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## BELITTLES WORK OF PARIS COMMISSION

### CAPT. CLADO, OF RUSSIAN NAVY, SPEAKS OUT

**Asserts Russia and Great Britain Are Friends at Bottom and Nothing Important Will Come of the North Sea Inquiry---He Declares the Czar Will Yet Grant the People a Constitution --- Argues for Sending of Third Fleet**

Special Cable to The Globe

PARIS, Dec. 23.—"Inasmuch as the Baltic fleet is almost within Japanese waters," said Capt. Clado, of the Russian navy, today, "Russia is willing to pay indemnity to those who suffered through the firing on British fishermen in the North sea. It is difficult to see the importance of whatever decision may be arrived at by the international commission which organized here yesterday to inquire into the case. Which ever nation secures a moral triumph, no political significance will attach to it."

Capt. Clado is a composite witness, so to speak, for the Baltic fleet, of which he is an officer. He was detached by Admiral Rojestvensky at Vigo, Spain, to carry the admiral's detailed report of his North sea adventure to the czar and to represent the commander-in-chief and other officers of the fleet in testifying before the Paris commission.

"I think the startling duplicity of the Japanese will be revealed at the inquiry," the captain continued, "and the Russian position in the matter be strengthened. The indifference in both England and Russia about the affair indicates that at the bottom they are friends, and when the war is over immediate efforts will be made to have a still better understanding."

Third Fleet Indispensable

"We regard the sending of a third fleet to the far East as indispensable because by so doing we can rapidly

wear down and master the Japanese navy. Even if Admiral Rojestvensky's fleet should be destroyed, it would leave Japan's ships in such a worn condition that they would fall an easy prey to a third Russian fleet, thus enabling us to rule the Eastern seas, re-take Port Arthur, if it falls, cut off the Japanese base in Korea, and bring about ultimate Russian victory, which I believe impossible otherwise."

"The czar's failure to proclaim constitutional government for Russia, as it was hoped he would do on his recent fete day, caused the greatest disappointment throughout Russia. Probably the expected decree will come soon, though. The czar may feel that a waiting policy will win over some of the bitterest enemies of reform. A constitution is bound to come, because Emperor Nicholas wants the people to have it."

Whole Jap Fleet May Engage

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Telegraphing from Tokyo, the correspondent of the Express says he learns that in the event of Admiral Kamimura (who is reported to have gone south with a squadron of powerful cruisers) not encountering the second Pacific squadron, the whole Japanese fleet, which has been operating at Port Arthur, will be ready to proceed south on a day's notice to give battle.

The Times correspondent at Peking reports that the Chinese have seized at

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## APPLICANTS LAY SIEGE TO SEABURY

**Vice Chairman of Capitol Commission Flooded With Requests for Jobs**

Channing Seabury, vice chairman of the state capital commission, is besieged by applicants for positions in the new state capitol, and while there are less than a half dozen places to be filled, and these only temporary positions until the building is completed and turned over to the legislature and the governor, he is being flooded by letters, petitions, etc., and his office and residence are both being assaulted by the applicants.

"I am applied to daily, at my office, at my home and in person, by letter, petition, etc., until I sometimes think that I have a pretty good taste of the miseries that attend the office of governor or United States senator, and I do not feel that I deserve it," Mr. Seabury said yesterday.

"I wish to say to the public that a great misunderstanding exists as to the new capitol and the need of new employees, as well as my authority to appoint them. We have heretofore employed all the day and night watchmen, engineers, firemen, electricians, custodians, etc., that have been required while the building was under construction, and there are no vacancies in any of these positions, because the building is not yet completed. Possibly, a half dozen additional employees will be necessary to get the building in temporary running order, and these our board has instructed me to secure. Most of them are engaged, but all are told that I assume no authority farther than in a temporary way, and simply to equip the building for occupancy. Some one must do this, and our board thought it in the line of our duty, as did Gov. Van Sant."

