

TWO NATIONS LEFT WITHOUT AGREEMENT TO GOVERN BUSINESS

Abrogation of Treaty with Russia by Congress Unsettles Trade Relations Between Countries.

FIRST TIME IN EIGHTY YEARS

Unprecedented Situation Results from Lack of Understanding.

BUSINESS INTERESTS DISTURBED

Display Great Anxiety to Know on What Footing to Work.

EFFECTIVE FIRST OF YEAR

Status Quo as to Trade Will Probably Remain Unchanged as Long as Neither Country Takes Discriminatory Step.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The termination of the Russian treaty abrogated by congress because of Russia's attitude upon the passport question, which becomes effective January 1, leaves the two nations for the first time in eighty years, without an agreement to govern their trade relations and presents a situation unprecedented.

Except as a consequence of war, the United States has never before undertaken to continue on friendly terms with another nation in the absence of any treaty relations, after it has once enjoyed that connection. Naturally the great business interests of both countries have displayed the greatest anxiety to know upon what footing they may continue their operations after December 31, but as far as the Washington government is concerned, it has not been able to secure much enlightenment, and officials have been obliged to deny requests for special information from inquirers.

The result of many months careful consideration on the subject has left the officials themselves in the dark, except as to the broad conclusion that the status quo so far as it relates to trade may remain unchanged providing neither country does anything that might be regarded as discriminatory against the other.

It appears that the sole effect of the termination of the treaty as to the United States so far as can be now foretold is to deprive Russian consuls of the right to administer estates of Russians dying in America and to deal with disputes between the captains and crews of Russian vessels in American ports. The great volume of trade between the two countries, which according to the figures to the bureau of trade relations aggregates this calendar year about \$20,000,000, is expected to remain unimpaired, though there are some indications that the Russian government contemplates some changes in its tariff laws that may unfavorably affect the importation of agricultural implements, machinery, hardware, and perhaps cotton. So long as these increases are of general application, however, and are not directed specifically against American products, they cannot be regarded as discriminatory and as warranting retaliatory measures.

Freight Steamer and Crew is Lost

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 22.—The freight steamer, Florence of the Furness line, was wrecked near Cape Race Friday morning and twenty-two of its crew were lost. News of the wreck received here by wireless today said that the second mate and four sailors had been saved after being adrift for two days in a boat. The Florence was bound from Halifax to Liverpool via St. Johns.

BULL LOST IN TRANSIT FOUND NEAR DUNLAP

WOODBINE, Ia., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The bull shipped from Avoca and consigned to W. H. Barsby & Son of Woodbine, but lost while in transit a month ago, was discovered near Dunlap and returned a few days ago to Woodbine. Whether the bull was put off at the wrong station, or got off or jumped from the car while in motion is a question yet to be determined.

Peru Negotiations

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 22.—President Billinghurst today asked congress for authority to negotiate a foreign loan of \$3,500,000 for the purpose of cancelling certain debts and financing the construction of railways. The president in his message estimated the urgent debts of the republic at \$2,000,000.

Expedition to Arctic Zone

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Ensign Fitzhugh Green, United States navy, has been detailed to accompany the Crocker land expedition to the Arctic, which sets out on July 1 and he will act as topographer and physiographer.

The Weather.

For Nebraska—Fair. For Iowa—Fair and warmer.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Deg.
5 a. m.	22
6 "	22
7 "	22
8 "	22
9 "	22
10 "	22
11 "	22
12 m.	22
1 p. m.	22
2 "	22
3 "	22
4 "	22
5 "	22
6 "	22
7 "	22

Comparative Local Record.

1912-1911-1910-1909	Deg.
Highest yesterday	40 20 35 15
Lowest yesterday	22 22 22 22
Mean temperature	30 28 30 15
Precipitation	0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0

Peace Celebration Attracts Attention Among the English

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Few public movements in England have enlisted the approval and support of so large a number of prominent men as the plan for a joint international celebration on the one hundredth anniversary of peace among English speaking peoples. The meeting held at the Mansion house in London Wednesday, over which Earl Grey, former governor general of Canada, presided, was the first public announcement of the project on this side of the Atlantic.

