

CZAR PROTESTS AGAINST MOVE TO END TREATY

Russian Ambassador Calls at White House and Makes Strong Objection to Sulzer Resolution.

THREAT TO SEVER RELATIONS Says Action Inconsistent with Long Friendship of the Nations.

RESENTS TERMS OF RESOLUTION Charge that Russia Violated the Agreement Not Liked.

SENATE MAY MAKE AMENDMENTS President and Secretary Knox Not Alarmed at Turn in Affairs.

NEWS CREATES A SENSATION

Some Hold View that United States Will Be in Worse Position Than Before if Resolution Passes.

BULLETIN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—That President Taft regarded as serious the situation arising from the Russian protest that adoption of the Sulzer resolution would be inconsistent with existing friendly relations was indicated when five members of the cabinet were summoned for a special meeting. Secretary Knox, Attorney General Wickesham and Secretaries MacVeagh, Meyer and Nagel were present.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—What in diplomatic language is interpreted here as practically a threat by Russia to sever all friendly relations with the United States in the event that congress goes ahead with its plan to abrogate the treaty of 1822 with that country, has been made to President Taft and Secretary of State Knox by the Russian ambassador, George Bakmeteff.

Mr. Bakmeteff protested against the Sulzer resolution for the abrogation of the treaty on the ground that its final adoption would be inconsistent with the long friendship that has existed between the United States and Russia.

While neither the president nor Secretary Knox was alarmed over the turn of affairs, it is said at the White House determined effort would be made by senate leaders to modify the Sulzer resolution.

Objects to Terms of Resolution. Owing to the reference of all concerned in the negotiations it was impossible to learn the exact nature of the protest. It is believed, however, to have been directed principally against the language of the Sulzer resolution, which boldly declares that Russia had violated the terms of the treaty of 1822.

When informed of this, Mr. Sulzer, chairman of the house committee on foreign relations, declared that he saw nothing humiliating in "renovating Russia" in his resolution and believed it would go through the senate without modification.

Action on the Russian treaty is scheduled in the senate for Monday next, but it was indicated that consideration of the subject might be delayed. Meanwhile diplomatic negotiations are being continued with Russia.

Protest Made Friday Night. The Russian protest was made late last night. Later the ambassador and Secretary Knox called at the White House and took the matter up with the president in a lengthy conference. Today the secretary of state and the president considered the matter at length, and it was not until this conference was ended that the matter became public.

Mr. Bakmeteff let it be known that Russia was decidedly displeased with the Sulzer resolution.

It was from senators who visited the White House that Mr. Taft learned that an effort would be made to modify in the senate the Sulzer resolution as it came from the house.

Following the conference between Secretary Knox and the president, the Russian ambassador called at the State department and was greeted for some time with the secretary. Both denied that the situation was at all serious, but would not discuss the details of their conference or of the call at the White House.

Hope for Concussions. That the United States was leaning strongly to the hope that American Ambassador Guild would be successful in obtaining a modification of the passport regulation with the St. Petersburg government was indicated today.

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The Weather

For Nebraska—Rain or snow; warmer. For Iowa—Unsettled weather; with light snow; colder extremes east and warmer northwest portion.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:

Hours.	Deg.
5 a. m.	23
6 a. m.	23
7 a. m.	23
8 a. m.	23
9 a. m.	23
10 a. m.	23
11 a. m.	23
12 m.	23
1 p. m.	23
2 p. m.	23
3 p. m.	23
4 p. m.	23
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9 p. m.	23
10 p. m.	23
11 p. m.	23
12 m.	23

Comparative Local Record.

1911.	1910.	1909.
Highest yesterday	26	36
Lowest yesterday	18	10
Mean temperature	23	20
Precipitation	0.0	0.0
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal.		
Normal temperature	23	23
Deficiency for the day	0	0
Total deficiency since March 1	0	0
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T indicates trace of precipitation.		

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

HOUSE SPENDING TOO MUCH MONEY

Chairman Fitzgerald Says Expenses of Special Committees Are Too Large.

