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GREECE MUST SIGN STAY IS TURK DEMAND

Peace Delegates Ordered Not to Confer at London Meeting.

ARMIES STILL OPERATE

Dissenting State Begins Offensive Movement Along Line in Epirus.

Constantinople, Dec. 13.—The Turkish delegates to the peace conference in London have been instructed by the Ottoman government to decline to meet the Greek delegates until Greece has signed an armistice.

London, Dec. 13.—The Bulgarian delegates to the peace conference arrived today. The Turkish plenipotentiaries are expected tonight. Representatives of Serbia, Montenegro, Greece and Bulgaria spent the greater part of the day getting acquainted with each other.

King George, Sir Edward Grey and Premier Asquith will entertain the delegates but the dates have not yet been settled.

DISCUSSIONS BEGIN MONDAY

Peace discussions will open Monday next and if successful will have the effect of remaking the map of the near east.

When the plenipotentiaries gather with the secretaries and stenographers, a group of forty or fifty all told in the historic St. James palace, they will find themselves amid surroundings most conducive of peace.

The "picture gallery," which has been selected for the conference room, is one of the most secluded apartments of the palace. It overlooks a century-old grass-grown quadrangle entirely shut off from the turmoil of London street. On the walls are hung portraits of all the English sovereigns from Henry VIII, with that of "Edward the peacemaker" in a prominent position.

GREEK ARMY ADVANCES

Athens, Dec. 13.—A general offensive movement along the whole line was begun Wednesday by the Greek army operating in Epirus, the most westerly portion of the Balkan peninsula. After repeated attacks the Greeks occupied at the point of the bayonet, the Turkish advance posts toward the Visall fortifications and camped there.

JUSTICE HAND IN CRITICAL STATE

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 13.—Justice John J. Hand of the Illinois supreme court suffered a paralytic stroke last night and today is in a critical condition at his rooms in the supreme court building. His entire right side is paralyzed and he is unable to speak.

WOMEN OF PHILADELPHIA CONTINUE EGG PRICE WAR

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 13.—Seventeen additional stations for the sale of eggs at 24 cents a dozen were put in operation today by members of the Housekeepers' league. A total of 59 stations are now engaged in supplying lower priced eggs. More than 4,000,000 eggs have been sold to thrifty housekeepers and retail dealers by the score are offering the managers of the crusade assistance in disposing of the eggs. Three women on the city hall plaza today disposed of many crates of eggs.

HEROIC RESCUES IN SPECTACULAR PITTSBURGH FIRE

Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 13.—More than two hundred residents of the Liberty apartments in the business heart of the north side were driven into the cold streets this morning by a spectacular fire which destroyed the structure. A dozen or more were injured, some of them firemen caught under falling walls. It is not believed there were any fatalities. A policeman made his way to the fourth story and rescued 14 women, carrying them to the front of the building, where they were taken down on ladders placed against the flaming walls by firemen. No estimate of property loss was placed.

DEMOCRATIC WOMEN TO GIVE RECEPTION TO MRS. WOODROW WILSON IN NEW YORK



Mrs. William Jennings Bryan and Mrs. Judson Harmon (at the top) and Mrs. J. S. Crosby.

The woman's democratic club of New York City has completed plans for a "victory" reception and breakfast in honor of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and her three daughters. It will be held in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria Dec. 21.

Among those who have accepted invitations are Mrs. William Jennings Bryan, Mrs. Judson Harmon, Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson, Mrs. John A. Dix, Mrs. William Sulzer, Mrs. Grover Cleveland, Mrs. Champ Clark, Mrs. Oscar Underwood, Mrs. William J. Gaynor and Mrs. Thomas F. Ryan.



Mrs. John Sherwin Crosby is president of the club.

HOME RULE BILL IS PUSHED AHEAD

London, Dec. 13.—The committee stage of the home rule bill was completed in the house of commons late last night amid exciting demonstrations and counter demonstrations. The house then immediately adjourned.