The list of vice presidents embraces one hundred names. Mr. Asquith, the prime minister; Sir Edward Grey, secretary of state for foreign affairs; and eleven other members of the cabinet head the list, followed by the principal members of the last conservative ministry, Bonar Law, the leader of the unionist party, and J. Ramsay MacDonald, leader of the labor party.

The church is represented by the archbishop of Canterbury, Cardinal Bourne of the Roman Catholic church, the heads of the various non-conformist Protestant bodies and bishops of the Church of England; science and art by the chancellors of the universities, the heads of royal societies and various other important personalities in those domains.

The lord mayors of the principal cities, the governors of many colonies and former colonial administrators, prominent among them Lord Cromer, the earls of Elgin and Minto, and Lord Roberts, Lord Rothchild and Lord Hareford complete the list.

One of the projects of the English committee for this celebration is the purchase of Sulgrave manor, the old home of the Washington family, which still stands in a good state of preservation. It is hoped to place a bust of George Washington in Westminster abbey. Henry Brittain, who is secretary of the English branch of the Pilgrims' club and a member of the executive committee for the peace centenary, will visit the United States and Canada in January to make arrangements with the over-seas organization for the joint celebration, which will begin late in 1914.

Big Blair Canning Factory Destroyed in Midnight Fire

BLAIR, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—The Martin & Nurre Canning company plant at this point was destroyed by fire tonight with a loss of fully \$100,000, 40 per cent of which is covered by insurance. The buildings covered nearly a half block and only the office building was saved. Nearly the entire pack of sweet corn of last fall was on hand and the loss on that alone will be fully \$40,000. Until a few nights ago the company employed a regular watchman, but a dispute arose, since which time there has been no one to guard the property at night. As no fire was in any of the stores in the ware rooms during the entire day, it is thought the blaze was of incendiary origin.

From appearances the blaze started in the box making room, from which it spread to the rest of the building and had gained considerable headway before being discovered by a late home-goer. The fire department was on the ground before the blaze broke out, but on account of low pressure firemen were unable to do much except watch the building burn. The factory is owned by S. E. Martin of this city and J. J. Nurre of Neola, Ia., who also own a similar plant at Atlantic, Ia. Information has been wired to Mr. Nurre and it will not be decided whether the company will rebuild until he is conferred with.

The output of the factory last season was 1,500,000 cans and the management was contemplating enlarging for next season.

Delivers Answer of the South to Blease

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Thomas B. Fuller of Georgia delivered what he termed "the south's answer to Governor Blease" here today before the annual meeting of the American Society on Jurisprudence.

He characterized as "anarchy" the South Carolina governor's speech in favor of lynching before the meeting of governors at Richmond two weeks ago and attacked Governor Blease "as an enemy of the south."

Senator Townsend of Michigan presided at the meeting and later praised Mr. Fuller's remarks.

Mr. Fuller said he came all the way to Washington to make a complete reply on the part of the decent people of the south to the "insult of Governor Blease." He said the south did not stand for Lynch law and the people of the country ought to know it.

Governor Osborn to Become Pedestrian

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 22.—Governor Chase S. Osborn announced today that so anxious is he to "get back to nature" he has given his two automobiles and his horses to friends who will hereafter seek recreation as a pedestrian.

He expects to start on his seventh job-girdling trip soon after he retires from office, and during the course of his travels, he said, hopes to spend many hours walking in foreign lands.

The governor gave his horses to friends in the upper peninsula, while residents of southern Michigan received his big touring car and limousine.

MUST PUPILS SALUTE FLAG? SCHOOL BOARD DIVIDED

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 22.—Whether children of the public schools here shall be compelled to salute the flag has caused a break in the Board of Education of this city and its members adjourned tonight after a three hours' session without taking action in the matter.

The dispute arose after Lena Eyer, a 15-year-old girl, had been suspended from school because she refused to salute the flag.

DOLLAR GAS MAY BE VERY CLOSE AT HAND

City Officials and Gas Company Agree Upon the Price, Reaching Tentative Understanding.

LENGTH OF FRANCHISE MOOTED

Renewal of Rights is Asked, and Long Term is Demanded.

QUESTION TO THE LEGISLATURE

Law Providing for Carrying Out Plans Will be Asked For.

TALK REDUCTION FIRST OF YEAR

Cheapering, However, May Have to Wait Until Vote on Length of Term of Franchise is Taken.

