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GREEKS' CANNON ARE SILENCED

Country Names Representatives to London Conference

CURTAIN FALLS ON BALKAN WAR

Peace Negotiations Will Go Along Rapidly Now and It is Expected But Little Friction Will Develop.

Greece has named her delegates to the London peace conference and there comes word from Constantinople that she has signed the armistice.

There now seems to be every reason to believe that the peace negotiations here will be hurried and that the Balkan trouble will no longer be a menace to Europe's peace.

There is thought has come down a little from her high horse. A dispatch from Sofia says it is learned that Bulgaria will demand that her frontier shall extend from Midia on the Black sea on the north through Santari and Telorhi to the gulf of Scutari on the south.

A Vienna dispatch to the London Daily Telegraph from its correspondent says: "The Austrian government is looking forward with confidence to the end of the peace negotiations in the belief, which I am trustworthily informed is justified, that her demands will be satisfied."

"There is no reason, however, why the negotiations should not be brief. Bulgaria and Turkey are already as one and when peace is concluded they will be still closer together. The treatment of Albania is the most likely matter to occupy the time in the negotiations."

"Serbia is sure to raise the question of Durazzo and Alessio, but Turkey, knowing that whatever happens Albania will never again be a part of the Turkish empire, will probably not raise a dispute over any claims put forth for any portions thereof. Turkey knows also that the final arrangements for Albania will not be for the Balkan allies but for the powers."

A Belgrade dispatch to the London Telegraph says that the Austro-Hungarian authorities have stopped at Plume the steamer Hegedisch, with a cargo of 800 tons of flour, destined for the Serbian army at Durazzo.

It is announced that Austria intends to confiscate the flour for the use of her own army, thus creating a situation similar to that brought about by the stoppage by Turkey of Serbian guns.

Another Belgrade dispatch says there is considerable anxiety over the health of King Peter.

O'NEIL TO FIGHT LIQUOR

Allegheny Commissioner Says Sunday Will Help Clean Up Pennsylvania.

In a speech delivered to 11,000 men gathered in the Sunday tabernacle in McKeesport, Pa., Allegheny County Commissioner J. Denny O'Neil defied the liquor interests of Pennsylvania and arrayed himself on the side of those who are fighting the saloon.

When asked after his speech to whom he referred in his attack on the liquor interests, he said that his reference was to James P. Mulvihill of the Independent Brewing company and Patrick Keefe, president of the Retail Liquor Dealers' association of Allegheny county. At present he says they are trying to organize the house and senate of Pennsylvania and the board is being made that they will elect the speaker of the house.

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE

Recent Events Have Clarified Business Situation, Dun's Finds.

Dun's Review of Trade says this week: "Two events coincide to clear the business situation of disturbing uncertainties—the signing of an armistice in the Balkan war and the decision of the arbitration committee averting a railroad strike. The decision of the supreme court in the Union Pacific merger caused some unsettlement in the securities market, but has had no other effect."

"Demand for iron and steel has suffered a slight check. The contraction in new business is most apparent in pig iron, but this was anticipated, owing to the extremely large purchases made recently. Some curtailment in production of pig iron in November was due to labor troubles, yet the daily rate established a new high record."

Teachers Have Too Much Gab. "Teachers, especially young teachers, talk too much," declared Dr. O. T. Corson, former commissioner of education of Ohio, at the Blair county (Pa.) teachers' institute at Altoona, Pa. "If they would divide their time in half they would multiply their usefulness by four."

Penrose Favors Old Age Pensions. Senator Penrose in a speech in Philadelphia said he favored old age pensions for government employes.

Uniontown Postmaster Renominated. President Taft renominated Frank Eugene Meritt as postmaster of Uniontown, Pa.

Mrs. Jack Johnson, Colored Man's White Bride



Photo by American Press Association.

JOHNSON WEDS WHITE GIRL

Lucille Cameron of Minneapolis is Black Fighter's Wife.

Jack Johnson, negro pugilist, brought to a climax the series of exciting events that have crowded his life in the last few months by marrying in Chicago Lucille Cameron, an attractive white girl, whose home is in Minneapolis, and for the love of whom a large part of the negro's trouble with the federal and city authorities is responsible.

It was the discovery that the pugilist had transferred his affections to this nineteen-year-old girl that caused his first wife, Etta Duryea, to take her own life several weeks ago.

The marriage of the negro and the Cameron girl will not affect his prosecution on charges under the Mann act in the sense that a wife is barred from giving testimony against her husband. The indictments under which Johnson is to be tried concern his relations with a different woman, Belle Schreiber.

