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## ALLIES THREATEN TO STOP NEGOTIATIONS; SEEK TO GAIN TIME

Balkan Delegates Will Draft Note Explaining Why Peace Conference Must Be Ended.

### NOT ANXIOUS TO RESUME WAR

Action Part of Program to Bring Pressure on Turks.

### RUMANIA'S GREED IS FEARED

Austria Also Likely to Levy Toll on Two States.

### TWO POLICIES ARE DISCUSSED

Plenipotentiaries of Balkan States Debate Whether to Resume War at Once or Delay and the Latter Policy Wins.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—The Balkan plenipotentiaries who have received full powers from their respective governments, appointed a committee today to draft a note to the Turkish plenipotentiaries explaining why the peace conference must now be considered broken off. It is hoped the draft will be ready for approval by the full delegation Monday night.

This action of the allies is part of a series of well-considered forms of pressure with which the Balkan delegates hope to obtain their object without resuming the war.

The meeting today lasted for an hour and a half and the course to be followed was given earnest consideration. Two distinct views were manifested—one for the immediate rupture of the negotiations leading to a resumption of the war and the other favoring a postponing policy. In order to avoid irreconcilable steps, the latter course triumphed and a committee was appointed, consisting of one member from each delegation as follows:

Michael Madjaroff, Bulgarian minister at London; Prof. Georges Street, Greek minister to Austria-Hungary; Count Voinovitch, chief of King Nicholas' cabinet, representing Montenegro; and Dr. M. R. Venetich, Serbian minister to France.

With the addition of Mr. Politis of the Greek delegation, owing to his knowledge of French and his thorough acquaintance with international law.

### Arguments Again Outlined.

General lines were laid down on which the note is to be drafted, comprising the arguments already set forth many times as to why the league demands the surrender of Adrianople and the Aegean islands as an indispensable condition to the conclusion of peace.

That the policy of the allies is to gain time is patent and does not deceive anybody. The delegates decided that the advantages to be derived from the resumption of hostilities would be in proportion to the risks they ran and that they would not take that step unless absolutely forced to do so. It is realized that even a partial reverse would have grave moral and material consequences apart from the loss of thousands of men.

### FLORENCE TO OPEN NEW HALL TUESDAY

The long awaited date of the opening reception of the Fontanelle club at Florence will be held Tuesday evening, at which time the directors will receive the public and show them through the entire building. On Wednesday evening the Eagles will meet for the first time in the new hall upstairs, and on Thursday evening will be held a big dance to which all are invited. A moving picture show will occupy the hall Friday evening. At the reception Tuesday evening the people will be met at the door by the committee in charge and shown over the building. At 9:30 the following program will be given:

- Overture
- Fontanelle Orchestra
- Welcome
- President B. H. Reynolds
- Selection
- Orchestra
- Vocal Solo
- Mrs. J. H. Price
- Violin Solo
- William
- Song
- Eagles Quartet
- Piano Solo
- Mrs. Harold Reynolds
- Selection
- Orchestra

### THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD BOY RIDING RODS TO THE WEST

Penniless and without friends, 13-year-old Tommie Monilla is making his way from Chicago to the home of relatives in Pasadena, Cal., by riding the "rods" of westbound freight trains. Last night he sought shelter in police headquarters.

### The Weather

Forecast for Monday:  
For Nebraska—Generally fair.  
For Iowa—Local rains and somewhat colder.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.	Reg.
5 a. m.	41
6 a. m.	41
7 a. m.	40
8 a. m.	40
9 a. m.	40
10 a. m.	40
11 a. m.	40
12 m.	40
1 p. m.	40
2 p. m.	40
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8 p. m.	40
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11 p. m.	40
12 m.	40

## SKILFUL CROOK BEHIND BARS

Forger, Swindler, Jail Breaker, Firebug—Sentenced to Prison.

### ONCE TRIED FOR ARSON IN IOWA

William J. Reid, Who Claims to Be Chicago Business Man, Confesses to Attempt to Pass a Forged Check.

PRISON, Cal., Jan. 26.—William J. Reid, alias J. P. Croft, who confessed last night that he had attempted to pass a forged check for \$1,500 on the First National bank of Sanger, Cal., pleaded guilty to a forgery charge today and was sentenced to six years in Folsom penitentiary. Reid claimed to be president of the National Automobile Protective association in Chicago. When arrested he was found to be wearing a wig, false whiskers and two suits of clothes.

