

## GREECE IS STILL BATTERING TURKS

### Dennett's Axe And Coal Land Claims

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The annual report of Fred Dennett, Commissioner of the United States land office, has been made to the Secretary of the Interior.

The report shows that the general land office has completed the investigation of 200 coal claims during the past few years and of two hundred remaining 144 have been canceled.

Nearly all of these coal claims are located in the Bering river and Matanuska coal fields, Alaska, and a few other places in that territory.

It is not likely that Congress will make any attempt to put through coal land legislation at this session. It is stated, however, that it will receive consideration at the special session which will convene in April.

### WILSON WARNS POLITICIANS

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 18.—Governor Wilson yesterday issued a warning to state politicians who are opposed to his progressive policies. Gov. Wilson says that he was elected governor of New Jersey on a distinctly progressive platform, and that he has tried to the best of his ability to perform and carry out his pledges. A coterie of New Jersey politicians at the head of which is former Senator James Smith, of New York, have opposed him at every step, but notwithstanding this Gov. Wilson has been enabled to redeem the greater portion of the pledges he made.

The forthcoming session of the New Jersey legislature will be asked to enact legislation which the governor has urged since he was inaugurated, and it is because of this determination on his part that he now finds the machine politicians are busy in an endeavor to thwart his plans.

### DESPERADO AN OREGON MAN

SANTA ANNA, Calif., Dec. 18.—The desperado was killed in the foothills near this city yesterday, after he had killed Under Sheriff Squires and wounded several other men, has been identified. He is Joseph Matlock, son of former Mayor Matlock, of Eugene, Ore.

### A GIBBET FOR PANIC PRODUCERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A meeting of the Southern Society was held here last night, the principal address being delivered by President-elect Woodrow Wilson.

During his address Mr. Wilson referred to national panics and their causes and he uttered a distinct warning to any man or men who deliberately attempted to start a panic in order to intimidate the legislative powers of the nation, and to show them that they were wrong. "If this should be attempted," he said, "during my administration as President of this nation, I promise such men a gibbet as high as that of Haman."

### TODAY IN THE DISTRICT COURT

The judicial air of profanity bill this morning is redolent with the perfume of oolichan oil and secret indictments.

The Indian liquor cases have the center of the stage with the Jimmy James case still before the jury and the grand jury grinding out new defendants.

The Jimmy James case rested for a moment this morning while the court listened to a report of the grand jury.

### ELECTION RETURNS FROM YAKUTAT

Official election returns were received from Yakutat in the last mail. This leaves Chicago as the only precinct yet to be heard from. While Yakutat gave a slight majority to the Progressive ticket, there is no material change in the results of the election. The vote is as follows:

Tripp 3, Tanner 2, Valentine 7, Le Fevre 4, Bland 0, Swanson 0, Ingersoll 4, Shoup 2, Stubbins 2, Svindseth 3, Reek 5, Dawes 7, Olson 7, Thomas 4, Tweit 0, Noland 0, Heath 0 and Stuke 0. The total vote was 8.

### JOHN WINS.

John Markrud, of the Arctic barber shop, has beaten the long standing score of 170 held by Steve Stephanoff by one point at base ball pocket pool. John gets the Burford \$15.00 pipe.

Whatever your needs, come in and let me show you a variety of beautiful presents that will at once appeal to you as "just the thing." Valentine's Store has genuine new attractions for Christmas.

### Personal Mention

B. J. McGee, the Whitehorse hotel man was in town for a few hours today, enroute to Seattle.

Captain O. Polte, an old time Yukon navigator, now on the Curacao, was in town shaking hands with his friends.

R. W. Silver, a well known Alaska contractor and builder, is a recent arrival in Juneau. He is accompanied by his wife. Mr. Silver is erecting a residence at Sheep creek, and will be employed by the Alaska-Gastineau Company.

Oak Olson took passage on the Curacao for Seattle.

Sammy Guyot took passage on the Curacao for Ketchikan.

Wreck of S. S. Dora, photos by Miss S. Sexton, at W. H. CASE'S.

### Chicago Oleo Tax Deception

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—The alleged oleomargarine tax fraud scandal, under investigation by the Federal Grand Jury, blossomed forth from \$200,000 proportions to over the million mark today, with ramifications in every packing center in the country.

"Banana oil," an artificial coloring made from the peelings of bananas through a process developed by a subsidiary of Armour & Co., at the stock yards, is said to have been the new ingredient which was used in evading the ten-cents-a-pound tax on colored oleo.

The untinted product is taxed one-quarter of a cent per pound. The firm, in the local stock yards is said to have peddled its new secret process to practically every big manufacturer of oleomargarine in the country.

