

Would Exclude All American Made Goods From Manchuria

This Step is Said to Be The Fast in The Tariff War Russia Plans to Wage Against the United States.

Covenant Between Russia and Japan To Control Trade Would Amount Virtually to An International Boycott of U. S. Goods.

Special Cable to The News.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—Intimation of the commercial treaty being negotiated between Russia and Japan is said to exclude all goods of American manufacture in Manchuria...

The unwonted speed with which the negotiations are being carried on here and at Tokio in order to have the agreement ratified within the next fortnight, if possible, indicate that the nations are acting from a more important impetus than ordinary mutual consideration.

It has been the dearest aim of Japan since her acquisition of Korea to control her trade in Manchuria. The opportunity which has been presented by the Russo-American situation in the Far East that has yet presented itself...

While such a covenant between Russia and Japan would amount virtually to an international boycott of the United States...

Each side and Japan control all entrances to Manchuria. In the north they control the ports of ingress through the Chinese eastern railway...

Russia feels that her slaps at the United States through tariff manipulations contain a double sting in view of Secretary Knox's propaganda of "dollar diplomacy" and the extension of Russian trade.

This Jury Enjoys Real Luxury

Chicago, Dec. 23.—In keeping with the importance of their task of making American history, the jury which is trying the ten Chicago beef packers...

Each juror will find in his stocking which Sheriff Caulder will hang from the foot of their beds, there being no other places in their quarters in the Madison hotel an armful of cigars and books and other gifts from the galaxy of lawyers in the case—of course without labels to indicate the identity of the donor.

In the afternoon the jury will be given a long automobile ride through the city park system also at the expense of the lawyers and in the evening they will receive their families, by courtesy of the lawyers.

Two Injured In Train Wreck

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 23.—Engineer James G. Price and Baggageman R. Cain Mellett, both of Columbia, were slightly injured, but nobody else was hurt, when a local passenger train of the Southern Railway, due here at 11:45 a. m. from Spartanburg, S. C., was derailed 40 miles north of Columbia, between Shelton and Blair, at 10:10 o'clock this morning.

The big engine turned over a full bit and the day coaches remained on the track. Passengers are being brought to Columbia by a relief train. The Charleston-Charlotte train known as the Carolina special is being detained at Charlotte and Columbia. The track will be cleared early this evening.

Girl Probably Suffered Fate Intended For Another -- A Black Crime

Hyde Park, Mass., Dec. 23.—After working diligently since 7:30 o'clock this night in an effort to solve the mystery of the murder of Bridget Mahoney, a pretty 18-year-old Irish girl, Police Captain Franklin Grant declared that the girl suffered the fate intended for another. Miss Mahoney, a maid employed in the household of W. B. Vose, was stabbed in the back by an unknown Italian while crossing a bridge over the New Haven railroad.

THE WEATHER.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Forecast for Sunday and Monday: North and South Carolina: Local rains and colder Sunday; Monday probably fair.

ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE AGAINST ROSS NEGROES

Shelby, N. C., Dec. 23.—After diligent effort this week Sheriff Wilkins has secured considerable new evidence against the Ross negroes who were arrested for the murder of Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon last week, near Fallston. Another negro, Clifton Hoyle, has been arrested. It is believed that there is sufficient evidence to convict him as an accomplice in the dastardly crime. The authorities, however, decline to make this evidence public, as yet.

Bert Gardner, who was held in jail as a witness, has been released under bond. Gardner says that at a negro cookshucking a few weeks ago he heard John and Hack Ross planning the murder, that he overheard them say "it won't be long until we get that white man out of the way."

There are, however, a number of negroes in that community who will swear that Gardner was not even at this cookshucking.

Sheriff Wilkins has at last found the tan pocketbook which was taken from Mr. John Dixon's pocket at the time he was murdered. He has also discovered a pair of blood-stained overalls at Hack Ross' house, which had previously been overlooked by a searching party.