### Two Men of Same Name?

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—William J. Reid is president of the National Automobile association and has a brokerage office in a prominent office building here. Employees of the office today said they were not positive that it was their employer who was sentenced to prison, although the chief clerk was making an effort to find out if such were the case.

According to the record of the detection agency, the W. J. Reid sentenced in Fresno is a former convict who was pardoned by Governor Foss of Massachusetts in November, 1911. His aliases are S. P. Croft, the name used on the forged draft in Fresno; James Black, L. O. Hoffman, Albert Perrin and Herbert S. Johnson.

Reid is said to be familiar to Pacific coast police, having been arrested in San Francisco in 1902. He escaped from the Massachusetts prison at Springfield on January 10, 1904. While in jail with Reid he made keys and laid a scheme whereby he was able to saw his way through chains, unlock nine doors, scale an eighteen-foot wall and hobble to liberty on a crutch. His escape was not discovered until the next day.

The Reid who has offices here left for California on December 14. He had written employees that he expected to return soon.

### Fortune Made by Swindler.

Judge William N. Gemmill tonight said Reid is said to have on two charges of forgery on indictments returned ten years ago.

"I have known Reid for twenty-five years," the judge said, "and I think he has obtained more than \$200,000 by various swindles. In 1903, I recall, he obtained \$50,000 on forged notes here, shortly thereafter he was convicted in Massachusetts.

"In 1905 he was accused of attempting to burn the town of Rockford, Ia. He was tried on a charge of arson at Charles City, Ia., and after the jury disagreed, he disappeared."

### Hotel Proprietors Angry Refuse All Waiters' Demands

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Harassed by continued disturbances at the doors of their hostilities and restaurants, members of the Hotelmen's association issued a defiant statement tonight to the several thousand waiters and hotel workers on strike, declaring there could be no recognition of the union and that they would not grant the other demands of the waiters.

The managers called on Commissioner Wado tonight for police protection, and the hotel district from Twenty-eighth to Forty-second street and between Fourth and Seventh avenues tonight was patrolled by extra squads of uniformed men and detectives.

Nevertheless, disorders in front of some of the larger hotels were of frequent occurrence. Stones were used freely by the disturbers and many hotel windows were broken.

### Grand Island May Buy Light Plant

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Another chapter in the history of municipal ownership in Grand Island is likely to be written at the approaching spring election if the council and mayor give heed to a proposition that will be made to the council at its next regular meeting. E. B. Sunny, a wealthy Chicagoan, and owner of the Grand Island Electric company was in the city yesterday and submitted to Mayor Ryan, and through him to the council at its next session, a proposition to take over the city's commercial and street lighting. There are several alternative propositions, it is understood, Mr. Sunny is slipping out of courtesy to the council, to give them out for publication before submission to that body. It is hardly the expectation of the private company, however, that any action will be taken without a vote of the taxpayers at a regular or special election.

### TWO SHOTS AT NELSON FIRED IN THE DARK

Alfred Nelson was walking along in the neighborhood of Eleventh and Clark streets last night escorting a couple of women friends to a street car when a man jumped out from the darkness and fired two shots at him, point blank. Neither bullet took effect and in the scuffle that followed, Nelson secured possession of the gun. Later the police arrested C. H. Booth, who was identified as the man who had done the shooting. Nelson lives at 421 Pierce street.

## GENERAL SICKLES AWAITING ARREST

Civil War Colonel Fails to Account for Large Sum as Chairman of Commission.

### HOUSE DECORATED WITH FLAGS

Son and an Aged Negro Retainer His Only Companions.

### SUIT BROUGHT BY THE STATE

Order to Take Veteran in Custody Issued by Court.

### CLIMAX OF PICTURESQUE LIFE

Career as Soldier, Legislator and Diplomat Ends in Estrangement from Wife and Financial Disgrace.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—General Daniel E. Sickles sat today to determine whether he has failed to account for a suit brought by the state to recover \$22,476 for which he has failed to account. He is charged, as chairman of the New York Monuments commission. Within his cell were his son, Stanton, and an aged negro retainer.

