

SOME OPPOSITION TO ABRIGATION OF TREATY DEVELOPS

Alliance With Japan by Russia. Injuring Oriental Trade Has Been Suggested

MANY MESSAGES ALONG THIS LINE RECEIVED

Assurance Given That Resolution Will be Reported to Senate Immediately

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Opposition to the senate program for immediate action on the Suler house resolution looking to the termination of the Russian treaty of 1832 is developing among some senators.

This view will be presented to the committee on foreign relations when it meets next Monday in accordance with Chairman Cullom's promise to take up the resolution.

There is a possibility of ultimate delay on account of changes in the resolution which would require the concurrence of the house.

UNDER COVER OF DUSK NEGROES WERE RUSHED TO JAIL AT CHARLOTTE

Lynching of Alleged Murderers of Wealthy Young Couple Threatened ONE CONFESSES

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 15.—Charged with the murder of Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon, a prominent and wealthy young couple of Cleveland county Wednesday morning, John and Hack Ross, brothers, and Will Ross, their cousin, negroes, were formally committed by the coroner's jury this morning and tonight were hurried to jail to prevent lynching which had been threatened all day.

Hundreds of farmers were in Shelby attending court and excitement ran high. After some delay it became whispered that the hearing had been postponed and the impatient citizens began to wend their way toward the jail.

"SHOOTING SHOW GIRLS" FREED BY VERDICT OF JURY

Hysterics Seized "the Spirited Miss Conrad" When Verdict Was Announced—In Exactly Fifty-Eight Minutes Jury Decided.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The verdict of "not guilty" was returned late today freeing Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad of criminal charges on which they had been held since last June for shooting the millionaire sportsman and hotel proprietor, W. E. D. Stokes. The jury reached its verdict in slightly less than an hour's deliberation—58 minutes to be exact.

The "shooting show girls" were tried on an indictment of three counts, the first charging an attempt to murder Stokes. Of consideration of this count, however, the jurors were relieved by Justice Marcus, at the request of the district attorney. The court restricted the jury to the second and third counts, which charged respectively, assault in the first degree, with intent to kill, and assault in the second degree, with intent to do bodily injury.

When the foreman announced the words "not guilty," Miss Conrad stood "thank God" and went into violent hysterics. She sank to the counsel table, then jumped up again shrieking and tearing her hair and throwing her arms about wildly. It was a surprise to the spectators, for Miss Conrad had kept much the better nerve of the two defendants throughout the trial.

The girl's hysteria continued for fully ten minutes, before friends succeeding in quieting her. She recovered as suddenly as she was attacked, and with Miss Graham on her arm, issued from the court room to be greeted with cheers by a large crowd gathered outside.

INTEREST NOW CENTERS IN PEACE CONFERENCE; QUIET IN MOST PLACES

Dilatory Fighting Continues in the Vicinity of Shih-Kai Chwang

ABDICATION ASKED

PEKING, Dec. 15.—Fighting continues in the vicinity of Shih-Kai Chwang. The commander of the imperial troops there recently asked the government to send him \$300,000 Mexican money with which to pay the troops. He received a reply promising him \$10,000. The money was not forwarded, however, and as discontent among his troops was spreading the commander seized the opportunity to break the armistice which was in effect and to take his men into action and keep them engaged until the funds with which to pay them arrived.

ABDICATION DEMANDED SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 15.—Immediate abdication of the Manchu emperor and recognition of the republic or renewal of hostilities were the instructions sent by General Li Yuan Heng, commander-in-chief of the revolutionary forces, to the republican representative at the Shanghai peace conference, according to dispatches received here today.

ter taking four ballots. On three of them the jurymen voted each time 11 to 1 for acquittal the one man dissenting being in favor of a conviction on second degree assault. The spectators, who crowded the court room, did not appear to be greatly surprised. No one was present representing Stokes, except counsel. His young wife, who had been in the court room most of the day, decided not to wait the outcome. It was said at the Hotel Ansonia some hours later that the verdict had not been announced to Stokes up to that time. He was said to be still dangerously ill, and in considerable pain following the recent operation for the removal of an abscess on his kidney.

Girls Attacked "Law must be enforced to be enabled, not be laughed at, gizzed at, spat upon and danced upon and sung over on vaudeville stage," were some of Mr. Buckner's words. He referred to the contention of counsel for the defense that Mr. Stokes could not be punished and that the girls had been punished enough.

