleidoscopic revolutions as during the past week. An entangling situation will come when the signatories of the Berlin treaty meet to consider what action shall be taken regarding the violations of the treaty. Great Britain might serve notice that it did not recognize the right of any of the parties to this treaty to violate its provisions without consulting the others, but English diplomats know that the conference will resolve itself into a scramble among the powers to get what is termed in European politics "compensating advantages," which Austria, backed by Germany, has already obtained.

The official statement issued by the British foreign office this evening says: "His majesty's government can not admit the right of any power to alter an international treaty without the consent of the other parties to it, and it therefore refuses to sanction any infraction of the Berlin treaty and declines to recognize what has been done until the views of the other powers are known, especially those of Turkey, which is more directly concerned than any one else."

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Students Enjoying Picnic Lunch in Woods When Demented Man Appears

In the Party Are Daughters of Governor Gillett and Members of Exclusive Club

Assistance Is Called From Campus, but Maniac Makes Good His Escape

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Oct. 5.—Mystery envelops the identity of a man, evidently a lunatic, who attacked a party of university girls while they were enjoying a picnic lunch at Robie bridge over San Francisco creek on Friday evening, and made good his escape before help arrived. After hurling a number of heavy clubs and clods of earth among the girls and setting fire to the brush surrounding the spot where they were seated, the marauder left the scene. The authorities are making every effort to identify the assailant.

The young ladies in the party were all members of the Monticla club, the most exclusive on the university campus. Among them were Misses Effie and Ethel Gillett, daughters of the governor of California. They had attended a club meeting and later went to the bridge across San Francisco creek to eat a lunch.

SEND FOR ASSISTANCE
They had been seated a short time when a heavy stick was hurled among them from the opposite side of the stream. Immediately following there was a shower of sticks and clods of earth and unearthly yells. The girls at first thought they were the victims of a college prank, but the situation became serious when the assailant lighted the brush surrounding the spot where they were, and they then dispatched two of their number to the university for help.

The matter was kept secret for a time, but finally became known through the inadvertence of one of the young ladies who was in the party. The young ladies who saw the assailant describe him as having been tall, clean shaven and wearing a gray cap.

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United Endeavor in Behalf of Pacific States Is Assured by Representatives



Front row, left to right—Edwin Stearns, Oakland; C. C. Moore, San Francisco; John H. McGraw, Seattle; J. F. Morgan, Honolulu; Frank Wiggins, Los Angeles. Top row, left to right—J. K. Moffitt, San Francisco; J. J. Avis, San Francisco; I. H. Clay, Oakland; C. W. Burks, San Francisco; C. B. Yandell, Seattle; E. C. Giltner, Portland; B. Bonney, San Francisco; W. C. Patterson, Los Angeles; George H. Stewart, Los Angeles.

REFORMER FOUND AT WINE SUPPER

Head of Police Commission Makes Merry With Chorus Girls at Late Hour

STOCKTON, Oct. 5.—Even admitting that it is permissible for the president of a police board to possess some of the frailties of human nature; and conceding that a vigorous defense of temperance has been most active in his efforts does not necessarily affect one's attitude toward them after dark; and agreeing that supper in a fashionable cafe with several pretty chorus girls is not an unheard of offense even so, it is difficult for the residents of this city to understand how it happens that Ernst Wagner, president of the board of police and fire commissioners, was one of the six persons discovered when the police raided Madden's cafe here at 3 o'clock last Sunday morning.

The other five were two drummers who were going through town and three girls who had taken part in a theatrical performance a few hours before, and with these their personal histories the town is not at all concerned.

But Wagner is another story, for both as one of the high representatives of the law and as a fire commissioner he has been most active in his efforts to enforce such of the town ordinances as made for temperance and morality. Wagner it was who vigorously supported the Sunday closing ordinance, which prohibits the sale of liquor from 12 o'clock Saturday night until 5 o'clock Monday morning, and it was Wagner who was opposed to a proposed transfer of a saloon license from the business district of the town to the tenderloin on the ground that it would lessen the moral tone of the community. All this helps to make his fall from grace the more startling to the community.

