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SOME OPPOSITION TO ABROGATION OF TREATY DEVELOPS

Alliance With Japan by Russta. 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 .- Opposi tion to the senate program for immediate action on the Sulzer house olution looking to the termination of the Russian treaty of 1832 is developing among some senators. It is elieved largely on the theory that an estrangement between this country and Russian would have the effect bringing Russia into alliance Japan with the result of injuring the Oriental trade of the United States. Many telegrams advancing this idea were received during the day.

This view will be presented to the ommittee on foreign relations when it meets next Monday in accordance with Chairman Cullom's promise to take up the resolution. Senators Cul-lom and Lodge have given assurance that the Russian resolution would be reported to the senate after the Mofiday meeting of the committee. Sugstions have been made that Sec retary Knox be invited before the committee but as the committee's course was practically prescribed by the reference to it of the resolution. has been decided that it would not be consistent to invite possible opposition to the immediate action

There is a possibility of ultimate delay on account of changes in the Conse has intimated his intention of Conrad had misunderstood the opposing an amendment making the dict and her companion tried to assuler resolution, cover this point. If sure her that they were free. "Oh, the committee, and senate accept the I know." She mid. "Tell mother we massachusetts senator's view it will are free, tell her we are coming Massachusetts senator's view it will be necessary to send the resolution back to the house. If this circumboth houses before adjournment or Thursday for the Christmas holidays there would be no further necessity for haste as an entire session would might express itself.

UNDER COVER OF DUSK NEGROES WERE RUSHED INTEREST NOW CENTERS TO JAIL AT CHARLOTTE IN PEACE CONFERENCE;

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 preminent 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 Shel-by attending court and excitement ran high. After some delay it became whispered that the hearing had been pastponed and the impatient citizens began to wend their way toward the jail. Realizing the gravity of the situation the sheriff rang the court house bell and the crowd retraced its steps. There Judge Webb, the solicitor of the district and others harrangued them, pleading for law The coroner, who had been conducting a star chamber inquest in the meantime then appeared and read the report of his jury, assuring the spectators that the right men were in custody and would have

Governor Kitchin had been apprised of the seriousness of the situation and early this afternoon, wired the county authorities to remove the prisoners to Charlotte jail, stating althat he would call a special term of Cleveland court to try them. The negroes were spirited away under cover of dusk and landed in jail here tonight. The murder of the Dixons was one of the most atroglous in the state's annals. He was called from his bed Wednesday night and knocked in the bead with an axe, and with the same weapon the murderers slew his wife who lay asteep by the side of her tiny infant. One of the negroes has made a confession to the sheriff, giving as the motive exception of recognition of the mon-for the double crime the fact that archy as asked by Tang Shno-Yai, of Dixon held a mortgage on his mule, Dixon was thirty and his wife was

"SHOOTING SHOW GIRLS" FREED BY **VERDICT OF JURY**

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

Ethel Conrad of criminal charges on which they had been held since last June for shooting the million-airs sportsman and hotel proprietor, W. E. D. Stokes The jury reached its verdict in slightly less than an hour's deliberation-5 minutes to be exact.

tried on an indictment of three counts, the first charging an attempt 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.

While the jury was deliberating

the two defendants were held pris-oners in an adjoining room. Waiting was obviously a severe ordeal for both. When summoned to hear the verdict Miss Graham appeared completely unstrung and was assisted into the court room trembling in every limb. The more spirited Miss Conrad came unassisted, but she seemed highly nervous.