The new process, it is said, has been employed for about a year. Some idea of the proportions of the alleged fraud may be gained from the fact that in the fiscal year 1911 more than 114,000,000 pounds of oleo, which was claimed not to have been artificially tinted, was manufactured in the United States, while the 10-cent tax was paid upon only approximately 2,800,000 pounds.

The government charges that a large portion of this supposed untinted oleo had in reality been stained to a yellowish color by the new "banana oil" process.

In spite of strenuous attempts at secrecy by the government, some information regarding the alleged frauds has become public in Chicago. Every government official declares the "lid" is on, but all admit that the Grand Jury is hearing witnesses in "an oleomargarine matter."

So far the extent of the fraud has not been determined by local officials, as the matter for several months has been handled directly by Commissioner of Internal Revenue Cabel at Washington.

Judge Kenesaw M. Landis stands forth as the central figure in the present expose, which has for its intent criminal prosecution. He instructed District Attorney James H. Wilkerson to present the matter to the Grand Jury for investigation. As a result it is expected that Monday a general order from Attorney-General Wickersham will go forth to District Attorneys throughout the country to set the wheels of a dozen Grand Juries in motion.

### SUFFRAGETTES ON MARCH.

IRVINGTON, N. Y., Dec. 18.—A band of suffragettes marching from New York to Albany to demand woman suffrage arrived here last night.

### TO FORM A CABINET.

TOKIO, Dec. 18.—The Emperor has issued a rescript ordering Prince Taro Katsura to form a cabinet.

### THE CONTRACT LET FOR JUNEAU FERRY.

E. J. Margarie is returning on the Humboldt from Seattle, where he let a contract for the construction of a ferry boat for the Juneau Ferry & Navigation Co.

The new vessel will be 64.10 feet in length, 14 feet beam and 5.5 feet in depth. She will be equipped with an 80-horse power engine. Naval architect L. E. Geary has prepared the plans and specifications for the new vessel.

### APPLYING FOR TIMBER.

The Northwestern Fisheries Company have applied to the local land office for the purchase of timber at Kechemak bay and at Bartlett bay.

### PATENTS GRANTED.

The local land office has been notified that patents have been issued to the Standard Copper Mines Company for six lode claims in the Valdez district.

### TO LET—Two furnished rooms.

with bath. Inquire Osborne House, 48 Franklin street.

### ANTICIPATING WAR AND BUYING GRAIN.

Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 18.—Switzerland is augmenting cash reserves and is ordering grain from America. This action of the little European republic is based upon a possibility of a general European war.

### Barnette Declared Guilty

VALDEZ, Dec. 18.—E. T. Barnette was found guilty today of making a false statement in regard to the condition of the Washington-Alaska bank of Fairbanks, of which he was president. The bank closed its doors Jan. 5, 1911. Lewis Wing, the cashier of the bank, tried jointly with Barnette, was found not guilty. The jury was out five hours.

Attorney Albert Fink closed at 9 o'clock Monday night for the defendants, and yesterday District Attorney Crossley closed for the government. The case was eight days on trial.

An effort is being made today to combine all the embezzlement charges against the defendants.

The charge on which Barnette has been convicted is a misdemeanor and punishable either by fine or imprisonment, or both, in a federal jail.

### THE ROAD TO JANINA

ATHENS, Greece, Dec. 18.—A dispatch from the commander of the Greek forces says that the fall of Ft. Bizani and the opening of the road to Janina is only a question of a few hours.

### J. P. MORGAN TO TESTIFY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—J. Pierpont Morgan arrived here this morning to testify in the money trust investigation. Mr. Morgan is not likely to throw much light upon the matters under investigation.

### SOME COIN WHICH DID NOT WORK

There should be deposited some time today with Judge Winn, of the Commissioner's court, one perfectly good silver dollar and a silver coin of half the value, to be held in trust for one bad Indian, a little lame in one lower limb.

This condition was brought about through the attempt of the Indian to induce a Mr. Baker, familiarly known as "Red" to buy bad whiskey for him (the Indian) at an early hour last evening.

The incident happened near Burford's corner. Mr. Baker took the coin and then proceeded to cuff Mr. Baker's ears. After a moment of exercise he crossed over and handed the money to Judge Folsom.

### BAIL INCREASED IN DYNAMITE CASE.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 18.—The bail of John T. Brunder, vice president of the International Structural Ironworkers, has been increased by order of Judge Anderson of the federal court. Brunder was unable to secure the additional bail required, and is now in jail. He is a defendant in the dynamite cases on trial in this city.

### BRYAN TO MEET GOVERNOR WILSON.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—President-elect Woodrow Wilson and William Jennings Bryan will meet on Saturday night at a testimonial dinner to be given Governor-elect Sulzer at the Metropolitan Club.