SPEAKS ON DEFICIENCY BILL Amount is Large Because Estimates Last Year Were Frayed Excessively by Officials to Make Showing.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—"The house steel trust" investigating committee is costing congress \$2,700 a month, while extra stenographic work for the house committee at this session is costing \$2,000 a month, according to statements made in a speech in the house by Chairman Fitzgerald of the house committee on appropriations. He added that the sugar trust investigating committee was costing \$200 a month and the committee investigating postoffice expenditures \$225 a month.

Charges that the executive heads of the government had pruned the appropriation estimates last year below the actual needs of the government service also marked the speech of Chairman Fitzgerald, when the house took up the urgent deficiency appropriation bill.

The bill as reported from committee carried \$2,200,750, a reduction of \$1,082,500 from the estimates of departments.

Estimates Are Too Low. "Most of the appropriations carried by this bill are needed because the departments put in estimates too low last year," said Mr. Fitzgerald. "We don't believe it is economy or good sense to cripple any government service by pruning estimates below the actual requirements."

"Every new expenditure authorized is added to the prospective deficit in the treasury," said Representative Fitzgerald in attacking an increase of the public building program.

"If this keeps on the house will not be devoting its efforts to reducing the burdens of taxation, but must find new methods of raising revenues," he said.

Chairman Fitzgerald declared congress had gone "wild" in authorizing new public buildings, and that a limit must be put on such activity.

Mr. Fitzgerald said he considered the rates paid for extra stenographic work for the investigating committees "grossly extravagant."

Man Agrees with Fitzgerald. Republican Leader Mann declared the expenditures of the investigating committees were excessive.

The democratic leaders asked for an efficiency appropriation of \$60,000 to meet the expenses of the house.

Mr. Fitzgerald said the total miscellaneous expenditures of the house for the year exclusive of salaries probably would be about the same as in previous years.

Mr. Mann demanded to know the largest salaries paid to employees of the democratic investigation committees.

"I think we finally will have to demand an investigation of the employees of the investigating committees," he said.

Show Girls Will Sue Stokes for Damages

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Counsel for Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad, who yesterday were acquitted of the charge of having assaulted W. E. D. Stokes, millionaire sportsman by shooting him in the legs when he was a visitor to their apartment, announced today that the show girls would file damage suits against Stokes for false imprisonment and malicious persecution.

"I shall start an action against Stokes for Miss Graham without delay," said Clark L. Jordan, her lawyer.

"I shall advise Miss Conrad to sue for \$100,000," announced Robert L. Moore, Ethel Conrad's counsel.

DIETZ LUMBER CO. WINS CASE BEFORE COMMISSION

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The Interstate Commerce commission today rendered a decision in favor of the C. N. Dietz Lumber company of Omaha in its case against the Michigan, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway company, complaining of an overcharge on the shipment of a carload of lumber from Dearborn, Tex., to Upland, Neb.

Senator Brown this morning escorted Miss Dorothy Sanford of Lincoln and Miss Thompson, daughter of Solicitor General Thompson, to the White House and presented them to President Taft. Miss Sanford has been the guest of Miss Thompson for two weeks and leaves for home Monday.

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MINISTER SEVERS ARTERIES IN WRISTS WITH A RAZOR

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Rev. Christian J. Olson, who came from Chicago a year ago to become pastor of the Fourth Avenue Baptist church in Brooklyn, was found dead today in a half-filled bath tub immersed in blood that flowed from severed arteries in his wrist. For several months Dr. Olson had been suffering from headaches and insomnia and lately he feared he was going insane. Taking advantage of his family's absence, the clergyman wrote several parting letters, got into the tub and with a razor slashed both wrists.

Rain and Snow in the Lake Region

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—A rain and snow storm settled over the lake region and the Ohio valley today, partially tying up telegraph and train traffic and causing great discomfort to the Christmas shopping crowds in the cities. The rain extended as far east as the New England states, with the storm center over the Ohio valley.

The snow was expected to continue tonight and tomorrow, with slightly lower temperature, according to the United States weather forecast.

MORE ARRESTS AT FORT PROBABLE

Officers Investigating Details of Plot to Destroy Army Post.

