

SOME OPPOSITION TO ABRIGATION OF TREATY DEVELOPS

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

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Opposition to the senate program for immediate action on the Sulzer house resolution looking to the termination of the Russian treaty of 1822 is developing among some senators.

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

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 cried "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 girls' 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

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.

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

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.

ABDICATION DEMANDED

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 15.—Immediate abdication of the Manchou 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. General Li, now at Wu Chang, is reported as having declared that the revolutionary army was in position to enforce the representative's terms. The republican representative was further informed, the advice states, that banishment of the Manchou nobles to the Hot river in Manchuria must be insisted upon.

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 fire 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, chaplain at the fort.

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 town water mains. It was necessary to tear away part of the bridge in order to save any of it.

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.

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.

MISTRIAL IN CHILDERS CASE

AMERICUS, Ga., Dec. 15.—After deliberating fifty hours without reaching a verdict, the jury in the case of Mort 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.

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.



WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Forecast: North Carolina: rain Saturday; warmer central portion; Sunday clearing and colder; moderate southeast and south; winds becoming north-west Sunday.

SEEKING TO PROVE OTHERS CONNECTED WITH EXPLOSIONS

FEDERAL GRAND JURY LEARNS FROM TWO SOURCES DETAILS OF DYNAMITING CASES

HOTEL CLERKS WILL ADD THEIR TESTIMONY

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 McNamara were implicated.

Many hotel clerks from various parts of the country have been summoned to tell what they know of the movements of McNamara while he was on his dynamiting expeditions.

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 explosion and fire at Fort Riley, in an interview tonight, declared neither the Rev. Mr. Brewer nor Mrs. Anna Jordan were implicated in the crime.

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.