Premier Asquith and his ministers were applauded as they left the chamber. The bill passed 171 against 129 in the house of commons on April 16 by a vote of 360 to 256. Its second reading was passed on May 9 by a vote of 373 to 271.

It was then referred to a committee of the whole house, but as home rule and Welsh disestablishment are being taken concurrently, the committee stage of the home rule bill was not reached until June 11.

The bill received a setback on Nov. 12 when, during the debate on the financial provisions the unionists defeated the government in a snap division by a majority of 22.

After riotous scenes in parliament an amicable arrangement was reached. The house, on the motion of the premier, negatived its original financial resolution, the amendment of which Sir Frederick Banbury led to the trouble and another resolution was substituted for it.

The net result was to delay the progress of the bill for ten days.

The government intends to pass through the house of commons before parliament rises prior to March 30, three important bills—home rule, the disestablishment of the church of Wales, and the reform of the franchise, the principal clause of which aims at putting an end to plural voting.

UNCLE SAM BARS ILLINOIS WOMAN

San Francisco, Dec. 13.—Mrs. Margaret Blair, wife of Lorion Blair, a construction engineer of Shanghai, and a passenger on the Pacific Mail liner Persia, which arrived from the orient, was denied a landing by the immigration authorities. She was taken to the Angel Island station and, according to the customs authorities, will be held there pending an investigation.

While the customs authorities refuse to state the exact charge against Mrs. Blair, they declare that certain information in their possession led them to suspect she was engaged in an illegal business in the orient. Mrs. Blair, who is a former resident of Danville, Ill., married her present husband, a Frenchman, four years ago, and thereby lost her citizenship.

Mrs. Blair took her arrest philosophically. "I cannot for the life of me understand the government's action," she declared, between puffs of a Turkish cigarette. "I guess it is because I have a cold and on account of hoarseness cannot properly explain matters to the authorities."

Mrs. Blair puffed her cigaret in silence for a few moments, and then threw up both hands in a gesture of despair.

"La, la, the government does funny things," she continued. "I was born in Danville, Ill., Joe Cannon's town, and lived there most of my life. Yet the authorities say I must go to the island for possible deportation. It's all because of this beastly cold. I smoke nearly 50 cigarets a day and I suppose they have tended to aggravate my illness." According to fellow passengers, Mrs.

BLAIR TOOK A PROMINENT PART IN SOCIAL AFFAIRS ON BOARD THE BOAT DURING THE TRIP FROM THE ORIENT. SHE SAYS HER HUSBAND RECENTLY WENT TO FRANCE FOR HIS HEALTH AND SHE EXPECTED TO JOIN HIM THERE.

Mrs. Blair wore a fortune in jewels and her baggage consisted of seven trunks and a large amount of hand baggage.

DYNAMITE TRIAL SCOPE BROADENS

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 13.—Whether he approved of a speech by Emil Seidel of Milwaukee, in which Seidel denounced the courts for the arrest of John J. McNamara as a "kidnaping," and whether he approved of a protest against the "kidnaping" sent to Samuel Gowen of St. Louis, a defendant in the "dynamite" trial, today. Overruling repeated objections of counsel for the 41 defendants, Judge Anderson said: "Witness after witness has testified here tending to show the officers of the union spent thousands of dollars of the union's funds to hire men like McNamara and James B. McNamara, to go about the country blowing up the work of non-union contractors. Now this defendant, Morrin, has made the defense that he attempted to have the union's accounts published, indicating there was something rotten in the state of Denmark. His defense is not that these explosions were not going on, but that, if they were going on, he did not know of it."

The court held that this line of defense opened to the government a full inquiry as to whether union officials thought McNamara was guilty before he actually pleaded guilty.

PHILADELPHIA HOME OF CANDY TRUST, IS CHARGE

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 13.—The "candy trust" of Philadelphia is attacked by Attorney General Wickham in an anti-trust suit filed here today against the Philadelphia Jobbing Confectioners association. The association is said to handle the products of candy manufacturers of several eastern states.

