

## HOLY WAR IS PROCLAIMED BY MOSLEM SHEIK

Every Mohammedan Made a Soldier in the Struggle of the Crescent Against the Cross—Serious Situation at Constantinople.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 7.—After a meeting of the committee of national defense here this afternoon it was stated that the Sheik-ul-Islam had proclaimed a holy war through the Moslem world. If this is true it will aid the Turks in their Balkan struggle and will make every Mohammedan a possible soldier in the struggle of the Crescent against the Cross.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—With Belgrade dispatches admitting the bombardment of Adrianople is continuing today with only the slightest damage to that fortress, diplomatic and military observers here are rapidly settling to the belief that exhaustion of both Turkey and the Balkan allies will end the war.

Only the opposing forces in the Gallipoli peninsula seem really active in prosecution of the war today, and it is possible that the allies have de-Adrianople, Scutari and Janina while elided to hold the Turk inactive by risking their future on a desperate attempt to reduce Constantinople.

How serious the outlook in the Turkish capital really is, was learned here today when information was received by the foreign offices that when the Italian cruisers Pisa and San Marco were ordered to Constantinople they were instructed to afford refuge not only to Italian subjects in the city but also to the Sultan of Turkey in case developments made it expedient that he would flee.

## NATIVES SHOT BY RUBBER PLANTERS IN PERU'S FORESTS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Revolting stories of inhuman treatment accorded native rubber gatherers in the Putnamayo district of Peru by agents of a British rubber company are told in a report by American consul Stuart Fuller sent to congress today. The report filed followed a five months' tour of inspection made in the South American jungles.

"Two hundred wild Barbadoes men," the report says, "were imported to Peru in 1904. They were armed with Winchester and were sent into the interior to enslave the docile natives. The exercise of this illegal compulsion was attempted by gross outrages upon the Indians, including murder, flogging and torture, wherein the British company forced the Barbadoes men to participate.

"Death was the penalty imposed upon the natives for not bringing in a certain quantity and quality of rubber from remote districts. Frequently the company agents made an example of some savages whose rubber was not up to the mark. The victims right hand might be severed he might be killed outright or strung up by the toes until he died."

## ASKS \$50,000 FOR DEATH OF DAUGHTER

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—Alleging his diagnosis of the young woman's ailment was incorrect, the parents of Miss Erdna Randall, a comely young violinist, who died here on New Year's morning, today filed suit for \$50,000 damages against Dr. Edgar F. Bryant.

The complaint charges Dr. Bryant with prescribing improper medicine and with neglecting to attend the dying girl or to send a substitute in his place. It is alleged Miss Randall died from convulsions and that Dr. Bryant diagnosed her illness as cerebro spinal meningitis.

## SPASM SEIZES OIL FINANCIER; STRICKEN DUMB

Rockefeller is Suddenly Stricken Speechless When Questioned—Condition Simply Pitiable Says Pujos—Shakes Like a Leaf.

JEKYLL ISLAND, Feb. 7.—Symptoms of throat spasms twelve minutes after the examination had started this afternoon abruptly ended the questioning of Wm. Rockefeller, Standard Oil Magnate, by Chairman Pujos of the house money trust investigating committee and by the committee's attorney, Samuel Untermyer of New York. Rockefeller apparently, was suddenly stricken speechless and Attorney Untermyer refused to continue questioning the witness.

"Rockefeller's condition," said Pujos, "is simply pitiable. Not only did he shake like a leaf all over his body, but after the first question he began to cough convulsively evidently laboring under great excitement and to all appearances on the verge of a collapse."

Dr. Chapelle brought the examination to a halt. He was the first to note symptoms of the coming spasm. "Stop this thing at once," he shouted. "This is extremely dangerous to my patient. Rockefeller may die right here."

Meanwhile the magnate, with eyes closed and chin buried on his chest, shook from head to foot. He became deathly pale, his voice died to nothing and he seemed to be strangling.

"Rockefeller," Pujos continued, "had to speak slowly and in a whisper. He spoke into the ear of a stenographer who repeated his answers to us. Even this was accomplished with the greatest difficulty, the millionaire shaking all the while."

"Such a thing as an examination would have been impossible. As soon as Dr. Chapelle intervened and requested the hearing stopped, Attorney Untermyer and I felt it would be both dangerous and inhuman to proceed. Therefore I ordered the examination suspended."

