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BRITAIN MAY INTERVENE IN BALKANS

PIONEER OF EARLY DAYS TALKS OF KLONDIKE CAMPS

Henry Pinkert, who has been in Dawson since the early days, and who is known to most of the pioneers of the Klondike, was in New York recently, and in an interview with a New York newspaper, had the following to say concerning the Klondike:

"Dawson is not growing," said Mr. Pinkert. "In the early days there were all kinds of mining right there on the ground for the individual, but now, for a radius of about fifty miles around the town, the territory is so worked out that only big corporations can make money working it, and these have taken up a great deal of the land. The biggest operations in the neighborhood are being carried on by a South American company, which owns or practically controls all the claims within that fifty-mile radius that the Guggenheims do not control.

"In the days of the gold rush a man would stake his claim, which would run 500 feet. The moment he got that worked down to low grade he was up against a proposition that required dredges and hydraulic machinery to work on a profitable basis. The majority of small claimholders sold out, and some gave options. A few are still holding out for their prices. The government gives a man the right to hold his claim as long as \$200 worth of work is done on it a year.

"But the situation at Dawson does not end the Klondike for the prospector by any means. I should say that part of Yukon territory is still in its infancy as a gold producer, in spite of the millions that have been taken out. The great difficulty has been getting into the interior. Small boats go up the streams now for hundreds of

miles, but still there are regions practically unprospected. In the past few years the Canadian government has helped transportation by subsidizing these craft, and this makes it possible for miners to carry up their grub in the fall and continue their work in the winter. In my opinion, one of these days we shall hear of discoveries up there that will make the Klondike finds seem insignificant. From Dawson to Whitehorse it is 410 miles, and there are numerous regions on both sides of the way that never have been prospected.

"We lost a lot of prospectors eight or nine years ago. They went over the border into Alaska, where they seem to have done well. These included some of the best of our prospectors. Still, about 250 men are working on Scroggy creek this winter. They take out the frozen soil by thawing, pile it up, and then put it in the sluice boxes for washing in summer.

"Dredges are now working longer in the neighborhood of Dawson than used to be possible. Of course, you cannot work a dredge in winter unless you boil the water about it to keep it from freezing. The dredge has to be turned around in order to be used. Before they got to doing this a dredge could not start to work until June 15, and it had to shut down in September. Now it can begin work May 1, and continue until the end of the year.

"Commercially, there is nothing doing in Dawson. Still, the business people there are in fine condition.

"The dance hall element and all the undesirable part of the former population of Dawson have been weeded out," added Mr. Pinkert, "and today the town is as clean as any in the world."

WANT LOCAL MONEY IN NEW BUILDINGS

"I am glad The Empire has started an agitation for more building progress in the business section of Juneau," said a downtown business man yesterday. "For there is certainly need of more room. I think it is time that Juneau should wake up and bestir herself. While we should welcome the investment of outside capital it is not at all necessary that Juneau should wait for it to come. We have means to provide the carrying out of building plans that would furnish the necessary relief if some one will only take the initiative in the matter."

In speaking of the present situation in regard to the poverty of business locations Emery Valentine said: "Our own people are perfectly competent and financially able to meet any situation that comes up to them. All it really needs is that someone shall start the ball a rolling and as it gathers momentum we will have a building boom such as the town has never experienced. There is some injustice in the implied statements by people arriving from the States that property is too high here. People will not sell property for less than its rental value, especially now that Juneau has such a hopeful future. We need a good first class hotel here—well, let us build it. No one man should be expected to burden himself with the construction of such an hotel as we want, but together we can do it—and do it promptly, too."

Mr. Valentine said that he would put \$25,000 into such an enterprise if a sufficient number of others identified with Juneau, will join and bring the amount to such a figure as will guarantee success.

"It is rank nonsense," continued Mr. Valentine, "this talk that Juneau must wait for outsiders to come in and build her hotels and other needful buildings."

"What is needed quite badly," said another business man, "is a change in the probate laws so that the settling of estates may be expedited. Much of the valuable business property is tied up pending the settlement of estates."