The theory now held by the authorities is that robbery was the motive of the murder. They think the story told by John Ross, that Will Ross murdered Mr. Dixon to secure possession of a mortgage which Mr. Dixon had on his mule too flimsy, as a new mortgage had been executed only a few days before in the presence of Mr. Will Dixon, and everything seemed perfectly satisfactory.

It is unfortunate that the governor's action in ordering the negroes—Will, John and Jack Ross—taken to jail in Charlotte, and Gastonia last week, should have been misunderstood. The governor acted upon the request of many citizens, who desired to take every possible precaution, and furthermore it was absolutely necessary to keep the negroes separated, which is not easily done in the jail here. There was no "mob" here the day of the coroner's final hearing. Though there were nearly two thousand men here who, had they had reason to believe that the law would not deal properly with the negroes, might have taken the law into their own hands, but they had no reason to believe that the negroes would escape justice, hence there was absolutely no trouble.

The jury has been drawn and the special term of court to try these negroes will convene January 8th. It is thought it will be very difficult to convict Will Ross. Sheriff Wilkins has proven himself an excellent detective in ferreting out this matter.

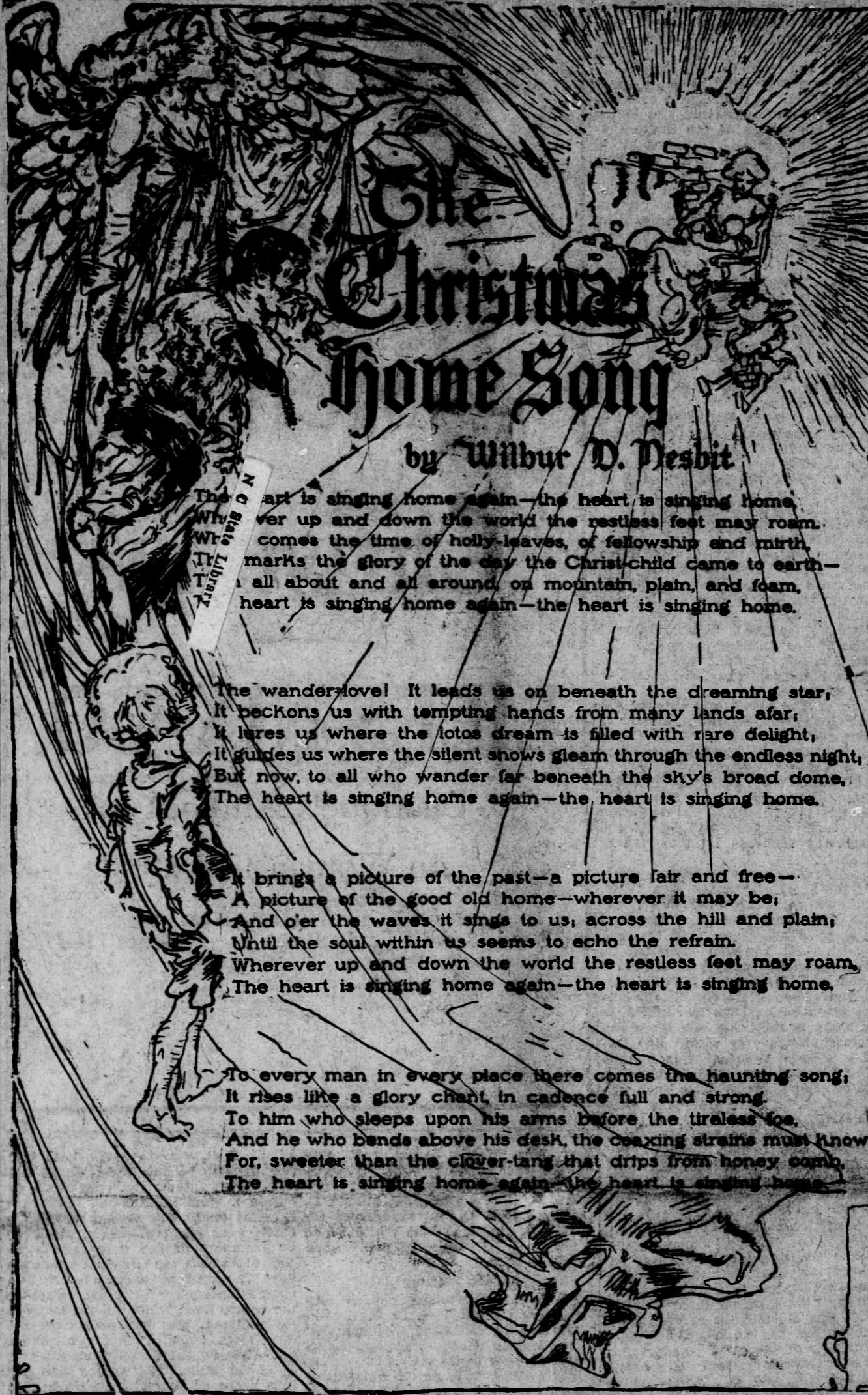
Edna Goodrich Back to the Stage

New York, Dec. 23.—Edna Goodrich, fourth, and recently divorced wife of Nat O. Goodwin, who recently received more than \$600,000 from the actor, is about to return to the stage. The actress today in a letter to her attorney, Herman Roth, announced that she had signed a contract to open in January at Chicago under the management of Daniel Frohman in "His Neighbor's Wife," and other plays.

Washington, Dec. 23.—No statement relative to the report from St. Petersburg that Jewish bankers in this country brought about the abrogation of the Russian treaty of 1832, issued from the White House today. The report contains a specific charge to the effect that the banking house of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., bargained with President Taft for the abrogation of the treaty in return for the swinging of the He brew vote for the president's re-nomination and election in 1912.

FIFTY KILLED DURING STREET FIGHTING.

