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KING NICHOLAS YIELDS SCUTARI

When Russia Joins the Concert of Powers Montenegrins Decide to Quit the Fortress.

OTHER COMPENSATION MAY BE GIVEN THEM

New Territory Said to Have Been Promised—Proposed Military Excursions Abandoned.

By Associated Press. London, May 5.—Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign minister, announced at today's meeting of the ambassadors that Montenegro unconditionally had placed the question of the future of Scutari in the hands of the European powers.

The decision reached by King Nicholas at the last moment had the effect of relieving immediately the tension in European politics. It caused unbounded satisfaction to diplomats and the general public. The stock exchange responded at once.

It is generally hoped that this action of Montenegro will do away with all necessity for military incursions into Albania such as Austria and Italy were contemplating against Esad Pasha, Djavid Pasha and other independent leaders.

Cettinje, May 5.—King Nicholas of Montenegro decided today to evacuate the fortress of Scutari in response to the demands of the European powers.

When he took possession of Scutari on April 23, after a six months' siege which cost the lives of thousands of Montenegrins and Turks, King Nicholas declared that he would hold the city until the last drop of Montenegrin blood had been shed. As the European powers had decided previously that Scutari was to form part of the future autonomous state of Albania, a crisis was brought about and the powers immediately brought strong pressure to bear to force him and his troops to evacuate the place.

In the meanwhile Austria took energetic steps to enforce the powers' decision, and concentrated large bodies of troops in Bosnia, Herzegovina and Dalmatia. The powers, in the interim, instituted a blockade of the Montenegro coast. All these demonstrations, however, seemed not to affect the determination of King Nicholas. Some of the Montenegrin troops were withdrawn from Scutari in order, it was said, to resist a possible Austrian advance.

Then word came that Austria and Italy had entered into an agreement to solve the Albanian problem by a military expedition, and it was known that the Austrian army was preparing to march forward.

Russia's Attitude. The attitude of Russia under these circumstances was a matter of great concern to Europe and when she joined in the pressure exercised on Montenegro, great relief was felt as it had been thought she would resist any attempt by Austria to order her army southward.

It was suggested during the negotiations that the king of Montenegro was to receive territorial compensation in some other direction if he would give up Scutari and that his majesty was preparing to accept this offer.

DISTRICT CONVENTION

Bishop Horner Will Preside at Session in Waynesville Tomorrow and Wednesday.

The Waynesville district convention of the Episcopal church of Western North Carolina will meet in Waynesville tomorrow and Wednesday. Delegates from Morganton, Tryon, Hendersonville, Asheville, Brevard and other cities of the western section of this state will attend these meetings, the Waynesville Enterprise says. They will be the guests of the members of that parish.

There will be a number of distinguished speakers at these meetings. Bishop Horner will preside at this convention. The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings.

"CLEAN GOVERNMENT" MEN SEEM DEFEATED

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, May 5.—"The clean government" forces apparently are beaten in the election today, only R. B. Sewell remaining to be elected. O. G. King, on whom the hardest fight was made, seems to be ahead of William Dowell, Franklin McNeill and Mayor Johnson are running close for mayor, with Johnson ahead.

Dr. Moore Dies of Wounds. By Associated Press. Columbia, S. C., May 5.—Dr. S. C. Moore of Luray, S. C., who was rushed to a Columbia hospital after he was shot Wednesday by Richard Henry Austin, the negro desperado, died today. His body was shipped to his home this afternoon.

GOMPERS TO JAIL IS COURT DECREE

District Court of Appeals, However, Reduces His Sentence to 30 Days in Contempt Case and Lets Others off With \$500 Fines.

By Associated Press. Washington, May 5.—The contempt of court judgments upon Samuel Gompers, Frank Morrison and John Mitchell, officials of the American Federation of Labor, were sustained today by the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, which, however, revised the sentences to give Gompers 30 days imprisonment and fine Mitchell and Morrison \$500 each, with no jail term.

The chief justice of the court, dissenting, held that the entire judgment should be reversed. The lower court gave Gompers one year, Mitchell nine months and Morrison six months without option of fine. All were convicted of violating a court injunction in the noted Bucks Store and Range case.

Kern to Press Inquiry Into Mine Strike Riots

By Associated Press. Washington, May 5.—After reading a statement by Governor Hatfield of West Virginia, denying allegations of peonage and a reign of terror in the Paint Creek and Cabin Creek coal districts, Senator Kern today reiterated his intention to press his resolution for a federal inquiry into the West Virginia coal field situation.

"I have never pretended," declared Senator Kern, "to have had personal knowledge of conditions in West Virginia. I have stated facts as they have been presented to me. Opposition to investigation which has come from various quarters, has done more than anything else to arouse my suspicion as to the conditions existing there."

