

TURKISH DELEGATES REFUSE TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATIONS

They Cannot Recognize Greek Plenipotentiaries Until They Sign the Armistice Protocol.

THIS THEY REFUSE TO DO
Adjournment Taken to Allow Turks to Consult the Porte.

WILL MEET AGAIN THURSDAY

Turkish Delegates Do Not Take Lunch with the Others.

TALKING ABOUT MEDIATION
Head of Servian Delegation Suggests that Premier Poincaré Would Be Acceptable to Most Nations Involved.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—An obstacle was encountered today by the Balkan and Turkish plenipotentiaries gathered here to bring about peace, in the absence of Greece's signature to the armistice protocol. The delegates found it necessary to adjourn without effecting any real business. They will not meet again until late on Thursday afternoon, and in the meantime will communicate with their home governments.

After their adjournment, Dr. S. Danef, leader of the Bulgarian delegation and president of today's conference, confirmed the report that the question of the protocol had been under discussion without a decision being reached. It is understood that the powers of the Turkish plenipotentiaries do not authorize them to recognize the Hellenic delegates unless Greece signs the armistice, and therefore they are obliged to refer the matter to Constantinople before proceeding with the conference.

The Greek representatives refused to sign the protocol when invited to do so today, pointing out that it would make no practical difference, as the allies were united and the decisions reached by them was of the Balkan league and would be binding on Greece equally with the other members of the federation.

Delegates Have Full Power.

The credentials of the peace delegates of the Balkan allies and of Turkey give them full power as plenipotentiaries. They can therefore not only negotiate for peace but if they come to an agreement can conclude and sign it. This point was made clear when the delegates met in St. James palace this morning to commence the serious business of the gathering.

Dr. S. Danef, speaker of the Bulgarian Parliament, presided. The first business of the conference was the appointment of secretaries. It was decided that each delegation should appoint a man to act as secretary of the conference on the day when the chief of the mission to which he belonged, was in the chair. This will occur in the alphabetical order of the states represented at the conference. Thus, a Bulgarian secretary today undertook the secretarial duties of the conference. The delegates then exchanged credentials.

The meeting of the conference lasted less than two hours. The plenipotentiaries adjourned until Thursday.

It was noticed that, contrary to yesterday's procedure when the delegates all dined together, the Turks today left the palace and went to lunch at their hotel, while their colleagues remained in the palace.

Talk of Mediation.

In speaking today on the subject of foreign mediation in Balkan affairs, Stojan Novakovich, the head of the Servian delegation, said:

"The choice of the United States as mediator would be an excellent one. The only years in this connection are that the stance of the United States from the scene and its lack of knowledge of all different complex problems arising in the Balkan peoples might hamper its action, while a European country would find itself in readier condition, having for years followed the aspirations of the different races constituting the Balkan family."

M. Novakovich, taking everything into consideration, thinks the best man now in Europe to carry out the work of mediation.

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Eight Persons Killed in Grade Crossing Collision in Ohio

ASHTABULA, O., Dec. 17.—Eight dead and six injured was the toll of the wreck here last night when a Lake Shore & Michigan Southern coal train struck a street car. The dead: LAURA LEAPHARE, MRS. FRANK C. BARTLETT, MRS. W. J. COOPER, MRS. GEORGE KUTSON, MR. AND MRS. DAVID STOWE, all of Ashland; MRS. ROSE THOMPSON, MRS. JOHN C. ESPEY of Willoughby. All of the injured are expected to recover. Motorman McCutcheon is held by the police.

Buckling of the train just back of the engine caused the coal cars to pile up to a height of nearly forty feet over the wreckage of the street car. Witnesses of the accident said the gates of the crossing were not lowered, although Conductor Mullen of the car was on the track, frantically signalling Motorman McCutcheon to stop. Engineer D. E. O'Connor and Fireman Henschberger, both of Erie, Pa., jumped from their engine after setting the brakes and neither was injured. The impetus of the heavily loaded cars pushed the engine on and portions of a residence, a warehouse and a store near the crossing were demolished.

Plot to Establish Dictatorship in Portugal Fails

LISBON, Portugal, Dec. 17.—A plan to establish a military dictatorship in Portugal was discovered last night. Part of the army was supposed to be implicated. The cabinet was in session all night. Troops were kept under arms and today warships in the harbor cleared for action. Rumors of an alarming nature spread all over the city and caused great anxiety.