The order for the veteran's arrest, issued on Saturday by Supreme Court Justice Roubin at Albany, and a copy of the complaint, placed in Sheriff Harburger's hands this evening by Deputy Attorney General Francis Kennedy, who brought them here. Mr. Kennedy announced his intention of asking for immediate service. After a talk with Mr. Kennedy, however, Sheriff Harburger said he would give the documents to his lawyer to determine whether they are properly drawn. This, he thought, would give the general respite from arrest until Monday. The order cannot be legally served on Sunday.

Unless General Sickles is prepared to furnish at once a \$50,000 bond, Sheriff Harburger said, he will have to go to Ludlow street jail until the bond is forthcoming. There was no talking to night as to who, if anyone, would come to the veteran's aid.

### Plans Placed in Windows.

General Sickles declined to see callers or comment on the charges against him. His aged negro servant met all callers at the door and turned them away. But for the first time in weeks, the shades at all the windows of the house were raised, and in each window there was placed an American flag.

Someone who thought the general would refuse admittance to the press servers, asked Sheriff Harburger what he would do in case he found the door locked against him.

"I shall not break it down—that you may be sure," the sheriff replied. "I shall have to station my deputies around the house and besiege it."

### No Aid from Wife.

Mrs. Sickles, who recently pawned her jewels to save her husband's war relics from sale, will not come to his aid in the present crisis, it is believed. She said that she would welcome him with open arms, but did not feel that she could expend all her money in his behalf.

The order for General Sickles' arrest comes as a climax of a distinguished and picturesque career. Born in New York in 1825, of a wealthy family, General Sickles served as a soldier, legislator and diplomat. The guest of honor for many years at gatherings of civil war veterans, he was recently refused admission to a local organization of civil war veterans on the ground of military unskillfulness and reckless sacrifice of the lives of his men.

Congress, which in 1897 awarded him a medal of honor for bravery, three years ago refused to grant him a lieutenant generalship. In his old age financial troubles beset him one after another, and his wife, son and daughter became estranged from him.

### Key Killed by Sickles.

General Sickles was a member of the house of representatives just before the outbreak of the war and it was in Washington that he shot and killed Philip Barton Key, a United States district attorney, for alleged attentions to his first wife, the daughter of an Italian musician.

At the outbreak of the civil war, General Sickles raised and equipped at his own expense a fine regiment of volunteers and as colonel of one of them went to the front. He participated in most of the great battles of the war, including Gettysburg, where he lost a leg and achieved distinction for bravery, rewarded by promotion to the rank of major general.

From 1869 to 1876 he served as minister to Spain, where he met and married his present wife, the daughter of a Spanish councillor of state. Shortly after his return to this country with her, the couple separated and Mrs. Sickles went back to Spain, where she remained until 1908. Then she returned to New York. There were frequent reports of their reconciliation and for a year or more Mrs. Sickles lived in a house adjoining her husband's, but it never appeared that they were really reconciled.

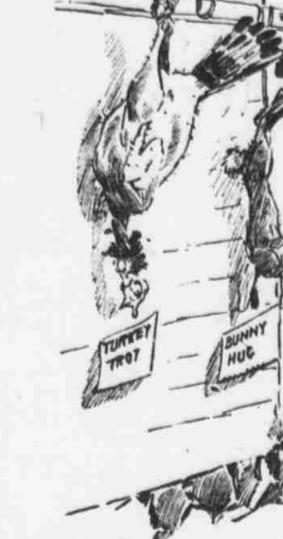
### Aggies at Ames Welcome Wilson

AMES, Ia., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—Elaborate plans are under way at the Iowa State college for a big "welcome-home" reception to be tendered Secretary James Wilson of the Agricultural department at Washington when he returns from the cabinet and returns to his native state. The State Board of Education has approved the plan to receive the retiring secretary at the state agricultural college located here. The committee appointed by President Raymond A. Pearson of Ames is at work planning details of the reception.

Before he was appointed to the cabinet as secretary of agriculture some sixteen years ago, Secretary Wilson was dean of agriculture at Ames. For this reason it was considered as being especially appropriate to honor Mr. Wilson upon his retirement, which is temporary at least, from national public service.

## Nothing Doing

WASHINGTON D. C.



From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### MILLION FOR DORMITORIES

Wisconsin Asks Money to Properly House Men at University.