STRONG EVIDENCE IS FOUND

Rev. Mr. Brewer, Who is Implicated by Confession of Private Quirk, is Still Held in Topeka.

JUNCTION CITY, Kan., Dec. 15.—Military officials at Fort Riley today continue their investigation of the alleged plot to annihilate the post with fire and dynamite details of which became public with the confession Tuesday night of Private Michael Quirk. The same secrecy which has characterized the movements of officials since the beginning of the investigation weeks ago was maintained.

It is said detail of the alleged plot might not have been made public for several days had not Quirk's friends threatened habeas corpus proceedings to obtain the private's release unless the charge against him was stated definitely. Following these threats army officials were forced to have warrants issued. The arrests of the Rev. C. M. Brewer, former army chaplain, on charges by federal authorities and Mrs. Ann Jordan, later released, followed.

Army officials today said the delay in bringing the Rev. Mr. Brewer to the post was due to the difficulty of obtaining the approval of federal district court officers at Topeka of the warrant issued by United States Commissioner Chase.

Officials today said that the Quirk confession accusing the former chaplain of implication was not the only testimony against him. This they said was corroborated by other evidence of the presence of the defendant in or near Junction City at the time of the crimes alleged.

Portland Woman Attempts Suicide in Hotel in Chicago

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—While telephoning to Frank Cockrell, a Chicago lumber dealer, formerly of Jerseyville, Ill., to reproach him for his refusal to marry her, Mrs. Emma Robinson of Portland, Ore., a guest at the La Salle hotel, shot herself early today and was taken to a hospital in a serious condition.

Cockrell, who was at another hotel a block away, heard the shot over the telephone and went at once to the La Salle hotel where Mrs. Robinson was found.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Emma Robinson, who attempted suicide in Chicago early today, is a daughter of James Smith, a former county clerk here, and the divorced wife of Harry S. Robinson, a telegraph operator. Her sister, Mrs. J. C. Clark, wife of a prominent druggist, lives in Portland. Mrs. Robinson was wealthy.

Mrs. Clark said today that her sister left here about a year ago to travel in the east and was expected home for the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Clark does not know Frank B. Cockrell.

Mrs. Robinson had given no intimation of a desire to end her life.

JERSEYVILLE, Ill., Dec. 16.—Frank B. Cockrell, who reported the attempted suicide of Emma Robinson in a Chicago hotel here, was born and raised here. For ten years he has lived in Chicago, where he is engaged in the lumber industry. He is 26 years old and unmarried. The Cockrell family of Jerseyville is not related to former United States Senator Cockrell of Missouri.

Man Who Shot His Friend by Accident Is a Nervous Wreck

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WOOL GROWERS RAISE MONEY

Pledge \$28,650 to Fight for Revision of Schedule K.

ASK DUTY ON SCOURED BASIS Re-elect Old Officers and Select Cheyenne for Next Year—Operative Marketing is Urged.

After electing its old officers and raising a pledge fund of \$28,650 to use in the interests of tariff legislation in congress this winter, the National Wool Growers' association adjourned their convention yesterday afternoon to meet 1 Cheyenne next winter.

By a roll call of states the fund was pledged as follows: Wyoming, \$5,000; Idaho, \$4,000; Oregon, \$4,000; Montana, \$3,000; Utah, \$2,000; Nevada, \$2,000; California, \$2,000; National Wool Warehouse and Storage company, \$1,000; New Mexico, \$1,000; Washington, \$500; Knollin Commission company of Chicago, \$250; Mr. Williams of Montana, \$200; Arizona, \$200; Bank of Dillon, Montana, \$150.

The money is to be spent in an effort for a realization of the hopes and wishes of the association, with reference to the wool tariff, as expressed by the following resolutions:

Resolutions on Tariff. Resolved, That in line with the economic thought which guided Washington, Hamilton and Jefferson in the propagation of this industry, we favor a proper protection to every American industry based on the difference of cost of production at home and abroad, and we are actively equal in our favor to the commission idea as the proper medium through which the difference in cost of production of wool at home and abroad can be ascertained and compared. We are in favor of the tariff commission idea as the proper medium through which the difference in cost of production of wool at home and abroad can be ascertained and compared.

