

## POWERS AGREE ON TERMS OF NOTE TO TURKEY

### Austria Gives Adhesion to Form of Demand; British As- sent Assured

### Collective Note to Balkan States to Follow Completion of Preliminaries

### Diplomats Fear That Martial Spirit May Precipitate War at Any Moment

PARIS, Oct. 6.—Austria has given adhesion to the plan formulated by the French and Russian foreign ministers to deal with the Balkan situation. Austria, however, suggested a slight change in the working of the proposals, which met with the immediate approval of M. Poincaré and M. Sazonoff. The only effect of the amendment is to more sharply define the intentions of the powers and to present a more precise statement of them.

It is understood that the proposals do not include a demand for the autonomy of Macedonia, but urge the adaptation of article 23 of the treaty of Berlin, which provides for a larger measure of home rule.

It is believed that the proposals will remove any lurking suspicions in England that the continental powers were contemplating a settlement wholly at the expense of Turkey.

### Modifications Approved

Germany and Italy have approved their ally's modifications, so that with the full adhesion of the British government, which is confidently expected tomorrow, the powers will be in position to say to the Balkan coalition that the Balkan states will no longer have to depend on the promises of Turkey, but on the pledged word of Europe.

The reply of Count von Berchtold, the Austrian foreign minister, which was received at the Quai d'Orsay this morning, has caused general satisfaction to the French government. The alterations to the note which Count von Berchtold suggested include an explicit declaration that the reforms to be inaugurated will affect neither the integrity of Turkey nor the sovereignty of the sultan, that they should be applicable to the Ottoman empire as a whole, and that instead of the ambassadors at Constantinople presenting Turkey with the written demands they content themselves with a collective verbal representation of what they conceive to be the necessary steps Turkey should take.

### Guarantees to Be Demanded

The French government is confident that all the preliminaries will be completed in time to permit Russia and Austria to present a collective note to Sofia, Belgrade, Athens and Cetinje tomorrow, or, at the latest, Tuesday. As soon as this is done Turkey will be invited to give guarantees that will render effective the promise that Europe will be responsible for the realization of reforms.

In official circles the feeling prevails that this guarantee ought to satisfy the Balkan states if, as they profess, their sole motive in mobilizing against Turkey was to force the reforms provided for in the treaty of Berlin. At the same time it is realized that, while the governments in the coalition may be willing to accept this guarantee, they are feeling more and more the pressure of militarism.

With peace on the point of being signed with Italy the martial spirit of Turkey has reached a stage which it is difficult to control. If the Balkan governments can hold the fighting element in check French officials are hopeful that the diplomats may win out against the soldiers.

## PAN-HELLENICS READY FOR WAR

### Greek Residents of San Francisco Pledge the Fatherland Aid

Hellenic patriotism, blazoned forever on the world's history in Thermopylae and Salamis, has lost none of its fervor in the centuries that have elapsed since that time. If the mass meeting of the Greek residents of San Francisco to discuss plans to aid their country in the impending war with the Turks, held yesterday morning in the Greek church at Seventh and Folsom streets, is a fair criterion.

Separated from their fatherland by distances of which their forefathers never dreamed, with a strange continent intervening, they responded to the call to arms, to fight against their ancient enemies, as loyally and promptly as if the battlefield were only a few scant miles away instead of two weeks' journey.

A proclamation has been issued by the local patriotic committee appointed by Consul Richard de Fontana, calling on all men who can bear arms to enlist

## Japanese Aviator Killed in Crash With a Windmill

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

BATH, N. Y., Oct. 6.—Mothosia Kondo, a Japanese aviator, was thrown head foremost to the ground when his machine struck a windmill during a flight at Savona this morning, and suffered injuries from which he died soon afterward.

Kondo had just ascended and was circling at a height of 40 feet, preparing to mount to a loftier altitude.

Turning sharply to avoid a collision with a barn, his machine crashed into the iron derrick of a windmill. The impact wrecked the supporting frame of the aeroplane, which careened, and the aviator plunged to the earth. He landed on his head and lived only a few minutes.

Kondo obtained his aviator's license at San Diego, Cal., last winter.

## Man Gives Himself Up and Confesses To Stealing \$75,000

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

OAKLAND, Oct. 6.—That he stole \$75,000 from the British government in Sydney, New South Wales, while in the employ of the government, was the confession made by Robert Charles Holt, alias Clifton, who surrendered himself to the police this evening.

