

POWERS TO FORCE AUSTRIA TO EXPLAIN ARMY MOVEMENTS

Servia, at Suggestion of Triple Entente, Accepts Principle of Autonomy for Albania.

MUST NOW SHOW ITS HAND Belief that Intention is to Make Servia Vassal State.

ALLIANCE WILL NOT PERMIT IT Balkan States Will Have Backing of Russia in the Stand.

TURKISH COURIER ARRIVES Powers Will Now Try to Avert a Break in Negotiations Over Future of Adrianople—King Receives Delegates.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—When the peace envoys of the Balkan states and Turkey met again in conference at St. James palace this afternoon, Servia, on the suggestion of Great Britain, France and Russia, declared its readiness to accept the principle of Albanian autonomy and neutralization. This move has the object of making Austria-Hungary explain the reason for its armaments and say what its ultimate desires really are.

The fear is entertained in many quarters that Austria-Hungary is planning a scheme, which if it proves successful, will make Servia a kind of a vassal state. It is rumored that among other conditions of a financial, commercial and economic character, Austria-Hungary intends to impose a limitation on the strength of the Servian army which neither the Balkan league nor Russia would ever admit.

This situation, it is said, explains why Austria-Hungary is keeping twelve of its army corps on a war footing, four of them ready to cross the Servian frontier, four of them in Galicia, near the Russian frontier, two in Bosnia and Herzegovina and two along the Italian frontier.

It is noticeable, according to the military experts, that notwithstanding the triple alliance during the last decade Austria-Hungary has constantly augmented the strength of its troops along the Venetian and Tyrolise lines.

Instructions for Turks Arrive. The anxiously awaited Ottoman courier has arrived from Constantinople bearing fresh instructions to the Turkish peace plenipotentiaries. In view of the forecast of these instructions telegraphed from Constantinople, it is feared their contents are likely to precipitate trouble.

There is little doubt, however, that the foreign ambassadors here during their "conversations" have made the necessary arrangements to intervene with the hope of preventing an irretrievable rupture of the peace conference until they have tried to bridge the gulf separating the allied Balkan nations from the Turks on the question of the future of Adrianople.

The peace delegates were received in audience today by King George at Buckingham palace. Each mission was accepted separately by his majesty, who, in a few cordial words, impressed the envoys with his earnest hope that success would attend their negotiations.

The agreement reached by the powers on the subject of autonomy of Albania and in regard to the commercial outlet on the Adriatic sea for Servia has largely dispelled the nightmare of a European war. The newspapers of Europe, with virtual unanimity, hail this agreement, the first result of the ambassadorial "conversations," with the greatest satisfaction as marking the settlement of the larger crisis.

Long Session Held. Today's session, fourth since the peace conferences were begun, was the longest yet held. The delegates had before them Turkey's fresh instructions empowering the Turkish delegation to treat with the Greek representatives on condition that Turkey be allowed to revivify the fortress of Adrianople.

The discussion of this question occupied the entire session and an agreement had not yet been reached when the conference adjourned to meet again Monday afternoon.

Allies Stand by Armistice. It is understood that the contention of the Balkan allied delegates is that the question of revivifying the fortress was settled by the terms of the armistice and that they have no power to interfere with those terms. Dr. Danoff, head of the Bulgarian delegation, said after the adjournment that it was uncertain whether the delegates would be able to reach a definite decision even on Monday.

An official communication of the progress of the peace conference was issued later in the day. It says: "The further adjournment of the conference."

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The Weather.

Table with weather data for Nebraska, Iowa, and Omaha, including temperature, precipitation, and wind speed.

Banker Who Promised 100 Per Cent Interest Arrested at Chicago

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—A private bank, which advertised to pay 100 per cent interest a year on all deposits from one cent to \$10,000, was closed today with the arrest of P. B. Carson, its promoter, on a charge of using the mails to defraud.