## SAN FRANCISCO HEADQUARTERS CENTRAL PACIFIC

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Added importance of San Francisco as a railroad center and employment for hundreds of men by the purchase of the Central Pacific by the Union Pacific, if the department of justice approves the plan for the dissolution of the Union-Southern Pacific merger is the prediction here of Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the executive committee of the Union Pacific.

"If the plan is consummated," said Lovett, "the lease and operation of the Central Pacific by the Southern Pacific, will of course cease, and the Central Pacific will enter upon operation of its own lines with a complete organization in California, from president down. This would make the Central Pacific a 'home road' for California."

"The president of the Central Pacific will have fully as much authority with respect to those lines as the president of the Southern Pacific has over its lines. The Union Pacific control will be through ownership of stock of the Central Pacific, the operation being carried on by the Central Pacific company and in its own name."

## BLUE SUNDAY LAWS DIE IN LEGISLATURE

SALEM, Feb. 7.—There will be no "blue Sunday" legislation by the present legislature. This much was made certain today when the house with only the feeblest protest killed the bill which had been endorsed by the Portland Ministerial association, to close the theatres, baseball games and other amusements on Sunday.

## NEVADA SOLONS WIPE OUT RENO DIVORCE COLONY

Legislature Passes Amendment Changing Divorce Laws After Being Stormed by Mothers Associations of State.

CARSON CITY, Nev., Feb. 7.—Spurred to action by 300 mothers from Reno who advocated the reform, the Nevada legislature this afternoon, by a vote of 20 to 22, passed the Barnes divorce measure, which wipes out forever the divorce colony at Reno. The amendment attains this end by changing the Nevada residence requirement to divorce from six months to one year.

CARSON CITY, Nev., Feb. 7.—Three hundred Reno mothers, in a special train of five cars, arrived here today to make a fight before the legislature for abolition of the Reno divorce colony. Former Divorce Judge John S. Orr of Reno is leading the fight to make the Nevada city a refuge for the mismatched no more.

The amendment passed by the legislature which kills Reno as a divorce center will go into effect as a law January 1, 1914.

When the assembly began consideration of the measure half the women of Reno packed the hall prepared to see the faces of the men who opposed the passage of the measure which they were a unit in demanding. Votes to postpone action on various pretexts were quickly disposed of and the roll call was taken in dead silence. An effort was then made to extend the time when the bill goes into effect until January 1, 1915, but this was defeated.

Only at the last did the listening women apparently realize that the fight was on. Then they cheered heartily and kept it up even after adjournment, which was taken at once.

## WOLGAST TO MEET TOMMY MURPHY

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—Ad Wolgast today agreed to fight Tommy Murphy at San Francisco Feb. 22 for \$9,000 or an option of taking fifty per cent of the gross receipts of the match. This agreement was reached between Wolgast and Promoter Coffroth of San Francisco during a long distance telephone conversation today. Wolgast leaves for San Francisco either Monday or Tuesday to sign articles.

## TURTLE SERUM TO CURE FORTY PERSONS

PITTSBURG, Feb. 7.—Repudiating published reports that he had only enough of the Friedmann tuberculosis serum to cure only his wife, Dr. Austin Heid, of this city, who has just returned from Berlin, announced today he possesses sufficient of the culture for forty persons. He did not secure the serum from Dr. Friedmann but from Dr. Piorowski, another Berlin physician who formerly was Friedmann's aide. Dr. Heid stated he will conduct his experiments with the cure in this city.

## FOUR WARSHIPS SENT TO CENTRAL AMERICA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Four American warships today were ordered to the coasts of Central America to prevent a revolution by the state department, which may result in a general war involving every South American country except Mexico and Costa Rica. The plot centers around New Orleans where the state department is informed there are several filibustering expeditions about to sail.

## Principal Witness in Beach Trial



Miss Marion L. Hollins, who was staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick O. Beach at Aiken, S. C., at the time Mr. Beach is alleged to have stabbed his wife, was one of the most important witnesses at the trial. Miss Hollins was reading in bed when she heard Mrs. Beach's screams and was one of the first to reach her side after the attack. The jury acquitted Mr. Beach today.

