

Turks Are More Conciliatory And Agreement on the Straits May Be Effected at Lausanne

Some Sort of Plan Controlling the Dardanelles, Expected to be Signed in Few Days.

NOTE OF UNITED STATES EVIDENTLY BEARS FRUIT

LAUSANNE, Dec. 20.—The Turkish and allied delegations relaxed in their attitude today and discussed control of the straits in a conciliatory spirit...

The note of the United States declaring that it does not regard an international commission as necessary and undoubtedly more fruit, as Lord Curzon gave careful consideration to Ismet Pasha's plea that Turkey would consider international interference with Turkey's affairs as worse than death...

Ismet Pasha also pleaded for further guarantees for the safety of Constantinople than those which would be afforded by the league of nations and proposed additional guarantees similar to those given to the Aland islands.

Lord Curzon, M. Barro, Baron Hayashi, M. Spalkovitch and other speakers expressed great satisfaction over the Turkish conciliatory attitude.

Baron Hayashi said he was especially gratified to see the conference which had almost reached the stage of ultimatum, settle down to such calm and reasonable consideration of the straits problems.

Lord Curzon, after hearing Ismet's statement of the Turkish position, said that Ismet's acceptance of the general principles of free passage as outlined by the allies now made it possible to discuss details of the practical application of those principles.

As it is clear that the United States will accept no seat at a straits control commission, regardless of how much the powers of this proposed international body are limited, the members of the American delegation were asked tonight whether they would respect the regulations imposed by this body, and if the United States would negotiate a treaty immediately with Turkey.

This Ambassador Child made no reply.

27 Appeals Disposed of by Supreme Court at Concluding Session

RALEIGH, Dec. 20.—The North Carolina supreme court, before adjourning sine die for the term at noon today, disposed of 27 appeals, granting a new trial to John A. Bunch, a new trial to the murder of Will Cline, but finding no grounds to interfere with the judgment of death pronounced in the lower court of Blount county against W. W. Campbell.

Bush was sentenced to die in August, 1922, for the murder of Will Cline, the defense having set up a plea of self defense. A new trial was awarded according to the supreme court's opinion, written by Associate Justice Walker, because the trial judge erred in the charge to the jury.

Campbell, who was convicted in July, 1922, in the Blount county superior court, was in the custody of the State Prison at Raleigh, when he was charged with the murder of Mrs. Annie Smathers, the Queen telephone operator, his sweetheart.

According to the evidence in the case, on the morning of the killing the defendant stated to one T. K. Parker: "I want to see her one more time and ask her to marry me. If she don't, she can't marry any other man."

Witnesses testified that Mrs. Smathers was riding in the defendant's automobile on a road near Fairview that same afternoon; that she jumped out of the moving car, trying to run away from Campbell. Campbell, it was said in the evidence, stopped his car, then after Mrs. Smathers had a few words with her, he stood over her and fired three more shots into her body.

Uncover Plot to Loot Brooklyn Naval Base by Civilian Employees

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Details of an alleged big conspiracy to loot the Brooklyn navy base were revealed today with the arrest of twenty-two civilian employees.

Twenty-three persons were indicted recently by a federal grand jury after a long investigation in which the navy intelligence service, department of justice, and New York police joined. The third civilian had not been found at night fall.

The others were arraigned before Federal Judge Garvin and held in \$5,000 bail each. None could furnish this amount and the court indicated it might reduce bail if an early date for trial could not be fixed at the next hearing January 3.

Craig's Condition is Reported Better

ASHEVILLE, Dec. 20.—The condition of ex-Gov. Locke Craig, who is seriously ill at his home here, was pronounced tonight as slightly better. The former governor, however, remains in such condition that little hope is held for his recovery.

PURPOSE OF GUARD MOVEMENT IS STILL VEILED IN MYSTERY

Louisiana Officials Decline to State Object of Sending Troops to Morehouse Parish

MONROE, La., Dec. 20.—The purpose of the movement of a company of Louisiana national guard into Morehouse parish by Governor John M. Parker yesterday afternoon, tonight continued to remain a mystery to all except a handful of officials.

The passing of the day failed to lift the mystery screen. Those in a position to speak would say nothing. The governor, attorney general and others remained in rigid silence.

Late today a detachment of 25 men under the command of the company officer, hastily departed from the camp established in the heart of the little town of Mer Rouge. The men said they did not know where they were going. The officer would not speak.

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Hays Gives Arbuckle Chance to Come Back

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 20.—Roscoe Arbuckle, rotund comedian, barred from the screen since last April because of the encounter with the law, was today restored to the privilege of coming back to the place he once occupied in his industry, if he can. Will H. Hays, head of the picture industry, announced that all restrictions against the actor were to end January 1.

The Famous Players-Lasky corporation, which distributed Arbuckle's pictures, announced that no circuit would include the actor at present to market films that were withdrawn, or others that were never released. Joseph Schenck, producer, said he would employ Arbuckle and that the latter said he was thankful for the chance to work and would strive to make good.

Mr. Hays issued a brief statement, saying he felt every man was entitled to his chance and the film industry not only wanted to live and let live but it wanted to live and help live.

