

Passport Question Is Assuming Grave Aspect-The Situation

Diplomatic Relations Between Russia and United States in Danger of Severance-Final Action on Resolution Expected Soon.

Russia Objects to Wording of Sulzer Resolution Rather Than Abrogation of Old Treaty-The President's Attitude.

Washington, Dec. 16.-At the close of a day of troubled activity in both executive and legislative departments, following Russia's declaration that the language favoring the termination of the treaty of 1832 was objectionable to the czar's government, these facts stand out:

Cardinal Facts. 1. The passage by the senate of the resolution without amendment will abruptly sever diplomatic relations between the United States and Russia. 2. The president although convinced that legislative action is necessary in order to enforce Russian respect for American citizens, whether Jews or Catholics, favors a more temperately worded resolution than the one which passed the house by a vote of 300 to 1. 3. Action by the senate will be taken probably Monday. The majority of the members of the committee on foreign relations believe that a resolution advising the termination of the treaty will pass-but probably in an amended form. 4. The cabinet called in a special meeting, considered the matter this afternoon. Cabinet officials were inclined to minimize the seriousness of the situation while not denying that it was acute. 5. Whether by coincidence or otherwise, the naval board of strategy, was asked by the navy department at noon, and held a lengthy conference with Secretary Meyer. 6. The Russian ambassador M. B. Baletoff spent six minutes at the state department before twelve o'clock and left in an ill humor. 7. Representative Sulzer, the author of the resolution to whose language the foreign office objected, announced that he was in favor of the country's standing by its attitude, this being the only way in which Russia could be compelled to treat American citizens with respect. 8. When seen today for an expression of opinion on the situation, Admiral Dewey, the ranking officer of the navy, was giving a dinner to the Russian ambassador. Object to Language. It is the position of this government that until the resolution shall have passed both houses and received the signature of the president, Russia has no reason for complaint, although objection may be made not to the spirit of the resolution but to its language. Whether or not diplomatic relations between the two governments shall be abruptly severed rests directly with the senate, which will meet Monday and undoubtedly enter forthwith upon a debate on the resolution. It is believed that as soon as the senate is called to order, a message from the president will be received, counseling moderation in language at least, and informing the senators that the administration still hopes that progress can be made looking to a settlement of the whole matter. Can Terminate Treaty. The right of this government to terminate the treaty without giving Russia reason to regard such a course as an unfriendly act is unquestioned. This, like all other treaties, contains in itself provisions for its termination. It is expressly agreed that either party can end it by giving a year's notice from the first of the next January, and this is all that is proposed to do by congress. Russia's Attitude. Above and beyond the literal purpose of the treaty, however, is the responsibility of the Russian government to any action by this country in a matter it regards as purely its own affair. The state department has been obliged to proceed in all its negotiations with the utmost caution, as it has been dealing with prejudice, rather than with opposing opinion. The temper of the senate is much the same as that of the house, but every effort will be made by the administration to modify the wording of the resolution before the debate begins on Monday. The president is extremely desirous of averting any crisis, having in mind the vast commercial relations between the two countries which would be paralyzed by the termination of the treaty. Americans Must Be Respected. He, however, has been impressed by the great demonstrations that have taken place in New York and in Washington that American citizenship must be respected and it is asserted confidently by those in his confidence that the resolution which passes the senate will receive his signature. Whatever happens after that will be of Russian and not American investigation. Russia's Chief Objection. While no direct threat is made by the Russian government, the vigor of

J. Wythe Smith of Atlanta Wanted

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 16.-On advice from Atlanta, Ga., asking them to arrest J. Wythe Smith, alleged to have embezzled \$75,000 from an Atlanta bank, authorities at Chihuahua, Mexico, have arrested a man who gives his name as J. Wiley Smith. He is said to answer the description of the man wanted. J. Wythe Smith was head of an investment concern here and was accused of embezzling money entrusted to him. He has been missing since last year. The amount of his alleged embezzlements are not known.

"Phantasm" Intervention Confronts Nation

Mexico City, Dec. 16.-El Imperial at this late date prints an editorial regarding President Taft's message to congress on foreign relations which was presented December 7. The affirmations contained in the message, the newspaper says, "are so definite that they may be taken as outlining a policy applicable to all cases. That policy can be called simply 'intervention' in as much as the Madero government may find itself shortly confronting a similar situation to that in which the Diaz government was placed." The newspaper points to the president's message saying that a "phantasm" of intervention confronts the Mexican nation. It refers to Ambassador Wilson's "penetration" which, at the early date of his interview with Mr. Taft enables him to perceive a situation which no Mexican saw and which only presented itself later.

