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RUSSIA HAS MADE THREAT

Will Sever All Friendly Relations With United States If Sulzer Resolution Is Passed

DON'T LIKE LANGUAGE

Russia Ambassador Makes Known to President Taft Russia's Objection To Passing of Sulzer Resolution—All Concerned Are Reticent, But It Is Believed the Protest Is Directed Principally Against the Language of the Resolution, Which Declares That Russia Has Violated the Terms of the Treaty.

Washington, Dec. 16.—What in diplomatic language is interpreted as practically a threat by Russia to sever all friendly relations with the United States in the even congress goes ahead with the plan to abrogate the treaty of 1832 with Russia, has been made to President Taft and Secretary of State Knox by the Russian ambassador, George Bakmeteff. Bakmeteff protested against the Sulzer abrogation of the treaty on the ground that its final adoption would be inconsistent with the long friendship between United States and Russia.

Owing to the reticence of all concerned in the negotiations it was impossible to learn the exact nature of the protest. It is believed to have been directed principally against the language of the Sulzer resolution which boldly declared Russia had violated the terms of the treaty. When informed of this, Sulzer, chairman of the house foreign relations committee declared he saw nothing insulting to "sensitive Russia" in his resolution and believed it would go through the senate without modification.

While neither the President nor Secretary Knox was alarmed, it was said at the white house that determined effort would be made by the senate leaders to modify the Sulzer resolution.

Action on the Russian treaty is scheduled in senate for Monday next. It was indicated that consideration of the subject might be delayed beyond that time, meanwhile Taft and Knox are continuing diplomatic negotiations with Russia, both here and in St. Petersburg, through the American ambassador there.

The Russian ambassador's protest was made to Knox late last night. Later the ambassador and Knox called at the white house and took the matter up with the President in conference which extended late into the night.

Today Knox and the President considered the matter for more than an hour. It was not until this conference ended that the matter became public. Bakmeteff let it be known that Russia was decidedly dissatisfied with the Sulzer resolution. Taft discussed the matter today with several of his callers and it was from senators who visited the white house that Taft learned that an effort would be made to modify in the senate the Sulzer resolution as it came from the house.

Both diplomats and cabinet officers denied that the situation was at all serious.

PREDICTS WAR BETWEEN BRITAIN AND GERMANY

New York, Dec. 16.—John Norton Griffiths, member of parliament for Wednesbury, declares that England and Germany will be at war within six years and America as well as all Europe will feel the effect of the conflict. He says the whole German nation is seeking war with Great Britain at every turn, and that while bankers averted hostilities at the last crisis, bankers cannot always stand in the way of a whole people. Mr. Griffiths, who has just returned from the Canadian northwest, thinks belief in the coming war caused the Canadianians to vote against reciprocity with the United States. He thinks they say the necessity of bringing the British Empire into unity to confront the menace to the existence of the mother nation.

The legislative committee which went through the books of the various state departments has finished its work. The books on records were found in good order.

WATTS IS RE-ELECTED

Philanthropist Again Made President Watts Hospital

At Meeting of Board of Trustees, Mr. George W. Watts Again Elected President—Trustees Named for Ensuing Year—Enthusiastic Meeting of Club Held.

(Special to The Times.)

Durham, Dec. 16.—At the annual meeting of the board of trustees yesterday at the Watts Hospital, George W. Watts was re-elected president, John Sprunt Hill vice president, and P. W. Vaughan secretary-treasurer. The most significant of all things brought before the board, was the report of Mr. G. W. Watts, founder of the institution, in which he spoke of the great growth of the hospital in number of patients and in its popularity. During the months of August, September and October, there were from 70 to 80 patients all the time, these figures showing that there are three times as many patients now being treated as there were in the old hospital.

At the election yesterday Mr. Watts named the four trustees for the institution. They are G. W. Watts, J. S. Hill, R. L. Lindsey and B. N. Duke. From Trinity College Prof. A. H. Merritt; from the Baptist church P. W. Vaughan; from the Methodist Capt. E. J. Parrish; from the Episcopal Dr. J. M. Manning and from the Presbyterian Rev. Dr. E. R. Leyburn. Representing the medical society is Dr. N. M. Johnson. (Continued on Page Seven.)



Royalty in a Wreck

From left to right are Princess Maud, Princess Louise Victoria, sister of King George V and Princess Alexandra. Below is the Duke of Fife, husband of the Princess and father of the two princesses. The royal party were shipwrecked when the steamer Delhi, on which they were voyaging to Egypt to spend the winter, struck the rocks off Cape Spartel, the northwest extremity of Africa. The royal party were rescued by a British man-of-warman and while on their way to shore the boat was capsized, endangering the lives of all. All were taken ashore thoroughly drenched and suffering bitterly from the cold.