Nomination of Judge Rose is Confirmed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The nomination of Judge John C. Rose, to be circuit judge of the fourth circuit, which includes the states of Virginia, Maryland, Virginia and North and South Carolina, was confirmed today by the senate. The nomination failed of confirmation at the recent special session.

GEORGIA SENATOR ASKS HIGHER-UPS TO QUIT WHISKEY

Upshaw Requests Government Officials and Governors Not to Drink

URGES NEW ALLEGIANCE TO THE CONSTITUTION

The More Influential Citizens Should Not Encourage Bootlegging

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—High government officials, governors, judges and members of congress were asked today by Representative Upshaw, Democrat, Georgia, in a speech in the house to emulate Marshal Poch, who "refused to touch intoxicants while on American soil out of respect for the dry legislation."

"No longer must the higher-ups say 'go,'" shouted Mr. Upshaw. "They must say 'come.' Anything less than this is to take a new oath of allegiance to the constitution. This is no time for pussyfooting utterances and action on the part of state and national leaders."

Mr. Upshaw urged that the president should "bring Christmas proclamation calling on every citizen and especially every official to total abstinence for the common good." Referring to the recent governors' conference he said: "Let these governors led by the president and vice president of the United States and all the members of the cabinet, walk out in the open and lift their hands before high heaven and take a new oath of allegiance to the whole constitution and the American flag."

"Let them secretly declare," said Mr. Upshaw, "that regardless of what their tastes and practices have been they will never again build up a bootleggers' bar business by drinking any form or any amount of illicit liquors at any dinner, at any function, in any hall, room or banqueting place. Let every member of congress and every United States senator follow suit; let every state and federal judge and every prosecuting attorney in America stand up like patriotic men and declare they will never again personally trample the constitution which they have sworn to obey and defend."

Declaring the "plain people" laugh at high sounding pronouncements, because they believed that "the high officials, believed in that infighting autocracy which claims the privilege of buying and drinking illicit liquors themselves while denying the privilege to the plain people."

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Stanilas Wojciechowski New Polish President

WARSAW, Dec. 20.—(By The Associated Press).—The new president of Poland, Stanilas Wojciechowski, took the oath tonight. He was elected to presidency with 238 ballots, of 519 cast by the national assembly.

Although the police forbade demonstration, President Wojciechowski was greeted enthusiastically by his friends in the parliament building. While he is supported by the radicals, he nevertheless is highly respected by the nationalists.

Born in 1869, Wojciechowski entered Kalisz university, but his studies were interrupted in 1891 by his expulsion from Poland by the Russian police for belonging to a secret political organization. The following years he spent in Switzerland, France, and England, and he worked with his old friend, General Plinski, unremittingly for Poland's independence.

In 1905 he abandoned politics and obtained permission to return to Poland, where he initiated the Polish co-operative community organization, which was a strong pro-ally during the war.

THE DAY IN WASHINGTON

Announcement was made that the department of justice was preparing to file a suit against the Wright-Martin Aircraft corporation to recover a \$3,601,715 war claim.

FIVE-HOUR DEBATE FAILS TO LOOSEN SENATE DEADLOCK

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT DENIED

Three Distinct Efforts to Fix Date For Vote Fails to Break Deadlock

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Five hours of debate and parliamentary maneuvering in the senate today served only to tighten the deadlock which has existed for three days between two opposed and almost equal groups, one fighting to keep the administration shipping bill before the senate and the other to displace that measure.

Three separate and distinct efforts were made during the day to break the deadlock through a unanimous consent agreement to vote a designated time upon the pending motion to lay aside the shipping bill and to take up the Norris agricultural financing measure, but each time an objection nullified the attempt.

While finding that the unsuccessful result of these efforts, debate ran far afield, ranging from a discussion of the disposition of Muscle Shoals to charges that Ambassador Harvey at London through his recent statement on the European situation, had endeavored to affect the cotton and grain markets in the United States.

Shipping and agricultural relief legislation, however, was not mentioned. The senate adjourned administration leaders were frankly pessimistic over the possibility of a vote within several weeks upon the shipping bill.

Chief Justice, however, expressed that the Christmas recess would come and go without a break in the struggle for dominance between those trying to keep the ship bill before the senate until a final credit legislation can be reported from the banking and currency committee, and those members of the alliance formed between foes of the ship bill and advocates of the Norris agricultural bill.

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Clemenceau Back in French Capital With Happy Remembrances

PARIS, Dec. 20.—(By The Associated Press).—Georges Clemenceau, France's noted war-time premier, returned to Paris today from a 39-day trip to the United States. He brought back with him what he termed happy remembrance that the people of America still love France and also two boxes of grapefruit, which he declared would contribute to his longevity.

Although he seemed to be in a rarely good-natured mood, nevertheless close friends claimed to have seen evidence that his strenuous tour in the United States had left its impression upon him.

No official welcome awaited Clemenceau, either at Havre, where he landed this morning from the steamer Paris, or in the capital. Numerous friends, however, greeted him at Havre and also in Paris.