### NEBRASKA REQUEST MADE SMALL

Local Regents Seek \$2,500,000 to Give This State a School Which Will Compare Favorably with Others.

While the regents of the University of Nebraska are asking the legislature to appropriate \$2,500,000 through a 1 mill levy to run six years, the governing board of the University of Wisconsin is making a request of the present session of the Wisconsin legislature for a \$1,000,000 appropriation to build dormitories for the following year. Opinion is that Wisconsin will get what it asks for.

Nebraska wants only \$1,500,000 more than the Badger institution seeks, and the local regents, with this fund, will not simply build a set of dormitories, but will remove the university from the crowded downtown district of Lincoln to the suburbs, and give Nebraska an institution in keeping with the dignity and position of this state among the great commonwealths of the west. The publicity department of the University of Wisconsin has issued the following report on the requests made by the regents of that state:

The regents of the University of Wisconsin have decided to ask the state legislature, now in session, for \$1,000,000 to be appropriated in sums of \$500,000 for the following year. In order to provide and equip dormitories for men, a men's commons and union, and a student infirmary. The regents have also voted to request the legislature for the present appropriation of \$200,000 a year for the construction and equipping of academic buildings.

For the further development of university extension work, the regents desire an increase of \$250,000 a year, making next year's appropriation for extension purposes, \$100,000, and \$175,000 for the following year. In addition, they desire a continuation of the present appropriation of \$40,000 a year for agricultural extension work.

For the reduction in the assessed valuation of personal property, resulting from the adoption of the income tax in Wisconsin, the university's fund for regents at their January meeting, \$100,000 a year for the following year. The regents have also voted to request the legislature for \$50,000 a year for two years.

New athletic fields for the department of physical education were located by the regents at their January meeting. These fields will occupy the land along the shore of Lake Mendota, back of the present dairy buildings. A joint committee of regents, faculty, alumni and students will probably be appointed to solicit funds from private sources for the development of the proposed athletic field and buildings.

### PRINTERS' WIVES TO GIVE BALL ON MONDAY EVENING

Abamo auxiliary to Omaha Typographical union, No. 190, will hold its annual ball at the Rome hotel on Monday evening. The women in charge have made all preparations for a real good time and expect to entertain a large crowd of friends. The committee on arrangements is: Mrs. F. J. Sullivan, Mrs. F. J. Boyle, Mrs. W. E. Yarton, Mrs. Joseph Kinkaid, Mrs. W. G. Hazzoschek and Mrs. W. J. Welsh.

### Notes from Glenwood.

GLENWOOD, Ia., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—At the opera house last night the oratorical contest of the year, by the most ambitious in this line in the Glenwood High school, entertained the usual capacity crowd. The referees were principals of high schools in Omaha, Council Bluffs and Plattsmouth.

Ruth Plimpton won in the humorous class, with Elaine Morgan second. In the oratorical class Lucile Dean was first and Harold Graves second. In dramatic Nellie Johnson was given first place and Bessie Boyle second. Ruth Plimpton was first over all.

District court convened in Glenwood, Tuesday, January 23, Judge Arthur presiding. Many cases are on the docket, none of them of great importance.

Miss Inez Stranathan and Carl T. Morgan of Glenwood were married in this city on January 25. Miss Stranathan, who was deputy clerk of the courts, is leaving her own marriage license before leaving the office, January 1. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan will reside on a farm south of Glenwood.

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## HEROIC RESCUES AT PAXTON HOTEL FIRE EARLY IN MORNING

Firemen Carry Many Guests from the Top Floors of Building Sunday.

### GUESTS LEAVE IN A HURRY

Most Are Very Scantily Clad Coming Down Ladders.

### FIREMEN DO HEROIC WORK

Traveling Men Raise Furse for the Hotel Employees.

### LITTLE MONETARY DAMAGE

Fire Starts from Defective Wiring and Smolders for Some Time Before the Alarm is Turned In.

Heroic rescues with the huge aerial fire truck from the topmost floor of the Paxton hotel annex, courageous work by hotel employees, firemen and police officers, who dared the thick smoke to wake up guests in the hotel, were the principal features of a thrilling fire at 6 o'clock yesterday morning. The monetary loss will not exceed \$5,000.

