

FOR A NEW TREATY

Russia Willing to Enter Into Negotiations,

WILL BAR "UNDESIRABLES."

In January, 1913, When New Pact is Arranged, Czar Will Refuse to Release Obligation of Military Service—May Adopt Plan Japan Follows.

Washington, Dec. 19.—That the president's notification of the Russian government of his intention to terminate the treaty of 1832 after the expiration of the required year's notice is to be followed immediately by diplomatic discussion looking to the negotiation of a new treaty is the understanding here.

It is regarded as even more certain, however, that the new treaty, if negotiated, will not contain a provision for the reciprocal and unrestricted admission by one government of all citizens of the other. It is understood, on the other hand, that though the new treaty will make less broad the reciprocal pledges of the two countries regarding treatment to be accorded each other's citizens the net result will be a considerable improvement in the situation now so strenuously objected to by American Jews.

The solution of the problem is expected by both governments to be found in a system whereby each government will admit citizens of the other country vouched for by the government of that country. It has been proposed that a plan similar to that by which Japanese laborers are kept out of the United States will be adopted. The United States government does not exclude Japanese directly, but through a solemn pledge by the mika-do that he will not issue passports to any of his subjects to come to this country except under certain prescribed conditions.

It must be borne in mind constantly that in a treaty the language is identical for both countries, and what one is pledged to the other is equally bound to fulfill. As the Russian government has already reminded the United States that the latter excludes from this country millions of Russian subjects who are either Mongolians or polygamous peoples like the Mohammedans, this government cannot ask the czar to let down all the bars regarding administration of aliens to Russia in the cases of American citizens. It may be accepted as a positive fact that each government will insist on its right to declare certain aliens "undesirables."

Russia also will insist on the retention of the policy she has maintained successfully for years of refusing to recognize naturalized American Jews, native to Russia, as released from all obligations to the czar's government through their American citizenship. This attitude, which the United States does not attempt to oppose, renders Jews returning or desiring to return to Russia as liable to military service and other obligations which, Russia holds, are never renounced by her citizens.

Assurances of the willingness of the Russian government to enter into discussion looking toward a new treaty are understood to have been received by the United States before notice of the intended termination of the treaty was given.

At the state department there is not the slightest doubt but that friendly relations between the two countries will continue uninterrupted between now and the termination of the treaty, and even after the termination.

NO PASSPORT CONCESSIONS.

Russia Will Not Yield to American Jews' Demands.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—It is apparent that Russia has no intention of yielding any concession whatsoever on the Jewish passport question, no matter what proposals may be made by the United States. The members of the douma are skeptical as to the possibility of the Democratic party taking any serious action in the matter. The leaders of the douma assert that no member of the cabinet would dare to touch the question.

Ambassador Guild, acting under instructions from Washington, saw M. Sazonoff, the Russian minister of foreign affairs, and the latter expressed the willingness of his government to have issued instructions to Russian consuls to pass freely all Jews who are entitled to admittance to the empire under the present regulations. This, he explained, was in view of the fact that especially within the last ten years, when business attracted many foreigners to Russia, there had been numerous complaints that a large number of persons who were in reality acceptable were denied admittance to the country by individual consuls. M. Sazonoff said that he could go no further, as the judicial status of Jews, whether native or foreign, could not now be raised.

Turkeys For New York.

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—A train load of dressed Christmas turkeys is today en route from St. Louis for New York. Each of the six refrigerator cars in the train carries 25,000 pounds of Turkey. The train is traveling on passenger schedule and is due in New York today.

CHARLES S. THOMAS.

Ex-Governor of Colorado Demands Removal of Mayor of Denver.



Denver, Dec. 19.—Twenty thousand persons joined in an appeal to the supreme court to oust Hiram E. Hilts from the county assessor's office and in a demand that Mayor R. W. Speer resign.

The action was taken in the form of resolutions adopted by four meetings held at the state capitol as a protest against the seizure of the assessor's office by Hilts backed by armed policemen, following his appointment to succeed Henry J. Arnold.

"We'll abide by the courts," shouted Arnold. "Let them decide."

Former Governor Charles S. Thomas spoke at all four meetings. Judge Ben B. Lindsey addressed two.

RUSSIA MODIFIES TERMS.

Czar's Minister Convinced of Persia's Good Will.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The Temps says that as a result of the conference here between M. Sazonoff, the Russian minister of foreign affairs, and the Persian minister to France, Russia has modified the terms of her recent ultimatum to the shah's government.

The reason for this is that the czar's ministers see a proof of Persia's good will in her decision to dismiss Shuster from his post as comptroller of Persian finances. The Temps adds that now that this chief obstacle to good relations between Russia and Persia has been removed the czar is disposed to seek some arrangement whereby the Anglo-Russian agreement may be reconciled with Persia's dignity. So far as the selection of foreigners for important posts is concerned, Persia is disposed to choose them from among the citizens of secondary powers.