FINED FOR INEXPERIENCE AFTER 25 YEARS' SERVICE.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 16.-Although he has been a railroad engineer or fireman for 22 years, W. W. Smith was ordered fined \$25 by the court of criminal appeals for lack of experience. The court fined him because he served as a conductor of a freight train without having previously served two years as a brakeman as required by the Texas "experience" law. The case probably will be carried to the supreme court of the United States.

THIRD KILLING DURING STRIKE OF CARMEN.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 16.-The third killing during the strike of shipmen here occurred today when Thomas C. Lyons, a carpenter, was shot in the Southern Pacific Railroad yards. Lyons came here from Kansas City. The assassin has not been identified and no arrests have been made.

FOLGER-CLARK TEAM WON 6 DAY BICYCLE RACE

Madison Square Garden, N. Y., Dec. 16.-Joe Folger, of the National A. C. of Brooklyn, and Jack C. Clarke, of Melbourne, Australia, serving as a team throughout, won the annual international six-day bicycle race which came to a close in Madison Square Garden tonight. No heart throbbing mile sprints to decide the final positions of the leaders were necessary for this combination to establish their supremacy over the pick of the world's best riders. They won with a lap to spare. They had sprinted twenty hours before the termination of the contest, at a time when the balance of the riders were unprepared for the mad spurt which gave the Clarke-Folger pair their unsurmountable advantage of a lap on the entire field. The Folger-Clarke score was 2,718 miles 9 laps.

The race was a record breaker in many respects. Though the distance traversed far from approached that of record, almost every spurt mark was obliterated. For one, the attendance record was shattered; the number of spectators exceeded that of any other similar contest and the casualty list surpassed that which graced any other race in recall. Every rider had his share of falls and contusions and a few of them will carry scars to bear mute testimony to their part in the last six day race in Madison Square Garden.

IN MEMORY OF LATE JUSTICE HARLAN.

Washington, Dec. 16.-Many lawyers from various parts of the country came to the supreme court chambers today to attend a memorial meeting in honor of the late Associate Justice John M. Harlan. August E. Willson, the retiring governor of Kentucky, the jurist's native state, presided.

CHAMP CLARK IS ISSUES STATEMENT.

Washington, Dec. 16.-Speaker Champ Clark made the following statement today relative to Russia's threat in connection with the passport question: "This house has a right to pass a resolution in any form it sees fit. That is the long and short of it."

WM. CUMMINS GIVES RAIL.

New York, Dec. 16.-William J. Cummins, who was recently convicted of grand larceny in the manipulation of the trust funds of the defunct Carnegie Trust Company, which he controlled, was today admitted to bail. His bond was fixed at \$50,000.



W. MORGAN SHUSTER. Latest photograph of W. Morgan Shuster, the lone American who has defied the czar's power while acting in the capacity of Persian treasurer general.

EDNA GOODRICH GETS HALF MILLION OUT OF NAT

New York, Dec. 16.-Edna Goodrich's attorney, Herman L. Roth, announced today that a settlement had been reached with Nat Goodwin, whose third wife she was, and that in lieu of what he pledged to her before marriage Mr. Goodwin compromises with cash to the amount of \$125,000. Real estate to the value of \$500,000. Total \$625,000. "This amount," said Mr. Roth, "represents about 10 per cent of Mr. Goodwin's possessions." It had been supposed that Mr. Goodwin's possession of the property would be in lieu of a settlement of the Schoenfeld & Co. case, a matter in the hands of the department of justice for using the mails to transport their "wild cats" and plunging into adventures with other people's money. According to Mr. Roth there were no adventures with Mr. Goodwin's money. He turned it into standard bonds and San Francisco and Los Angeles real estate and deposits in bank. "What will Edna Goodrich do now that she is half a millionaire?" Mr. Roth was asked. "She tells me," he answered, "that she will return to work on the stage. Within three weeks she will be playing again. For some time she has been negotiating with different managers while living in retirement with her mother. She is not intending to marry a nobleman or anybody else, as reported."

War Insurance The Latest

London, Dec. 16.-A very disquieting feature of the insurance business at Lloyd's this week has been a considerable number of inquiries for rates to cover the risk of an outbreak of war between England and Germany. This was afterwards explained by the statement that several business houses in London had received letters from Germany stating that it was considered that the international situation had not improved since the delivery of Sir Edward Grey's speech and asking what effect would be upon current insurance contracts should war break out. Many of the chief Lloyd underwriters declined altogether to entertain proposals for these war risks, although a few were not so timid and quoted from seven to ten guineas per cent for six months.