London, Dec. 23.—Fifty Persians were killed during street fighting between Russian troops and the Persians in the city of Tabriz, according to official telegrams from Tahan reaching London. The Russians occupied all the government offices as well as the telegraph station.



Christmas Home Song

by Wilbur D. Nesbit

The heart is singing home again—the heart is singing home. Over up and down the world the restless feet may roam. Comes the time of holly-leaves, of fellowship and mirth, marks the glory of the day the Christ-child came to earth— all about and all around, on mountain, plain, and foam, heart is singing home again—the heart is singing home.

The wanderer! It leads us on beneath the dreaming star, it beckons us with tempting hands from many lands afar, it lures us where the lotos dream is filled with rare delight, it guides us where the silent snows gleam through the endless night, But now, to all who wander far beneath the sky's broad dome, The heart is singing home again—the heart is singing home.

It brings a picture of the past—a picture fair and free— A picture of the good old home—wherever it may be, And o'er the waves it sings to us, across the hill and plain, Until the soul within us seems to echo the refrain, Wherever up and down the world the restless feet may roam, The heart is singing home again—the heart is singing home.

To every man in every place there comes the haunting song; It rises like a glory chant in cadence full and strong, To him who sleeps upon his arms before the tireless foe, And he who bends above his desk, the coaxing strains must know, For, sweeter than the clover-tang that drips from honey comb, The heart is singing home again—the heart is singing home.

PROTEST AGAINST IMPRISONMENT OF MEXICANS

Mexico City, Dec. 23.—The newspaper Gil Blas publishes today a call for a peaceful demonstration tomorrow before the American embassy as a protest against the imprisonment and alleged persecution of Mexican citizens in the United States.

POURED OIL ON STOVE - LOSS NEAR A MILLION

New York, Dec. 23.—Pouring kerosene oil on a lighted stove to make the fire burn faster was declared tonight to have been the cause of the fire that early today swept an entire block in the Williamsburg district, causing the death of Mrs. Philometa Cimetta, 57, and severely burning half a dozen other persons. The loss was estimated at nearly a million.