An agreement has been reached between the city of Omaha and the gas company officials which will guarantee to residents gas at a dollar per 1,000 cubic feet and will put up the proposition as to whether the company's franchise, which expires five years hence, is renewed for a period of ten or thirty years.

City officials have stood for the ten-year franchise or for at least an opportunity to revise the rates every ten years under a thirty-year franchise. This has been opposed by the gas company, which has, however, conceded that dollar gas can be furnished at a profit under certain conditions.

These conditions depended on the amount of royalties to be paid, and the occupation tax, to be based on the annual income.

A counter set of conditions was suggested by the city which would guarantee dollar gas throughout the franchise term and would make the city charges dependent on the cost of the gas but never to fall below the fixed figure.

The legislature will be asked to pass the proper legislation to carry out the tentative plans of the city and company officials. The request will be made this winter.

"What we want to do is to have dollar gas the first of the year," said a city official following the last conference. "And it looks like we will have it."

However, it is not definitely decided as to whether the dollar rate will go into effect January 1 or follow the vote on the length of time for which the franchise will be extended.

Nebraska City Man's Neck Broken When Automobile Upsets

DORCHESTER, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—A. J. Denton of Nebraska City, head of the Denton-Kuhn Grain company of Kansas City, was instantly killed at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon one mile west of here when the Ford runabout automobile he was driving overturned. Denton's neck was broken.

The accident occurred on a level stretch of road. It is supposed Denton was speeding and struck a slight obstruction, for the tracks showed the car curved sharply, left the ground, turned completely over and fell upon the driver.

Mr. Denton leaves a wife, who is now at Nebraska City. He was well known in this part of the state. He was about 40 years old.

St. Cecilia's Church at Hastings Dedicated

HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—St. Cecilia's new Catholic church here, the finest in the diocese of Lincoln and unsurpassed in either beauty or size by any Catholic edifice between Omaha and Denver, was dedicated today.

The dedication mass was celebrated by Rev. J. Henry Thien, bishop of Lincoln, and the dedication sermon was preached by Archbishop Keane of Dubuque. Over a score of priests from Lincoln and Omaha participated in the ceremony and there were many visitors from the state.

The church has a seating capacity of about 1,000, but fully 1,500 crowded into it for the opening service and hundreds were turned away at the doors.

The building is fireproof throughout, not a scrap of wood being used anywhere in its construction. Its cost complete, including the organ which is yet to be installed is approximately \$65,000 and it is the belief of the members of St. Cecilia's parish that it could not be duplicated for \$100,000.

Another large assemblage gathered at the church tonight to hear a lecture by Bishop Thien.

GENERAL RAINS IN SOUTH AND SNOW OVER NORTH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—General rains in the southern states and snow and rain in the northern states east of the Mississippi river and in the southwest are predicted for this week by the weather bureau as a result of disturbances now covering the far northwest and the Rio Grande valley which will move eastward to the great central valley Monday and the eastern states Tuesday or Wednesday.

Another disturbance will appear in the far west about Wednesday and move eastward, attended by snows in northern and middle states and preceded by rising temperature, crossing the Mississippi valley about Thursday and the eastern states Friday or Saturday. This disturbance will be followed by a period of much colder weather over the Rocky mountain region.

LARGE SEED HOUSE IN MINNEAPOLIS BURNED

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 22.—Fire caused by a hotbox on a grain distributor, today destroyed the corn elevator and a smaller addition to it of the Albert Dickson company, a large seed house. The loss is estimated at \$12,000. The heaviest loss is on 210,000 pounds of seed corn, mustard and poppy.

When We Get Our Parcels Post



From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

JACK JOHNSON BUYS HOME

Gives White Wife Fine House in Chicago's Exclusive District.

AMONG CHICAGO MILLIONAIRES

Christmas Present for Lucille Costa the Negro Puglist \$20,000—Home Fronts on Lake Michigan.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Jack Johnson, the negro world's champion heavyweight pugilist, who is at liberty on a \$20,000 bond on a charge of violating the Mann act, today purchased as a Christmas present for his white wife, formerly Lucille Cameron, a home in the heart of the exclusive Lake Geneva summer resort. Nearly all of the houses in the neighborhood are owned by Chicago millionaires.

"Jack has purchased the property and probably will go to his new home next Tuesday," was the information given out at the negro's home here tonight.