SUSPECT EXLER GRILLED

Police Think They've Made Important Arrest in Schadle Murder Case.

"If I did it, I didn't remember; I must have been drunk."

This was Edward Exler's answer to county detectives after twenty hours of questioning on his whereabouts a week ago last Wednesday night.

Exler was later formally charged with murder in the case of Lillian Schadle, twelve years old, found dead in the Fall Hollow reservoir the night of Nov. 28, by Coroner Samuel C. Jamison of Allegheny county.

Exler was arrested by county detectives in an East Pittsburgh poolroom after three days of surveillance by the detectives when they considered they had completed evidence to convict him of the attack and murder of the Oak Hill schoolgirl. Exler is twenty-five years old.

DEFENDS LYNGERS

South Carolina Governor Will Let Them Go Unpunished.

In the name of the state of South Carolina, Governor Bleasdale served notice on the governors' conference at Richmond, Va., that lynchers of negro assassins of white women in his state would go unpunished.

"I have said all over the state of South Carolina, and I say it again," he declared, "that I never will order out the militia to shoot down their neighbors and protect a black brute who commits the nameless crime against a white woman."

"Therefore, in South Carolina let it be understood that when a negro attacks a white woman all that is needed is that they get the right man and they who get him will neither need nor receive a trial."

GIRL GETS SOUVENIR

President-elect Wilson Answers Letter of Congratulation.

In reply to a letter of congratulation sent to him by Miss Marguerite Miller, a school girl of Indiana, Pa., President-elect Wilson has written as follows: "My Dear Little Friend—I cannot tell you what gratification it gives me that you should think of me. Your letter has given me a good deal of genuine pleasure, and I hope that as the years go on you will continue to feel that I am the sort of man you would like to support and keep as your friend."

UNCLE SAM'S CASH COUNTED

\$1,519,285,908.57 Found in Treasury Department Vaults.

Carni A. Thompson, United States treasurer, signed a receipt for \$1,519,285,908.57, which represents the total amount of money and securities in the treasury. The signing of the receipt closes the administration of Lee McClung, former treasurer, who resigned some weeks ago.

The work of counting the money was done in about 8 1/2 days which is the quickest ever made by the treasury officials. Usually it requires from two to six months.

Webber Fears Life in Havana. "Bridie" Webber, fearing assassination in Havana, is returning to New York.

TOTS PERISH IN BURNING BARN

Three Bodies Charred So That Identification Is Difficult

FLAMES BLOCK THE ONLY EXIT

Grim Tragedy at Universal, Pa., Supposed to Have Resulted From Little Children Playing With Matches.

Trapped in a burning barn in Universal, Pa., three small children were slowly burned to death while their mothers listened to the children's screams and tore frantically at the weatherboarding of the barn, lacerating their fingers in a vain effort to save the victims.

The dead are: Lizzie Sophan, five years old, daughter of Michael Sophan; John Chaslay, four years old, son of George Chaslay; Mary Randa, eight years old, daughter of Mrs. Madge Randa.

Attracted by the screams of Mrs. Sophan, who was tearing frantically at the weatherboarding of the burning building, a milkman who was passing ran to the barn. The only entrance to the building was a crackling mass of flames.

The mothers attempted to throw themselves through the flames, which were leaping from dry hay just within the door, to save the children. Neighbors seized the frantic women and compelled them to return to their homes.

An ax was at last found and men quickly chopped into the north side of the building, the farthest from the flames. When the boards were torn away three blackened objects rolled upon the shoulders of the rescuers. They were the charred bodies of the children.

The bodies were so badly charred that at first the parents were not able to identify their children and not until some hours later were the parents sufficiently sure of the identity of the remains to have the bodies removed to the respective homes.

Mary Randa had returned early from school and, with the two neighbor children, went to the barn to play. It is believed that the children had obtained matches and that just as they entered the door of the barn a lighted match was dropped in the hay, the children going on across the barn floor. The match set fire to the hay near the door and cut off their escape.

VICTORY FOR GOVERNMENT

Supreme Court Orders Dissolution of Harriman Merger.

The United States supreme court held that the Harriman merger of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific is unlawful. The decision reverses the case and orders a new decree, which shall declare that there is no voting power in the stock as now held. It also directs a receiver to be appointed to hold the stock until a dissolution is effected.