The stock of diamond goods, now on display at Valentine's Store in Juneau, is something that you would not expect to see in this far Northern country. He has them in any quantity, size or price, and in all styles of mountings.

The Daily Empire delivered in Juneau, Douglas and Treadwell for \$1.00 a month.

### Peace Era If Bryan's In Cabinet

(Special Correspondence.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—William J. Bryan's friends believe that Mr. Bryan should be Secretary of State, and they do not think that he can afford to turn down the offer of that Cabinet position if it is made to him by President-elect Wilson.

Mr. Bryan has talked with several of his intimates about the matter in the last few days in the South. The Bryan men think the Democrats will change the entire policy of this country toward foreign nations.

"We would bring about an era of good will and peace by being the Big Brother to our smaller neighbors, and not bluster as Roosevelt did or try to take away the prerogatives of the Senate, as Taft treaties would have done," said a close personal friend of Mr. Bryan who talked with him recently.

No Dollar Diplomacy.

"Bryan would be in touch with every nation. He knows the great diplomats of the world and is rated as a great statesman in Europe and other countries. We would not get peace among nations by the Roosevelt, the Taft or the Carnegie plan, but would build up on the former foundation of fair treatment. The day of the dollar diplomacy would pass. We would not have to buy our way to the heart of foreign peoples."

The Bryan administration, if he is Secretary of State, will be directed, it is said, toward bringing out friendly relations with the South American countries to counteract the ill will that President Roosevelt aroused by his dealing with the Columbians in getting the Panama Canal.

A great fight is being made against Mr. Bryan. His enemies are appealing to Gov. Wilson not to offer Bryan the position of Secretary of State. Indeed, they would keep him out of the Cabinet altogether.

Backed by O'Gorman.

It is said that Senator O'Gorman, of New York, is one of the advocates of Mr. Bryan's appointment and the Democratic policy as outlined here. He opposed the Taft treaties. The man quoted above added:

"The Democratic policy will be for peace, but at the same time no treaty that does not recognize the equality of all of our citizens, irrespective of race or creed, and which does not expressly guarantee the fundamental right of expatriation will be sanctioned."

"The constitutional rights of American citizens should protect them on our foreign borders and go with them throughout the world, and every American citizen residing or having property in any foreign country is entitled to and must receive the full protection of the United States government, both for himself and his property."

That is the policy that will be carried out, his friends assert, if Mr. Bryan is Secretary of State.

Under Civil Service.

President Taft's recent order extending the civil service to the navy yard employes, embraces toolmakers, electricians, stonemasons, machinists, masons, moulders, ordnance men, plumbers, and others.

It is said that the order will not displace any employes. Civil Service officials predict "the emancipation from political or personal coercion of the navy yard people."

The order must become effective not later than June 30 next. It affects all navy yard employes except common laborers. The present occupants of positions may be classified upon their efficiency being certified. The new regulations provide for competitive examination and that district secretaries of the Civil Service Commission shall be members of the various labor boards.

President Taft's order will have the effect of giving the employes the status they had from 1896 to 1909. The order continues the merit system prescribed by Congress in 1872, which was, with subsequent modifications, enforced in an executive order by President Cleveland in 1896. For thirteen years from that date it was supposed classification had been accomplished. In 1909, however, the Attorney-General held that navy yard employes employed under the regulations had not been classified, but could be classified by the President by modifying or revoking the navy yard regulations. Since that time representatives of the Navy Department and the Civil Service Commission have had under consideration such modifications as would permit the classification of navy yard employes.

### Much Interest In Peace Negotiations

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The ambassadors of the great powers of Europe, in London have begun "conversations" with the object of keeping their nations in touch with the doings of the Balkan and Turkish peace plenipotentiaries.

So far as has been divulged the plenipotentiaries have as yet made little progress, because of the attitude of Greece, that country not having signed the armistice protocol. It is believed, however, that this will be done during the course of the conference.

A report published this morning says that Greece will enter into separate peace negotiations with Turkey in one of the continental capitals—probably Vienna.

Roumania will insist, it is announced in having a voice in the conference.

It is understood that Serbia and Montenegro wished to continue the war, but Bulgaria thought that the fate of Constantinople would be decided by the powers anyway, so that its capture would be an empty and perhaps costly victory. King Nicholas of Montenegro was loath to quit without capturing Scutari, which he had besieged for several weeks. It is doubtful whether the place will be given to him.

One question charged with the possibilities of disaster is Serbia's unquenchable determination for an Adriatic port, and Austria's determination that she shall not have it. Serbian official newspapers make it plain that

the little kingdom has made up its mind so far as public opinion in Serbia will let it.