President Wagner has presented his resignation from office to brother commissioner, and its formal acceptance will be among the business transacted at the next meeting of that body. The little supper party took place after the meeting, which was a symposium of the body to be held in the city yesterday, and the attention of Captain John Craig and Officer Tom Green had been called to the occupants of the secluded little dining room. The affair has caused much talk here, where Wagner is the manager of a large hotel in addition to his public offices.

ESTABLISHES PRECEDENT IN ROAD REBATE CASES
Federal Judge in Los Angeles Renders Decision on New Points

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 5.—By an oral decision of Judge Wellborn in the United States district court today the power of the federal courts to try rebate cases that heretofore have been regarded as strictly state offenses was strongly laid down.

Upon demurrer to an indictment charging the Penn fruit company with accepting rebates on the Southern Pacific company, it was held that repayment to the fruit company for the expense of hauling its oranges to the freight house was within the provisions of the interstate commerce regulations.

As far as known, there are no reported decisions on this same point, and the ruling of Judge Wellborn in effect establishes a precedent.

PRESIDENT MAY COME TO THIS CITY TO TALK
If Reports Are Not Satisfactory He Will Make Flying Trip Soon

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THIS CALL
WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—The president is carefully watching the trend of events, and if reports during the next fortnight are not satisfactory he will make a whirlwind trip to San Francisco, making a few speeches going and coming. If he makes the trip his most important utterances will be at the Pacific coast metropolis.

The only question now being considered by the president is whether his stumbling tour would do more good than harm. He has an abundance of material that has never been made public, much of it directly affecting the Pacific coast.

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Great Commercial Congress Begins Sessions Today

One Thousand Delegates to Trans-Mississippi Meeting to Consider Needs of West

Program for Today

10 a. m.—Congress called to order by Arthur R. Briggs, vice chairman trans-Mississippi commercial congress.
Invocation, Rabbi Jacob Nieto.
Opening remarks, Thomas F. Walsh, Denver, Colo., chairman executive committee.
Address of welcome—J. N. Gillett, governor of California; E. B. Taylor, mayor of San Francisco; C. C. Moore, president San Francisco chamber of commerce; George C. Perkins, United States senator; Julius Kahn, member of congress, San Francisco.
Short responses, delegates from various states.
11 a. m.—Address by President J. B. Case.
11:30 a. m.—Special message from President Roosevelt to the congress, by William R. Wheeler, assistant secretary department of commerce and labor.
Delegates organized.

San Francisco is to be the free forum for the western states during this week.

Beginning this morning in Dreamland pavilion in Steiner street between Post and Sutter the nineteenth annual session of the Trans-Mississippi commercial congress will sit, gathering men of the west from all the wide border between the Mississippi river and the Pacific ocean, more than 1,000 strong—governors, statesmen, millionaires and leaders in their communities—to discuss the needs of the occidental states for federal legislation. The several states will bring up their wants and resolutions will be adopted, to be presented later to the national congress at Washington for enactment into laws.

J. B. Case of Abilene, Kan., is president of the congress. He will call the meeting to order at 10 o'clock. The congress and the local civic bodies that are interested in the convention desire that the people of San Francisco, particularly the men of affairs and businessmen, attend the deliberations of the body, which will be a symposium of the west and the demands of the Pacific.

Prominent among the features of today's program will be the message to the congress from President Theodore Roosevelt, which is to be delivered by his special representative, William R. Wheeler, assistant secretary of commerce and labor, appointed from San Francisco.

The message from Roosevelt will furnish the text for much of the discussion of the congress. The western policies of the administration, especially in the matter of forestry and irrigation work, are bound to be conspicuous in the scope of the congress, and it is anticipated that the president's message to the unofficial legislature will be filled with pertinent suggestions and admonitions. Secretary Wheeler was expected to arrive in the city yesterday, but on his way from the east he stopped at San Diego and was delayed in reaching San Francisco.

JOHN J. BARRETT TO SPEAK
Another important discussion of the meeting will follow the address of John J. Barrett, envoy extraordinary from 21 Central and Southern American republics to the congress. Barrett is director of the bureau of American republics and closely in touch with the trade conditions of the southern neighbors of the United States.