Miss Conrad Hysterical
When the foreman announced the words "not guilty," Miss Conrad cried "thank God" and went into violent hysterics. She sank to the counse table, then jumped up again shriek-ing 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. On the other hand, resolution which would require the Miss Graham, who continually wept concurrence of the house. Mest of during the trial and sobbed the more the senators are of the opinion that when she heard the verdict, recovnotice of abrogation provided for ered herself when she saw her com by the treaty must run for a year panion so affected, and acted as the after the first of the next January comforter to her younger friend.

suggesting action upon it. Senator It was at first thought that Miss Course has intimated his intention of Course had misunderstood the ver-

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. Many persons stepped forward their hands. They stepped into a taxicab and were whirled away

The jury arrived at its verdict of- legs.

in the Vicinity of Shih-

ABDICATION ASKED

PEKING, Dec. 15.—Fighting continues in the vicinity of Shih-Kai

Chwang. The commander of the im-

perial troops there recently asked the

government to send him \$300,000

Mexican money with which to pay the

troops. He received a reply promis-

ing him \$10,000. The money was not

forwarded, however and as discon-tent among his troops was spreading

the commander selzed the opportunity

to break the armistice which was in

tion and keep them engaged until the

Elsewhere in the empire all is re-

ported quiet. Interest now seems cen-

tered in the approaching peace con-

hal on the arrival there of Tang Shao

Yie, the representative of Yuan Shi

ABDICATION DEMANDED

Immediate abdication of the Manchu

emperor and recognition of the re-

public or renewal of hostilities were

the instructions sent by General Li

Yuen Heng, commander-in-chief of

the revolutionary forces, to the re-

publican representative at the Shang-hai peace conference, according to

dispatches received here today. Gen-

eral Li, now at Wu Chang, is report-

ed as having declared that the revo-

lutionary army was in position to en-

force the representative's terms. The

republic's representative was further

informed, the advice states, that ban-

Hot river in Manchuria must be in-

General Li also states that with the

the proposals of the imperialists to

constitution and other reforms, were satisfactory to the revolutionists.

sisted upon.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 15,-

funds with which to pay them ar-

Kai Chwang

NEW YORK, Dec. 15-The verdict | ter taking four ballots. On three of of "not guilty" was returned late them the jurymen voted each lime today freeing Lillian Graham and 11 to 1 for acquittel the 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 wag 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. The summing up argument which Assistant District Attorwas a dramatic feature of the late afternoon session of court. He flourished the revolvers with which the girls had shot Stokes and punctuated his recital of the shooting and his rching denunciation of both Stokes and the girls by frequent snaps of

> Girls Attacked "Law must be enforced to be en-nobled, not be laughed at, gluster 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.

"Perhaps it is no punishment," he said, "for a man with a six months' bride and a fourteen year eld son to have such things nawked about him in every village and Lam-let as have been published in this state. And how have these siris been punished? While Siokes was nursing these wounds they hung his bloody trousers outside of a theatre and asked the public to deposit its mos-

Judge Marcus in his charge cau tioned the juries not to let their emotions overrun their reason simple because the defendants were women. Finites 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 got there 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 shots, and they shot also several bullets taking effect in the millionaire's

OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION INTO CAUSE OF DISASTER AT THE CROSS MT. MINE **OUIET IN MOST PLACES**

Government and State Min-Dilatory Fighting Continues ing Inspection Department Are Now at Work

MORE BODIES FOUND

BRICEVILLE, 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 examin- for the season of 1913. A meeting ations of the mines with a view to framing a report as to what caused

.Dr. J. W. Reul and Dr. J. J. Rutledge of Pittsburg, and Dr E. H. Groves of Birmingham, federal mine deliberating fifty hours without reachexperts, are making the investigation for the United States bureau of mines. The state inspection is being T. Sylvester and Assistant Mine In-spector W. D. Richards. Up to 8 o'clock tonight seven more bedies 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

Arthur Smith, whose body was found today, was a brother of J. E. Smith, one of the survivors. He was a member of the Henderson party, five members of which were rescued, and died in an effort to get out of the mine while the others were content to await the coming of

the rescuers. A petition was freely circulated today and liberally signed condemning the taking of moving pictures at the cene of the disaster and calling upon all friends of the miners not to patronize places where the, were ex- North Carolina; hibited. Thus far according to the records, the explosion has caused 31 clearing and colder; moderate south-



A Saturday Night Hold-up.

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never returned to Junction City.