Holt gave himself up because he saw Rose Miller, a woman with whom he had been living at the time of the theft and whom he feared would betray him to the police. He will be held in jail pending advices from the British consul in San Francisco.

The police here are undetermined whether the man is telling the truth, or whether he is seeking arrest in order to secure his deportation to Australia.

## AUTO INJURES FOUR BY JUMPING INTO SLOUGH

### Recovery of Women and Base- ball Catcher Problematic

CHICO, Oct. 6.—Four persons were injured, three perhaps fatally, early today when an automobile in the Dayton road ran into a slough early this morning.

The injured are Miss Mildred Price, internal injuries; Miss Mary Banley, internal injuries; Dick Moore, catcher for Chico baseball club, seriously injured; Nat Broyles, ranch owner, minor injuries.

The recovery of the two young women and of Moore is problematical. The car, running at a good rate of speed, missed a bridge and ran into a slough. It is reported that it turned over. Miss Price, the most seriously injured of the four, was buried in the mud to her waist.

Broyles, who was driving the car, recently inherited large estates.

## DOCTORS PLEDGE THEIR BODIES FOR DISSECTION

### Two Hundred Prominent Physi- cians Make Morbid Contract

[Special Dispatch to The Call]  
NEW YORK, Oct. 6.—Two hundred prominent physicians of Brooklyn and Long Island voluntarily pledged their bodies to the dissecting table, at a meeting held in Hoffman island by the Associated Physicians of Long Island.

The idea primarily is the education of the public and to make the people understand that autopsies are in the interest of medical science.

In taking this action the assembled physicians wish to dispel the morbid impression which the general public has in regard to autopsies.

## AUTO KILLS WOMAN ON STREET CROSSING

### Driver Surrenders and Is Charged With Manslaughter

[Special Dispatch to The Call]  
OAKLAND, Oct. 6.—Becoming confused while crossing the street, Mrs. Lucia H. Fish of 2915 McClure street, aged 60 years, was struck by a run-about automobile driven by Arthur Muenck, at Twentieth street and San Pablo avenue, at 8:30 o'clock tonight, receiving injuries from which she died an hour later. Muenck lives at 2554 East Sixteenth street. He surrendered himself at the Central police station and was charged with manslaughter. He was released on his own recognizance.

## POLITICAL LEADER ENDS HIS LIFE WITH BULLET

### Thomas J. Ryan Commits Su- icide in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 6.—Thomas J. Ryan, for many years a democratic leader in this city and a prominent promoter of amusement enterprises, ended his life today by shooting himself through the mouth. His body was found in his office shortly after he had been discussing business affairs with his private secretary.

## CHICKEN RAID MAY THIN OUT MILITIA RANKS

### Recent Mimic War Between Red Army and Blue Has Dole- ful Aftermath

### Officers Who Feasted Upon Blooded Broilers in Danger of Losing Straps

ONE large sputtering bombshell—the only non-theoretical relic of the late theoretical war between the Red army and the Blue—is hovering over the campfire of the California national guard, all primed and ready to explode.

It was found on the field of battle down near Mission San Juan Bautista, when the practical board of damage appraisers from the regular army, following in the wake of the theoretical invaders, came to settle the bills. A rancher had missed some chickens—several chickens—155 chickens, to be exact, and he wanted the government to pay for them. They were prize chickens, he said.

The government paid, but the same hand that signed the check signed also an order for dropping the bombshell in the proper place, as the rancher, in stating his case, had convinced the board that his chickens had not strayed away because they left their heads behind them—155 heads in one pile. It looked to the army board like foraging, which in civil life is chicken stealing, and it was decided that this was carrying the theory of war a little bit too far.

Adjutant General Forbes, head of the California militia, conducted the investigation, and after two months he has placed the bombshell and applied the torch. It is filled with something more than mere lead, and when it goes off the victims, who include some of the "higher ups" of the valiant guard, will be beyond the skill of the field surgeon. Unlike the theoretical dead, they will be theoretically annihilated, and future wars will worry along without them.

For it has developed that the board of damage appraisers reasoned logically when it added two and two made four in the matter of chickens. Taking into consideration the proximity of the chicken ranch to the Red army on a certain day and the fact that the heads were left behind, the appraisers assumed that at least one "mess" fared high during the strenuous war. Having assumed that much, there came the question of who ate the broilers.