WHAT OF BRITISH JAPANESE MEDIATION?

London, Dec. 23.—Considerable curiosity has been aroused in diplomatic circles here with regard to the reasons for the proposal of Great Britain and Japan to undertake a dual mediation in China after the powers, including the United States, had decided to present an identical note to the conference now meeting at Shanghai.

DEATH IN A DRINK OF LYE.

Pottstown, Pa., Dec. 23.—Death lurked in a discarded caustic soda can into which Mrs. Andrew Schenders, of this place, had poured some water to thoroughly cleanse it. While she was in another part of the house for a few moments her little daughter Annie got hold of the can and drank some of its contents, which had turned to lye. After several hours of intense agony, death relieved the child's sufferings.

TO OUR ADVERTISERS.

At this glad season, when we temporarily lay aside the affairs of business to observe, according to our individual tastes and inclinations, our most sacred and joyous holidays it is material and befitting that our thoughts should revert to the friends and experiences that have helped to brighten the busy days that have passed.

Shot by Christmas Gift Shot Gun

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 23.—While returning from the home of his uncle where he had delivered a number of Christmas packages, Emerson C. Chappell, 11 years old, son of Mrs. Maud C. Chappell, and grandson of George E. Chase, a prominent merchant, was accidentally shot in the hip this morning with a double-barrel shotgun, a Christmas gift of his grandfather, sustaining injuries which caused his death in this city shortly after noon today.

The accident occurred while young Chappell was in a launch in company with his uncle and he had to duck before medical aid could reach him.

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Underwood Outlines Democratic Plan For Tariff Revision

GOV. BLEASE FREES THIRTY.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 23.—Governor Cole I. Blease celebrated Christmas today by freeing from the State penitentiary 30 convicts. He pardoned eight men and paroled 22. The offense of which the men were convicted ranged from larceny to murder.

President Deals Out Presents

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—The distribution of the president's Christmas presents to the white house attaches took place today. To each of the police officers who guard the white house the president gave a big fat turkey. The white house steward passed out the gobblers.

A little later the president himself presented each of the secret service men, whose duty it is to guard the person of the executive, with gold and jeweled scarf pins. Each of the employees of the executive offices and of the white house was given a \$5 gold piece.

Of course, the presents which Mr. Taft will give to the members of his family will be presented on Christmas morning, just as they will in any other well-regulated American family.

It was learned today that the turkey that will adorn the presidential board on Christmas day came from a firebird in Tuscaloosa, Ala., and not from Rhode Island, the breeding ground for all Thanksgiving turkeys which go on the president's table.

Government clerks received a half holiday today as a present from Uncle Sam. Cabinet officers, too, closed the departments under their direction promptly at noon. But before many of the clerks left their desks in the departments they gathered about Christmas trees and dispensed themselves just like overgrown children when a present was handed to every one.

Presents were distributed in the forestry service, the department of commerce and labor and in many of the minor offices of the government. But the gifts on the trees were not presents from the government. They were purchased by the clerks themselves.

The employees of the bureau of printing and engraving were given a full holiday.

Charged with Murder Of Mrs. Kaufman

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The grand jury today returned indictments charging Frederick G. Boneham and William R. Channeil with the murder of Mrs. Hattie Kaufman, who was killed by four automobile bandits in front of her home on the North Side December 2 as she was returning from a theatre with her husband. The jury recommended that the police make special effort to arrest George Rebanu and John Stacy, the other alleged members of the band who on one time were reported in Jacksonville, Fla.

The Probable Successor of Harlan

Washington, Dec. 23.—It is stated here today on very good authority that the president has narrowed down his choice for a successor to the Justice Harlan to Mr. Nagel, secretary of commerce and labor, and Judge William C. Hook, of Leavenworth, Kan. Judge Hook is on the eighth judicial circuit, and Mr. Nagel is from the same territory.