It was reported that a large number of conspirators had assembled in the Campo Grande park and were about to come into the city and seize the members of the cabinet. It was also asserted that they intended to occupy the government buildings and declare a new government.

The minister of war, acting under the orders of the cabinet, kept certain troops, whose loyalty was undoubted, under arms. He also called out the whole of the republican guards and the members of the republican secret society known as the "Carbanarios," who were all armed.

The minister of marine orders all the war vessels in the harbor to take up favorable positions and to prepare for emergencies.

The night passed, however, without any outbreak.

Exposes Methods of Land Locators

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—"Professional locators" who offer for reward to locate settlers and strytrons on desirable tracts of public land will be driven out of existence if there is enacted into law a recommendation of Fred Dennett, commissioner of the general land office, in his annual report submitted to Secretary of the Interior Fisher.

Instances of frequent and serious complaints from persons who have suffered hardships because of the "ignorant and willful deception practiced by persons employed and paid to secure for them satisfactory locations," are referred to in the commissioner's report. The commissioner urges an extension of the scope of the mail laws to cover cases of false and misleading circulars which are sent through the mail regarding public lands.

Another possible remedy he suggests that it might be required that such publications be submitted to the general land office for approval.

The scope of the work of the field force in connection with the California oil lands investigations during the last year he says that more than 1,500,000 acres of land, containing many of the finest petroleum deposits in the country, are included in the withdrawals.

"The immense values at stake," the report continues, "are indicated by some extent by the fact that many tracts have been sold in the previous areas at a rate as high as \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 per section."

Insane Mute Kills Deaf and Dumb Wife

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 17.—Driven insane, the police say, by hunger and poverty, John Magelo, a mute, shot and killed his deaf and dumb wife, Mary, in their home here this afternoon. Police arrested by four reports of a revolver broke into the house and found Magelo sitting in the kitchen of the unheated building, his three sobbing children huddled in his arms. The children are aged 6 years, 3 years and 1 year, respectively.

Magelo staid motionless when the officers demanded what the trouble was. Observing he was a mute they gave him pencil and paper.

"My wife is on the floor," Magelo wrote, "speaking her words away before I could get her something to eat."

In the next room the body of the woman, scantily clad, was found face downward on the floor, with two bullet holes in the breast.

Magelo was taken to the police station and the children to a home.

CIRCUIT COURT BECOMES TEMPORARY PICTURE SHOW

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.—The United States circuit court of appeals in St. Louis was turned into a moving picture show this afternoon when the appeal of a moving picture company against a decision which prohibited it from exhibiting certain films was heard.

A screen was rigged up in the court room, the windows were darkened and the judges watched the films showing the adventures of a detective.

KINKAID PUTS ONE OVER ON HITCHCOCK

Asks Nebraska Junior Senator to Accept Primary-Elected Postmaster from Morrill.

CRAIG GETS MAJORITY VOTE
Beats Out Democrat and All Republican Opponents.

TOWN DESIRES REPUBLICAN
Democratic Senator Up Against His Own Preachings.

WILL HE CARRY THEM OUT?
Congressman from Sixth District intimates Will Seek to Have Primary Plan of Selecting Postmasters Put Into Effect.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Representative Moses P. Kinkaid of the Sixth Nebraska district has "put one over" on the junior senator from Nebraska, who must in the very nature of things disburse political patronage in the next administration especially in those districts represented by republicans.

Judge Kinkaid, who suggests "Burr Rabbit" in his quiet, but effective methods was at the White House today with a primary-election-selected postmaster from Morrill, Neb., and asked the president to nominate this choice of the people as a successor to W. L. Minor, who recently resigned the job to become deputy auditor for the Aftopole state.

The people of Morrill held an election for postmaster and so far as is known the election was free from taint or suspicion of fraud of any kind. Six candidates were voted for at the postoffice primary and Charles C. Craig, a republican, had a small majority over all competitors, obtaining more than 200 votes, while the other five did not get just that many combined.

Asks for Appointment.
The choice of the people having thus been expressed, Judge Kinkaid, believing that all postmasters should be chosen by primary elections, where such elections are possible, naturally gravitated to the

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Millionaire's Son Must Brace Up or Be Disinherited

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 17.—Two wills have been prepared by Alonso Thompson, octogenarian millionaire and spiritualist of Denver. In the first will his son, Alonso Jr., is to be given the entire fortune if he "can brace up and be a man."

The young man's conduct is to be the influence which decides whether he becomes beneficiary under the first will or another one by which he is bequeathed \$100,000.