The property was purchased from Judson E. Shoeman, a grain dealer, it is said. The price was \$20,000. It has a frontage of 125 feet on the lake.

Among well known Chicagoans who own property near Johnson's new home are Julian Rumsey, J. J. Mitchell, Samuel Allerton, S. E. Chapin, J. H. Moore and Edward Hooley.

Johnson will make the house his future home, it is understood, not merely resting in the colony during the summer months, as is the custom of the majority of Lake Geneva's social leaders.

The negro also is said to be planning the purchase of thirty acres of land within twelve miles of the lake with the intention of breeding stock.

Automobile Bandit Spreads Terror for Brief Time in Seattle

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 22.—A bandit last night commandeered the touring car of Frank McCormick, president of a large department store, compelled the chauffeur, Charles Osland, to drive him about the city, held up a saloon and a grocery store, engaged in five running fights, shot two men and made his escape.

The highwayman was arrested early today. He gave his name as Alexander Thompson, 24 years old, and said he was a sailor.

Steve Kalles, a laborer, was shot in the head and seriously wounded. George Fujimoto, a Japanese, was shot in the leg. He was not seriously hurt.

The highwayman held up Osland, who was alone in the car, and after robbing him, climbed into the automobile and, holding a revolver at Osland's head, made him drive at high speed the entire length of the city to Georgetown and back to the business district stopping in front of a saloon.

Marching Osland ahead of him, the bandit entered the saloon and made the bartender give him \$40. As he was leaving the place he exchanged shots with a patron of the place; one bullet hitting Fujimoto. Twice he engaged in a pistol battle with motorcycle policemen who pursued the automobile. During the chase Kalles was hit. The automobile got away from the motorcycle officers and the bandit released it.

The highwayman next entered a grocery store, obtained \$12 and escaped after engaging in a pistol fight with the proprietor and then with a policeman.

Half an hour later a policeman surprised him standing bareheaded on a street corner.

BOMBS IN PEACE BANQUET

Mann Declares Against Arbitration of Panama Canal Dispute.

ADMIRAL INSISTS ON BIG NAVY

No Action Taken by Society on Resolution Favoring Submission of Controversy with Great Britain to The Hague.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The United States never could submit the Panama canal controversy with Great Britain to a court of arbitration," declared Representative Mann of Illinois, floor leader of the house, last night at a banquet which brought to a close the convention of the American Society for the Judicial Settlement of International Disputes.

Several speakers during the conference had urged such arbitration. The question was submitted to a fair jury here, the congress of the United States, said Mr. Mann, and this country has spoken on a question which is as much its internal affair as any that could arise.

"He asserted that the rest of the world was opposed to the United States in the Panama matter and that an international court could not decide the question equally.

Rear Admiral Richard Wainwright threw another bombshell into the peace camp when he expressed the opinion that justice and truth could not prevail without the navy back of it, that unarmed peace was such as had existed in China for many years, and that "the navy is the antidote for war, to be taken in this country in doses of four battleships annually."

Message from President.

A message from President Taft, now on a battleship on his way to Panama, to Dr. James Brown Scott, secretary of the society, said that the president's whole ideal was that of an arbitral court for the settlement of international controversies and that he had favored the general arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France "as a long step toward an arbitral court, whose jurisdiction would be increased ultimately to include all possible disputes of an international character."

A motion that the supreme court of the United States might offer to act as arbitrator in international disputes was promptly rejected. The motion was made by Bert Russell of Forest Glen, Md.

No action was taken by the society on the resolution offered by Everett P. Wheeler of New York to the effect that the United States should declare its willingness to submit to arbitration the Panama canal controversy.

Presidential Party Boards Warship for Trip to Canal Zone

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 22.—With the guns of the United States battleships Delaware and Arkansas roaring a welcome, President Taft and his party late this afternoon boarded the latter vessel and set out for the Panama canal zone. It was shortly after 4 o'clock when the president, after making a short speech here, boarded one of the launches of the Arkansas together with Mrs. Taft and the remainder of the presidential party and was taken to the battleship. A few minutes later both the Arkansas and the Delaware, which will act as a convoy, had weighed anchor and were steaming out of the harbor.

The presidential party will spend three days in the canal region, including Christmas. President Taft plans to get back to Key West on December 29 and two days later to be in Washington.

