

PERSIA GIVES IN RUSSIA'S ULTIMATUM

Cabinet Gives Russian Minister Verbal Assurance That it Intends to Comply With all Demands--Persian Legation at London Confirms Report.

This Action Includes the Dismissal of W. Morgan Shuster--Hereafter Russia and England Must Approve Persia's Foreign Advisers.

By Associated Press.
Tehran, Persia, Dec. 22.--The Persian cabinet has given to the Russian minister, S. Poklevski, verbal assurances of its intention to comply with the demands of the Russian ultimatum.

London Informed of Action.
London, Dec. 22.--The Persian legation here announced at noon today that Persia had acceded to the Russian demands.

The British foreign office shortly after noon received official confirmation from the British at Tehran that Persia has yielded before the Russian threats and had granted all the demands contained in the Russian ultimatum of November 29.

These include the dismissal of W. Morgan Shuster, the American who has been acting as treasurer-general of Persia since June last.

It is believed in official circles that Russia's demand that the appointment of foreign advisers to the Persian government should hereafter be subject to Russian and British approval, has been found with some slight modifications agreeable to both parties.

Political Meetings Forbidden.
Tehran, Dec. 22.--Early this morning official notices were posted on the walls of the city ordering the people to abstain from political meetings of any kind without having previously obtained police sanction. It is said this order was issued by command of the cabinet as the question of the Russian ultimatum was being discussed and was likely to be settled amicably.

Russia Expects Reply.
St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.--The Russian foreign office expects in the course of today to receive a definite reply from the Persian government complying with the demands of its ultimatum.

Fighting between Russians and the Persians which was reported from Tehran yesterday yesterday lasted in the streets of the city throughout the day. The Citadel was bombarded.

The Russian consul general has sent to headquarters a request for reinforcements in view of the danger to Russian subjects and Russian property in the city.

The Russian Cossacks at Resht drove the Persians out of their position after considerable fighting. It was found that the Persians were armed with Russian rifles.

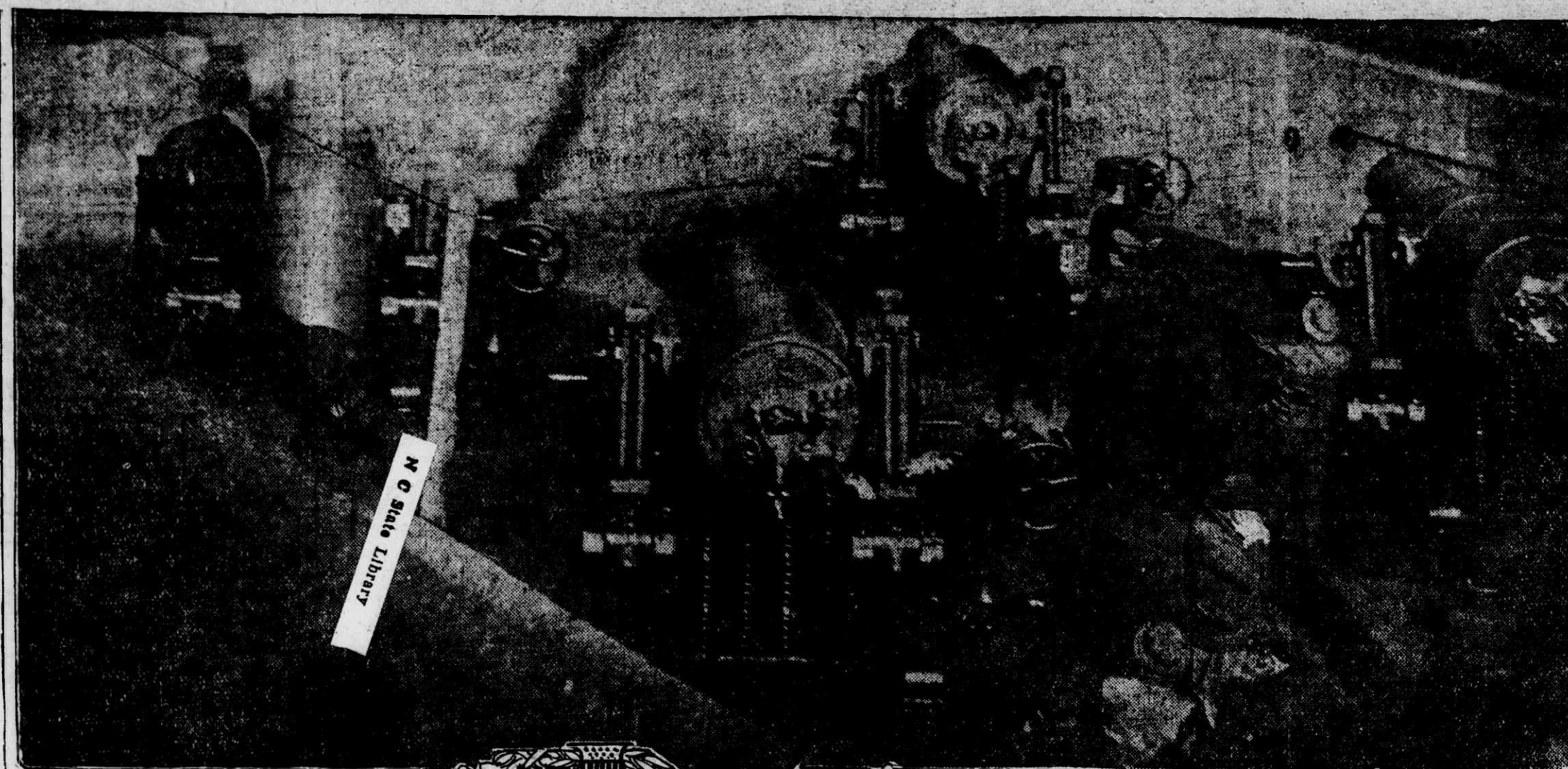
According to the dispatches received here, both at Tabriz and Resht the fighting was opened by an attack on the Russians from a Persian ambulance.