200 SUMMONED TO PHAGAN INQUEST

Identity of Atlanta Girl's Murderer Is Still a Mystery—Jury Resumer.

By Associated Press. Atlanta, May 5.—Despite diligent efforts to discover the identity of persons who murdered 14 years old Mary Phagan and hid her body in the basement of the National Pencil company factory where it was discovered one week ago yesterday, police and detectives are apparently as far as ever from solving the mystery.

With the third session of the coroner's inquest for this afternoon and the probability that Next Lee, the negro watchman held as a suspect, will take the stand public interest is augmented today. It is believed this morning that Leo M. Frank, manager of the pencil company, also held as a suspect, might appear as a witness. More than 200 employees of the company, many of them girls, have been summoned to appear at the inquest and the police throw light upon the crime.

The new grand jury will be empaneled today, and there is strong probability that Solicitor-General Dorsey will place the case in the hands of that body Tuesday morning.

TO INQUIRE INTO WAGE REDUCTIONS

Government Will Investigate Business Changes Following Enactment of Tariff Law.

By Associated Press. Washington, May 5.—If reductions in wages of workmen follow the enactment of the democratic tariff bill, the investigating powers of the department of commerce will be called in to establish whether they are of a bona fide nature, according to Secretary Redfield.

President Wilson has said he would try to learn the cause of any reductions of pay after the passage of the bill and to callers today he indicated a general approval of Mr. Redfield's ideas.

Mr. Redfield declared at the White House that probably the first inquiry would be into the pottery industry, for which he said representations had been made that a reduction in wages would follow changes in duties.

"We want to see," said Secretary Redfield, "whether any changes in wages, particularly those that affect wages, are directly necessary in the industries affected, or whether some business men are just bluffing. In other words, we do not feel disposed to accept at par statements of the interests themselves as to the effects of the tariff bill, but will make a thorough investigation through the bureau of domestic and foreign commerce."

The secretary indicated that his department would observe business in general after the tariff bill had gone into effect and if changes in the tariff seemed necessary the data collected would be a basis for discussion in congress at later sessions.

LAWYER FLAYS THE MILITANTS

Their Newspaper Denounced as "an Organ of Crime" and Their Leaders as "Miscreants."

KEEN INTEREST SHOWN IN THE PROSECUTION

Chemist Described as the "Brains" of the Reign of Terror in the British Capital.

By Associated Press. London, May 5.—Great interest was taken today in the police court proceedings against the suffragette leaders held on charges of conspiracy under the malicious damage act.

Archibald Bodkin, prosecuting counsel, in opening the case, said the defendants had been constantly meeting together. He referred to "General" Mrs. Drummond as "a violent and unscrupulous woman." He said Clayton, the chemist in whose possession was found documents describing a plan for burning down buildings in London had put his brains at the disposal of the women for carrying out crimes and producing what their own paper described as "a reign of terror in London."

From the comfortable seclusion of Paris, Mr. Bodkin added, Miss Christabel Pankhurst had sent an article every week to the suffragette paper, either commending what had happened during the preceding week or inciting to further acts of militancy.

In illustrating the control exercised by Mrs. Emmaline Pankhurst over the "wild women," Mr. Bodkin called attention to her declaration of a truce while parliament was discussing the government's franchise bill. At a word from her, he said, militancy stopped only to be resumed at her command when the bill was withdrawn.

"The doings of these miscreants," he continued, "were openly published in the newspaper, The Suffragette," which is an organ of crime.

Referring to the conspiracy revealed in the correspondence of the chemist, Clayton, with Miss Annie Kenney, Mr. Bodkin said: "It is a terrible thing for a man to prostitute his knowledge to carry out such wicked acts as the burning of buildings and the explosion of bombs."

"The documents seized at the headquarters of the militant suffragettes included receipts for money paid to apparently qualified them to be placed on the pension list."

In Miss Harriet Kerr's room were found letters from an engineer named Buckner, living in Hamburg, Germany, offering to sell for \$750 a large quantity of pungent powder for use in music halls, theaters and other public places. The powder was guaranteed to cause violent sneezing and tremulous irritation of the skin.

Another letter read by Mr. Bodkin referred to a proposal by the suffragettes to damage some dock yards in Great Britain. The cost of the scheme, \$100,000, was immediately accepted.

When Mrs. Beatrice Saunders was arrested and searched at the militant headquarters she attempted to destroy a letter giving details of the investments made by the woman's social and political union in foreign bonds. A large number of checks for "very large amounts" were found.

In concluding his address for the prosecution, Mr. Bodkin asked the magistrate to send all the defendants for trial at the session.

PUBLIC HEARINGS DENIED BY SENATE

Simmons Says Those Most Interested in the Schedules Will File Briefs with Finance Committee—To Expedite Bill in the Upper Chamber.