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NORRIS GETS AN INDORSEMENT

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 8.—The State legislature yesterday adopted a resolution endorsing former Governor Edwin L. Norris for Secretary of the Interior in President Wilson's cabinet. The legislature has a Democratic majority, and will elect Thomas J. Walsh, United States Senator to succeed Senator Joseph M. Dixon, Progressive.

WILL REBUILD MILL AT HAINES

The saw mill that was burned at Haines some weeks ago is to be rebuilt according to J. J. Kennedy, a business man of that place, now in Juneau.

"The loss of that mill was certainly a hardship on the owner Mr. Coombs," said Mr. Kennedy, "for he did not have any insurance—the rates were prohibitive. Mr. Coombs has been in the country a long time and he had just about reached the point, known as easy street, when it happened.

"The town also suffered through the loss of the industry and we are all glad to know that Mr. Coombs will rebuild."

J. C. Coombs is one of the best millwrights on the Pacific Coast and is a competent business man as well. Believing in the future of Haines he has determined to rebuild the mill larger and better than ever. He will be leaving for the South on the next boat calling at Haines for the purpose of buying new machinery for the enterprise. The foundation has already been rebuilt and by early spring it is expected that the saws will be heard singing again.

SHEEP CREEK POWER CASE IS STILL ON

The Sheep creek power case was still on this morning and plaintiff, the Alaska-Gastineau Company was still introducing evidence. Chief Engineer Wallenberg followed Mr. Thane last evening until court adjourned at five o'clock. This morning the plaintiff had Mayor H. A. Bishop on the stand for a time after which Mr. Wallenberg was recalled and was still on the stand at 2:30.

The defendants, Alaska-Treadwell company et al will probably consume all of today and part of tomorrow in offering testimony.

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

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 8.—Sir Edward Grey, British minister of foreign affairs, has submitted a proposal to the great powers having for its object the preservation of Adrianople to Turkey.

BONDS RAISED FOR DYNAMITERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—The San Francisco Building and Trades Council has raised \$42,000 for cash bonds in the cases of Olaf A. Tveit-moe and Eugene A. Clancy, the San Francisco labor leaders, who were recently convicted of conspiracy in transporting dynamite.

OREGON LEGISLATURE BEGINS SESSION

SALEM, Ore., The biennial session of the Oregon State legislature began today. In his message Governor Oswald West urged the passage of progressive legislation along a number of lines. He also defended his system of paroling state convicts upon their honor, and claimed that it has been successful.

Dr. Hary Lane, of Portland, who was the choice of the electors for United States Senators, at the Senatorial primary in November, will be elected to succeed Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr., whose term expires on March 4. Lane is a Democrat, but the legislature is strongly Republican. After March 4 this State will be represented by two Democrats in the United States Senate.

Important Case Coming Friday

The United States vs. North Pacific Wharves and Trading Company, Pacific and Arctic Railway and Navigation Company, The Pacific Coast Company, Pacific Coast Steamship Company, C. E. Winn-Johnson, E. E. Billingshurst, W. H. Nansen, Ira Brown, J. C. Ford, J. W. Smith, C. E. Houston, A. L. Berdoe, and F. J. Cushing, is the title of a criminal action set for trial on Jan. 10.

The defendant companies and individuals were indicted Feb. 12, 1912, on two counts—first, conspiracy; second, for monopolization of wharfage facilities in Skagway in violation of sections one and two of the Sherman act.

This is one of the prosecutions yet untried, initiated by the government following the investigation on charges brought by the Humboldt Steamship Company. The government lost the first five of the six suits brought and they are now up on appeal.

The case will not be without interest on account of the important personages involved as defendants as well as the moral effect that may obtain on the defendant companies as a result of such trial. Of those indicted some are on the ground now and others are on the way here.