Resolved, That we are unalterably opposed to the levying of any duties on the grease basis, under present conditions, as applied in the Payne law, and we are actively equal in our favor to the collection of duties based on the ad valorem system.

Resolved, That we endorse unqualifiedly the specific scouring pound basis as the only scientific, equitable and permanent method of levying duties on wool can be collected, and we favor fair compensatory and protective duties on the manufacturer's wool.

Other resolutions were: Resolved, That while realizing the ultimate benefits of a properly constructed and maintained movement of nitroglycerin from Albany, Ind., its storehouse at Muncie, Ind., we are in favor of its removal to a safe place.

Resolved, That we hereby demand that the secretary of commerce and labor be given proper recognition to the live stock interests; that rates for grazing in the national forests should be reduced; that a commission should be appointed to classify all unoccupied public lands and report its findings to the president and congress, together with a bill for the "disposal of public unoccupied domain that will be permanent and based on commercial demands and practical usage"; that the government be asked to establish wool departments in agricultural colleges; that congress be asked to pass a law offering a bounty for the killing of wild animals, which cause to stockmen a loss of \$10,000 annually.

The practice of wool growers of putting foreign substances in their clip to make it weigh heavier was condemned. The National Warehouse and Storage company was endorsed.

Steam Roller Works. The officers of the association, all re-elected are: President, Frank R. Gooding, Gooding, Idaho; western vice president, George Austin, Salt Lake City; eastern vice president, A. J. Knollin, Chicago; secretary, R. W. McClure, Gooding, Idaho; treasurer, Frank D. Miracle, Helena, Mont.

President Gooding's steam roller work as well as any political steam roller ever invented. He had control of the convention from start to finish. Wyoming's big delegation came prepared to out Gooding from control of the organization, but Gooding threatened to throw Idaho's support to Salt Lake City for the next convention and the Wyomingites were compelled to support Gooding for president in order to get the next convention.

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CALDWELL-DRAKE EXPLOSIONS PART OF DYNAMITE PLOT

Wrecking of Court House in Omaha and Contractors' Office in Columbus Began Intended Series.

JOHN J. S. PLANS COVERED NATION

McManigal and J. B. McNamara Accomplished Jobs at Same Time.

CODE TELEGRAMS FIXED TIME

Secretary Intended to Put Six or Eight Men About Country.

PART OF ORTIE'S CONFESSION

Information Revealed in Federal Grand Jury Investigation.

MAKE INQUIRY INTO BIG FUND

Relation of Money to Fees Given McManigal for Work in Blowing Up "Seab" Labor Structures Traced.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 16.—That the dynamiting of the new court house in Omaha on March 24, 1911, and explosion at the home office of the Caldwell & Drake company in Columbus, Ind., at the same time, was the beginning of a plan by John J. McNamara to puzzle the National Erectors association by a series of simultaneous explosions the country over, was made known here today.

This information had been given by Ortie E. McManigal in his confession. It was revealed today by the government officials conducting the dynamite conspiracy before the federal grand jury here.

The purpose of McNamara, according to McManigal, was to employ more men in the country on the same day or within the same hour at cities widely separated.

J. A. G. Badorf, a detective employed by the National Erectors association, who worked on this phase of the case and who secured scores of photographs of wrecked structures, was before the grand jury for several hours.

"Will Make Them Sit Up." In connection with the Omaha and Columbus jobs McNamara is charged by McManigal with having said: "I want them to go off about the same time so they will wonder how the fellow was in Omaha and Columbus the same night. What I am going to do is to get about six or eight good fellows and I am going to station them around the country and I am going to have explosions come off at one time, one right after the other. I will make them sit up and take notice."

It has been shown that in the Omaha-Columbus incident on March 24, 1911, the explosions were done by McManigal and J. B. McNamara, the time being arranged by telegram sent in code to J. J. McNamara in Indianapolis.

Inquire into Big Fund. The \$20,000 paid monthly to John J. McNamara as secretary-treasurer of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers for "organizing purposes," and for which he was not required to give any accounting, was inquired into today. The relation of