Both wills were signed by Thompson yesterday afternoon and placed in the hands of his attorney. If young Thompson's conduct meets with his father's approval before the will becomes effective the old man himself will tear up the will leaving the son only \$5, but if he should die before the change in conduct has come about the lawyer is to determine which will shall be probated.

Thompson a short time ago declared that his wife and son were attempting to send him to an insane asylum in order to obtain his estate. Later Mrs. Thompson filed petition for divorce, alleging non-support. She was granted her petition and \$25,000 alimony.

Hitchcock and Lobeck Ask Postponement of Consolidation Order

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Hitchcock and Representative Lobeck had a conference with Dr. Grandfield, first assistant postmaster general this morning in which they urged upon that official the importance of holding up the consolidation of the South Omaha postoffice from January 1 to February 1 in order that business interests of South Omaha might be heard. Senator Hitchcock said that Dr. Grandfield seemed disposed to recommend the extension of the order to the postmaster general.

VACATION OFFERED POLICE FOR CAPTURING HIGHWAYMEN

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 17.—"Beginning at once a ten days' leave of absence with pay will be granted each patrolman who brings in, dead or alive, any highwayman caught in the act of seizing a purse from a woman or holding up a citizen."

The order was issued by Holtworth E. Griffin, chief of police, today in an effort to quell the unprecedented crime wave that has swept Kansas City in the last month. During this time 250 holdups have occurred, 150 residences and business houses have been burglarized and three murders have been committed.

BELLE FOURCHE, S. D., Dies of Starvation

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Henry West, 70 years old, a veteran of the Civil war, died of starvation last night in his scantily furnished room. Letters telling of his brave poverty were found in the room. His honorable discharge from the United States army was also among the belongings found.

West had been ill for two weeks. Last night his landlady summoned a physician and dragged to his death by some unknown enemy and the body then thrown into a small creek, declare county officials. Several gashes were found on Cody's head and the throat was purple and swollen.



From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

HEARST PRODUCES LETTERS FROM STANDARD OIL FILES

New York Publisher Appears Before Campaign Fund Committee.
Correspondence of Archbold with Foraker and Penrose About Loans and Funds Placed in Evidence.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—William R. Hearst produced before the senate investigating committee today several new letters bearing upon the alleged political activities of John D. Archbold and the Standard Oil company.

Mr. Hearst testifies that he knew nothing as to the incidents related in the letters of the circumstances under which Mr. Archbold might have sent money to former Senator Foraker of Ohio and former Representative Joseph C. Sibley of Pennsylvania, to whom some of the letters were addressed.

The publisher was the chief witness at the committee's short session today. Two of the letters he produced had been made public in 1908, he said, in a speech at Columbus, O. They were from John D. Archbold and referred to a projected loan of \$50,000 to Senator Foraker, to be repaid by installments. Mr. Hearst told the committee he had been informed that the money was repaid.

With the testimony of Mr. Hearst and John Kennedy, the latter a witness called at the request of Senator Oliver to tell of Senator Penrose's connection with the industrial commission, the committee adjourned to meet when recalled by Chairman Clapp.

Later former Senator Foraker asked to be heard at once and Chairman Clapp called a meeting of the committee for tomorrow morning for that purpose.

New Letters Produced.
Mr. Hearst appeared as the first witness at the opening of the campaign investigation which had come to a halt before election. The New York publisher told the committee at the outset that he had some others that had not been made public. He first produced the photographic copies of the letters already published and identified them for the convenience of the committee.

Chairman Clapp asked Mr. Hearst if he ever saw the originals of the letters published in his magazine. He said he was not certain, but he believed he had only seen the photographic fac-simile copies.

"Of whom did you get them?" asked Senator Clapp.

Mr. Hearst hesitated a moment.

"I am anxious," he began, "to testify very fully to everything that I am personally concerned in and everything of interest to this inquiry. Do you feel that this is essential to the inquiry?"

Let's Letter from Eddy.
Senator Clapp replied that the authenticity of some of the letters had been questioned. After members of the committee had insisted upon the information, Mr. Hearst repeated that he got the

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Alfalfa Millers Predict Big Output

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 17.—Alfalfa millers from Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas closed their semi-annual meeting here today with a prediction that \$20,000,000 worth of alfalfa products would be the output from mills this year. Up to date they have milled 60,000 tons and are figuring on 65,000 tons more before the season closes.

Uniform grading rules were adopted so that alfalfa millers can be protected. A differential for sales made on improper grading was also determined. The 1915 meeting will be held in Kansas City.