According to postoffice inspectors, Carson rented a postoffice box, which he gave as the address of the Chicago bank. Circulars were sent to principals of schools throughout the country asking for deposits. Carson is alleged to have obtained many thousands of dollars through his private banking scheme.

Referring to the offer of 100 per cent interest, the circular of the "Chicago Bank" says: "Fools say that it cannot be done. Fools do not know that some of the banks in Chicago are said to be loaning money for 50 per cent a month or 600 per cent a year."

"The Chicago Bank reserves the right to return part or all of your deposit with 100 per cent interest at any time and without notice."

One of the letters addressed to the principal of a public school at Dorsey, Ill., states: "Diversification of investments being one of the secrets of success, you will do well to send the bank a trial deposit and see how much easier it is for money to double itself than it is for you to please all the directors, fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters of the public schools."

"The Chicago Bank will be pleased to hear from you at any time and possibly later on may offer you the presidency of a small bank in Madison county."

Ways that Are Dark and Tricks that Are Vain Exemplified

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Ways that are dark and tricks that are vain were abundantly typified in the local Chinatown last night in an episode in which figured guns, tribute money, smuggled opium and a white man who either was hired to pose as a customs officer or, being one, accepted a bribe of \$100.

Wong Gue went to the rooms of K. C. Lee, a wealthy retired Chinese merchant, last night carrying a suitcase which he said contained opium. Hardly had he seated himself when a white man entered the room, announced that he was a customs inspector and arrested Wong. Negotiations for his release culminated in the departure of the "inspector" with the suitcase and \$125. Wong accused Lee of having arranged for the visit of the inspector, whom he took to be an impostor. He demanded \$500 cash for his opium. Lee refused and Wong obtained the aid of four friends, one of whom displayed a revolver.

The five then surrounded Lee and escorted him to the stores of one after another of his friends as he attempted to borrow it.

Lee mustered his courage as a policeman approached and broke away, yelling. Three of the five, Yang Gue and two others, were captured by the policeman.

What is interesting the police is, did Lee or Wong arrange for the confiscation of the opium?

What is interesting customs officials is, was the "inspector" a bona fide one who accepted a bribe, or an impostor amenable to punishment for his impersonation?

Christmas Pardons to Many Prisoners the Mayor's Gift

With the compliments of the Yuletide season a free pardon was handed to each one of twenty-five prisoners in the county jail yesterday afternoon by Mayor James C. Dalmann.

All of the prisoners granted liberty were sentenced from the city court for minor offenses, for mild punishment and the majority had only a few days more to serve.

The remaining prisoners in the county jail will be transferred from the old building to the new court house on Monday and the many releases will facilitate matters in handling the charges.

"Just a little Christmas present to the poor folk in jail," said the mayor last night. Most of them were to be released late in the week anyway and I thought that liberty on Christmas day would taste mighty sweet to them. I wish I could possibly see my way clear to inoculate a little more of the "peace on earth, good will to men" spirit in the jails, but I guess I've pardoned about all that can be said to deserve it.

Aeroplanes Collide in Mid-Air at Paris

PARIS, Dec. 21.—An aeroplane collision in midair today imperiled the life of Theophile Delcasse, French minister of marine, and two aviators at Villa Couva, near Paris.

Young Delcasse was making a flight as a passenger on board the monoplane piloted by George Collardeau, when another machine ascended and the two aeroplanes started maneuvering around the sidings. The false movement of one lever caused them to come violently into collision and the two wrecked machines interlocked and crashed to earth.

One of young Delcasse's legs was fractured and Collardeau was badly bruised, while the pilot of the other aeroplane was injured probably fatally. The collision occurred at a low altitude.

SALOON WRECKED BY EXPLOSION; SIX HURT

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., Dec. 21.—Six men who were in the saloon of George Rodenmayers, three miles south of here, were injured by an explosion last night. A man who was ordered from the saloon is suspected of having put dynamite under the floor. The legs and arms of the men were broken, but their condition is not serious. The building was wrecked.