Great Slump In Immigration

By Associated Press.
New York, Dec. 22.--One of the greatest slumps in immigration ever recorded at the port of New York is being written into the records at Ellis Island during the closing days of the year. Already the records show that nearly 300,000 fewer immigrants have landed there up to the present time than for the corresponding period in 1910 and indications are, Commissioner Williams states, that there will be a reduction of 30 per cent or more from 1910 figures for the year.

The incoming tide of humanity is lower than at any time since 1908. With the tide at its ebb every ship having to Europe is crowded as never before. One vessel sailing a couple of days ago left 550 steerage passengers on the wharf because of inability to find accommodations aboard for them. During the first ten days of December, 1910, 13,706 third class passengers sailed for Europe, this year 25,245. Outbound vessels carried nearly 50 per cent more third class passengers this year than last.

The decrease may mean one of several things," said William Williams, commissioner of immigration. "It may mean that industrial conditions here are much disturbed. It may mean that third class passengers are more prosperous and are going to and from more than usual. It may mean that the long looked for national day in this has come. Personally I don't know what it means."



BIG GUN TEST

Photograph showing the firing of the twelve inch coast defense mortar batteries during the tests held at Fort Totten, New York, December 19th. More than eighty pounds of powder were used on each mortar sending the projectile seven miles out over the Long Island. Contrary to general expectation, very little vibration was felt by the surrounding villages during the firing of the immense coast defense armament.

A Bad Day For Trains Bearing The Number "38"

While Running 40 Miles an Hour "38" on Seaboard was Wrecked Near Gloster, Ga.--Forty One Persons Injured.

Many Carolinians Were Injured--Southern's "38" Wrecked Near King's Mountain But no One Hurt--Steel Cars Intact.

By Associated Press.
Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 22.--Forty-one persons were injured last night in the wreck of train No. 38 of the Seaboard Air Line, near Gloster, Ga. The wires to the scene were torn down and it was not until this morning that details of the derailment became known. None of the injured will die, according to railroad officials. Gloster is 25 miles northeast of Atlanta.

The train left Atlanta at 8:35 o'clock for Washington. It was going 40 miles an hour when near the Gloster station it struck a broken rail. The engine and several cars went over safely but a Pullman sleeper and one first-class passenger car left the roadbed and went into a ditch.