## BOUGHT OFF CHEAP

**Morocco Tribesmen Leave Alcazar for \$300**

TANGIER, Dec. 23.—The tribesmen who surrounded Alcazar, demanding that the French consul and an English resident be given up to them, have withdrawn for a consideration of \$300.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The correspondent at Tangier of the Matin says: "After calling at the French ministry, the ministers of the several powers ordered all persons of their nationality to quit Fez."

## BALLOTS ARE FOUND FOLDED TOGETHER

**Bad Showing for the Republicans Is Made in Colorado**

DENVER, Col., Dec. 23.—In defending Clarence P. Dickson, an election clerk, charged with contempt in having permitted illegal voting at the November election in violation of the supreme court's injunction, Attorney Philip Hornbein declared in open court today that the ballot box must have been tampered with since the election. The expert's report had shown that there were eighty-one ballots in the box which were so folded as to show that they were not deposited singly in the usual manner through the opening in the box.

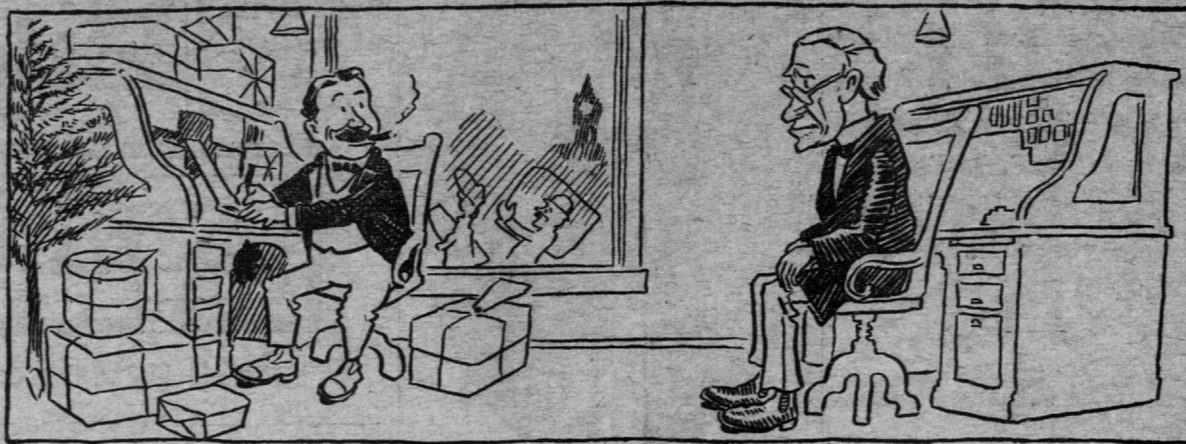
"It is impossible," said Mr. Hornbein, "that any election officer put the eighty-one folded ballots in that box. The supreme court watchers were there the entire day. They stayed until the morning after election, when the box was taken to the court house. They

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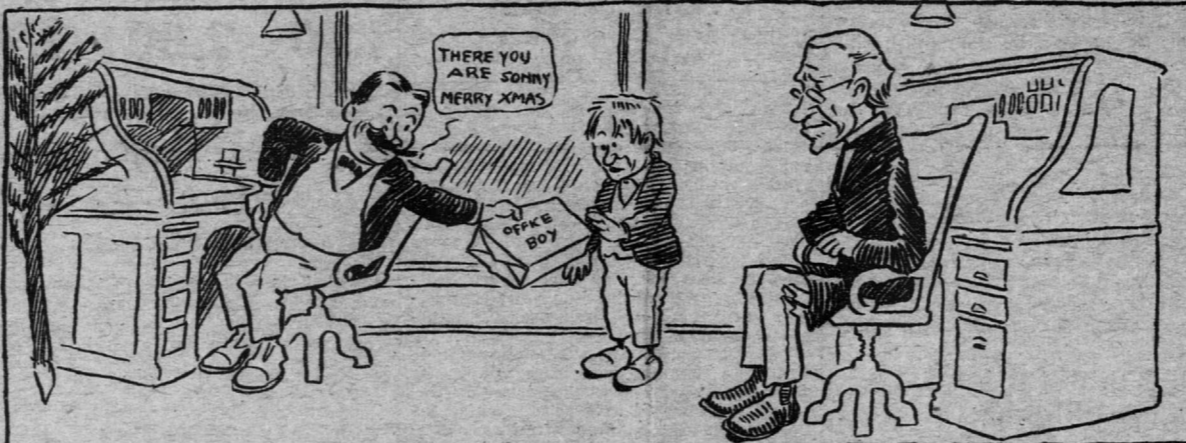
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DON'T JUDGE BY APPEARANCES—UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS



O, See the Cheerful Man and the Old Grouch



The Cheerful Man Is Giving Things Away While the Old Grouch Looks the Part



The Cheerful Man Has Gone to Enjoy Himself. The Old Grouch Remains to Make More Money so That the Cheerful Clerk Can Give Presents Away Next Christmas

## JEROME EJECTS HIM SWIM EIGHT MILES BEAR BREAKS LOOSE

**Clerk for Dodge's Lawyers Is Persistent**

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Charles F. Dodge, who is charged with perjury in connection with the Dodge-Morse divorce tangle, arrived here tonight from Galveston and was taken to police headquarters. Mr. and Mrs. Morse are in Europe.

Early in the afternoon, when the steamer had been sighted, a law clerk appeared at the district attorney's office and attempted to serve Mr. Jerome with a notice of a motion by Dodge's lawyers asking that bail be fixed at once. Mr. Jerome refused to receive the paper. The clerk was persistent and Mr. Jerome caught him by the coat, stuffed the notice under the back of his collar and put him out of his office. The clerk then threw the paper through the open door and left. Later Mr. Jerome said Dodge was in the custody of the United States.

Detectives who arrived on the steamer with Dodge said that he is in great fear over the result of his return to face a trial for perjury, and that on the way from Galveston he tried to jump overboard, but was prevented. The prisoner was in the custody of United States Marshal W. N. Hanson, of the Southern district of Texas, who had orders from Judge Burns, of the United States circuit court, to turn the prisoner over to the New York county authorities.

**Three Young Men Thus Escape After Shipwreck**

PAPKETE, Tahiti, Dec. 23.—In the wreck of the Pitcairn island cruising cutter Mr. Coffin, one of the passengers, was drowned. Three young men escaped by swimming eight miles in a rough sea.

## DECIDES QUESTION OF ARMY OFFICERS' DEBTS

**Says Department Will Interfere Only to Prevent Scandal**

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—An opinion by the judge advocate general in regard to the claims against army officers was given out at the war department today with the statement that it will govern the policy of the department.

The judge advocate says that the department is not a collection agency and that in matters of private debt an army officer stands on no different plane from any other person. The civil courts, the opinion holds, are the proper agents to determine if an indebtedness exists, and only where the non-payment of an established obligation by an officer threatens scandal to the service does it become proper for the military authorities to consider the case.

**Throws Christmas Shoppers Into a Panic**

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Thousands of shoppers were thrown into a panic today when a recently captured bear escaped from his captors and ran amuck in the heart of the shopping district. The beast was caught, three times, but broke away and resumed its wanderings. It was finally overcome. Two bears were caught at Morgantown, Pa., and brought here for sale. One was sold and when the purchasers today undertook to remove it from its cage and take it to a new abode, the bear slipped its head from the noose, jumped from the wagon and started toward two or three big department stores, where Christmas shoppers were thickest. Men and women scattered in every direction, fighting for entrance to the nearby buildings. After being three times caught and as many times escaping, the animal sought refuge in an alley. There the bear was tackled by a colored wrestler, who threw the animal. A bag over the bear's head ended the attempt to regain freedom.

## Killed in Business Quarrel

HAYESVILLE, Iowa, Dec. 23.—At a sawmill near here John Martin shot and killed Arthur Lynch today. The killing was the outgrowth of a disputed account. Officers are after the slayer.

# THE SUNDAY GLOBE

Tomorrow will be made up with a view to promoting the joy of the Christmastide. Not that it will be a Christmas number. The twaddle that is excused by the holiday season will have no place in The Globe. The paper will be made with a view to entertaining and informing the young and the old and will be clean and crisp and free from padding. Here are some of the features that will commend it to the discriminating reader:

**Christmas Eve at Bethlehem**—A story of the strange little village which became the most venerated spot on earth for Christendom many centuries ago. How the natal day of the Christ is observed by the moderns of the Orient. An entertaining narrative beautifully pictured.