HUMAN SKELETONS IN PAINTED HOUSE

Series of Sensations Follows Arrests of Eight Persons in Logue Murder Case.

MEMBERS OF BURGLAR BAND Wagonload of Loot Taken from Flat During Day.

FALSE KEYS AND EXPLOSIVES Safe Drills, Automatic Revolvers and Uncut Gems Found.

NEW THEORY OF THE CASE Belief that Band Went to Logue's Office to Sell Bogus Gems that Were Found in Satchel in Closet.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—The discovery of two human skeletons in the North Side flat which served as rendezvous for a gang of robbers capped the climax today in a series of sensations which attended the police investigation of the murder of Joseph H. Logue, the diamond merchant. The skeletons were found in a closet of the flat where the officers also discovered a small arsenal, many gems of various value and the paraphernalia of professional burglars. Erect in one corner of the closet, the skeletons were surrounded by richly brocaded gowns and elegant clothes of many sorts.

Arrests of eight persons in connection with the murder was followed by the discovery of evidence showing several of them to be criminals. The police declare that they not only expect to connect the prisoners with the death of Logue, but also with many other recent crimes.

A wagon load of loot was taken from the flat during the day. A coincidence that detectives assign to the suspects under arrest developed during the investigation of the flat. Immediately beneath the apartment of the suspects, G. R. Worsley, a private detective lived with his family. Wednesday night burglars gained entrance to his flat and although there was considerable jewelry in the bedrooms, the intruders took only two magazine revolvers.

Logue's Previous History. Logue, who yesterday was shot, stabbed and beaten to death in his office in the McVicker theater building, it was learned, figured in police affairs ten years ago when a New York jewelry salesman suddenly disappeared with a satchel full of valuable gems. Subsequently the gems were found in Logue's possession, according to the police.

The police are working on a theory that the persons who killed Logue came to his office with the intention of disposing of (Continued on Page Two.)

Chassett Goes Round Trip Across Adriatic With a Passenger

VENICE, Italy, Dec. 21.—A remarkable flight in a hydro-aeroplane across the Adriatic sea from Venice to Trieste and back again to Venice was carried out today by the French aviator, George Chassett. He took with him as a passenger Major Gimocchio of the Italian army.

The total distance of the flight was about 120 miles. On the return voyage from the Austrian to the Italian coast trouble with the motor of the hydro-aeroplane obliged Chassett to descend to the surface of the sea, when twenty-five miles away from shore.

The daring aviator succeeded in repairing his motor while floating on a slightly rough sea. He then terminated the trip to Venice at a speed of seventy-five miles an hour.

Chassett and his companion were enthusiastically greeted when they descended here.

Princess Agnes Salm-Salm Is Dead

CARLSRUHE, Germany, Dec. 21.—The death of Princess Agnes Salm-Salm today brought to an end a most romantic career.

She was the daughter of an American colonel named Leclercq and was born at Baltimore, Md., 22 years ago. In her youth she gained some renown as an actress and then she married Prince Felix Salm-Salm in 1882. The prince was a soldier of fortune. He served first in the German and then in the Austrian army, on leaving which he went to the United States and joined the union army during the civil war, rising to the rank of brigadier general. After the conclusion of the war he went to Mexico and became aide-de-camp to the Emperor Maximilian, but went back to Germany and joined the Prussian army on the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian war in 1870. He was killed at the battle of Gravelotte.

The princess accompanied him through all his campaigns and in the Franco-Prussian war served as a hospital nurse and was decorated with the Iron cross for bravery.

After the war she married Charles Henssle in 1876.

Auto Bandits Rob Two Paymasters

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Four "auto bandits" attacked two paymasters of the 8th Fighting Company of America on the Lower West Side today, beat them into unconsciousness and robbed them of \$1,200 for the weekly pay rolls.