Judge Marcus in his charge cautioned the jurors not to let their emotions overrun their reason simply because the defendants were women. Stokes was shot when he called at the apartment of the show girls on the night of June 7. He said he had gone there at the invitation of Miss Conrad, with the expectation of getting letters he had written to Miss Graham and that when he found the girls laid before him a demand for money with a flourish of revolvers and a threat to shoot. The girls declared that Stokes attacked them and that he seized their revolvers long enough to fire two shots, and they shot also several bullets taking effect in the millionaire's legs.

OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION INTO CAUSE OF DISASTER AT THE CROSS MT. MINE

Government and State Mining Inspection Department Are Now at Work

MORE BODIES FOUND

BRUCEVILLE, Ten., Dec. 15.—Official investigation into the cause of the disaster in the Cross Mountain coal mine on Saturday last have been inaugurated. The federal government and the state mining inspection department are making critical examinations of the mines with a view to framing a report as to what caused the disaster.

Dr. J. W. Reul and Dr. J. J. Rutledge of Pittsburgh, and Dr. E. H. Groves of Birmingham, federal mine experts, are making the investigation for the United States bureau of mines. The state inspection is being made by State Mine Inspector Geo. T. Sylvester and Assistant Mine Inspector W. D. Richards. Up to 8 o'clock tonight seven more bodies had been recovered from the mine today, six of the number having been taken out early this morning. Three other bodies were located but have not been brought out. These bring the total up to sixty-six dead and five rescued.

A Saturday Night Hold-up.



FORT RILEY FOR NINE MONTHS HAS BEEN ALMOST IN STATE OF TERROR

Officers Have Received Letters Threatening Death and Destruction of Fort—Has Been Under Double Guard—Destruction Has Cost Government Million Dollars—Sixth Private Arrested in Connection With Crimes.

JUNCTION CITY, Kan., Dec. 15.—Trumpeter John Crill, of Battery E, sixth field artillery, was arrested late today in connection with the dynamite explosion and fires at Fort Riley which cost the government one million dollars. Crill is the sixth soldier arrested since the investigation of the explosion became public, following Private Michael Quirk's confession that he caused the explosion at the instigation of the Rev. Charles M. Brewer, ex-chaplain at the fort.

Under Double Guard Night and day since early last spring Fort Riley has been under more than double guard, sentries have been posted constantly at the homes of the commissioned officers and guards have spent each night in the cellars of these homes in order to frustrate possible plans to destroy the houses by dynamite. It is estimated that the destruction wrought at the fort since last March has cost the government a million dollars.

The government bridge across the Kaw river was dynamited on the night of June 24. Care had been taken to explode the dynamite on that side of the river farthest from the fort's water mains. It was necessary to tear away part of the bridge in order to save any of it. No troops were in the fort when the fire destroyed the troop stable and killed 27 horses on June 25. The troops had been ordered out on a forced march.

CAROLINA LEAGUE WILL REMAIN INTACT IN 1912

Greenville Comes Forward and Deposits Guarantee Check of \$1,000

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 15.—At a meeting of the directors of the Carolina baseball association here, Greenville, S. C., came forward through her representatives and deposited the guarantee check of one thousand dollars. At the regular annual meeting held some time ago that city was not represented and it was generally understood that it would withdraw from the league. The action today sets at rest all rumors, the directors officially declaring that the association would remain intact for the season of 1912. A meeting will be held early next month to formulate a schedule.

MISTRIAL IN CHILDERS CASE

AMERICUS, Ga., Dec. 15.—After deliberating fifty hours without reaching a verdict, the jury in the case of Mert S. Childers on trial for the second time for the murder of his wife by poisoning, was discharged this afternoon. This is the second mistrial in the case in the last two months. The jury stood 9 to 3 for conviction. Childers, it was charged, administered poison to his young wife in medicine which she was taking. The case was one of the hardest fought in Lee county.



PROSECUTION GAINS ONE OF ITS STRONGEST POINTS

Judge Allows Locks Which Barred Girls' Escape to be Introduced

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—After hearing extended testimony to convince him that the exhibit was a proper one, Judge Crain, in general sessions late today allowed the lock on the door that is alleged to have barred the escape of the girl operators from the Triangle Waist company fire of March 25, last, to be introduced in evidence. Twice before during the day the court had refused to admit the exhibit as evidence against Isaac Harris and Max Blank who are on trial for manslaughter in the case of Margaret Schwartz, one of the 147 who died in the fire.