The injured were in these two cars. Their hurts consist of cuts and bruises. If there had been more serious consequences the railroad would have had difficulty in caring for the victims, as the surrounding country is sparsely settled and few, if any, doctors at hand.

List of the Injured.
A train with physicians and wrecking apparatus was dispatched from Howell's station. The tracks were cleared by daylight. Most of the injured lived in Georgia and the Carolinas. They include:
P. M. Cain, Washington, D. C.
G. W. Brewer and Miss Brewer, Elberton, Ga.
C. M. Parish, Raleigh, N. C.
C. F. Leffler, Rutherford, N. C.
Mrs. Ella Moon, Comer, Ga.
Miss Bert Watson, Comer, Ga.
F. F. McNaughton, wife and five children, Burgaw, N. C.
Mrs. Floy Tally, Sanford, N. C.
J. W. B. Thornton, Abbeville, S. C.
J. M. Bolt, Laurens, S. C.
Arch McCormick, Wilmington, N. C.
G. P. Waddell, Wilmington, N. C.
J. B. Allman, Mullin, S. C.
C. A. Hagler, Abbeville, S. C.
W. Bright, Mullins, S. C.
W. P. Childress, Laurens, S. C.
A. Champ, Winder, Ga.
J. W. Steele, Waxhaw, N. C.
C. P. Holmes, North Carolina.

38 Wrecked Near Kings Mountain

By Associated Press.
Kings Mountain, N. C., Dec. 22.--Train No. 38 on the Southern railway from Atlanta to New York, was wrecked three-quarters of a mile north of here yesterday afternoon, but though crowded with passengers, no one sustained even a scratch. The third car from the locomotive left the track as

the train was running about 25 miles an hour and carried the three cars immediately behind along with it. They fell upon a high embankment and when the train stopped were leaning at an angle of 25 degrees. The engines and two cars directly behind it and the two rear cars remained on the track. A special train arrived from Charlotte at 11 o'clock and returned with some of the passengers. The track is badly damaged and trains are being detoured by way of Columbia.

It is said the wreck was caused by the track spreading.

Official Report.
Columbia, S. C., Dec. 22.--Official reports to Southern Railway officials here say that six cars were derailed, without injury to anyone aboard, when train 38 from New Orleans to New York ran over a brake beam dropped by a preceding freight train, one mile north of Kings Mountain station, N. C., at 7:30 o'clock last night. Mail car, club car, diner, parlor car and two sleepers left the rails. Trains 30 and 35 were detoured via Columbia last night.

Gov. Orders Stripes From Prisoners

By Associated Press.
Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 22.--After spending his first night in prison to observe the condition of the convicts besieging him for Christmas pardons, Governor B. W. Hooper announced that the stripes should come off all but the worst prisoners in the spring and that thereafter stripes should be used only as a means of punishment. As soon as the new chaplain took charge, he stated, schools would be started.

Prospects Of a Republic in China

By Associated Press.
Shanghai, China, Dec. 22.--Tang Shao Yi, who is representing Premier Yuan Shi Kai and the imperial government at the peace conference between the imperial and revolutionary delegates now being held here, authorized the Associated Press to say that he still hopes that Premier Yuan Shi Kai will agree with his views and accept the republic as the only means of securing peace.

Tang Shao Yi said that Premier Yuan Shi Kai up to 6 o'clock had not communicated with him his decision to repudiate the suggestion of a republic. Tang Shao Yi does not believe that Yuan Shi Kai will decide against the suggested republic after he has thoroughly digested Tang Shao Yi's report giving his positive views of the situation.

EARTH SHOCKS RECORDED.

By Associated Press.
Mexico City, Dec. 22.--An earthquake of moderate intensity occurred here at 6:15 today. The shock lasted about one minute. No loss of life or damage to property is reported.

Mr. Luke Stacy, of Chapel Hill, spent the day in the city en route to Shelby, where he will spend the Christmas holidays.

THE WEATHER.

North Carolina:
Rain tonight and probably Saturday; colder Saturday in west portion.

PACKERS ARE BENEFACTORS SAY COUNSEL

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Dec. 22.--Further argument that packers of the present day are benefactors of the public and not violators of the Sherman anti-trust law was scheduled for today at the resumption of the trial of the big meat packers.