The robbers sprang from behind an elevated railway pillar and attacked the two paymasters as they were walking from a bank to the company offices. After securing the money they jumped into a high-powered automobile and escaped. A dozen pedestrians saw the robbery.

Just Getting Ready



REID'S BODY LEAVES ENGLAND ON CRUISER

Highest Military and Naval Honors Are Paid to the Late Ambassador.

ALL FLAGS ARE AT HALF-MAST

United States Will Send Two Battleships and Four Destroyers to Meet the Natal Off Nantucket.

PORTSMOUTH, England, Dec. 21.—The British armored cruiser Natal sailed out of Portsmouth harbor with the body of Ambassador Reid on board at 3:30 this afternoon amid a salute of nineteen guns. There was no service on board the Natal, which left port precisely on schedule time, passing through the lines of the other vessels, which all had their flags at half-mast and their crews standing at salute.

Admiral Sir Hedworth Meux, the commander of that port, and all the high naval officers stationed there, were present at the station when the train drew in. As it halted at the platform Nelson's flagship, the Victoria, fired a salute of nineteen minute guns.

The coffin was borne across the jetty on the shoulders of eight petty officers of the British navy and taken on board the armored cruiser Natal, from the mainmast of which vessel the United States ensign was immediately broken.

Wreaths sent by President Taft and the members of the royal family completely filled the little mortuary chapel, which is so placed that it can be lowered in case of heavy weather.

By a coincidence the hospital ship Maine, presented to England by American volunteers, was moored just outside the cruiser Natal.

Generals of Army to Hold Conferences

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Most of the ranking army officers in the United States have been ordered to be in Washington January 8 for an important conference to arrange the details of the extensive plan of reorganization of the army. This will be the last important act concerning the army the retiring administration will undertake. One such conference was held last summer to initiate the project.

In brief, it contemplates the abolition of the present army departments and the creation of brigades as units in different parts of the country. These will be so arranged and proportioned in respect to the various arms of the service combined, as to be capable of troop concentration at a moment's notice into regular army corps. Some of the features of the plan would require legislation to give them effect. Most of the others can be carried out under executive orders. It is for the purpose of framing these that the January conference is called. The officers summoned are:

Major Generals Thomas H. Barry, W. H. Carter and Arthur Murray; Brigadier Generals T. H. Bliss, Ramsay D. Potts, Frederick A. Smith, Morton P. Mazza, Ralph W. Hoyt, Montgomery MacComb, Walter S. Schuyler, Robert K. Evans, Clarence H. Edwards, Edgar Z. Steever and Edward J. McClelland.

HICKEY FOUND GUILTY OF SECOND DEGREE MURDER

BUFFALO, Dec. 21.—J. Frank Hickey was found guilty today of murder in the second degree in having strangled to death Joseph Joseph, a 7-year-old boy of Lackawanna, October 12, 1911. The jury was out twenty-six hours.

BRYAN TALKS WITH WILSON

Nebraskan and President-Elect In Voice Cabinet Timber.

CONVERSATION IS GENERAL

Governor Says He is Not Making Decisions Now and Adds that Bryan's Name Was Not Discussed.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 21.—President-elect Wilson announced after a three and a half hour conference with William J. Bryan today that the name of the Nebraskan had not been mentioned in their discussion of cabinet places.

"We had a very delightful conference, but did not come to any conclusion," said the president-elect as he came out of his office at 1 o'clock to talk to the newspaper men. "We talked things over generally. We talked about the policies of the party, the carrying out of the platform pledges and talked about various cabinet places, discussing names and in a general way."

"Some names suggested. 'Did Mr. Bryan suggest some names?' he was asked. 'I don't remember whether he or I suggested the names.'"

The governor was then asked if Mr. Bryan's name had been discussed. "It was not discussed," he answered emphatically. "You must take me at my word that I am not making decisions now and honor me by not asking questions that call that into question."

The governor said he did not know whether he would have any further conferences soon with Mr. Bryan.