Mauretania Nears New York. Liverpool, Dec. 13.—The Cunard line received a wireless message from the Mauretania in which it was stated it was 1,380 miles from New York. Rumors of a mishap to the big liner were in circulation in Germany and Paris last Sunday night.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 p. m. Tomorrow for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline, and Vicinity.

Fair tonight and Saturday, not much change in temperature. The lowest temperature tonight will be about the freezing point.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 30; highest yesterday, 22, lowest last night, 20.

Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 5 miles per hour.

Precipitation, none. Relative humidity at 7 p. m., 52, at 7 a. m., 79.

Stage of water, 2.3, a rise of .5 in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS. (From noon today to noon tomorrow.) Sun sets 4:34, rises 7:17. Evening stars: Venus, Jupiter, Saturn. Morning stars: Mars, Mercury.

IS ADMITTED STOCK DEALS ARE GAMBLE

Former President of New York Exchange Inquiry a Witness.

SHORT SELLING WRONG

Transactions in Securities Not Owned by Those Executing the Same.

Washington, Dec. 13.—At the money trust hearing today Counsel Undermyer endeavored to draw from Former President Sturgis of the New York stock exchange an estimate of the amount of business done on the stock exchange annually, but was unsuccessful. The lawyer read from answers furnished by the exchange to questions of the Hughes commission showing an estimate of yearly business amounting to 196,000,000 shares of stock. Sturgis said he believed the figures were about right. Sturgis said about one-third of the trading was done by brokers.

"Then 136,000,000 shares are bought and sold by the public?" "Yes, about that." Sturgis said there were 400 or 500 active brokers on the exchange. "Commissions, he said, were charged on the par value of stock without regard to the market price. Undermyer took up the question of "short sales." The witness explained short selling "was the practice of selling stock not owned by the seller, in order to buy it later at a lower price."

"The object is to make money on a break in the market by selling what you have not got, isn't that so?" "Yes," replied Sturgis. "You believe short selling is justifiable in a normal market?"

MATTER OF CONSCIENCE. "That is a question between every man and his own conscience. Personally, I do not."

Undermyer reviewed the arguments in favor of short selling as a balance on a rising market and as stouthing the general market situation.

"Don't you think the moral obliquity of such transactions outweighs any argument in its favor?" "Yes, I do personally."

"As a matter of fact, that is gambling, pure and simple?" "Yes, very largely," answered Sturgis.

The witness said he did not believe the stock exchange was guilty of misleading the banks as to the value of securities manipulated.

BRIDGIE WEBBER CLAIMS HE DIDN'T LIE ON STAND

New York, Dec. 13.—"Bridgie" Webber, one of the four informers in the recent murder cases, quoted as repudiating his testimony given at the trial of Becker and the four gunmen and as saying there was no plot to slay Herman Rosenthal, sent a letter to District Attorney Whitman saying he stood by his testimony and that the statements to the contrary attributed to him were "absolutely false." "Any time you wish me to make an affidavit to this effect," he added, "I shall be glad to do so. Mrs. Webber will corroborate me."

LUXURY IMPORTS REACH BIG TOTAL

Washington, Dec. 13.—Imports on luxuries into the United States during October were probably the highest on record. It is estimated luxuries are coming in at a rate of \$1,000,000 a day, and if the rate holds good imports on luxuries will aggregate \$200,000,000 for the calendar year 1912.

ARCHBALD DEFENSE WILL BE STARTED NEXT MONDAY

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—The senate adopted an order for the closing by Saturday of the testimony in chief against Judge Robert W. Archbald of the commerce court, on trial for alleged misbehavior in office.

Testimony for the defense is to begin Monday at 1:30 p. m. Attorneys for Judge Archbald expressed the hope that they would complete their testimony next week.

James R. Dainty of Scranton, Pa., testified that upon going to see Judge Archbald at the judge's request on one occasion about the interest of the Everhardt heirs in certain coal lands, he would be obliged to him if he spoke to the Lehigh Valley Coal company officials about a lease of the lands. He declared he did not expect Judge Archbald to do anything about his request.