**Solving the Servant Problem**—Remarkable things that are being done in the effort to reconcile girls to accept domestic service.

**Kings as Workers in Their Offices**—When they put off their crowns and do the things that are necessary to hold their jobs they work like the presidents of great corporations. One who knows tells about some of them.

**Advertising in the Future**—John Kendrick Bangs looks through the spectrophone and sees what the extreme of promotion by publicity will be in the future.

**A Christmas Letter**—Mrs. Herrick addresses a letter to her girl friends that will be found helpful without being preachy.

**For the Girls and Boys**—In addition to the funny pictures in the comic supplement, Polly Evans' page will be found to be of more than ordinary interest. The adventures of the folks in the Mr. Wind and Mme. Rain story become more thrilling as Mr. de Musset's tale progresses.

**Which Is the World's Most Precious Metal?**—Iron and steel both have their champions, and in this discussion many interesting things showing the difference between the Wall street idea and that of Pittsburgh are discovered.

**The Fashion Department**—One page, illustrated by half tones and in colors, shows the fashions in gowns and millinery for the holiday season. Another page in line drawings pictures wraps and dainty lingerie. These pages will be found to be of real value to the woman who wants to know.

**Why the Russian Navy Is Useless as a Fighting Force**—An expert at St. Petersburg tells why Russia's sea force is ineffective. The first clean analysis of the situation in the Russian admiralty.

These are but a few of the features. The paper will be brimful of interest in many respects, and not the least of its claims to public attention will lie in the completeness with which it will present the news of the day and that news which is particularly appropriate to the season.

**BETTER ORDER THE SUNDAY GLOBE TODAY**

## FLAMES WIPE OUT SIOUX CITY BLOCKS

**TWO MILLION DOLLARS IS ESTIMATED LOSS**

**Large Department Store Is Among the Buildings Destroyed---It Is Crowded With Christmas Shoppers Who Escape With Difficulty---Some of the Chief Buildings of the Town Consumed---But One Life Is Lost**

SIOUX CITY, Iowa, Dec. 23.—A fire which resulted in the death of one man, a monetary loss estimated at \$2,000,000 and the destruction of nearly two entire blocks, started in the basement of the Pelletier department store, located at Fourth and Jackson streets, at 8 o'clock tonight. The district burned over lies in the center of the business portion of the city and among the buildings were several of the most substantial structures in the city. In these buildings were located many stores, several wholesale establishments and three national banks. The origin of the fire is in doubt.

Shoppers Barely Escape

A large number of Christmas shoppers crowded the Pelletier and other stores, and it was with difficulty that all escaped from the burning building. The flames enveloped much of the building before the fire department arrived and was quite beyond control. For three and a half hours, until they had gotten beyond range of the large buildings, the flames carried everything in their path.

Both telegraph companies were put out of business by reason of their wires all being burned out, and the office of the Western Union was destroyed. Although a great number of telephone circuits were within the district, long distance circuits were later established with outside points.

The fire was gotten under control at 11:30 with the assistance of several outside departments.

The burned buildings include three banks, the Western Union telegraph

office, the Leader hotel, at Third and Pierce streets, the West hotel, a large new structure, at Third and Nebraska streets, Higman & Skinner, wholesale boots and shoes, and a large number of small establishments. The flames communicated to a score of business places. Among these were the following, which were entirely destroyed: The Massachusetts building, occupied by the seven large stores, including the Gillette Hardware company, the Pullman hotel, Johnson & Aronson, clothing and furnishings; Orkin Bros., ladies' furnishings; George Conway, wholesale tobacco and cigars, and the American Express company. Several families lived in the rear of the building, but so far as known all the occupants escaped.

The next building destroyed was the Commercial block. In this structure were located the City National bank, J. J. Prugh, queensware; Warfield-Pratt-Howell company, wholesale grocers; Peavey & Nash, furniture; Daw Clothing company; Harsted & Hal-suth, shoes; Theodore Becker Tailoring company, Walde Hardware company, and the Western Union Telegraph company.