RECEIVERS FOR WABASH.

Westinghouse Airbrake Company the Petitioner.

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—Judge E. B. Adams of the United States circuit court appointed F. A. Delano of Chicago, president of the Wabash railroad; Edward B. Fryor of St. Louis, vice president, and William K. Bixby, chairman of the board of directors of the American Car and Foundry company, receivers for the Wabash in answer to a petition filed by the Westinghouse Airbrake company. The claim in the petition is for \$18,000. Each of the receivers are required to give bonds in the sum of \$300,000 within ten days to qualify.

Benjamin Schnurmacher, St. Louis attorney, who filed the petition for the Westinghouse company, refused to give any information regarding the matter and expressed great surprise that anything should be known.

WHIPS NEW "WHITE HOPE."

Bombardier Wells Knocks Out Storbek In London.

London, Dec. 19.—Bombardier Wells at the National Sporting club knocked out Storbek, who has been regarded in some quarters as a new "white hope." The end came in the eleventh round of the fight. Kid McCoy, who was expected to challenge the winner, failed to do so because the officials of the club refused to permit any challenges. They are doing all within their power to prevent any legal action and to this end even refused a good offer for pictures of the fight.

When the battle opened there were many Scotland Yard inspectors among the spectators.

It is understood that McCoy is trying privately to arrange with Wells for a fight in Paris.

XMAS TREES AT HALF PRICE.

Indianapolis Mayor Places Several Hundred on Sale.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 19.—Christmas trees at half price and less are on the market today, several hundred having been brought to the city at Mayor Shank's direction and placed on the market square.

The trees are to sell at 25 cents for the kind that usually sell at 50 cents, and all others will be sold at a like proportion.

"Full Crew" Law Valid.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The constitutionality of the "full crew" act of Indiana regulating the size of crews on freight, passenger and mail trains is upheld by the supreme court.

CONFER IN CHINA.

Imperial and Rebel Delegates at Shanghai.

WU MAKES FOUR PROPOSALS.

Revolutionary Diplomat Force. Imperial Representative to Observe Armistice and Wires Own Leaders to Cease Military Operations. Rebels Win First Round.

Shanghai, Dec. 19.—The conference between the representatives of the imperial government and the revolutionary commissioners opened here when Tang Shao Yi and five others named by the premier, Yuan Shih Kai, met Dr. Wu Ting Fang and the five other delegates from the revolutionaries.

The principal business of the first meeting related to alleged breaches of the armistice which was recently declared. Dr. Wu complained that the truce had been frequently broken by the Manchur soldiers, and he insisted that Tang telegraph the premier to have this stopped. There was a prolonged discussion of the matter, but in the end Tang gave his consent to do as Dr. Wu demanded.

The discussion was in the most friendly tone. When this point was settled Wu refused to go on with the conference until the answer of Yuan Shih Kai had been received. In the meantime Wu wired Li Yuan Hung and other revolutionary leaders to abstain from hostilities.

It is generally considered here that by this conference the revolutionaries have won the first round. This seems reasonable in view of the fact that Tang held out for two hours before he would yield to the demands of Wu Ting Fang.

Wu, on behalf of his associates, presented four proposals, which, of course, were not acted upon. They were for the abolition of the Manchu dynasty, the establishment of a republican form of government, the pensioning of the imperial family and generous treatment for all Manchus.

Armed police and detectives guard the conference hall and accompany the commissioners in all their goings and comings. Chinese posters have been affixed to the walls about the British settlement urging the assassination of Tang Shao Yi.

Preparing For War.

Peking, Dec. 19.—The Chinese newspapers here assert that in spite of the conference at Shanghai the preparations of both sides for war are more active than ever. The native press also reiterates the statement that Wu Ting Fang telegraphed the foreign diplomats urging them to leave Peking and go to Tientsin, but leaving the legion guards behind. This, it is said, was done to clear the way for the final drama.

INDIANA FIGHT ON.

Taft and Anti-Taft Men in a Test of Strength.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 19.—The Taft and anti-Taft forces in Indiana, the latter led by State Chairman Lee, who gave out a statement at Washington declaring that the president cannot carry Indiana, have begun upon campaigns of organization for the selection of members of the new state committee in January, and every county in the state is being visited by representatives of the two factions.

The Taft people claim that Lee's object is really to organize the state for Roosevelt and that he is nothing more than a figurehead for former Senator Beveridge, who attributes his defeat last year to the stand the president took in his Winona speech on the Payne-Aldrich bill.