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fense until congress reconvenes after the Christmas holidays. It was prac-

tically arranged to have him for a

witness next Monday, but it was de-

cided today to finish with all other

before congress adjourns

Monday

CAROLINA LEAGUE WILL PROSECUTION GAINS ONE LORIMER WILL TESTIFY REMAIN INTACT IN 1912 OF ITS STRONGEST POINTS JUST AFTER HOLIDAYS

Introduced

Greenville Comes Forward Judge Allows Locks Which and Deposits Guarantee Check of \$1,000

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 15 .- At meeting of the directors of the Carojina baseball association here, Greenville, S. C., came forward posited the guarantee obeck of one city was not represented and it was tion today sets at rest all rumors, the directors officially declaring that the association would remain intact will be held early next month to formulate a schedule.

MISTRIAL IN CHILDERS CASE

AMERICUS, Ga., Dec. 15 .- After ing a verdict, the jury in the case of Mort S. Childers on trial for the second time for the murder of his wife in the case in the last two months. The jury stood 9 to 3 for conviction. Childers, it was charged, administon to his young wife in medicine which she was taking. The case was one of the hardest fought



WASHINGTON, Dec. 15-Porecast: central portion; Sunday brace of pistols. widows and rendered 21 children east and south winds, becoming north- to Savannah tonight and they were fatherless.

Had Been Thought That He Barred Girls' Escape to be Would Take Stand Next

NEW 'YORK, Dec. 15 .- After hearing extended testimeny to convince him that the exhibit was a proper one, Judge Crain, in general secthrough her representatives and de- sions late today allowed the lock on the door that is alleged to have barthousand dollars. At the regular an- red the escape of the girl operators nual meeting held some time ago that from the Triangle Waist company fire of March 25, last, to be introgenerally understood that it would duced in evidence. Twice before durwithdraw from the league. The ac- ing the day the court had refused to admit the exhibit as evidence against Isaac Harris and Max Blank who are on trial for mansiaughter in the case of Margaret Schwartz, one of the 147 who died in the fire.

The plece of panel containing the lock, with shot bolt, constituted the strongest physicial proof the prosecution possessed. Assistant District Attorney Bostwick contends that it shows conclusively that the minith floor door on the Washington Place by poisoning, was discharged this af- side of the factory, where many girls ternoon. This is the second mistrial died, was locked when the panic stricken employes threw them against it to escape from the flames The trial was adjourned to Monday when the prosecution is expected to complete its case.

SUSPECTED OF ROBBING MATLS

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 Coats Line pasenger train of registered mail valued at \$5,000 near Hardesville S. C., last

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.

Saturday; the two men under arrest disclosed a Officers brought the alleged robbers

A search of the room occupied by

OTHERS CONNECTED WITH EXPLOSIONS Federal Grand Jury Learns From Two Sources Details

HOTEL CLERKS WILL ADD THEIR TESTIMONY

of Dynamiting Cases

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

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 18,-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 source today the details of explosions in which it is alleged others than the McNemaras were implicated.

W. E. Griffin, chief of police of Kansas City, Mo., who had knowledge

It was while Hockin was that several wagen loads of pa recently were taken from the h quarters. Hockin refused to whether they were taken with consent. About thirty thousand pers are to be digested for the be fit of the grand jury.

testimony of Edward Hines of Ch go, the lumberman who has mentioned in the case as the who put Lorimer over.

Counsel for the senate committee investigating Mr. Lorimer's election wanted to know something about is alleged to have happened a meeting in Mr. Hines' private re-WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Senator orimer will not testify in his dense until congress reconvenes after the day after Lorimer was elected. The lawyers were not prepared to any today what they were holding back. They probably will recall Mr. Hines next week.

E. H. Nochles, a labor witnesses before congress adjourns whose name was recently ment and hear Senator Lorimer after the in thial of the McNamura dyn The Dearing was unexpectedly fled to certain conversations lengthened today by a turn in the Springfield.

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 let-ters up the chimney the last thing before going to bed.

In his message Santa Claus was very par-ticular 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 twen-