It has from time to time been stated that Mr. Nagel has been far ahead of all probabilities, but the information today is that Judge Hook is still in the running.

The only difficulty affecting the nomination of Mr. Nagel it is said, is the necessity for the appointment of a new cabinet officer, but such difficulties have been tided over by presidents.

Miss Edman's Remains True to Accused Minister--Sends Him Christmas Gift

Boston, Dec. 23.—Bumors to the effect that the Edmans family had given up all interest in the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, who has begun to recover in his cell at the Charles street jail from the serious injury he inflicted upon himself before dawn last Wednesday, were dispelled today, when a box of sweets and dainties were delivered to Mr. Richeson at the jail.

As Soon as Report of Tariff Board Can be Checked Ways And Means Committee Will Start Work on "Schedule K."

Propose to Revise All The Principal Schedules of The Payne—Aldrich Law. Wool Cotton, Steel Metal etc to Receive Attention.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Representative Underwood today outlined the democratic program for the revision of the tariff which will be taken up immediately after the holidays. At the same time the republicans will begin work on a bill of their own, although they cannot hope to pass it.

"The democrats of the ways and means committee, will start on schedule K, as soon as we can check the report of the tariff board," said Mr. Underwood.

"We propose to frame a tariff based on the difference in cost of production at home and abroad and we are willing to take the tariff board's figures, so far as they may be correct, in our tariff making. Ours will be a tariff for revenue, based on this principle. Republican protection means a tariff with profits thrown in, which makes the rates in many cases prohibitory, as admitted in the five tariff, and a much lower tariff board report."

"I regard the tariff issue as paramount in this country today and we shall undertake in the next few months a revision of all the principal schedules of the high Payne-Aldrich law." If the democratic bill does not carry sufficient protection, from the republican viewpoint, the president probably will veto it, and the campaign of 1912 will be fought out on the claims of a reasonably high protective tariff, and a much lower tariff for revenue only.

The opening battle probably will center on schedule K, long regarded as the citadel of protection. The democratic house proposes to revise the wool, cotton, chemical, iron and steel and metal schedules. The tariff board has furnished a mass of data on the wool schedule, and will follow about January 15 with a report on cotton. These reports will be interesting sidelights on the general tariff controversy.

Republican members of the ways and means committee contend that the tariff board report justifies a protective tariff, even though it recommends material reductions in the Payne law rates.

The insurgents of the house will refuse to stand by their republican colleagues, unless they propose a bill that really makes substantial reductions, especially in schedule K.

The insurgents have no representation on the ways and means committee, so they will remain quiet until both bills are presented to the house. If the Payne substitute approximates the rates in the present law—in other words, if the republicans insist on but a slight lowering of the rates—the insurgents will turn in and vote with the democrats as they did last session. If the Payne substitute proposes real reductions the insurgents will stand with the party so as to present a united front to the country in the campaign of 1912.

There is no insurgency of the democratic side of the house. The democratic rank and file will stand solidly behind any bill presented by the majority of the ways and means committee, despite the fact that a few of the democrats personally favors free raw wool.

ROOSEVELT WOULD BE ELECTED "IF"

New York, Dec. 23.—Theodore Roosevelt, according to the opinion expressed today by former Senator William A. Clark of Montana, would be elected president if he should be nominated by the republicans next year—"unless the democratic candidate is an unusually strong man."

He added that he considered Roosevelt "a dangerous man, a demagogue and irresponsible because of his intense radicalism."

Senator Clark thought Judson Harmon the only man able to win over Roosevelt.

Moses Edmonds, father of Richeson's fiancée, called at the office of Attorney William A. Morse, of counsel for the defense, and conferred with Mr. Morse after the lawyer had visited the patient at the jail, bringing tidings of improvement. Miss Edmonds has remained away from the jail by advice of counsel. While there is no possibility of a marriage between Mr. Richeson and Miss Edmonds she and her family are as loyal to him as ever and their great fortune is at the disposal of the accused minister's defense.