The president-elect here turned the interview into a criticism of some of the headlines in certain newspapers. "The headline writers," he said, "seem to think that everything I do is going to be sensational and the headlines almost never agree with the article below them."

Mr. Wilson closed the interview by saying that he would call Mr. Bryan, who had remained behind.

Bryan Noncommittal. The Nebraskan was absolutely noncommittal as to his conference. "It is customary," he said, "for the president to make announcements of his conferences and not his callers."

The correspondents, however, fenced with Mr. Bryan, plying him with a number of questions, to all of which he made the same reply.

When Mr. Bryan was told that Colonel Watterston had suggested him (Mr. Bryan) for the ambassadorship to Great Britain the Nebraskan smiled and said: "Colonel Watterston and I have not conferred about that matter."

As Mr. Bryan was talking to the newspaper men Governor Wilson came out of his office and Mr. Bryan turned to him laughingly, saying: "I am throwing on you the responsibility of doing the saying."

"That's right, sir, I'll attend to them," said the governor with a twinkle in his eye.

The two democratic leaders lunched together. Mr. Bryan expected to leave for New York before night.

"Clark Comes Tuesday." Today's meeting between Mr. Bryan and the president-elect is the forerunner of a series of consultations which the latter is planning with prominent democrats. Speaker Clark is scheduled to meet the governor here on Tuesday; Representative Oscar W. Underwood, Senator Hoke Smith and a number of others are due to come during the week.

Mr. Bryan plans to leave here in the afternoon for New York, where he will attend a dinner in honor of Governor-elect Sulzer.

LARGE SEED HOUSE IN MINNEAPOLIS BURNED

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 21.—Fire, caused by a hotbox on a grain distributor, today destroyed the corn elevator and a smaller addition to it of the Albert Dickenson company, a large seed house. The loss is estimated at \$125,000. The heaviest loss is on 310,000 pounds of seed corn, mustard and popcorn.

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The money represented 1,321 illegal registrations made by the club of teachers, who were listed as members of the State Teachers' association at its annual convention in Omaha last month.

The treasurer also turned over to the committee the same number of individual receipts which had been given the club for the registration. These receipts will be used to purge the registration list of the state association.

At a meeting held here two weeks ago the executive committee ordered that all money paid by any commercial club for the registration of teachers be returned and after a rigid investigation which developed one of the greatest attempts to pad a registration by the local commercial club, directed that \$1,321, which represented that many illegal registrations in twelve counties directly contiguous to Lincoln, be returned.

Club Takes Cash Back. It was not known whether the Lincoln Commercial club would accept the money, but the report of the retiring treasurer cleared the situation. The club likewise returned the receipts, according to the treasurer, which it had been given.

The secretary was ordered to revise the list and present the corrected one in time for the referendum ballot, which will be taken next month. This ballot, which will determine the next meeting place of the association, will be sent out on January 15 and will be safeguarded so that none but bona fide teachers who are members of the association will be permitted to cast a ballot on the selection of the next meeting place. The ballots are to be returned not later than February 3 and the canvass will be made in Lincoln on February 5.

Retiring Secretary Fisher of Aurora read letters from superintendents of nine of the twelve counties in which the Lincoln club registered teachers without their knowledge. The letters gave the names of the actual attendees at the Omaha convention and without exception were bitter in their expressions of condemnation of the practice to which the Lincoln contingent resorted to secure the next meeting place.

Bishop New Secretary. At the meeting W. G. Bishop of University Place was elected secretary of the association.

The report of former Treasurer Woodard showed a balance on hand of \$4,612.55. A bond of \$5,000 furnished by the new treasurer, John P. Matthews, was accepted by the committee.

The teachers of the association will be given a chance to vote on the time for holding the annual meetings, the choice of date to be made between elections at the first half of Thanksgiving week, the second half of Thanksgiving week or Christmas week.

In the future the association will not pay speakers for the sectional meetings.

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