C. E. Winn-Johnson, was formerly manager of Moore's Wharf. E. E. Billingshurst is president of the North Pacific Wharves & Trading Company, which owns the Moore Wharf at Skagway. He is in Victoria and will not come because he does not want to do so and because the United States can't send for him. W. H. Nansen has been acting as auditor of the N. P. W. T. Co.

J. C. Ford is president of the Pacific Coast Company. Ira Brown, of Seattle, is attorney for the wharf company and also a member of the directorate. J. W. Smith is general auditor of the Pacific Coast Company. C. E. Houston is manager of the Pacific Coast Company's coal department and now under sentence in King County jail for conspiracy to defraud in selling coal to the government military posts in Alaska. A. L. Berdoe is a former manager of the White Pass and Yukon Route. F. J. Cushing is a director of the White Pass, now living in Chicago. The indictment against him is dismissed.

The witnesses summoned before the grand jury at the time the indictment was returned are Max Kalish, E. J. Shaw, J. M. Tanner, Phil Abrahams, W. C. Blanchard, R. W. Reid, Charles B. Martin and P. H. Ganty.

COLD STORAGE PLANT SEEMS TO BE ASSURED

The city government has about completed negotiations looking to the establishment of a cold storage plant for the fishing industry.

Papers are now being drawn and as soon as the transaction is completed full details will be published.

80,000 Sick Have No Medical Aid

LONDON, Jan. 8.—A Sofia, Bulgaria, dispatch to the Daily News says that the rations in Adrianople have been reduced to one-fourth for each person, and there are 80,000 people sick and without medical aid or warmth. Rechad Pasha, one of the Turkish peace plenipotentiaries, has renewed

his demand that the Turkish government be permitted to revictual Adrianople for a fortnight as a mere act of humanitarianism. Sir Edward Grey, addressing the House of Commons, today said that the great powers are considering intervention in the event that the plenipotentiaries fail to conclude peace negotiations.

William Rockefeller Said to Have Lost His Speech

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Dr. Walter F. Chappel, the personal physician of William Rockefeller, has issued a statement in which he says that the only way in which Rockefeller can give testimony before the Congressional committee that is investigating the money trust question, is to reduce it to writing.

Dr. Chappel, who is an expert on diseases of the vocal organs, says that Mr. Rockefeller's conditions are such that should he attempt to talk at any length it would probably produce strangulation.

It is also stated that Rockefeller's physical condition has been the principal reason that led him to evade the service of a subpoena to appear before the investigating committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Referring to the statement made by Dr. Chappel, the specialist, who is attending William Rockefeller, chairman Arsene Pujo, of the money trust investigating committee, announced that a competent specialist would be procured to determine Rockefeller's condition.

To Test Validity of McDonald Coal Claims

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The United States Government, it is announced, will at once institute proceedings to test the validity of the location of the famous McDonald coal claims in the Bering river, Alaska, coal district.

T. P. McDonald, a Montana coal operator, in 1907, began the development of a coal claim on Bering river, near Katalla, having acquired the title to this and adjoining claims by purchase from the original locators. During 1907 and the early part of 1908, he expended more than \$100,000 in developing the claims, and took out some coal. He was stopped from further work by order of the Interior Department, since when nothing has been done, and the money invested was practically lost to the last penny.

PLAN TO GET A SENATOR

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 8.—There is reason for President-elect Wilson to hope that the Democratic majority in the United States Senate may be increased in view of a compact made a few days ago by eleven Progressive members-elect of the incoming legislature. They bound themselves to act independently when the legislature convenes next week. Eight of the members met with members of the Progressive State Committee in this city and after a five-hour conference agreed on the plan. Three absent members sent letters agreeing to abide by the result of the conference.

In the coming legislature there will be 88 Republicans and 83 Democrats, so the 11 Progressives will hold the balance of power. Since they cannot elect a Senator, it is believed they will eventually vote for Senator Obadiah Gardner in exchange for some State officers which the Democrats might give.

101 AND NEVER ATE ANY "FANCY STUFF"

PLYMOUTH, Mass., Jan. 8.—"Uncle" Tilden Pierce yesterday celebrated his 101st birthday at the Ryder Home for Aged People, where he has lived some years, with an informal reception to his friends.