No one knew. Adjutant General E. A. Forbes was asked to investigate, and a special report was made to Washington. The war department, glancing

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## FAMOUS HERO DIES UNKNOWN AT SEA

### Louis Spitzer, Blockade Runner, Gentleman Adventurer, Meets Sad Ending

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

NEW YORK, Oct. 6.—A seaman who died aboard the bark Fue Heng Seng, arrived here 126 days from Honolulu, has been identified as Louis Spitzer, the famous blockade runner, gentleman adventurer, last of the American privateer skippers.

Spitzer died at sea after trying bravely to hide his identity, and doing the hard work of a forecastle hand under the racking pains of a consumptive almost worn to skin and bones.

Spitzer was the hero of the oriental waters for a decade or more. With his brother, Dick, he revived in reality the most adventurous days of the free lances of the seven seas. As pearler, blockade runner, gun runner, Louis Spitzer had hair breadth escapes which would fill many volumes. Again and again he laughed at great fleets of the world powers, at the spitting guns of heavily manned forts, the gold lace of angry admirals and even the stone walls of oriental jails. His brother shared most of his later adventures.

Throughout the Russo-Japanese war the "Spitzer brothers" and their food ships worried the great Japanese admiral Togo and the scout commanders of the Japanese fleet.

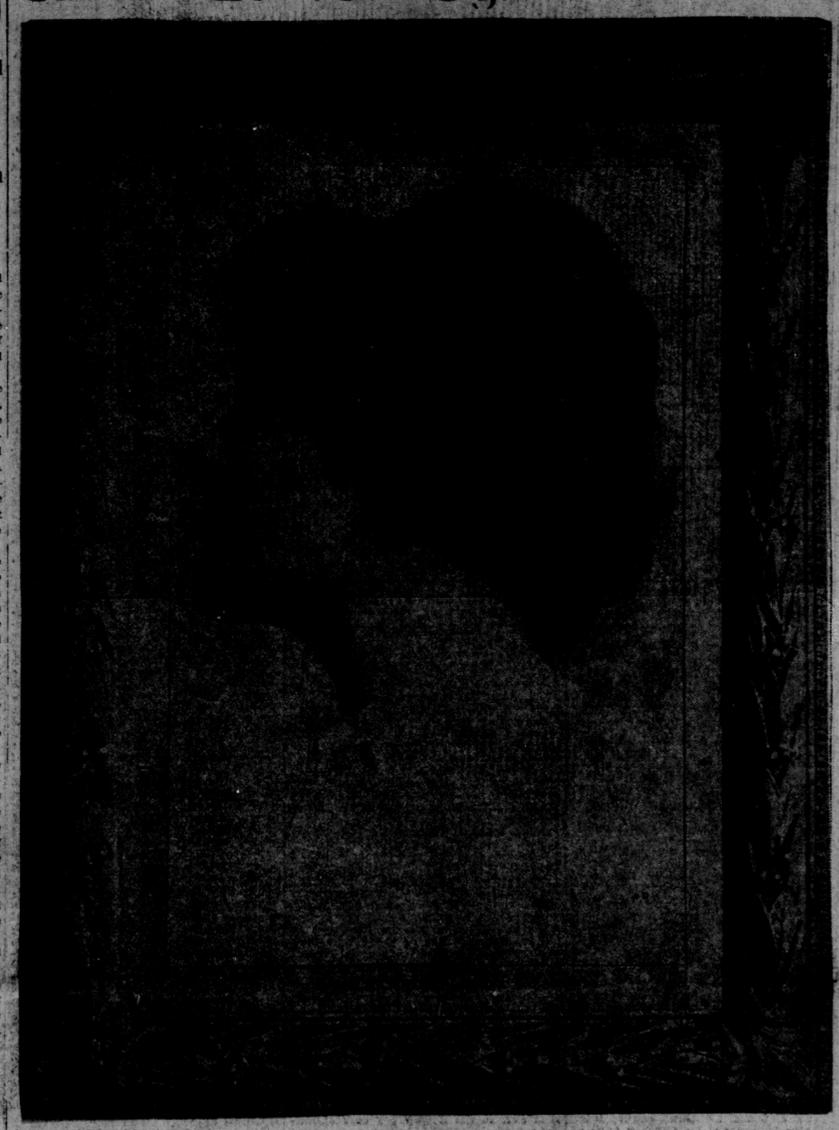
When Stoessel and the garrison of Port Arthur were beleaguered by the late Generals Nogi and Nodzu, commanding the forces in the lines at Dalny, Louis and Dick Spitzer electrified the world by running ship after ship through the network of Japanese warships and Japanese submerged mines, feeding the starved soldiers of the white czar from the most dangerous possible inlet.