M. W. Borders was the first speaker to address the jury in behalf of Edward Morris and Louis Heymann, the defendants known as the Morris group. Mr. Borders was prepared to explain to the jury how the public had reaped benefits rather than hardships from the conduct of the business carried out by the packers.

New points in the manner in which the packers have conducted their business since the establishment of the National Packing Company were expected to be brought out by Mr. Borders.

After Attorney Borders' address, John S. Miller was expected to follow for the Armour and then John Barton Payne, in behalf of Edward Tilden, president of the National Packing Company.

Spinners to Lock Out Employees

By Associated Press.
Manchester, Eng., Dec. 22.--The committee of the Lancashire cotton spinners and manufacturers' associations at a meeting this afternoon decided to lock out the whole of the workers in the mills belonging to members of the federation beginning on December 27.

The lockout is a protest against the attempts of trades unionists to force weavers not belonging to the unions to join their ranks. About 160,000 operatives are involved.

Death of Dr. Rhett Goode.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 22.--Dr. Rhett Goode, president of the American Railway Surgeons' Association, aged 58 years, died here today of Bright's disease. He was dean of the medical department of the University of Alabama.

Southern To Build Belt Line of Railway at High Point Connecting Asheville Branch

Special to The News.
High Point, N. C., Dec. 22.--The Southern Railway Company will at once invite bids for the construction of a belt line railway at High Point connecting the main line with the Asheville branch.

Passenger Trains on T. And P. Road In Head-on Collision

Death of Oldest Banker in U. S.

By Associated Press.
Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 22.--Washington Handley, aged 94, who claimed to be the oldest bank president in active service in the United States, is dead at his home in Whittier, near here. He was born in Guilford county, North Carolina, in 1817, and at the time of his death was president of a savings bank.

President Estrada Of Ecuador Dead

By Associated Press.
Guayaquil, Ecuador, Dec. 22.--Emilio Estrada, president of the republic of Ecuador, died here suddenly at midnight.

GHOULS ENTER TOMB AND STEAL JEWELS

By Associated Press.
Paris, Dec. 22.--The tomb of the celebrated Parisian actress, Lucie Lantelme, in the cemetery of Pere Lachaise, was broken into last night and valuable jewels were taken from her body and carried off.

The gems included a pearl necklace which alone was valued at \$30,000. One of the robbers apparently was wounded while forcing the metal casket, for a trail of blood was left in the vicinity of the tomb and along the pathways leading to the gates of the cemetery.

Madame Lucie Lantelme, who was of poor parentage, achieved great success as a comedienne and became known as the "Most Beautiful Woman in Paris."

She was married to Alfred Charles Edwards, first proprietor and editor of the Martin. While she was yachting with him on the Rhine near the Dutch frontier last July 24, she fell overboard and was drowned.

Still Another Wreck Reported To-day--This Time at Kildare, Texas--Over Thirty Persons Injured, Some Fatally.

By Associated Press.
Texarkana, Dec. 22.--Thirty to forty persons were injured, some fatally, in a wreck on the Texas & Pacific Railroad at Kildare, south of here before daylight today. Passenger trains Nos. 3 and 104 were in a head-on collision.

Fast Train Dashed Into Siding Where Another Waited-- Fatalities Confined to Trainmen--Details Are Meagre-- Due to Flagman's Blunder.

By Associated Press.
The wreck occurred, according to reports reaching here when No. 3, southbound, took a siding to wait for No. 104 to pass. A negro flagman in his haste to set the switch so that No. 3 could proceed, is said to have thrown it before the other train passed with the result that the other train plunged into the siding upon No. 3.

It is reported that the fatal injuries are confined to trainmen. No. 104 was what is known here as the Mexican mail, carrying through mail from El Paso to St. Louis via the International & Great Northern and the Iron Mountain.

Richeson Takes Turn For Worse

By Associated Press.
Boston, Mass., Dec. 22.--The condition of Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, who is suffering from self-inflicted wounds at the Suffolk county jail, took a turn for the worse last night.

Counsel for Richeson said the accused man was too weak to talk and that it would be a miracle if he was physically able to endure the ordeal of his trial, scheduled for January 15th, next.