By Associated Press. Washington, May 5.—No public hearings on the tariff revision bill are to be held by the senate finance committee, according to Senator Simmons, its chairman. This is expected to speed up consideration of the bill after it gets to the senate, probably Thursday. Senator Simmons said today that those most interested in the schedules were content to file briefs setting forth their views and recommendations.

It is the present view of the finance committee chairman that the committee will have the bill under consideration about 10 days or two weeks at most. After that two weeks will be given senators to prepare for debate on the floor. The bill is expected to be reported to the senate about June 1, at the latest.

Republican leaders, it is reported, are planning to move, when the bill comes from the house, to refer it to the finance committee with instructions for public hearings.

The republican-progressives feud broke out anew, when Representative Murdock referred to Representative Humphreys as "the dyspeptic gentleman from Washington, understudy of the republican leader, Mr. Mann."

"The members of the progressive party have no rings in their noses," he shouted. "They are not led around as the gentlemen from Washington has been for years in this body."

Mr. Murdock read a printed letter from progressive county chairman in Wisconsin, reading Representative Lenoort into the democratic party, and then caused some consternation by declaring that several members sitting on the floor as republicans had been elected as progressives by progressive votes.

Representative Mann replied to Mr. Murdock, whom he characterized as "free trader for everything not produced in his district."

Indefinite Extension of Time Denied Railroads

By Associated Press. Washington, May 5.—The Supreme court today extended the time in which the Union Pacific Railroad company must dispose of its 46 per cent in the Southern Pacific stock from May 12 to July 1, thus only partially complying with the request of Union Pacific attorneys for an indefinite extension of time.

The general effect of the decision is a victory for the federal government, Attorney General McInnes said, an extension longer than July 1. The request for extension was made by the railroad attorneys when it became apparent that the circuit judge would not be able in the allotted time to pass upon the dissolution plan recently submitted. The attorneys requested an indefinite extension.

Sale of the stock by the Union Pacific was made necessary on December 2, 1912, when the Supreme court decided that its ownership by the Union Pacific effected a combination with the Southern Pacific, a competing road in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. The court gave the Union Pacific until May 12 to dispose of its holdings.

Special to The Gazette-News. Waynesville, May 5.—Robert, 12 years old son of Robert Noland, was burned to death in the family home at Fines Creek, 25 miles from here, Saturday night. The other members of the family barely escaped in their night clothing. The building was entirely consumed and with it all the furniture, valuable papers and \$40 in cash.

Young Robert returned home about 11 o'clock from a meeting for rehearsal of exercises to be given at a Sunday school entertainment. About an hour later the family awakened to find the fire well advanced and burning fiercely, the roof having begun to fall in.

It is supposed that the lamp used by the boy in getting ready for bed must have exploded. The house was valued at \$2000, and there was no insurance.

FRENCH BROAD PEOPLE ASK FOR BETTER ROADS

Delegation Will Appear Before County Commissioners Tomorrow.

A delegation representing the central western part of Buncombe county will appear before the board of county commissioners tomorrow in the interest of having the Macadam road now extending from Asheville to the Elk Mountain cotton mill extended to the Madison county line. This delegation will be headed by R. S. Morris of Alexander, and will be made up of the leading citizens of that section of the county. They will appear before the commissioners at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Morris has asked that an invitation be extended to all good roads enthusiasts of the county and city who are in Asheville tomorrow to join the delegation and lend their efforts to securing this road. The distance from the Elk Mountain mill to the Madison line is nine miles, and the people of that section believe that it would mean a great deal to the entire county to have it completed at once.

The road already completed is one of the best in the county, and the Alexander people are of the opinion that the other end should be completed now so that the people of the remote section of the county may have full benefit of it before it is worn out. That argument, together with others, will be advanced tomorrow. It is understood that the commissioners will accord them a favorable hearing.

COUNTY ISSUES \$100,000 BONDS

Issue Sold to C. N. Malone & Co., of Asheville—Half of Proceeds to Be Spent on Roads.

BALANCE TO BE USED REFUNDING DEBTS

Roads in French Broad, Sandy Mush, Newfound, Ivy, Flat Creek and Reems Creek to Be Improved.

The commissioners of Buncombe county have issued bonds in the sum of \$100,000. Of this issue the commissioners purpose using \$50,000 for the improvement of roads in various parts of the county; and about \$50,000 will be used for the funding of floating debts. The bonds have been taken by the firm of C. N. Malone & Co., of this city. The price has not yet been announced.

The issue for the \$50,000 for roads was made at the urgent requests of a great many citizens of the county. It is stated to be the intention of the commissioners to improve the roads in French Broad township, in Sandy Mush and Newfound; and the road from the Madison county line to Blackstock's store and that from Swannanoa to Black Mountain will also be improved. It is likely that almost all of the \$50,000 in work will be done by contractors, and that for the present the convicts will be kept where they are.