## ROGUE RIVER FISH BILL IS AMENDED FOR GRANTS PASS

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 7.—The Rogue river fish bill was reported back this morning by the house fish committee as a substitute for the Reames' bill. It opens the river to commercial fishing, nets only, below the mouth of the Illinois from April 15 to Aug. 10 and to seining from September 1, to November 20. Commercial fishing is permitted in Josephine county from a mile below the steel bridge at Grants Pass to Jump Off Joe creek from April 15 to May 15, nets only. This gives the Grants Pass fishermen a 30 day season. The nets are restricted to 8 1/2 inch mesh.

Representative Ballard filed a minority report, cutting out seining altogether, but after a sharp debate, the majority report was adopted. The measure will be voted upon either Saturday afternoon or Sunday. The bill is taking practically all of Representative Reames' time.

## SPRING VALLEY OFFERS TO AID ITS SALE

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—Proposals to assist the city in harmonious condemnation proceedings of its system, in lieu of the city buying the system outright for \$37,000,000 were made by the directorate of the Spring Valley Water company today. The municipality desires to utilize the plant in the plan to secure water from the Sierra Nevada mountains. In the event the city does not desire to institute condemnation proceedings the company further proposes to arbitrate the proposed purchase price on the basis of valuations of the system secured by disinterested parties.

## SHIPPING TRUST PROBE RESUMED AT WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The house committee investigating the alleged existence of a shipping trust resumed its probe here today with F. S. Groves, president of the Philadelphia and Gulf Transportation company as the first witness. He alleged that the Southern Pacific employed Chas. Wagner of Philadelphia, to get from the employees of the Groves lines information regarding manifests, so that the Southern Pacific could get in touch with independent shippers.

## WIDOWS PENSION BILL PASSED BY OREGON SENATE

SALEM, Feb. 7.—The widows pension bill passed the senate today with but one dissenting vote. The bill had previously passed the house by unanimous vote and is now up the governor for his approval. In brief the bill provides that widows with a child or children, shall be paid \$10 each month for the first child, and \$7.50 monthly for each additional child. Women whose husbands are confined in state institutions also come under the provisions of the bill.

## BAR TO PROBE GRAFT CHARGES

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 7.—Leading members of the Philadelphia Bar association announced today that at Monday's meeting they will investigate the mysterious circumstances in the arrest of Milan E. Pew, editor of the Philadelphia News-Post, arrested on a charge of criminally libeling Police Magistrate Carey. The association will also investigate Pew's charges against Carey. The warrant for Pew's arrest was issued at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. He was told it had been issued and waited in his office for its service until 6 o'clock. It was not served until six hours later when Pew was dragged from bed. The bail was fixed at \$6000, an exorbitant amount.

## BEACH ACQUITTED BY TRIAL JURY

AIKEN, S. C., Feb. 7.—Accused of gashing his wife's throat in an attempt to kill her, Frederick Beach, rich resident of this town and formerly of New York, was formally acquitted by a jury here in Judge Spain's court after only a few minutes deliberation. Beach and his wife, on the stand, both swore the attack on Mrs. Beach was committed by a negro at night in the yard of their home and that the assassin fled as Mrs. Beach fell with a great wound in her throat. The case was mysterious from inception and the verdict today did little to clear it up.

## PANIC BOMB PLOT IS DENIED BY TREASURY

"Moonshine and Bosh" Says MacVeigh—Cabinet Discusses Order—Congress Starts Probe—Explanations Forthcoming From Officials.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—"Moonshine" and "bosh" were the words most used by Secretary of the Treasury MacVeigh here this afternoon in referring to the prediction in New York of Rudolph Spreckels, San Francisco millionaire, that the country is threatened with financial difficulties as a result of the issuance of "treasury circular No. 5."

President Taft and the cabinet discussed this afternoon the possibility of the order causing a panic. "I haven't seen the order," said Attorney General Wickersham, "but all talk of a plot to dynamite the Wilson administration with a panic bomb is nothing more than hot air."

The house committee on expenditures in the treasury department has started an investigation on its own account. Acting Chairman Young announced he would ask Secretary of the Treasury MacVeigh to testify before his committee regarding the circular.

Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Bailey issued a statement this afternoon explaining the order and denying its illegality as alleged by Spreckels.