IMPROVEMENTS ARE HELD UP

While Democrats Pass Pension Bill In Hope of Getting Voter

Raleigh people are greatly interested in the outcome of the federal pension bill in congress, since Floor Leader Underwood says that the passage of the bill will mean that the appropriations for public buildings and works will not be passed at this session. This city was expecting \$225,000 for an addition to the post-office building, but there it little hope now that the money will be appropriated for several years.

The pension bill, as passed from the house, provides for a further increase of \$75,000,000 for all males enlisted for as long as ninety days in the union army, regardless of whether the men ever smelt powder or not. The budget for public buildings carried \$40,000,000, but Leader Underwood says this will not be passed at this session. The pension roll amounted to nearly \$170,000,000 in 1910.

The action of the democratic house in passing the enormous pension bill increase has been a matter of comment in this city. Everybody knows that the democrats were simply playing to the union veterans, but everybody does not believe that this was good campaign material. A union soldier in comfortable circumstances is likely to have enough patriotism to resent the digging into the federal pork barrel; the scheme is so transparent that everybody sees through it, and it is believed by many people that the passage of the bill was the greatest blunder democrats have ever made.

Six members of the North Carolina delegation voted against the measure. Representative Faison answered present, but did not vote; Congressman Fox and Webb did not vote at all, and Congressman Gudgeon voted for the bill. The other six representatives voted against the bill.

Dunbar Festivities Over.
Delhi, India, Dec. 16.—The great Dunbar with itsround of festivities lasting since the arrival of the King-Emperor and Queen-Emress, closed today. Their majesties left camp in state procession and rode to the station along a route lined with British and native troops.

Shot Son—Committed Suicide.
Los Angeles, Dec. 16.—Samuel P. Ayers, of Boston, shot and probably fatally wounded his son at a hotel and then committed suicide.

SHOOTING SHOW GIRLS FREED BY THE JURY

New York, Dec. 16.—Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad, "the shooting show girls," freed last night by a jury of the charge of assaulting W. E. D. Stokes, millholde hotel proprietor, have about recovered from their hysterics, following the verdict. The girls have no definite plans and say they will rest a few days. Miss Conrad said: "I would not go through it again for a million dollars."

The jury took four ballots. The first three were eleven to one for acquittal.

FOUR BURIED IN BARNYARD

Bodies of Woman, Son, and Two Daughters Found Near Albany, New York.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 16.—The bodies of Mrs. Horner, her son and two daughters were found buried in the barnyard of their farm, near Deerperville, late last night, according to information received by the police of Rensselaer.

The family had been murdered. The authorities are looking for a hired man.

Tug Albatross Missing.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The revenue cutter Onondaga was ordered from Baltimore to search for the missing tug Albatross, bound from south ports for Baltimore. The vessel has not been heard from since Wednesday night when she passed Cape Lookout in a leaking condition.

THE LAST DAY OF THE BICYCLE RACE

New York, Dec. 16.—The last day of the six day bicycle race began with a terrific burst of speed. Fogter-Clarke team took one lap lead over the entire field. The morning hours were full of sensational spurts and spills. Nearly ten thousand stuck to their seats watching the sensational scenes.

The 11 o'clock score, 131 hours, Fogter and Clarke, 2,506 miles and 5 laps; Hill and J. Bedell, 2,506 miles and 3 laps; L. George and Brocco, 2,505 miles and 8 laps; Lapize and Varhouwaert, 2,505 miles and 7 laps; and Lorenz and Saldow, 2,505 miles and 4 laps.

The record is 2,528 and 8 laps made by McFarland and Moran in 1908.

CAROLINA WON PENN. DEBATE

Fifth Debate of Series Captured by Carolina Debaters Last Night

(Special to The Times.)

Chapel Hill, N. C., Dec. 16.—Last night at 8 o'clock the annual Pennsylvania-Carolina debate was held in Gerrard Hall. This was the fifth of a series of debates that has been held between these two universities, and great deal of interest was centered around it. The query was "Resolved, That Forest and Mineral Lands, in the Different States, Now in Possession of the Federal Government, Should be Retained," and Carolina defended the negative.

E. L. Hargett Speaks.

Mr. E. L. Hargett, was the first speaker for the affirmative. He spoke of the great waste that had been going on for some time in the development of our natural resources and said that some control must be set up. There are only two sources for control in America, Federal and State Government. In the remainder of his speech he sought to bring out how far superior federal control is to state control.