PRIZE EGG LAYER IS SOLD FOR \$800

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 13.—"Lady Shaw You," a hen that won the national egg laying contest at the state poultry station at Mountain Grove, Mo., this year, was sold here today for \$800 by J. A. Bickerdite of Moberly, Ill.

"NO PETTICOAT" ORDER OFF IN NAVY; PRINCESS RULES CRUISER MARYLAND



Miss Priscilla Ellicott.

Bremerton, Wash., Dec. 11.—Miss Priscilla Ellicott, daughter of Captain J. M. Ellicott, commanding officer of the United States armored cruiser Maryland, enjoys the distinction of being the first female passenger upon an American seagoing man of war in the last 31 years—in other words, since Secretary of the Navy William H. Hunt issued his famous "no petticoat" order of 1881. Save in such rare emergencies as offering refuge to women threatened with death during disturbances in barbarous or semi-barbarous ports, no woman has ever been permitted since that date to remain overnight on board a regular cruising vessel of the fighting navy. If they have done so, it has been surreptitiously done.

Miss Ellicott, who has been visiting her sister, the wife of Lieutenant Ross S. Kingsbury of the marine corps, stationed in Honolulu, has just made the trip from the islands to the Puget sound navy yard at Bremerton, as a passenger on her father's ship, the Maryland. As she expresses it to her friends, she "had the time of her life" during the voyage—a lone princess on a floating kingdom, of which her parent was monarch, with the young nobles of the wardrobe and junior officers mess as her subjects.

For many years commanding officers of United States men of war were permitted to take their wives and families with them as cabin passengers on their ships, but the privilege was restricted to the captains.

Yet in the families there were often many fair ones, and not a few navy romances were born of the practice. But, like all privileges, this one was open to abuse, and abuses sometimes crept in. The captain's wife sometimes took it into her head to issue orders to the gig's crew, to the after-guard sweeper, to the sentry at the gangway and even to the officer of the deck himself.

These things were endured as a general thing by the officers and men affected, but when some captains' wives and the nurses of their children made use of the poop railing, the after bridge or the awning ridge rope to hang out their washing, or put the baby to sleep in a halyard rack, or secured the family sewing in the breach of a main battery gun, the sticklers for proprieties believed it time to take a reef in the custom or to furl it altogether and stow it.

Secretary Hunt's "no petticoat" order was the result, and since its promulgation the fair sex, even of an admiral's family, has not been permitted to take passage on any naval vessel, other than a presidential or secretary's yacht, like the Mayflower or Dolphin, when that passage required sleeping quarters on board. Receiving ships and other station ships were exempted from the order, but nothing but a matter of personal safety was allowed to interfere with its observance—until Miss Ellicott enjoyed the honor.

and that the judge had not told him of going to see General Manager S. D. Warringer of the coal company in regard to the matter.

PARCELS POST TO ACCEPT PRODUCE

Washington, Dec. 13.—According to regulations governing the parcels post system, promulgated by the postmaster general, perishable articles may be sent through the mails only under specific restrictions as to their containers and the distance they are to be sent. Butter, lard, fish, fresh meats, dressed fowls, vegetables, fruits, berries and similar articles may be sent short distances when securely packed. Eggs will be accepted for local delivery when each egg is separately packed in a secure manner.

There will be no restriction on mailing salted, dried, smoked or cured meats, but fresh meat will be transported only within the first zone.

Articles that may not be sent include intoxicating liquors and poisons; inflammable articles, including matches; pistols and revolvers; live or dead animals, or birds or dead poultry or anything having bad odor.

MESSAGE FROM A LOST BOAT FOUND

Chicago, Dec. 13.—A dispatch from Sheboygan, Wis., says a bottle containing the last message from the Christmas tree ship, Rouse Simmons, was picked up on the beach. It was written on a sheet of paper torn from the log book, signed by Captain Schuenemann. It read: "Everybody, good-bye. Guess we are all through. Sea washed over deck-look Thursday. Leaking bad. Engwald and Stede fell overboard Thursday. God help us."