In Manila word was received that fabulous sums could be earned by the man who would pierce the Japanese lines on land or water around Port Arthur. At a secret conference with the Muscovite agents, Louis Spitzer took up the Russian bid.

Several trips were successfully made. At last Dick was taken aboard his steamer, full to the cuppers with grain

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## New Beauty Is Proclaimed Call Prize for Sylvia Hoffman



MISS SYLVIA HOFFMAN,  
First winner of one of The Call's gold watches in the beauty contest.

—Hartook Photo.

## MAN SHOTS WIFE AND THEN HIMSELF

### Husband Objects to Woman Going to Brother's Home for Dinner

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

OAKLAND, Oct. 6.—Mrs. Alice Silva insisted upon going to her brother's home for dinner today, even after her husband, Alfonso, displayed a revolver and informed her that unless she remained with him he would shoot her.

Both are at the receiving hospital suffering from wounds that may prove fatal.

After shooting his wife through the left lung, Silva sent a bullet into his own breast and another into his skull.

The shooting occurred shortly after noon at their home, 9910 Walnut street, Elmhurst. Silva is a dairyman, 26 years old, and his wife is 25.

Miss Marian Lips, who lives at the Silva home, was a witness to the shooting. When she attempted to dissuade Silva he said: "You get out or I'll kill you, too." Miss Lips remained quiet and saw Silva shoot his wife and then himself. Then she ran from the house screaming for aid. Patrolmen Nedderman, Sherry and Thornally rushed the couple to the receiving hospital, where Doctor Irwin and Steward Platt gave them medical attention.

According to Charles Silva, brother of the wounded man, the latter's wife repeatedly brandished a razor at her husband and threatened to cut his throat.

"For the last six months," said the injured man on the operating table, "my wife has been cranky. She goes out frequently and visits her brother, Malcolm Perry of 1800 Eighty-first avenue. She doesn't want to stay with me. Today when she said she was going to her brother's home for dinner I told her that unless she remained at home and got dinner for me I would shoot her. She wouldn't listen to me, and I shot her and then myself."

"My husband must have been insane," said Mrs. Silva.

Although their condition is serious, Doctor Irwin holds out hope for the recovery of both.

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## Winner Decided In Preliminary Contest

The first gold watch has been awarded in The Call's now famous beauty contest.

Who won it? Why, Miss Sylvia Hoffman, and it is safe to say that while Miss Hoffman counts her friends by the score her list of admirers has doubled, say tripled, since yesterday morning. Look at this her latest photograph. Can you wonder?

The last week has been a palpitating one for a number of fair damsels whose likenesses have been entered in The Call's beauty contest. Telephone calls, letters and pictures have been pouring in the Pretty Girl Editor, and the city was alive with curiosity. The store editor had much to do to keep the name of the first prize winner to himself, as persistent demands were made on her to reveal the winning name.

Bright and early yesterday morning San Francisco pounced on its Sunday Call. There on the front page of the magazine section was Artist Rogers' conception of a pretty girl, but San Francisco wasn't looking for that. The city was interested in the real girl—the girl who carried off the first of the weekly prizes. So the page was hurriedly turned and inside loomed up a galaxy of beauties warranted to take any beauty lover's breath away.

### Congratulations for Winner

From then on until late at night Miss Sylvia Hoffman was made the recipient of many congratulations.

"By Jove!" one man was heard to say on a Key Route ferry. "I didn't know we had such pretty girls in San Francisco. I'm glad I wasn't on that committee of judges—I should never have been able to come to a decision."

And that's just what the judges thought for a while. By which Miss Hoffman may have the added satisfaction of knowing that she was pronounced winner in a close contest. Nobody likes to win in a walk.