The commissioners are of the opinion that with the money obtained for the bonds they can put the roads of the county, of the most important ones, in excellent condition, after which the entire force of convicts can be used almost altogether for the maintenance of the roads already improved. And some of them are badly in need of repair.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon citizens of the Weaverville and North Buncombe section appeared before the commissioners and asked that the Weaverville road be improved, to Weaverville at least. It was pointed out that there is now an excellent road from Blackstock's to Democrat, and that it cannot be used to the greatest advantage while the road from Asheville to Weaverville is in its present condition. It was asked that the road be repaired before summer.

After the commissioners had been asked to repair the Weaverville road, they passed a resolution to the effect that the road from Asheville to Weaverville by way of Woolsey should be put in good condition, the work to begin about the middle of the month; and another that a road to the Forks of Ivy should be completed by winter.

The commissioners ordered that the \$50,000 obtained from the sale of the 5 per cent special road bonds be placed in the Central Bank and Trust company in certificates of the denomination of \$5000 or less, to be drawn out as it is needed for the work.

SUIT FOR \$3000 DAMAGES AGAINST THE SOUTHERN

On Account of Death of F. M. Davis, Instituted by Georgia Davis, Admrx.

Alleging that F. M. Davis was killed by a train near Biltmore while crossing a trestle, on April 10, and that the death was caused by the negligence of the employees of the defendant company, Georgia Davis, administratrix, has brought suit against the Southern railway for the recovery of damage in the sum of \$3000.

It is recited in the complaint that the plaintiff's intestate was walking across the trestle on the Hendersonville road about one mile south of Biltmore on the date mentioned; that it was about 11 o'clock; that the employees of the defendant could have seen the intestate by the exercise of reasonable diligence; and that the deceased was given no warning of the approach of the train which ran over him.

Raising Funds for Darrow. (By Associated Press) Chicago, May 5.—Officers of the Chicago Federation of Labor today began raising funds for the financial aid of Clarence Darrow, the attorney who defended the McNamara brothers at Los Angeles and who will soon face his third trial for bribery in the California city. The attorney's friends declare he is penniless as a result of his two trials.

Oresto Quells Disorder in Hasti. (By Associated Press) Port au Prince, Haiti, May 5.—Michel Oresto, vice president of Haiti, elected yesterday, already has displayed great energy in the suppression of disorder. He declares he will maintain peace with a strong hand.

Secret Divorce Trials Barred. (By Associated Press) London, May 5.—The possibility of secret proceedings in divorce and other suits in this country was put to an end today by a judgment delivered by the house of lords, sitting as the highest court of appeals.

Victim Robert Noland, Jr., of Fines Creek, Haywood—Other Barely Escaped.

Grand Jury Chosen and Superior Court, Judge Adams Presiding, Begins.

Superior court for the trial of criminal cases has convened with Judge W. J. Adams of Carthage presiding. Until now most of the time of the court has been taken with the selection of the grand jury and with the judge's charges. Only two cases have been disposed of. Will Stinson, colored, was charged with maintaining a nuisance. He submitted and judgment was suspended on payment of the costs. Jim Lytle was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and was recommended to the mercy of the court.

The trial of the case of John Huff, charged with the murder of Patrolman E. C. McConnell, is set for Thursday, Friday and Saturday; and the sheriff is now preparing to summon a venire for the jury in the case.

SLAYS HUSBAND WHO HAD UNBRAIDED HIM

(By Associated Press) Chicago, May 5.—Harry Lacomt, a government inspector at the Panama canal, was shot and killed here yesterday by Joseph A. Williams, an art student. Lacomt is said to have believed that Williams had been too friendly with his wife. Williams said he fired in self-defense. Mrs. Lacomt is 17 years old. Williams is under arrest.

Atlanta Journal Company Wins Suit

By Associated Press. Washington, May 5.—The government's appeal from the action of the federal court in Northern Georgia in annulling the indictment against the Atlanta Journal company on charges of conspiracy to violate the second class mailing privilege was today dismissed for want of jurisdiction by the supreme court.

King Goes to Join Cincinnati Team

By Associated Press. Kansas City, Mo., May 5.—John Kling, former catcher of the Chicago National league team and last year's manager of the Boston Nationals, left last night for Cincinnati, where he will proceed to New York to report to Manager Joe Tinker of the Cincinnati team. Before leaving Kling once more said this would be his last year in baseball.

"I am in good shape," he said, "and I expect to end my career in a blaze of glory."

To Haze King's Bridge Tavern.

By Associated Press. N. Y., May 5.—King's Bridge Tavern a landmark of 100 years standing and a resort where Edgar Allan Poe used to wait for his manuscript to come back from unappreciative editors, is about to give way to the march of progress. It is on the site of what will be the new American league baseball park next summer at 226th street and Broadway.