This is the most important and far-reaching railroad merger case decided by the supreme court since the Northern Securities case. It shatters the ambitious plans made by E. H. Harriman for the merging of the two great lines. The court holds that they are competing lines and that the case is on all fours with the Northern Securities case. The decision is a great victory for the department of justice which has fought the Harriman merger since the Roosevelt administration.

The receiver to be appointed to hold the stock until a dissolution is effected shall also, according to the court's decision, hold the dividends until such dissolution is accomplished.

STRIKER ACCUSES DINKEY

Head of Carnegie Steel Charged With Breaking Eight-Hour Law.

The strike of the Carnegie Steel company trainmen at Braddock, Rankin and Homestead, Pa., took a new turn when Harry Cussick of Swisshaven, a striker, went before Justice Miller of Homestead and made information against A. C. Dinkey, president of the Carnegie Steel company, charging violation of the eight-hour law in the armor plate department of the Homestead Steel works.

Cussick alleges that Mr. Dinkey has knowledge that the eight-hour law on government work was violated Wednesday and several days previous. Under the act of 1892 no man shall work on government supplies longer than eight hours a day. Cussick alleges men have worked longer than eight hours on government armor plate at Homestead.

3,000 Miners on Strike. Three thousand operatives at the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre coal mines near Hazleton, Pa., went on strike following the refusal of owners to meet their committees. The miners are demanding an increase in wages.

Ohio Senator Found Guilty. Ohio State Senator George K. Cestone was found guilty on a charge of accepting a \$200 bribe from a Burns detective, posing as a lobbyist before the general assembly in the spring of 1911.

Woman's Clothes Ignite at Gas Fire. While preparing breakfast Mrs. John McMahon of Erie, Pa., was burned fatally. Her clothing caught fire from the flames of a gas stove.

CAMPAIGN ACCOUNTS FILED

Pennsylvania Candidates and Treasurers Tell of Money Spent.

Pennsylvania State Treasurer-elect Young's account shows that he spent \$2,126.12 of which \$1,700 went to the Washington party state committee and \$200 to the Republican state committee. He also gave \$77 to the Tioga county Washington committee.

The report of Treasurer Hitchcock of the Republican state committee was filed showing receipts of \$7,670.46 and expenditures of \$6,960.40. Many state officials and Capitol hill employees are given as contributors.

The account of John M. Morin, congressman-at-large-elect, shows he spent \$2,559.28, of which \$1,000 went to the Republican state committee and \$1,000 to the Washington state committee. Fred E. Lewis, congressman-at-large-elect, spent \$1,172.04, of which \$1,000 went to William Flinn, treasurer of the Washington party state committee.

Albin Garrett, treasurer of the Keystone party state committee, showed \$958.10 contributed and \$860.29 spent. G. H. Stengel, treasurer of the Democratic committee of Allegheny county, showed \$10,027.13 contributed and \$9,942.05 spent. County Chairman J. F. Guffey gave \$500.

WOULD COST A MILLION

That Estimate Placed on Amending of State Constitution.

The proposition to amend the constitution of Pennsylvania, which is being discussed at the Harrisburg capitol in view of the move in that direction in Philadelphia will cost the state at least \$1,000,000, say state officials who have been looking into the matter.

The last constitutional convention cost \$502,155, and it was held in 1873.

Schwab Offers Convicts a Chance. C. M. Schwab has completed arrangements with the Bucks county (Pa.) sheriff whereby all prisoners released from the county jail will be offered employment in the Bethlehem Steel works. Mr. Schwab believes this step will not only give a chance to men who too often find trouble in securing employment, but that it will also help to relieve the scarcity of labor experienced for the last few months by the steel concerns.

McCrea Loses \$20,000 Pension. James McCrea, who will retire as president of the Pennsylvania railroad on Jan. 1, will not receive \$20,000 a year pension which he would have received had he stayed in the service of his road until May 1, 1913. At that date he will be sixty-five years old, the age when employees of the Pennsylvania are allowed to retire on a pension.

Election Doesn't Count. A very special "election" to fill a vacancy in select council was held in the Twenty-first ward at Johnstown, Pa., but since there was no proclamation, no authority from council and no knowledge on the part of the city officials, the election officers will get no pay and the results of the balloting will not count.

College Needs Over \$80,000. December is the month of crisis for Westminster college at New Wilmington, Pa., and between \$80,000 and \$90,000 must be raised to finish her \$400,000 fund and carry her active endowment beyond the half-million mark. President Russell is making a vigorous canvass.