The vessel and crew of 17 foundered a fortnight ago.

Sheboygan, Wis., Dec. 13.—A report that the body of the captain of the Rouse Simmons floated ashore with a bottle containing a note from the captain is absolutely without foundation.

20,000 TEXTILE WORKERS LOCKED OUT IN GERMANY

Ibbenbueren, Germany, Dec. 13.—Twenty thousand textile workers have been locked out by the Muensterland District Employers' association owing to a strike for an increase in wages for workmen employed in a local cotton mill.

SCHOONER BUTCHER BOY LOST FOR A WEEK IN PORT

Chicago, Dec. 13.—The three-masted schooner Butcher Boy, missing since last Saturday with a crew of seven, is docked safely at Milwaukee, according to messages received by agents here. The schooner, laden with lumber, sailed from Manistique, Mich., the port from which the ill-fated schooner Rouse Simmons sailed a month ago.

FOUR MEN GO TO GALLOWES; ONE SPARED

Governor of Oregon Turns Deaf Ear to Public Protests.

CONVICTED OF MURDER

Anti-capital Punishment League Conducts 24-hour Meeting to No Avail.

Salem, Ore., Dec. 13.—Unless Governor West intervenes, four men will be hanged today. The fifth, John Taylor, was to have been hanged, but the governor yesterday commuted his sentence to life imprisonment. The governor announced he would not interfere in the other cases. The men to be hanged are Noble Fauldner, Michael Morgan, Frank Garrison and E. E. Roberts. All were convicted of murder.

Carrison and Fauldner were hanged simultaneously at 11:28 today. Immediate preparations were then made to execute Roberts and Morgan.

PROTEST MEETING HELD. San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 13.—"Thou shalt not kill," the slogan of the Anti-Capital Punishment league, was urged throughout the night to varying crowds at a 24-hour street meeting organized by the league as a protest against four hangings scheduled today at the Salem, Ore., penitentiary, and one at Folsom, Cal. The meeting, with speakers relieving each other at half hour intervals, began at 6 o'clock last night, and drew throngs that blocked traffic early in the night. In the cold hours of dawn, a few listened under a gasoline torch.

REGISTER TRIAL HAS A SENSATION

Cincinnati, Dec. 13.—A. H. Edwards, a dealer in store fixtures and Michigan cash registers in Spokane, Wash., and vicinity, sprung a sensation at the trial in this city of officers of the National Cash Register company in the federal court today when he said he had been made the 27th member of the National's "morgue list" and had been threatened with loss of his entire business unless he gave up selling Michigan cash registers. He testified three suits were brought against Edwards by purchasers of Michigan machines and that since 1908 he said he had brought suit against 39 purchasers who sent back the Michigan machines partly paid for. All this, the witness claimed, was the result of a fight against him by the National agent in that territory.

AMBASSADOR REID SICK; HIS CONDITION SERIOUS

London, Dec. 13.—Whitelaw Reid, United States ambassador to Great Britain, is seriously ill. He is suffering with asthma and his condition has become considerably worse the past week. Several specialists are in attendance.

WOMEN BALK AT JURY DUTY IN A TOWN IN KANSAS

Independence, Kan., Dec. 13.—Evident reluctance of independence's society women to respond to calls for jury service brought announcement today by Justice Clark that he "intended to have a woman on the jury in every case in his court where the testimony is not likely to be of an embarrassing nature." He said women had more time for jury duty than men. Deputy Sheriff Wadman reported it was practically impossible to serve subpoenas upon half of the 12 prominent women summoned as jurors in the case of "Jim" Blue to be tried tomorrow, charged with "shooting up" an interurban street car. In many cases, he said, he was met at the door by a butler or maid with the information the mistress was "out of town," while at the same time he could see the "absentee" an upstairs window laughing at him. On the way to his office this morning Justice Clark saw one of the women on the street. An hour later he received a telephone message she was "out of town" and could not serve. He replied that "she had better be in town tomorrow."