Members of the association said alfalfa was increasing so rapidly in popularity that the mills could not keep pace with the demand.

Chicago Veteran Dies of Starvation

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"Everybody's Doing It"

The National Capital
Tuesday, December 17, 1912.

The senate convened at noon.

Senator Kenyon spoke on interstate liquor shipment bill.

William R. Hearst, testifying before campaign funds investigation committee, produced several new letters bearing on political activities of John D. Archbold and Standard Oil company.

President Taft submitted for approval nine names for members of commission to industrial relations.

Court of impeachment resumed trial of Judge Archbold.

Continued at noon.

Continued consideration of Burnett literary test immigration bill.

Money trust investigating committee resumed its hearing with Frederick Lewisohn on stand.

Butter Will Be Cheaper Because Feed is Lower

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Butter men who attended the annual meeting of the High Board of Trade, at which the quotations committee was legislated out of existence, declared today that butter within the next three months will be cheaper than it was a year ago.

This prediction they said, is not based on the abolition of the quotations committee, nor on the government anti-trust suit directed against the board, but on the natural conditions of the market.

It is stated that there is no corner in butter, but that the excess now in storage in comparison with last year is due to the fact that more storage companies, many of them new ones, are making public report of butter in storage than they did a year ago. The number making public reports is increasing each year, it is said.

While there are fewer cows producing this year, many having perished last winter, there is an abundance of feed for them, which is increasing the production and on this fact the prediction of a lighter burden on the housewife is based. High prices a year ago, it is stated, were due fundamentally to the short crop of feed and the severe cold, the crop being one of the poorest in many years.

In Chicago today butter and egg prices remained stationary.

Defendants named in the suit against the High Board of Trade were served with subpoenas today.

Bandits Work Half Night Breaking Into Empty Bank Vault

TRIMONTON, Utah, Dec. 17.—After laboring half the night to break into the old concrete money vaults of the State Bank of Trimonton, four bandits were dismissed to sleep by the bank guard.

Mrs. Anna Rauber, a telephone exchange operator alone in a building opposite, discovered the men at work early today just as they broke through the three-foot wall. She telephoned Marshal Brown and a running fight and exciting chase followed, but the robbers escaped.

As Marshal Brown approached the bank building armed with two automatic pistols, the robbers opened fire. They retreated, dodging behind trees and posts, and exchanged shots with the marshal. At length they came to a boggy, which they had stolen from a physician, and drove away with a final fusillade. The marshal and a posse followed in other vehicles, but were unable to catch up.

The stolen horse and buggy were found today in North Ogden.

It was learned today that the bandits had broken into a supply house and stolen picks and crowbars. They also had stolen sacks in which to carry away their loot.

Man Who Wrote Wilson Released

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 17.—The charge against Warren Dunn, one of three men arrested recently charged with writing threatening letters to Woodrow Wilson, was dismissed by a United States commissioner this afternoon. Declaring he reserved in the case of Seely Davenport on a motion to dismiss the case. Jacob Dunn was held for further hearing tomorrow when Joseph Tumulty, Governor Wilson's secretary, will testify. The court said he regarded the case against the latter as very strong.

Another letter threatening Woodrow Wilson with death if he failed to deposit money in a designated place was received recently by one of his secretaries. It was unsigned and was mailed in New York on December 12.

This became known here this afternoon at the arraignment of Warren and Jacob Dunn, brothers and Seely Davenport, all of Wharton, N. J., arrested recently by postoffice inspectors charged with sending threatening letters to the president-elect.

Store and Bank at Grafton, Ill., Burn

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 17.—A fire, which began in the Stafford Mercantile company's building at Grafton, Ill., at midnight, destroyed the principal business structures in the town and for a time threatened to wipe out part of the residence section. A volunteer fire department conquered the flames at 5 o'clock this morning. Aid from other towns was asked.

The largest buildings in Grafton which were destroyed included the Stafford building, the Grafton bank and the Ruel hotel. Guests of the hotel were forced to flee in their night clothes.

The loss on buildings and contents will exceed \$75,000. About \$20,000 in currency and papers was in the Grafton bank safe and it is not believed the safe reached the intense heat.

BUTLER PUT IN JAIL, ACCUSED OF PERJURY IN HIS OWN BEHALF

Vice President of Iron Workers' Union Severely Arraigned by Judge Anderson.