SUSPECTED OF ROBBING MAIL

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 15.—George H. Hill and Henry Elchorn, white men, were arrested today by post office inspectors in connection with the robbing of an Atlantic Coast Line passenger train of registered mail valued at \$5,000 near Hardeeville, S. C., last Tuesday. The men were taken in custody by Hardeeville and later confronted by members of the crew of the train which was held up. While no positive identification was made, it is claimed that the suspects answer the description of the robbers. A search of the room occupied by the two men under arrest disclosed a brace of pistols. Officers brought the alleged robbers to Savannah tonight and they were placed in the Chatham county jail.

LORIMER WILL TESTIFY JUST AFTER HOLIDAYS

Had Been Thought That He Would Take Stand Next Monday

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Senator Lorimer will not testify in his defense until congress reconvenes after the Christmas holidays. It was practically arranged to have him for a witness next Monday, but it was decided today to finish with all other witnesses before congress adjourns and hear Senator Lorimer after the recess. The hearing was unexpectedly lengthened today by a turn in the testimony of Edward Hines of Chicago, the lumberman who has been mentioned in the case as the "man who put Lorimer over."

Santa Claus Letters

The Citizen has received a message from Santa Claus asking us to forward immediately to his home at the North Pole all the letters which his little friends have sent him in care of The Citizen. Therefore The Citizen will not publish any of them this year.

Santa Claus further states that he advises the old fashioned methods of sending him letters. One of the best plans is to put the letters up the chimney the last thing before going to bed.

In his message Santa Claus was very particular to warn all the children to be very good between now and Christmas and to mind their parents. He says he has heard that a number of Asheville children have not been quite so obedient as they should be.

The Citizen hopes that these children will improve before Christmas eve so that they will not be disappointed when they come to look for their presents on the morning of the twenty-fifth.

SEEKING TO PROVE OTHERS CONNECTED WITH EXPLOSIONS

Federal Grand Jury Learns From Two Sources Details of Dynamiting Cases

HOTEL CLERKS WILL ADD THEIR TESTIMONY

This is Expected to Corroborate M'Manigal's Movements Through Country

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 15.—Government officials who are co-operating with District Attorney Miller in conducting the investigation of the dynamite conspiracy before the federal grand jury, issued from two sources today the details of explosions in which it is alleged others than the McNamaras were implicated.

W. E. Griffin, chief of police of Kansas City, Mo., who had knowledge of five explosions in Kansas City, was questioned about certain facts which it is said had never been revealed. These explosions all directed against structures erected by firms employing non-union men, occurred from 1908 to 1910. As not more than two of them were confessedly the work of Orin McManigal, Chief Griffin's information was sifted to ascertain who else might have destroyed the property. Much important testimony bearing on the records taken from the headquarters of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers was also obtained from Miss Mary Dye. Until several years ago Miss Dye, now of Pittsburgh, was confidential secretary in the iron workers' headquarters and as such had to do with the correspondence of J. J. McNamara, the secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Andrew J. Hill, the iron workers' former bookkeeper, also visited the federal building.

Hotel Clerks Summoned Many hotel clerks from various parts of the country have been summoned to tell what they know of the movements of McManigal, while he was on his dynamiting expedition. The hotel men are to be questioned chiefly to corroborate McManigal's confession wherein he relates visits to certain towns with a suit case filled with either dynamite or nitro-glycerine. It was intimated that the iron workers' officials were not opposing the government's efforts to expose all implicated in the dynamiting, the fact being pointed to that H. B. Hockin, acting secretary of the association, again conferred with District Attorney Miller.

It was while Hockin was absent that several wagon loads of papers recently were taken from the headquarters. Hockin refused to say whether they were taken with his consent. About thirty thousand papers are to be digested for the benefit of the grand jury.

MINISTER EXONERATED

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Dec. 15.—W. H. Mackey, deputy warden of the federal penitentiary here, formerly United States Marshal for Kansas, who investigated the explosions and fires at Fort Riley, in an interview tonight, declared neither the Rev. Mr. Brewer nor Mrs. Anna Jordan were implicated in the crimes. Brewer he said, was in Texas at the time and never returned to Junction City.