The fire started from defective wiring over the ice box in the J. H. Maher saloon in the Murray hotel building, recently purchased by the Kitchen interests and remodeled into the Paxton annex. It burned unnoted for several hours and it was not until 5 o'clock that the alarm was sent in. By that time the entire annex was filled with thick, black smoke.

Proprietor Kitchen and a corps of bell boys and firemen rushed from room to room awakening the guests. "Dick Kitchen operated the elevator in the Paxton and brought many loads of half-dressed and frightened persons to safety.

The first person to leave was a woman from Lincoln, whose name could not be learned. In the darkness of the smoky electric light switch and consequently could not find her clothing. Scarcely clad, she was carried down the ladder by Driver Eddie Simpson. The woman was given an overcoat by some one in the crowd and taken into a restaurant on Harney street, where later she was given clothing.

### Has Few Clothes.

S. F. Thompson, a drummer from St. Paul, who was on the second floor, was caught in the same manner, and he too made his descent on the aerial truck, slithering in his nakedness. A fireman gave him a blanket from the back of one of the horses and Thompson was made comfortable in the lobby of the Paxton, where most of the guests sought shelter.

"Everyone in the Paxton was aroused, although the smoke and fire was entirely in the Murray. Many in the Paxton, upon learning where the blaze was, refused to leave their beds. One man told Patrolman Murphy, who aroused him to go away.

"The hotel's on fire, get up," insisted the officer.

"I don't care, it ain't my hotel," grumbled the sleepy one, as he rolled over.

E. H. Shaw, a Taunton, Mass., man who has been installing machinery in a pressroom of a local newspaper, was on the sixth floor when the top of a huge ladder nosed along the side of the old Murray building. From the window ledge to the ladder was a distance of five feet and Chief Walter ordered the scaling ladder brought up. While it was being brought up the pressman hung on the ledge by his hands, and dropped, his feet striking the top rung. He then made his way to the bottom, carrying a heavy suit case. "Don't you know you might have been killed," he was asked when he touched the ground. "That was nothing," he laughed, "I've been climbing around newspaper presses for the last fifteen years, so I guess I oughtn't to be afraid of a little jump like that."

Among the two-score persons who made their way to safety down the long ladder was Rev. J. E. Collins of San Francisco, who is touring the country lecturing on advanced thought.

### Recalls Former Fire.

Frank Goodrich, one of the policemen guarding the fire lines said that thirty years ago he was on the volunteer fire department and nearly lost his life fighting fire at the Paxton, then the Grand Central hotel. He said that his chum, Lon Randall, died there with several other firemen.

E. O. Garrett of Fremont, prominent educator and former democratic candidate for lieutenant governor of Nebraska, clad in a bath robe and jokingly complaining of having to walk in bare feet, furnished one of the features of the fire.

It was Mrs. Garrett, who turned in the alarm. Mr. and Mrs. Garrett occupied a room on the first floor of the Murray annex adjacent to the bridge between the two buildings. Mrs. Garrett awoke first, almost strangling from the dense smoke. She called to her husband and rushed to the window.

Patrolman Wood was passing by, and

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### Elks' Home Burns; Three Firemen Die

EAST ST. LOUIS, Ill., Jan. 26.—Three firemen perished in a fire which destroyed the Elks' building tonight in the heart of the retail district.

The dead: LIEUTENANT JOHN CONNORS, FRED FORD, pipeman, JOE CORNIGAN, fireman.

The men were the first to enter the burning building and a moment after they had carried a line of hose across the threshold the first floor collapsed, dropping them into the basement.

Ford and Cornigan were alive when taken out, but died in a short time. Connors was killed instantly.

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## Bomb Explodes in Young Boy's Hands

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—A bomb exploded while in possession of a 13-year-old boy in a street in the east side tonight. It tore off one of the child's hands, stunned him, smashed scores of windows and precipitated a panic in which one man was trampled under foot and injured.

The boy who carried the bomb is not known to the police. He is in a serious condition in a hospital. Where he got the bomb is not known.

### BROKEN WATER PIPE CAUSES SOME DAMAGE

A broken water pipe caused \$50 damage last night in the Loane-Wiles company building. A company of the fire department was called out to shut off the water, but by the time this was accomplished, one floor was flooded and water had seeped through to the bakery, spoiling a quantity of flour.