CLARENCE DOWD IS DISCHARGED

Evidence Lacking Against Former Organizer for Machinists.

BOTH SIDES REST THEIR CASES

Dynamite Conspiracy Trial to Go to Jury in Eight Days.

NINE DEFENDANTS NOT CALLED

Senator Kern Announces Defense Rests Case and Government Says It Has Nothing in Retribution.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—John T. Butler of Buffalo, N. Y., vice president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, tonight was locked in jail after his bond of \$10,000 had been increased to \$15,000, and after the court had said he committed perjury in testifying in his own behalf as a defendant in the dynamite conspiracy trial.

Next to President Frank M. Ryan, Butler is highest in office in a labor union charged as being one of forty officials who conspired to promote dynamite explosions, including the wrecking of the Los Angeles Times building.

At the conclusion of a day's session, in which both the prosecution and the defense rested their cases, with the prospect that the trial will be placed in the hands of the jury in eight days, Federal Judge Albert H. Anderson delivered from his seat a scathing arraignment of what he termed "a display that has taken place here in the last two weeks."

"I don't believe," said Judge Anderson, referring to the stories of riots, assaults and dynamiting related on the witness stand, "I don't believe, and if I did I would not have any hope for this country, that organized labor stands for the things that have been shown here."

Calls Butler Perjuror

"This man Butler took the stand today and swore to things he knew were not true, and everybody here knew he was committing perjury. There are a few people in this country who must be told that the law is the law, and if there is any gentleman in this court room who feels that the shoe fits him let him put it on. I have never seen a display such as has taken place here in the last two weeks, and I have been a lawyer and on the bench for the last thirty-four years."

Judge Anderson's remarks were made after the jury had retired for the day and after Clarence E. Dowd of Rochester, N. Y., formerly organizer for the International Association of Machinists in Detroit, had been discharged on the ground that sufficient evidence did not exist against him.

Butler, earlier in the day, entered a general denial that he knew of any dynamite plots. Particularly he denied knowledge that the union appropriated \$1,000 a month to John J. McNamara, which the government charges was used to defray the expenses of the dynamites. Check-books to which the stubs recorded payments to McNamara while Butler was a member of the executive board, were produced.

Butler said the only \$1,000 check he knew of was one made payable to Orlin V. Twitmore of San Francisco, as the ironworkers' contributions to the Los Angeles strike fund.

District Attorney Charles W. Miller then arose in court and charged that Butler had "been on a drunk for two weeks," and that since being in court he had expressed a wish to be in Canada.

"This man Butler has committed deliberate, willful and malicious perjury," said District Attorney Miller. "He knows that he is guilty and has stated since he came to trial here that he wished he had remained in Quebec, Canada, as this was not an extradition offense. I ask that his bond be increased."

"Has he stated he wished he had remained in Quebec?"

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The Weather.

For Nebraska—Fair; colder east portion. For Iowa—Generally fair; colder.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Temp.
6 a. m.	21
7 a. m.	20
8 a. m.	20
9 a. m.	20
10 a. m.	20
11 a. m.	20
12 m.	20
1 p. m.	20
2 p. m.	20
3 p. m.	20
4 p. m.	20
5 p. m.	20
6 p. m.	20
7 p. m.	20
8 p. m.	20

Comparative Local Record.

Year	High	Low
1912	29	10
1911	29	9
1910	29	9
1909	29	9
1908	29	9
1907	29	9
1906	29	9
1905	29	9
1904	29	9
1903	29	9
1902	29	9
1901	29	9
1900	29	9

Normal temperature... 27
Excess for the day... 3
Total excess since March... 92
Normal precipitation... .42 inch
Deficiency for the day... .01 inch
Total deficiency since March... .39 inches
Deficiency since March 1... .39 inches
Deficiency for year period, 1911-12... .39 inches
Deficiency for year period, 1910-11... .39 inches

Reports from Stations at 8 p. m.

Station and State	Temp.	High	Low
Cheyenne, Wyo.	22	30	7
Davenport, Iowa	22	30	7
Des Moines, Iowa	22	30	7
Lodge City, Kan.	22	30	7
Lander, Wyo.	22	30	7
Omaha, Neb.	22	30	7
Pueblo, Colo.	22	30	7
Lapid City, S. D.	22	30	7
Salt Lake City, Utah	22	30	7
Santa Fe, N. M.	22	30	7
Sheridan, Wyo.	22	30	7
Sioux City, Iowa	22	30	7
Valentine, Neb.	22	30	7

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L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

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