An address on Hawaiian trade conditions will be delivered today and discussion will be held on the subject of California and San Francisco are officially to greet the delegates today through Governor James N. Gillett and Mayor Edward R. Taylor. There will be responses from the officers of the congress and representatives of the 23 states and territories represented.

Gifford Pinchot, head of the United States bureau of forestry, may not be present at the congress. It seemed in the air yesterday afternoon that an attack on his methods and the administration's forest policies, such as irrigation congress just concluded at Albuquerque, N. M., would be repeated here. But last evening, about the St. Francis hotel, where the delegates center, nothing but kind words were heard for Pinchot, and those who had been reported as being harsh toward the national forester hastened to get in line with his eulogists. Some of the kindest words, however, seemed to have a fly in their ointment; the speakers appeared to per-

vert the popular phrase and were kind to be cruel.

NO STATE LEGISLATION
Arthur R. Briggs of this city, president of the state board of trade and vice chairman of the executive committee of the congress, said last evening that California will have no requests for legislation especially beneficial to the state to present to the congress, but that it would have suggestions of national importance which it would have the congress consider. Those are for east defense work, additional naval stations and river and harbor improvements—all of which affairs redound to the wealth and stability of the nation as an entity as well as to California as a state.

Two delicate balanced questions of the Pacific coast and eventually win for the western ocean and the western cities the prestige which the Atlantic seaboard now enjoys. Almost for the first time in their history the greatest cities of the west clasped hands, looked into each other's eyes and took the oath of fraternity, and in the little room in the Merchants' exchange building where the delegates met there were exchanged those pledges of brotherhood which stand for loyalty to a cause that is bigger than any ambition that a single city can know.

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WESTERN UNITY IS PLEDGED

New Era of Co-operation Ushered In at Gathering of Pacific Coast Businessmen

Delegates From Commercial Bodies of Seven Cities Sound Knell of Sectional Strife

"One for All, All for One," Is Keynote of Assemblage in Chamber of Commerce

Conference Inaugurates Campaign to Benefit States on Pacific Seaboard

The unity of the states of the Pacific coast—one for all and all for one—was the keynote of the conference of executive officers of the commercial bodies of the Pacific coast states held yesterday at the call of the Merchants' exchange of this city. Half a hundred delegates, representing the metropolis of the western coast, attended the meeting, and from beginning to end the conference teemed with western loyalty and optimism.

In many respects yesterday's meeting was the usher of a new era. A new note of co-operation was sounded and, hand to hand, the leading men of the greatest cities of the western coast pledged themselves to the toast that calls for the ending of sectional strife and that pledges them to united endeavor in behalf of the three great states which form the western border of the United States.

No more significant gathering has ever been held in San Francisco than that which began its deliberations yesterday morning in the assembly room of the chamber of commerce and concluded its sessions at an elaborate luncheon in the white and gold room of the St. Francis hotel. The men who composed the delegation to the conference were the leaders of the several cities and the interest manifested by them was the keynote of the public sentiment of the west, and they were brought together to discuss ways and means of making this sentiment more effective.

It has ever been in directing the policy of the federal government for the good of the Pacific slope.

REPRESENTATIVE MEETING
Though called into session on only two days' notice, the meeting was thoroughly representative of the greatest interests of California, Washington and Oregon, and the interest manifested promises the beginning of a united campaign which will make the Pacific coast known to the nation as it has never been known before. There was not a single note of discord—only a promise of unity and co-operation, the means untold benefit and progress for the states whose borders are lapped by the waters of the Pacific.

The spirit of "get together" was the one dominant factor of the whole session. Factional differences were forgotten; geographical boundaries were erased; local pride was buried in a concerted effort to outline a campaign that will mean the best good for the Pacific coast and eventually win for the western ocean and the western cities the prestige which the Atlantic seaboard now enjoys. Almost for the first time in their history the greatest cities of the west clasped hands, looked into each other's eyes and took the oath of fraternity, and in the little room in the Merchants' exchange building where the delegates met there were exchanged those pledges of brotherhood which stand for loyalty to a cause that is bigger than any ambition that a single city can know.

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