A second interesting struggle will take place over Turkey's endeavors to hold as much of the conquered territory as Oriental diplomacy and the help of friendly powers can save for her. The best bargain the Sultan can make probably will reduce his subjects in Europe from more than six millions to less than two millions, and the Turk seems to be reconciled to this.

A third important factor will be the Greek attempt to gain Salonica.

Besides various difficult questions will arise over the commercial status of the various states, the disposition of the Turkish debts attached to the conquered country and the final status of Adrianople.

The delegates representing the different countries are:

Turkey—Tevfik Pasha, Ottoman Ambassador in London; Osman Niami Pasha, Turkish Ambassador in Berlin; Rechad Pasha, Turkish Minister of Commerce.

Bulgaria—Dr. Gueshoff, Prime Minister; Dr. S. Daneoff, Speaker of the Bulgarian Chamber of Deputies, and Gen. Savoff, and Gen. Fitchef.

Serbia—G. Novakovitch of the Serbian Treasury Department, A. Nikolic, Speaker of the Serbian Parliament; Gen. Boyovitch.

Montenegro—Ex-Premier Miyuskovitch, M. Popovitch, formerly Montenegrin Minister at Constantinople; Count Vovovitch, chief of the King of Montenegro's cabinet.

### INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—President Taft named the following members of the Industrial Commission: Senator George Sutherland, of Utah; G. O. Chandler, Connecticut; Charles S. Barrett, Georgia; Frederick A. Delano, Illinois; Adolph Lewisohn, New York; F. C. Schwedman, Missouri; Austin D. Garretson, Iowa, and John B. Lennon and James O'Connell. The two latter members of the commission represent labor interests.

### GREEKS KILLED BY OTTOMAN

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Times' Constantinople correspondent says there has been a distinct increase of cholera in Constantinople in the last few days, during which 200 cases have occurred, mostly among the inhabitants of the native city.

The Times' correspondent also states that there is reason to believe that a massacre of Greeks has occurred at Bairamich in the Troad (Plain of Troy), about twenty-five miles from the coast of Asia Minor.

Details of this and other recent untoward events in the villages near Gallipolis are lacking, but the soldiers from the Trebizond district are accused of having participated in these excesses.

### GREEK FLEET RETURNS

SEDLI, BAH, Turkey, Dec. 18.—The Greek warships after engaging the Turkish fleet yesterday retired to the Turkish fleet returned to this port. The engagement was unimportant, it is said.

Are you ready for the question? All of you who want to buy a nice box of candy for your wife, mother, sister or sweetheart, answer by sending one from the Palace of Sweets, M. and L. Lijestrund, Proprietors, Douglas.

### RAILROAD OFFICIAL INDICTED.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Vice President Carstensen, of the New York Central railroad, has been indicted by a federal grand jury for giving rebates.

Souvenir spoons, bracelets, ivory brooches, novelties, at W. H. CASE.

### MEXICAN REBELS KILLED.

EL PASO, Dec. 18.—A dispatch to the Herald says that ranchmen and federal troops who were defending the El Dumbre ranch killed thirty-two rebels.

Just received—a line of silk and net waists, at GOLDSTEIN'S.

Winter & Pond have fresh holly. \*\*\*

### REVOLUTION THREATENED

LISBON, Portugal, Dec. 18.—A plot involving in part the overthrow of the republic of Portugal and the establishment by the army of a military dictatorship has been discovered by the Portuguese government.

Prompt action was taken by the Cabinet, which was in session all night. President Manuel de Arriaga has ordered the troops to hold themselves in instant readiness for battle, and the warships in the harbor have been cleared for action.

The Portuguese royalist leaders are under close surveillance.

### GENERAL DISTON IS REAPPOINTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—W. L. Diston has been reappointed Surveyor-General of Alaska. General Diston's term expired Dec. 16. He has served continuously as Surveyor-General of Alaska since 1897.

### MOTHER OF FORMER SEC. NEWBERRY DEAD.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 18.—Mrs. John S. Newberry, prominent in philanthropic work and a society leader of this city, is dead. Mrs. Newberry was the mother of former Secretary of the Navy Truman Newberry in Roosevelt's cabinet.

### STILL THREATEN WILSON.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 18.—A second letter has been received by Governor Wilson in which his life is again threatened.

### Marine Notes

The Alki is due to arrive and sail Dec. 30.

The Humboldt will arrive Dec. 19.

The Jeannie arrived at six o'clock last night with about 300 tons of coal.

The Princess Mary arrived at 11 o'clock last night and will sail South about midnight tonight.

The Curacao arrived from Skagway at 11 o'clock this morning and is scheduled to leave for the South about four this afternoon.

To Juneau patrons: I wish to announce that I am prepared to give prompt and efficient service in delivering coal hauling freight, baggage, etc.

HILARY McKANNA TRANSFER Phone Order 5-7 or 55

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