Investigation of conditions in the canal zone to determine whether the time is opportune for establishing civil government there is the announced purpose of the president's visit. Mr. Taft has announced that he expects to issue the order establishing civil government immediately if he finds conditions favorable.

Colonel George W. Goethals, builder of the canal, is considered to be the likely appointee as governor of the canal region if he will accept the place.

Murphy and Hearst Absent Themselves From Sulzer Dinner

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—"To the best of my ability I shall make honesty and simplicity, economy and efficiency the watchwords of my administration of the government of New York."

This declared Governor-elect William Sulzer tonight at a dinner given in his honor by more than 1,000 of his friends at which United States Senator James A. O'orman presided and William J. Bryan was a speaker.

Charles E. Murphy, leader of Tammany hall, who was to have been one of the guests, sent word by telephone just before the dinner that the arrival of unexpected guests at his home in Good Ground, L. I., would prevent his attendance. William H. Hearst had been announced to speak, but he telephoned from a distance that his automobile had broken down while he was on his way to the banquet hall and that he would not be able to keep his engagement.

President Taft was toasted at the outset.

"The contest of the democratic party with President Taft ended on November 5," said Senator O'orman in proposing the toast, "and I think I reflect the sentiment of New York state when I declare that Mr. Taft carries with him into retirement the best wishes of the people, irrespective of political feeling."

Women Disappear; Police Seek Convict

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 22.—Police of this city are searching for Mrs. Minnie Elgie and Mrs. Henna, sisters, who disappeared recently after receiving a threatening letter from a former convict.

Mrs. Elgie has been missing two weeks and Mrs. Henna since Thursday night. The disappearance of the two women was reported to the police by Mrs. D. A. Horton, with whom Mrs. Henna roomed. She said the sister received a letter three weeks ago signed by Dan Elgie, husband of Mrs. Elgie. Elgie was given a conditional pardon from Walla Walla penitentiary last July. He was convicted three years ago in Colville, Wash., of attacking Mrs. Henna, the sister of his wife, then but 15 years old.

Each woman disappeared after receiving a mysterious summons by telephone.

German Cable Ship Annoys French Fleet

CHERBOURG, France, Dec. 22.—Much bitterness of feeling has been caused here and probably in naval circles by the continued presence of the German government's cable ship Gross Herzog Von Oldenburg, without any ostensible reason, during a series of important naval maneuvers now being carried out by the French fleet.

The German vessel, which has been passing in and out of the port since the beginning of the week, took up a position last night opposite the principal fort.

The French admiral in command of the port sent a naval officer to request the commander of the German vessel either to put to sea or to come into the public harbor. The German captain chose the latter course and his vessel is now lying there.

EPIDEMIC OF TYPHOID IN GERMAN GARRISON

HANAU, Germany, Dec. 22.—An epidemic of typhoid fever has broken out among the troops of the garrison here. Two hundred and eleven soldiers are lying in hospitals suffering from the disease. The river Main is believed to be infected, and if this proves to be so the health of the entire population will be imperiled.

Flames in Theater Cause Fatal Panic; Town is Threatened

MAYSVILLE, Mo., Dec. 2.—One man was fatally burned and three persons, a man and two girls, trampled and injured tonight in a panic which followed a fire in the opera house here during a performance. The flames spread rapidly and destroyed the opera house, three stores, a livery stable and several small buildings and had spread to other buildings, including the Maysville bank, when telephone connections with the town were broken, presumably by the flames.

At midnight it was said that the entire town was threatened unless the wind veered. Buildings were being dynamited in an effort to prevent the spread of the flames. The dry season has dried up the town wells and the only water at hand came from a cistern which was quickly emptied. Bucket brigades were bringing water from various private wells several blocks away.

Earl Cundiff, operator of the moving picture machine, was badly burned and after he had made his way to the open air, rushed back into the building to save his mother who had been unable to get out of the family living rooms on the second floor. He received more and dangerous burns, although Mrs. Cundiff was but slightly scorched.

MAN FATALLY WOUNDED IN STANDING OFF POSSE

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 22.—Trying to escape from a posse, seeking him for shooting and fatally wounding his wife and her woman friend, Dominick Gyr, a dairyman, today barricaded himself in his home five miles from here and was not taken until he was fatally wounded.