TAFT REFUSES POSSUM HUNT.

North Carolina Man Offers President Time of His Life.

Washington, Dec. 19.—J. H. Zemby of Winston-Salem, N. C., has invited President Taft to go possum hunting with him in North Carolina. In a letter to the president Mr. Zemby urges the president to "get away from the turmoil of the capital and civilization and get back to pure nature."

Mr. Zemby says that Forsyth county, N. C., is the best hunting ground for possum in the country, and if the president will come he promises him the time of his life.

In spite of the urgent invitation Mr. Taft had to decline.

TO BE GUEST OF CONVICTS.

Governor West of Oregon Hurries Home to Keep Promise.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 19.—Governor West of Oregon was absent at the governors' congress here because he left for home to keep his promise to a number of convicts whom last summer he put to work making roads in the mountains. He put them there on their honor, with no attempt at surveillance, and after everything had been arranged he told them: "I'm coming up to see you Christmas."

"We'll be here if you are," was the answer.

Weather Probabilities.

Fair today and tomorrow; light to moderate northerly winds.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER.

Former Canadian Premier Who is Ill at His Country Home.



London, Dec. 19.—Sir Charles Tupper, baronet, former Canadian premier, is critically ill of bronchitis at his country home, The Mount, Bexley Heath, Kent.

PURSUED BY SUBPOENA.

Attorney For McNamara Evasive, Says Grand Jury.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 19.—Not satisfied with the explanation he gave the county grand jury during the investigation of his connection with the McNamara defense, the government has issued a subpoena for the appearance before the federal court of John R. Harrington, the attorney in charge of gathering evidence for the McNamara defense. Harrington is said to have left for Chicago. The subpoena has been sent to Albuquerque, N. M., in an effort to intercept him.

The questions he refused to answer were upon alleged offers of money to certain witnesses for the state.

DYNAMITE IN COUNTY FIGHT.

Nevada Courthouse Destroyed by an Explosion.

Reno, Nev., Dec. 19.—The new county courthouse at Yerington, Lyon county, which was almost ready for occupancy, was almost completely destroyed by dynamites. The loss to the contractors will be in the neighborhood of \$50,000, and late reports state that the whole building will have to be razed. The bond issue gave the county \$50,000 to build the edifice.

There was a fight when the county seat was removed from Dayton, and proceedings were instituted to stop the removal of the county capital by injunction, leaving a rancor and ill feeling among the factions.

SHUSTER STILL IN OFFICE.

Persian Cabinet and Assembly in a Deadlock Over Him.

London, Dec. 19.—If, as stated at St. Petersburg and Paris, the Persian cabinet has agreed to dismiss Shuster the decision is as yet ineffective, as the mejlis refuses to sanction the cabinet's proposals. As a result there is a deadlock, which, it is believed, Russia will terminate by advancing her troops on Thursday.

The correspondent of the Times at Teheran says that the situation is extremely grave, but expresses the hope that the cabinet will ultimately be empowered by the mejlis to accept Russia's demands.

WINSLOW GETS COMMAND.

Daring Naval Officer of Spanish War to Fly Flag on Louisiana.

Newport, R. I., Dec. 19.—Rear Admiral Cameron McKee Winslow, the daring naval officer who cut the cables to Cuba during the Spanish war under a rain of shot, has received orders assigning him to command the second division of the Atlantic fleet in the New York navy yard and to fly his flag from the battleship Louisiana.

Rear Admiral Winslow is at present attached to the Naval War college. He will hoist his flag with the usual ceremonies next Thursday.

BENEDICT OFF ON CRUISE.

With Guests the Commodore Will Explore River Amazon.

New York, Dec. 19.—The steam yacht Alvina, with Commodore E. C. Benedict and his guests on board, started at noon today on a cruise to South America and Europe and perhaps around the world.

Commodore Benedict has chartered her to visit Brazil and explore the river Amazon again and incidentally to pay some attention to his interests in that country. It will be his fourth trip up the Amazon.

TALE OF THE WEATHER.

Observations of the United States weather bureau taken at 8 p. m. yesterday follow:	
	Temp. Weather.
New York	32 Clear
Albany	32 Cloudy
Atlantic City	36 Cloudy
Boston	30 Cloudy
Buffalo	30 Cloudy
Chicago	30 Clear
St. Louis	40 Clear
New Orleans	52 Clear
Washington	36 Clear

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Total insurance in force	1,080,230,706.00
Total number policy-holders	435,481.00
New Insurance Reported and paid for in 1910	118,750,023.00
Increase in force over 1909	\$7,740,813.00
Total Income for 1910	\$7,570,862.25
Total payment to policy-holders	32,860,369.00
Ratio of expense and taxes to income	17.8 per cent.

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