His health is better than it was a couple of years ago, and he walks a couple of miles every day. Not long ago he sawed a cord of wood.

He never used liquor, but has used tobacco since he was a youth and still enjoys it. Of food he says: "There wasn't so much of this fancy stuff which isn't fit for the pig when I was a boy, but we had more good, old-fashioned johnny cake. If people ate more of that now there would be more of my kind alive."

Last summer he played golf, took his first ride in an automobile and had his first taste of ginger ale.

MEXICAN FEDERALS MAKE A MISTAKE

TOLUCA, Mex., Jan. 8.—In the belief that they were fighting a band of followers of Gen. Zapata, twenty Mexican federalists engaged in a clash with two bodies of government troops, several being wounded.

ONLY THREE WERE SAVED

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 8.—But three of the thirty-five men of the crew of the oil tanker Rosecrans, which was driven ashore yesterday on Point Peacock, in a furious gale, have been saved. Captain L. F. Johnson, master of the Rosecrans, is among the lost.

One of the crew saw the lifeboat approaching and jumped into the sea and was drowned. The vessel is a total loss.

FLOGS A CAPITALIST

OLNEY, Ill., Jan. 8.—A quarrel between J. B. Porter, ex-Mayor of Olney, Ill., and David Bates, a capitalist, resulted last night in the shooting of Porter by Bates, after Porter had flogged him publicly.

The quarrel had its origin in an insult which Porter alleges was offered his wife by Bates.

Porter met Bates in a store, carrying with him a rawhide whip. He told Bates to leave the store, and when he refused to leave Porter whipped him. Bates finally drew an automatic pistol and shot Porter, who is dangerously wounded.

ROBT. W. JOHNSTON SUCCEEDS BAILEY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Robert W. Johnston, of Houston, Tex., was sworn in today as successor to Joseph W. Bailey, resigned. Johnston is the editor of a Houston newspaper.

HUMBOLDT SAILED AT NOON TODAY

SEATTLE, Jan. 8.—Steamship Humboldt sailed at noon today for Juneau, Skagway and way ports, with the following cabin passengers:

For Juneau—D. Guthrie and wife, M. E. Shortley, R. E. Clark, Geo. Richardson, H. K. Hockenbeck, Mrs. S. Brown, M. Kallish.
For Douglas—Frank Robinson, J. H. Knox, Mike Melivich, Pete Nerevich, and Sam Maulich.
SEAL SHIPT OYSTERS—Fresh at the local agency—CHAS. GOLDSTEIN

Two Counties Full of Oranges Are Frozen

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Jan. 8.—The loss of the orange and lemon crops in San Bernardino and Los Angeles Counties has been almost complete.

Every acre of orange and lemon orchards has been frozen, but about one-fifth of the crop may be salvaged. The loss will reach forty million dollars.

POLITICAL STRIFE RENDS ILLINOIS

CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—The legislature now in session at Springfield has not one, but two United States Senators to elect—one to succeed William Lorimer, who was unseated, and the other to succeed Shelby M. Cullom, whose term expires on March 4, and thus with two to be elected, and the first Democratic administration in twenty years in the saddle, a band of twenty-six legislators from the Progressive party fighting Republicans and Democrats and no party holding a majority in either house, or in joint ballot, the session should be full of thrills.

Wisconsin's Plans.

Wisconsin has mapped out a comprehensive program of "social betterment" legislation for the year 1913 far in advance of most other states. Efforts to establish a system of rural credits to aid farmers, a system of colonization that will make possible the back-to-the-land movement for the men with little money, a mothers' pension plan, a minimum wage bill and a recall bill for members of state commissions are a few of the measures that will be considered at Madison.

Michigan, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota and Kansas will elect United States Senators.

Senatorial Prospects.

Indications point to the election from these seven states of four Republican Senators, at least two, and

possibly three Democrats and one Progressive.