The wires of both the Postal and Western Union Telegraph companies were in the path of the flames, and in addition to burning the Western Union office, also destroyed nearly a block of cables connecting its system of wires with the main office. The Postal company's office was not in the burned district, but its wires were destroyed.

When the flames had reached a

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## PATTERSON TRIAL ENDS IN NO VERDICT

**Defendant Collapses When Result Is Announced—May Not Be Tried Again**

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The Patterson jury failed to agree and was discharged.

Following a day of intense nervous strain, Miss Patterson tonight in the Tombs III and perhaps on the verge of a breakdown, but with constant attendance. The former show girl, expecting acquittal at the hands of the jury, who had listened to the evidence in her trial for the murder of Caesar Young last June, went into court this noon to learn that the twelve men had been unable to reach an agreement, in fact, had been equally divided in their judgment as to whether she held the revolver that ended Young's life.

The jury came into court in the morning and reported disagreement. Judge Davis sent it back for further deliberation. The jury came in afternoon, reported it was impossible to agree and was discharged.

The jury stood six to six—half for acquittal and the other half for conviction. Although no official announcement was made further than this, court talk had it that of the six deciding against Miss Patterson none was for conviction of murder in the first degree, that one held out for murder in the second degree, two for manslaughter in the first degree and three for manslaughter in the second degree.

Girl Becomes Hysterical

When the announcement of the verdict was made Miss Patterson broke into a fit of weeping which continued even after she was led from the court room to a retiring chamber, where physicians were called and restoratives administered. Then she was taken to the Tombs, but she again wept and moaned and became hysterical, and the efforts of her aged father, the prison warden and attendants to quiet her were futile.

The demonstration in the court after the announcement of the disagreement was somewhat remarkable, many pressing forward to express sympathy for the young woman.

Abraham Levy, chief counsel for Miss Patterson, called on his client in the Tombs late this afternoon and remained with her an hour. He was ill in bed when the court convened, but when he learned of the action of the jury he went to the jail to cheer his client.

"The girl is in a very bad mental condition," he said after he had left her. "She is almost constantly hysterical, but I don't think she will col-

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## SUSPENSIONS ARE IN STUDENTS' HANDS

**Row in Columbia Over Hazing of Kingdon Results in Astonishing Agreement**

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A truce has been arranged between the faculty of Columbia university and the sophomore class which resented the suspension of four of their number for participation in the Kingdon hazing affair, and which had threatened to quit the university in a body.

The student board, represented by the presidents of the various classes, both college and university, met Dean Hutson to discuss the suspension. The decision which was announced is that suspensions will be left primarily in the hands of the student board. The conditions under which this was arranged are:

The student board will prohibit hazing in obnoxious forms; freshmen will be under the surveillance of the sophomores; any case of "freshness" of the underclass men will be brought to the attention of the board and it will serve notice on the student that his actions have aroused the animosity of the sophomores and the board will fix a penalty which he must pay; there will be an underclass fight and the winners will have the right to summon the officers of the defeated class to appear at their dinner.

This last is expected to do away with the capturing of freshmen by the second-year men. The student board was authorized to draw up a plan embodying these provisions, which is to be submitted to the students immediately after the Christmas vacation.

When the members of the sophomore class learned of the suspension of their classmates, Algehlner, Doty, Cauchis and Finch until Feb. 6, 1905, the entire student body held a protesting mass meeting. A petition drawn up and signed by all the students present, many of the names being those of prominent athletes of the university, read:

"We respectfully petition that the sophomores who have this day been suspended from the university be reinstated."

A statement issued today by President Butler in announcing the suspensions said: "The university will not permit to pass unnoticed any appearance of an individual student, or any attack upon him, by a committee or group of other students, whether this goes by the name of hazing or otherwise. Whenever a case has been reported which involved the persecution of any individual freshman by a group of sophomores who could be identified, academic discipline has been followed and will be followed with increasing severity until the practice is stopped."