"The order simply increases the number of depositories," said Bailey. "For the purpose of simplifying check exchange without materially increasing the fixed balance of national funds in national banks."

"Under the old system there were 450 national depositories, carrying a total fixed balance of \$48,000,000. Under order number five the number of depositories is increased to 550 and the fixed balance increased to about \$50,000,000. This means a decrease in each individual bank."

## TO SEEK PARDON FOR LE MASTER TO SAVE HIS LIFE

Because he is developing marked symptoms of quick consumption, due to his confinement in the county jail, friends of T. A. LeMaster, who pled guilty to bigamy recently, are to make an attempt at once to secure his release, in order that he may be treated properly for his illness. It is feared that confinement for a few weeks longer may prove fatal. A pardon will be sought at once.

LeMaster is a large fleshy man, of the build that succumbs most easily to tuberculosis. Physicians state that only outdoor exercise and sunshine can help him.

While technically guilty of bigamy LeMaster was never shown to be morally guilty. He left his first wife seven years ago and she instituted divorce proceedings. LeMaster did not learn until a short time ago, when he married again, that the decree had never been entered. The decree has since been properly entered. It was shown that he was ignorant of the fact that he was still a married man when he married the second time. He is highly regarded by his business associates.

He has still several months to serve in the county jail unless pardoned out.

## CIRCUIT JUDGES' SALARIES RAISED

SALEM, Feb. 7.—Increase of salary of circuit judges of the state so they will receive \$4,000 a year was voted by the senate today and the bill now goes to the governor, who vetoed a similar measure two years ago. The senate also passed the house bill giving school districts of over 20,000 population the authority to establish trade schools for dependent girls. The support of such schools will be taken from the funds of the school district.

## PANIC PLANNED TO HURT WILSON SAYS SPRECKLES

Heavy Financial Storms Confronting New Administration as Result of Treasury Order Number 5 Which Gives New York Banks Receipts

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Possibility of heavy financial storms confronting the administration of President Woodrow Wilson soon after his inauguration March 4, unless congress investigates the cause and purport of "treasury circular number 5," is seen here today by Rudolph Spreckels a millionaire of San Francisco.

"The circular directs that customs money be deposited in national banks," said Spreckels today. "I believe the order directly conflicts with the law."

"It seems strange that the Taft administration should issue such an order on the eve of going out of office. We have the right to question the motive which prompted such action. Unless the order is promptly rescinded we will witness a marked and unusual increase in deposits, principally in New York banks, the increase amounting to \$200,000,000 annually in New York alone. When the new administration takes office it will be obliged to demand the return of these funds to the government. The effect of the withdrawal of so many millions is bound to cause financial difficulties."

"I believe the people are entitled to know who is responsible for the plan and why it was put out at this time. On the face of the order there is no specific provision that the banks shall give security for the deposits or prove that they shall pay interest."

## DEPUTY POLICE COMMISSIONER TO BE SUSPENDED

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Suspension of a deputy police commissioner of New York, alleged to be involved in the police graft scandal, was momentarily expected today. All other police officials mentioned in the affair have been suspended, and as Police Commissioner Waldo has held several long conferences with his suspected assistant, some sort of action is expected before night.

The name of the deputy commissioner under suspicion has not been definitely disclosed. District Attorney Whitman spent the entire day raising his evidence for presentation to the special grand jury which convenes here Monday to probe the scandal. He insists that attempts to block the probe will fail, and predicted the indictment of Police Inspector Sweeney and Police Captain Walsh. In addition to Walsh and Sweeney, Police Captains Thompson and Hudsey also have been suspended by Commissioner Waldo.

## FIND CORPSE OF PERFUMED BURGLAR

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., Feb. 7.—Battered almost beyond recognition by the breakers, the body of Herbert Repsold, the young "Perfumed Burglar," was found by fishermen in the bay two miles west of San Quentin prison, from which he escaped January 10, and is in the morgue here today. Identity was established by tattoo marks.

Warden Hoyle of San Quentin believes Repsold fell from a high cliff near where the body was found while trying to find his way to a boat. His footsteps had previously been traced to the top of the cliff. The weather was very cold when Repsold escaped and it is believed this brought death quickly before he could leave the water. The body was but partially clothed. Repsold's funeral will be held tomorrow.