In Michigan William Alden Smith Republican, has declared he is certain of election. Iowa is slated to return William S. Kenyon, Republican, and Nebraska, George W. Norris, Progressive. In South Dakota Thomas Sterling, Republican primary nominee, may be opposed by Senator Robert J. Gamble. In Minnesota the return of Senator Knute Nelson seems assured. In Kansas it is expected Judge W. H. Thompson, Democrat, will be elected to succeed Senator Charles Curtis.

Republican in Control.

Republicans control the legislatures in Michigan, Iowa, South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin; Democrats in Ohio, Indiana, Missouri and Kansas. In Nebraska the Democrats have a majority of one on the joint ballot, although the Republicans have a majority in the Senate. In representation in the legislature and in others the representation is so small as to be of scarcely no effect.

A review of the legislative programs in these dozen states indicates that suffrage, "blue sky" laws (to regulate the issuance of corporation stocks), the question of public utilities commissions, regulation of women and child labor, good roads, the liquor question and the initiative, referendum and recall will be to the fore in a majority of legislative sessions.

TRIED TO DROWN CUSTOMS MEN

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—Customs Agent John W. Smith and Inspector E. E. Enlow engaged in a desperate struggle for life last night on board the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's liner China, in from the Orient.

Smith and Enlow were in an empty water tank of the vessel in the steam-

ship's hold, searching for concealed opium, when some miscreant designedly turned on the water. The men struggled and shouted for some time, but were not rescued until they were nearly drowned.

They succeeded, however, in finding three hundred tins of opium.

TO PROBE FOR A STEAMBOAT TRUST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—The House Merchant Marine Committee, of which Representative Humphrey, of Washington, is chairman, has begun an investigation into the existence of an alleged steamship trust.

The investigation will include steamship companies operating on both the Atlantic and the Pacific, including the steamship companies operating in Alaska waters.

WILSON RETIRES ON JANUARY 19

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 8.—Governor Woodrow Wilson's terms as Governor of New Jersey, will expire on Jan. 19, at which time he will be succeeded by State Senator James A. Fiedler, Democrat who under the state law will be elected by the legislature.

Governor Wilson is now closing up the detail work of his administration at governor, preparatory to assuming his new duties as President of the United States.

It is announced that James P. Tuohy, Governor Wilson's secretary, will be continued as secretary to Mr. Wilson as president.

NO CHANGE IN POTTERY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Oscar W. Underwood, chairman of the ways and means committee, has indicated that the present tariff rates on pottery will be maintained.

WILSON WRITES TO WOMEN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—At the meeting of the Women's Democratic League today, a letter was read from President-elect Wilson, in which he urged adherence to Democratic principles.

BROTHER ON ROSECRANS

Charles Johnson of this city, had a brother on the ill-fated oil tanker Rosecrans, which went ashore yesterday off the mouth of the Columbia river, only three of the crew being saved.

TO AID STATES IN ROAD BUILDING

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Senator

STEAMER FOUNDERS GULF OF GEORGIA

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 8.—The steamer Cheslake, plying between this city and Victoria and Nanaimo, founded yesterday in a heavy gale in the Gulf of Georgia. Four men were drowned, and seventy-one were rescued by a passing steamer. All the passengers lost their personal possessions.

EGGSTRADINARY!

COMMERCE, Ga., Jan. 8.—Mrs. J. C. King, who lives out on R. F. D. No. 12, just recently related how well she did last year with her chickens. She set a Leghorn hen on thirteen eggs. When the chickens were counted she found that there were 37 Rhode Island Reds, 42 Buff Orpingtons, 36 Buff Plymouth Rocks, 132 Dotted Plymouth Rocks, 46 White Plymouth Rocks, 32 Brown Leghorns, and there are 270 eggs still in the nest.

TO ELECTRIFY THE TRANSCONT. RAILROADS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The government has granted permission to the Great Falls Power Company, of Great Falls, Mont., to transmit power for the electrification of 450 miles of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad.

Secretary Fisher believes that this is the first step towards the electrification of all the transcontinental railroads.

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