Official notice of his return was lacking due to his expressed wish. The "Paris" newspaper, however, in its view of what had been accomplished during his tour took refuge behind the brusque manner he so well knows how to assume when occasion requires. He indicated by a few casual phrases that his strenuous tour in the United States had left its impression upon him.

"They have got sense enough," he declared. He added that for him his journey was the chapter that ended his career. He said he was moved by the sense of fatigue which sooner or later must terminate his interest in the influences of earthly matters; like a true Frenchman he was yearning for the quick peace of solitude.

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SURVIVORS IDENTIFY TWO OF DEFENDANTS AS MEMBERS OF MOB

Prostrate From Wounds Witness Saw Others Slaughtered at Herrin

BLOOD CURDLING STORIES ARE TOLD

Mine Guard Tells of Seeing His Comrade's Head Blown Off by Rioter

MARION, Ills., Dec. 20.—(By The Associated Press).—Peter Miller and Otis Clark, two of the five defendants on trial charged with murder in connection with the Herrin riots, were pointed out in court as two of the members of the mob by two of the four survivors who took the witness stand today.

The survivors, who occupied the stand most of the day, were William Cairns, P. J. O'Rourke, Bernard Jones and Robert Officer, the latter a University of Pennsylvania graduate, was a bookkeeper at the strip mine where the riot started and which resulted in the death of 20 non-union men. The first three were guards at the mine.

Cairns testified that the 48 men in the mine surrendered under a white flag between 5:30 and 6 o'clock the morning of June 22 and were marched out of the pit with their hands above their heads after being told that they would not be harmed. He said he had seen C. McDowell, the crippled superintendent of the mine, led away by Otis Clark, who had a gun, and another man.

"We were marched on until we came to a barbed wire fence," he said, "and some one shouted, 'All men get your line up to the right,' and then some one else cried: 'Now you fellows run. Then the firing started,' he said. When he was wounded and lying beside the fence with two bullets in his body, Cairns said he saw a man come up to another wounded man who was leaning against a tree and fire into his body, after shouting, 'You great big f---er; can't you kill you?'"

The witness said he was picked up and taken to a hospital by Sheriff Thaxton about an hour later. O'Rourke told of being shot twice in the face, of bleeding through the gun, until he was re-captured and marched with five other bleeding, pleading victims, through Herrin, to a cemetery outside the city, where all six were shot down in the road. The witness said he remembered seeing a young Christian in the crowd to bring him water and, in the name of his mother, for some one to notify her of his fate. He said some one knelt over him and slashed his throat with a pocket knife. O'Rourke was picked up by seven bullet wounds in his body.

Jones testified that he had raised a white flag at the mine on the order of McDowell, and was told by the leader of the attackers that those in the mine would be taken to a safe place. He said he had acted as a guide for water tank from June 14 to the 19th, but was not disturbed during this time. Jones said he was given a shot gun and quoted McDowell as saying:

"We don't want any trouble, but we can't have our shovels blown up. Isn't it true that you were instructed to bring some one and start trouble, so troops would be called out?" he was asked, and replied:

"That is absolutely not true." Another witness, Dr. J. W. Billots, of Marion, testified that after the riot he had heard Bert Grace, another of the defendants, boast that he had prevented some one from giving one of the men wounded at the cemetery a drink of water.

Donald M. Ewing, a Chicago newspaper man, had previously testified that Grace had prevented him from giving a drink to one of the wounded, and another witness, however, said he had seen Grace shooting in the cemetery.

A. T. Norman, a Herrin hardware dealer, testified that on the afternoon of June 21 a crowd of men and boys came into his store and got three guns and asked him to charge them. He said the Herrin miners' local, Norman said he refused and asked for names, and they gave two, and said they wanted the guns in a hurry.

A. A. Mosely, another hardware dealer of Marion, testified that 15 or 20 men came into his store the afternoon of June 21 and seized nine shot guns and told him to charge them to the Herrin locals, and if he wanted verification to call up Hugh Willis or Will Davis, miners' officials. Robert Herron, chief of police of Herrin, who, one of the witnesses testified, was a spectator of the death march through the town, announced his resignation today.

Most of the remaining time of the hearing today was taken up with an inquiry into the building trades cases growing out of the Lockwood committee investigation in New York.

Goldsboro Publisher Weds in Washington

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—R. F. Beasley, North Carolina newspaper publisher, was married here at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon to Mrs. Clyde Powell Dowell, daughter of Rev. George J. Dowell, of Raleigh.

The wedding was at the home of Arthur E. Dowell, an uncle of the bride, in Cleveland Park. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Bigelow, pastor of Congregational church. Miss Harriett Beasley, of Monroe, came here to attend the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Beasley will spend a few days at the Willard hotel and upon their return to North Carolina will reside at Goldsboro.

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC AT CASWELL TRAINING SCHOOL

(Special to The Star.) KINSTON, Dec. 20.—An influenza epidemic raged at the Caswell training school, state institution for the feeble-minded here, today. The superintendent issued an appeal for volunteer nurses. No serious cases were reported.