He had gone home earlier in the day, quarreled with and shot his wife and the woman friend, Mrs. Murray Clarke, who sought to intercede.

TURKEY SUCCEEDS IN CAUSING MORE DELAY IN PEACE MEETINGS

Instructions to Delegates from Constantinople Demand Revival of Adrianople.

PRICE OF ADMITTING GREEKS

Balkan Envoys Again Appeal to Their Own Governments.

ALLIES BECOMING IMPATIENT

Next Discussions Are Scheduled to Be Held Monday.

SUFFERING IN BESIEGED CITY

Head of Ottoman Delegation Presents Elaborate Argument in Behalf of Thousands of Noncombatants.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Turkey is playing the old game of delay and has caused a further postponement of the off-delayed peace conference, which adjourned Monday after a brief and fruitless session this afternoon.

It is evident the Turkish delegates are trying to gain the right to provision Adrianople by consenting to include Greece in the conference. The allies are anxious to proceed with the negotiations and have openly hinted that these delays must come to an end.

Today's sitting was the most important since the beginning of the conference, as it was the first time the opposite parties had come into a serious engagement, which is preliminary to the crucial question over the possession of Adrianople.

The Montenegro ex-prince, Mijuskovich, who presided, begged on account of his rather severe and important aspect to be the best president for the occasion of a stormy sitting. When the president asked Rehad Pasha to communicate in confidence the answer which he had received from Constantinople, there was a moment of breathless silence.

Presents Turks' Proposal.

Rehad Pasha rose and outlined the instructions he had received to the effect that Turkey should not treat with Greece, as the latter state had put itself out of the negotiations by refusing to adhere to the armistice. But, he added, wishing to show a lenient spirit and a conciliatory disposition, and also out of regard for Europe, Turkey was willing to treat, on condition that the allies in return grant the privilege of revictualing Adrianople.

This, he pointed out, was simply a humanitarian request as besides the Bulgarians there were more than 150,000 people suffering from lack of food. Revictualing this fortress, he argued, would not change the situation as it existed when the armistice was concluded at which time the Bulgarians declared they could seize Adrianople whenever they wished or force Thessalonis.

The head of the Turkish delegation continued to illustrate the Ottoman viewpoint, which aimed to limit, as much as possible, disasters and sufferings from the war, by supplying to Adrianople what was strictly necessary to sustain life. The conference would then be able to proceed with its work in the knowledge that the town was not starving, while the delegates were negotiating.

Danef's Moves Reply.

Dr. Danef, the chief Bulgarian plenipotentiary, eloquently countered with solid argument against Turkey's proposition. He recalled that the armistice was an accomplished fact and was so well defined that the delegates lacked the power to change it, their mission being circumscribed to the conclusion of peace.

Finally the Ottoman delegates proposed that the Turkish army should be sent to Turkey, the cause of peace, should fresh instructions from the home government.

Powers in Agreement.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—A semi-official statement issued tonight said:

"The improvement in the international situation has become more marked and there is now complete agreement among the powers in favor of moderation."

"Austria, which heretofore has maintained an attitude of reserve, having decided to come into line with the other powers and urge prudence and moderation on Turkey, the cause of peace has made great strides in the last forty-eight hours."

ATHENS, Dec. 22.—The Turkish army in Mitylene has surrendered. Seventeen hundred prisoners were embarked today on Greek transports.

Hickey Convicted On Murder Charge in Second Degree

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 22.—After twenty-six hours' deliberation, the jury in the case of J. Frank Hickey, on trial for the murder of Tye-ard, Joseph Joseph of Lackawanna, October 12, 1911, today brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree.

Thirteen ballots were taken to decide Hickey's fate. Twelve resulted, according to the jurors, in a vote of nine for conviction and three for not guilty on the ground of insanity. The thirteenth and last ballot was taken at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon after the jurors had reported to the court in the morning that they could not agree. Justice Brown at that time declined to discharge them and directed them to make another effort to reach a verdict.

At Hickey's request the imposition of sentence was deferred until Monday. The penalty is not less than twenty years at hard labor in state's prison.

LIGHT EARTHQUAKE SHOCK FELT AT FORT DEFRANCE

FORT DEFRANCE, Martinique, Dec. 22.—There was a slight earthquake here at 6:40 o'clock this morning. No damage has been reported.