Heavy Earthquake.

Mexico City, Dec. 16.-A heavy earthquake lasting more than two minutes occurred here at 12:40 p. m. No damage or loss of life is reported.

Two Men Charged With Robbing Train

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 16.-George H. Hill and Henry Eckstorm, the two men said to be from Baltimore, who were placed under arrest yesterday afternoon for robbing the Coast Line train at Hardeeville, are in separate cells in Chatham county jail waiting for a hearing before a United States commissioner next week. They do not talk a great deal but Hill, who is the youngest of the pair, says he came down from Baltimore by steamer a few weeks ago. Hill says he came for his health and after meeting Eckstorm on the steamer the two went to Hardeeville for the purpose of hunting. They will depend largely upon an alibi in connection with their defense as they say they were in bed when the robbery took place. Hill is said to be the son of a Baltimore physician. Eckstorm talks very little about himself. The postal inspectors who worked up the case are very busy now gathering their evidence to present at the preliminary hearing. It is expected that Assistant United States District Attorney Akerman will be brought here to represent the government before the commissioner although the robbery took place in South Carolina.

Miss Clara Barton, Founder Of American Red Cross, In Precarious Condition

Washington, Dec. 16.-Miss Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross and for many years its president, lies in a precarious condition at her home at Glen Echo, just outside of Washington. Friends and neighbors had hoped that she would be well enough for a celebration of her sixtieth birthday anniversary on Christmas day, but they have been obliged to give up any such idea. Miss Barton has been gradually failing ever since her serious illness last winter. Of her friends who call only the most intimate are allowed to see her. It is said that her illness left her heart weak and that her throat is now affected.

NEW ERA OF PROSPERITY IS DAWNING

New York, Dec. 16.-A new era of prosperity is dawning. The general situation at the close of the year is so much better than business men had anticipated that optimism has taken the place of the widespread pessimism that characterized their utterances three months ago. Bankers, railroad administrators, industrial managers and merchants who took a gloomy view of the outlook, even thirty days ago, now pitch their comments in a hopeful tone. While the business of the country has not yet reached the high record established in 1908, it is stated by the experts in the mercantile agencies that it is so far ahead of the corresponding period of 1910 that they confidently look for a condition of revived activity in all lines unusual for a presidential year. They believe that 1912 will not only outstrip 1910, but that it will make a large advance on 1911. Traveling salesmen for New York houses who are now returning to the city to complete preparations for their first trips of the new year bring the most hopeful reports from all parts of the country. E. H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation, always extremely cautious in his utterances as to conditions and prospects, says the business of his company is far in advance of what it was at this time last year.

THE WEATHER. Washington, Dec. 16.-Forecast: North Carolina and South Carolina, fair, colder Sunday.

Lusitana Delayed On Record Trip

New York, Dec. 16.-The big liner Lusitana was prevented by fog from leaving port on her attempt to break the round trip record made by the Mauretania a year ago, until 6:26 this evening. All was made ready two hours before that time and the final good byes were said, when Captain Charles realized that the fog was too thick for safe sailing, so he waited. He was then three hours and a half ahead of the Mauretania's record, but Captain Charles finally decided, the fog having lifted somewhat, to make the start and the greyhound steamed slowly down the bay. Should the fog appear thicker outside, Captain Charles said he would anchor off Staten Island. He is still confident of reaching Fishguard Friday morning.

Wolgast Recovering.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 16.-After two weeks in the Clara Barton hospital, Ad Wolgast, the world's light-weight champion, left the institute this afternoon and was taken in an automobile to his seaside cottage at Venice. Wolgast is almost fully recovered from the operation for appendicitis. He will recuperate at the seashore after which he plans to visit the shore after which he plans to visit the six round bouts. He expects to be fighting for the championship again before July 4th.

WANT TO KILL THE ROOSEVELT RUMOR.

Columbus, O., Dec. 16.-Aiming to convince Ohio republicans that Theodore Roosevelt will not be a candidate for the presidential nomination in 1912, managers of the LaFollette campaign announced today that their Ohio speakers will include such men as Gifford Pinchot and James R. Garfield. The LaFollette managers believe that in as much as Garfield and Pinchot are credited with having the entire confidence of Roosevelt, their words will allay any Roosevelt sentiment among Ohio progressives and pave the way for the LaFollette campaign.