Catfish Saved. Heroic action upon the part of the inhabitants and farmers prevented the village of Catfish, Blair county, Pa., being wiped out by fire which destroyed the barn on Jerre Burkert's farm. The Catfish hotel, dwellings and stables were in imminent danger.

Barking Dog Saves Family. Fire completely destroyed the grocery and residence of Steve Check and the butcher shop of Andrew Check at Monessen, Pa. Check and his family were awakened by the barking of a dog. They barely had time to escape from the building.

Burglars Take \$3,000 in Cash. Burglars at the Eureka Supply company's store at Herminie, Pa., blew open the safe and obtained \$2,000 in cash, \$600 in checks and jewelry worth about \$1,000. A quantity of clothing was taken from the stock.

Keller Is Convicted. John C. Keller, who shot and killed Joseph Roesner, proprietor of the Clearfield (Pa.) brewery, and seriously wounded three employees of the plant on Sept. 14 last, was found guilty of murder in the first degree.

Ligonier Road Improved. The Ligonier Valley Railroad company notified the Pennsylvania state railroad commission that since the wreck of July 5 every precaution has been taken to prevent a recurrence of such accidents.

Triplets Born to Pennsylvania. Mrs. Mary Gordon of Tatesville, Bedford county, Pa., gave birth to triplets. The boy and two girls will live, so the hospital physicians stated. The babies' total weight is 15 1/2 pounds.

14 Cows and 250 Chickens Burned. Fourteen cows and 250 chickens were cremated in the fire which destroyed the barn of the farm occupied by M. Clair Hilenap, two miles north of Altoona, Pa.

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TAFT DEFENDS FOREIGN POLICY

Sends First of Series of Messages to Congress

UPHOLDS "DOLLAR DIPLOMACY"

In Second Message the President Says Business is Fine Over Country; He Leaves Tariff Problem to Wilson.

In a message sent to congress President Taft calls upon the national legislators and the entire country to take a more modern, liberal view of the position of the United States among world powers and to grasp more fully the great changes that have taken place in the foreign relations of this government.

The president's message is one of the most complete expositions of the foreign policies of the United States that has appeared in any presidential document in recent years. The accomplishments of the legal administration in the field of diplomacy are reviewed and the reasoning upon which the present policies are based is fully explained.

He foresees the need of a broader American diplomacy than that of the past and appeals to the country to prepare itself for the larger part it is to play on the world's stage.

The keynote of the administration foreign policy has been "dollar diplomacy" or, as the president expressed it, an endeavor to make American diplomacy "respond to modern ideas of commercial intercourse, and 'directed to the increase of American trade' in the light of this policy affairs in Central America and the far east are described fully.

The senate through its failure to permit the administration to lend financial aid to Nicaragua is charged by the president with responsibility for the disastrous revolution in Nicaragua last summer.

President Taft urges, as did Secretary of State Knox last winter, that legislation be enacted to enable the administration to meet fully the varying degrees of discriminatory treatment which American commerce still encounters abroad.

Among other things advocated in the message are: Government owned legation buildings in all foreign countries. A better basis for salary appropriations for foreign service. Laws to protect the finances of South and Central American republics. Amendment of the maximum and minimum tariff planks to provide more effective means of meeting discrimination against American imports.

Establishment of a merchant marine and proper credit extension to Americans in foreign countries.

In his second message to congress Mr. Taft says that the business of the country is now on a sound basis and could hardly be better. The condition of the treasury is declared to be very satisfactory. The president pleads for the immediate passage of a currency reform measure along the lines of the Aldrich plan.

The tariff the president leaves to the Democrats, saying that it is needless for him to offer arguments favoring a protective tariff.

He urges appropriations for three new battleships and thinks a mistake was made when congress provided for only one at the last session. Continued supervision over Porto Rico and the Philippines is strongly recommended. Congress is advised to reorganize the army and provide for a greater reserve during times of peace.

PENSION BILL PASSED

House Provides For Widows of Spanish War Soldiers.

The house passed the bill of Representative Crago of Waynesburg, Pa., granting to widows of men who served in the war with Spain or in the Philippine insurrection a pension of \$12 per month and \$2 additional per month to each child under sixteen years of age. Beneficiaries under the proposed law are limited "to the widow who is without means of support other than her daily labor and whose actual net income does not exceed \$250 per year."

The legislative, executive and judicial appropriations bill was reported to the house by the committee on appropriations. The measure carries \$34,837,185.