Dr. Lohrop, attending Richeson, issued a statement at noon that the minister was not in a dangerous state from his wound.

HETTY GREEN RENTS VALUABLE PROPERTY

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Dec. 22.--Mrs. Hetty Green's most valuable piece of Chicago property has just been leased for ninety-nine years to J. T. Lenfesty, according to an authoritative report among real estate men here.

The property is valued at \$1,625,000 and it is said that the annual rental will be \$65,000. It is known as the Howland block, at the southwest corner of Dearborn and Monroe streets, and was held at \$35,000 a front foot, the highest price ever paid in Chicago.

RUSSIA PLANS TARIFF WAR SCHEDULES

Legislative Proposal Introduced in The Duma, Providing Tariff on American Goods After Expiration of Present Treaty.

Existing Russian Duties Would Be Raised to One-hundred Per Cent Under New Law--Conditions Also Apply to Other Countries.

By Associated Press.
St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.--A legislative proposal to provide for tariff war schedules applicable to the United States at the expiration of the Russo-American treaty of commerce and navigation of 1832 has been introduced into the Duma by ex-President Guchkov and other signers representing the Okeanist and Nationalist parties which control the majority of the Duma.

The bill proposes to raise existing Russian duties by 100 per cent and also to impose a duty of 100 per cent on articles which are admitted free under the present Russian tariff. Besides these impositions the bill proposes also to levy double the gross weight tax established by the law of June 21, 1901, on merchandise arriving by sea and to levy a double tonnage tax.

Should the present American tonnage tax be raised to the disfavor of Russian vessels then the Russian tonnage tax will be correspondingly increased.

It is said that the schedules are to be applicable to all countries which do not grant to Russia the most favored nation treatment in commerce and navigation.

The proposal will be submitted to a financial commission.

The necessity for the proposed legislation is explained in an accompanying declaration in which it is stated that the regular American tariff schedule which will be applicable to Russian goods at the expiration of the treaty of commerce and navigation of 1832 will be so high as to have a prohibitive character and that they greatly exceed the Russian normal tariff and navigation taxes which would be naturally applicable to American goods in the absence of the treaty.

The province of foreign affairs lies outside the competence of the Duma and treaties are not subject to its approval nor is the minister for foreign affairs answerable to the Duma on the state of foreign relations. Nevertheless the Duma exercises through the budget an influence on foreign affairs and relations.

In the long declaration accompanying the bill the signers deal fully with the Russo-American situation and recount the formal steps taken by the president of the United States.

"The abrogation of the treaty between Russia and America has a direct connection with the annual Russian agitation which has been energetically conducted in America for the readmission of American citizens of Jewish faith. Article one of the treaty established the mutual right of entry but contains a reservation for the observance of international laws, deeming, in spite of this stipulation, that the enforcement of the general Russian laws in regard to foreigners of the Jewish religion, in the case of American Jewish citizens, constitutes an infringement of the treaty, the house of representatives voted a resolution for its abrogation."

"There can not be any doubt that this view is unfounded. The Russian government and its representatives abroad can not fulfill the requirements of the Russian law contained in paragraphs 213 to 235 of the passport statute of paragraph 819 and the following ones of the law on social rights as long as these remain in force."

"On the other hand the question of the admission or non-admission of foreigners into Russia of categories of internal legislation long to the province of internal legislation of general principles of international law as well as on the strength of article 1 of the treaty of 1832."

"Thus the United States has enacted very strict regulations seriously limiting the rights of entry of foreigners and there is no doubt that the federal government would ward off any attempt to dispute the locality of these regulations from an international point of view."

"The declaration then quotes textually article II of the federal immigration law of February 20th, 1907, and continues: "If we take into consideration also that the American law imposes a head tax on the whole line of the foreigners seeking American shores, it becomes clear how staying in America are subjected. We do not question the right of the federal government to apply any immigration laws which are dictated by reasons of state but we must note for that very reason that the motive for the abrogation of the treaty of 1832 adduced in the resolution of the house of representatives is unfounded."

Death of Mrs. Elroy Avery.
By Associated Press.
Cleveland, O., Dec. 22.--Mrs. Elroy M. Avery, aged 67, editor of the official paper of the Daughters of the American Revolution, died here today of heart failure.