Chorus Girls Will Bring Damage Suit

New York, Dec. 16.-It was announced today by counsel for Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad, acquitted on Friday of an attempt to kill W. E. D. Stokes, that the pair would sue the millionaire for damages. The action, which is stated, will be brought charging false imprisonment and malicious prosecution. Miss Conrad thinks she has been damaged to the extent of \$100,000, according to her attorney. Miss Graham has not decided upon the amount she will ask in the civil suit.

GLOOM IN DUCAL HOUSE.

Paris, Dec. 16.-There is gloom in the ducal house of De Talleyrands. A Christmas gift was expected in an addition to the nursery and as is the French custom congratulations on the coming event came pouring in from all points. Then came disappointment and the layette has been laid aside.

REVENUE CUTTER SEARCHING FOR LOST TUG.

Washington, Dec. 16.-The revenue cutter Onondaga was ordered today from Baltimore to search for the tug Albatross, bound from Southern-ports for Baltimore. It has not been heard from since Wednesday night when it passed Cape Cod in a leaking condition.

YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS.

Washington, Dec. 16. SENATE. Not in session; meets 2 p. m. Monday. State Representative Hall, of Illinois, testified before Long's committee on a "whiskey lobby" that existed at Springfield. Louise D. Brandeis, of Boston, spent his third day before the senate interstate commerce committee giving views on the "trust evil."

HOUSE.

Met at noon. Debated \$2,270,000 urgent deficiency bill with passage planned for late this afternoon. Steel and other inquiry commissions in recess until Monday. Anti-trust law amendment putting burden of proof of reasonableness of trade restraint on defendant, introduced by Mr. Leafoot. Chairman Fitzgerald, of appropriation committee, charged that government estimates had been cut below actual needs; that a treasury deficit is in prospect and that investing committees are costing heavily. Republican Leader Mann said he hoped the Sulzer resolution on the Russian treaty would be amended to avoid objectionable language. Mrs. Mildred M. Easton, founder of the Life as a Fine Art Club, who at a recent meeting told more than three hundred of the club members how to treat a husband. "Make the most of your husband," epitomized her whole address. Mrs. Easton included in her remarks, "If you are dissatisfied with your husband, don't plan how to get rid of him. Make the most of him, if your husband drinks, endeavor to reform him, Don't be changing husbands, You might get one much worse than the one you have now." The club has for its aim human happiness.

SIMULTANEOUS DYNAMITINGS WERE PLANNED

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 16.-That John J. McNamara had planned to employ more men in his dynamiting activities so that simultaneous explosions could be executed in all parts of the country was the statement in the confession of Orrie E. McManigal of which the federal grand jury deliberated chiefly today.

According to McManigal, J. J. McNamara had exploded in Omaha, Neb., and Columbus, Ind., on the same night, the work being done by McNamigal and J. B. McNamara. It was soon after this job, McManigal said, that John McNamara said to him: "I want to get six or eight good fellows. I am going to station them around the country and I am going to have explosions come off simultaneously so they will wonder how the fellow could be in all the places at once. That ought to make them sit up and take notice."

The grand jury also inquired into the relation between the \$1,000 paid monthly to John McNamara by the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers for "organizing purposes" and the fees given to McManigal.

An employee of a livery stable in Muncie, Ind., testified that the dynamite used for explosions in Peoria, Ill., was moved by McManigal, under the name of J. W. McGraw, from Albany, Ind., to his store house in Muncie by horse and wagon. There were one hundred quarts in the load which McManigal afterward confessed was used in Peoria.

Hardware King of South a Suicide

New York, Dec. 16.-Heart broken through financial reverses and family separations, and ignorant of the fact that he was about to be restored to the lucrative position which he abandoned to come north, George L. Haven, once known as the man who "held the hardware trade in the South in the palm of his hand," committed suicide last night by taking poison in the lonely little room at No. 50 Mercer street, Jersey City, in which his straightened circumstances had forced him to live. The Havens were of Atlanta, Ga., and there was one of the most hospitable homes in the South. Mr. Haven had for twenty years been in absolute charge of the Southern business. The H. B. Corbin Company of Atlanta, Ga., and his reputation in that business was country-wide. Two years ago, a time, age of fifty-five, he became connected with a hardware firm in Nashville, Tenn., where he would have no traveling to do.

Remembered Kindness.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 16.-General C. P. Thurston, of this city, president of the Society of the Army of the Cumberland, is today racking his brain over the identity of the person who yesterday sent him \$100 from Los Angeles. An unsigned note said: "The enclosed \$100 New York exchange is the return of a kindness done many years ago."



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