The Adamson bill for a special commission to make a physical valuation of railroads and with the Mann amendment empowering the interstate commerce commission to regulate issues of stocks and bonds passed the house without division.

Representative A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania declared that Ambassador Whitelaw Reid at London should be censured publicly for an address Reid made at the University of Wales, in which he said Jefferson was "clay-footed," and in which he criticized the Democratic party as unworthy followers of Jefferson.

Representative Burgess of Texas called the attention of the house to the marriage of Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist, and Lucille Cameron; He had read for insertion in the Congressional Record an editorial from a Texas newspaper sharply condemning Johnson's marriage and dealing strongly with the race question.

He Probes Wrecks For the Commerce Commission



Photo by American Press Association. H. K. BELKNAP.

SEVEN ARE INDICTED

Grand Jury at Jefferson County, O., Makes Partial Return.

The Jefferson county (O.) grand jury, which has been inquiring into alleged violations of the Kimball corrupt practices act in the last election for five days, lifted the suspense of politicians somewhat when it made a partial return of its findings, returning seven indictments. The indicted are:

John G. Belknap, elected probate judge. He was a former county chairman. He is alleged to have given a political worker a shotgun.

Samuel R. Stark, treasurer-elect, a retired grocer; one indictment for giving a negro church an organ and one for making a false statement.

Richard Gilson, postmaster, former sheriff and sergeant-at-arms of the Ohio senate; one indictment for hiring workers for his brother, Representative-elect John Gilson, one for hiring workers for Probate Judge-elect Belknap.

Hugh Patterson, city auditor and county chairman; hiring a man to haul voters.

Fred A. Stone, attorney-at-law, defeated candidate in primary and election, both for probate judge; for hiring a man to haul voters.

Ira Blackburn, attorney-at-law, manager of campaign for common pleas judge for Henry Gregg, who won at the May primary and later died; for promising an organ to a negro church.

TRAINS COLLIDE IN OHIO

Eleven Killed as Result of Wreck Near Dresden.

A disastrous wreck occurred on the Cincinnati and Muskingum Valley branch of the Pennsylvania railroad two miles from Dresden, O., when passenger train No. 43 from Trinway to Zanesville crashed into the rear of the Cleveland and Akron local, killing eleven persons and injuring four. The dead:

Mrs. B. A. Emerson, Zanesville, and her two children. Henry Babian, Cleveland. Max Harris, Lotus, O. K. H. Blaney, Zanesville. Henry Bartels, Albion, Mich. Henry J. Haskell, Zanesville. William Ludwig, Zanesville. Jacob Burg, Zanesville. Mrs. Nellie Taylor, Zanesville.

5 YEARS FOR MRS. BURROWS

Coburn Sent to Reformatory For Indeterminate Stay.

At Lisbon, O., Mrs. Richard Burrows was sentenced to five years in the state penitentiary and John Coburn to an indeterminate term in the Mansfield reformatory after they had pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the killing of the woman's husband.

The sudden end of the trial was occasioned by the breaking down of the determination of Coburn not to accept the state's offer to permit him to plead to a manslaughter charge instead of standing trial on the murder indictment unless the state should let Mrs. Burrows go free.

Boiler Explodes, Killing Five. Five persons were killed by a boiler explosion which occurred at Wilsendale, W. Va. The dead are: Leonard Maynard, Portsmouth, O.; Jake Maynard, Portsmouth, O.; Albert Flatry, Naughtuck, W. Va.; James Harrison, Naughtuck, W. Va., and Wilson Lomel, Naughtuck, W. Va. The men were repairing the boiler. All were blown through the wall of the mill.

PITTSBURG MARKETS.

Butter—Prims, 39; tubs, 28@35 1/2. Eggs—Selected, 39. Poultry—Hens, alive, 15@16. Cattle—Christmas cattle, \$9.75@10.25; choice, \$9.40@9.60; prime, \$8.60@9.25; good, \$7.90@8.50; city butcher, \$6.90@7.75; fair, \$5.50@6.50; common, \$4.50@5.50; common to good fat bulls, \$4.97; common to good fat cows, \$3.45@3.75; heifers, \$4.10@4.70; fresh cows and springers, \$2.50@3.75; Sheep and lambs—Prime wethers, \$4.25@4.50; good mixed, \$3.75@4.15; fair mixed, \$2.50@3.75; culls and common, \$2.25@3.00; lambs, \$5.00@6.00; veal calves, \$1.50@1.75; heavy and thin calves, \$1