The winner of the first watch is manager of the Jean Harvey hair-dressing parlors at 55 O'Farrell street. Her picture was sent to The Call office a week ago by an enthusiastic admirer. She is a dainty little maid with a charming manner.

Now, here's a word to the girls whose pictures appeared with Miss Hoffman's

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## MAN BURNED TO DEATH WITH HOME

### Employee of Alameda Street De- partment Incinerated in Bedroom

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

ALAMEDA, Oct. 6.—Daniel Doyle, an employee of the city street department, was burned to death shortly before 1 o'clock this morning in a fire that destroyed his home at 917½ San Antonio avenue. The blaze was caused, it is supposed, by the upsetting or explosion of a coal oil lamp.

Doyle was seen in the street just before midnight and said that he was going home. The flames were discovered three-quarters of an hour later.

When the firemen gained entrance to the ruffled house Doyle's charred remains were on the floor of a bedroom. He is survived by two sons, Luke and Benjamin Doyle.

The home of P. Pazzo, 920 Centennial avenue, and the home of Manuel Lopez, 312 Centennial avenue, both in the rear of the Doyle house were damaged by the flames.

## SNOW 18 INCHES DEEP COVERS BEAR VALLEY

### Earliest Fall Recorded in South- ern California

SAN BERNARDINO, Oct. 6.—The earliest snowstorm ever recorded in this section of California is reported at Bear Valley, where there is a foot and a half of snow on the ground. Hundreds of duck hunters have been driven out of the country by the snow and cold.

## WOMAN SOCIETY LEADER IN CIVIL SERVICE JOB

### Mrs. McCann First of Her Sex to Be Commissioner

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 6.—Mrs. David Chambers McCann, prominent club-woman and society leader, announced today she had accepted the position of civil service commissioner, tendered her by Mayor Alexander. Mrs. McCann is said to be the first woman civil service commissioner in the country.

## PEOPLE FIND TAFT THEIR BULWARK

### Summing Up Political Situation, President Says Electorate Will Indorse Policies

### FARMERS OF NORTHWEST DO NOT WANT A CHANGE

### Lawful Industrial Agitation Is Wholesome and Tends to Im- prove Labor Conditions

### EMPLOYERS ARE ADOPTING GOLDEN RULE PRINCIPLES

DALTON, Mass., Oct. 6.—President and Mrs. Taft and their guest, Miss Mabel Boardman, spent a quiet Sunday here with Senator Crane. The second day of their six day automobile trip through Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire was in marked contrast to the first. In the morning the presidential party attended church in Dalton, and late in the afternoon motored to Senator Crane's country place, seven miles away.

Early tomorrow the presidential party will strike northward into Vermont.

### Gratified by Situation

President Taft tonight summed up the political situation in a statement in which he said:

I have every reason to be satisfied with political conditions. I have been simply overwhelmed for days past with letters and newspaper clippings showing the trend of the tide toward the republican party. Its platform and its candidates I have been especially gratified by the news from the northwestern states. Chairman Hillen of the republican national committee, who has been visiting the northwest, tells me that reports from all parts of those states bring most gratifying evidence of republican confidence and activity, with earnest determination to achieve the success of republican principals and candidates.

### Conditions Satisfy Farmers

The population of the northwest is not surpassed anywhere in intelligence and thrift and attachment to American institutions. The farmers of that part of the union were never so prosperous, and they do not mean to risk the loss of their prosperity by abandoning the republican party, whose policies have enabled them to prosper. They are convinced that the third term candidate is no longer in the running, and that the choice is between the republican platform and candidates on the one hand and on the other hand the democratic platform, with its plank of a tariff for revenue only, and its candidate, Governor Wilson, who said in an address in Williams Grove, Pa., that the farmer does not need protection.

It is unnecessary to explain to the farmer—west, east, north or on the Pacific slope—what Governor Wilson's very frank declaration would mean with Mr. Wilson in the White House and a democratic majority in the capitol.

### Domestic Trade Is Growing

The principal reason for the existing prosperity is the assurance that under the republican policy of home protection and trade expansion, American industry, while reaching for foreign markets, is not in danger of losing the home market. While our foreign trade is growing more rapidly than at any time in our history, domestic commerce is making advances fully as remarkable. Our population is increasing, the demand for the necessities of life is increasing proportionately and, thanks to active business and good wages, the people are able to pay for what they

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