To prove this he brought out several points. The people in the separate states cannot realize the need of national conservation state legislation cannot enact wise legislation. There are not enough of these lands in the separate states to justify the

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FEDERAL COURT TO CONVENE MONDAY

With Judge Connor presiding, the United States district court will be held here next week, beginning Monday. As is usually the case the courtroom is crowded with cases for making liquor, and it is not likely that all these can be tried in a single week.

BOY CAUGHT ROBBERING SAFE

When Placed Under Arrest Salisbury Boy Implicates Another.

Salisbury, Dec. 16.—Caught in the act of robbing a safe in the store of George H. Shaver, in Salisbury at midnight last night, Benny Hudson, a young white man, was locked in jail here today. He had been employed by a firm formerly occupying the store building, had a key to the door and knew the combination of the safe. Money had been missed frequently and Deputy James Keldor good watch, catching Hudson at the midnight hour. C. D. Watkins, a member of the old firm in the store, was implicated in a confession by Hudson and was also arrested. Both men are held for trial.

Southern Pennant Awarded.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 16.—At the directors' meeting of the Southern league baseball magnates held here yesterday afternoon, New Orleans was formally awarded the pennant of 1911. There is no opposition to Judge W. M. Kavanaugh for reelection as president of the league.

NOTABLE WEEK IN HISTORY OF CHINA

Shanghai, Dec. 16.—The coming week will perhaps be the most notable in the history of China's revolution. Tang Shao Yi, imperial plenipotentiary appointed by Premier Yuan Shi Kai to negotiate terms of peace with the victorious revolutionaries, will arrive here tomorrow.

He will bring with him twenty-two representatives of different provinces of China. Intellectual Chinese believe there is considerable possibility of a settlement being reached through mutual concessions.

GOMPERS' CONTEMPT CASE

Washington, Dec. 16.—Seventy days have been set as the limit for taking testimony in the contempt case pending before Justice Wright in the district supreme court against President Gompers, Vice President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison, of American Federation of Labor. It is probable the decision in the case will not be handed down until spring.

THE ANTI-FLY CAMPAIGN

Swat the Fly Who Permits the

Campaign to be Followed—Summer Continued by Prof. Hodges—Details to be Worked Out by Each Civic Center.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—"Don't swat the fly, swat the man who permits the fly to breed," was the slogan to meet the contention of people who claim the house, or typhoid fly is a beneficent scavenger and which Prof. C. F. Hodges, of Clark University, Worcester, Mass., suggested to the delegates at the American Civic Association convention.

Prof. Hodges summarized the results accomplished since the associate last year adopted plans for its campaign to exterminate the house fly. He described the "fly swatting contests" inaugurated in Worcester and Baltimore last summer and used them to illustrate the most active phase of the work of the past year. In Baltimore, he said, the Woman's Civic League said ten cents a quart for flies and it was estimated 1,000 quarts were slain.

Outlining the campaign which should be followed next summer, Prof. Hodges said:

"To completely free the city of flies is the purpose, and the more flies are caught, and the quicker, the better, but the proposition must be reversed. To place a premium on fly conditions and even may stimulate."

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ARMY CHANGES MAY BE MADE

Plans of the Democrats For the Reorganization of the Army

CHAIRMAN HAYS PLANS

Some Changes Are Advocated by the War Department, and It Is Understood That the Democrats Not Only Favor These, But Will Propose Some Legislation of Their Own—May Attach Amendments to Army Appropriation Bill in Order To Get Them Through.

(By Winfield Jones.)

Washington, Dec. 16.—The present congress probably will make important changes in the organization of the United States army. Some of these changes will be recommended by the war department, while others will originate in the house committee on military affairs, and will go before the house with the opposition of the war department.

Chairman James Hay, of the house committee, is a military authority himself. He has for years been a member of the committee. He has studied army needs during a period. While the republicans had control of the house, however, he had but little influence as a minority member. He could co-operate with republicans and get results, but he could not then lead a successful fight if politics was injected.

Now the house chairman is in command of the situation and he has a program for army legislation which he proposes to put through if possible. He proposes first of all that the enlistment period be increased from three to five years. This is a radical step, but it is one which has the support of some of the leading military authorities in the country.

The argument in favor of it is strong, just as the objections are strong. The Hay followers point out that it is a foolish policy to train American soldiers for three years, to go to the expense of making them fighting machines, then to have them quit the service when they are valuable to the army. It would be a good investment, they say, to train and organize them into a fighting body, if they are to serve for at least five years. Otherwise the investment would not be justified, they claim.

From the opposition comes the argument that to insist upon a five-year enlistment would discourage men from going into the army. Men as a rule, the war department people say, do not enlist in the army with the idea of serving more than one term. Many of them re-enlist, it is true, but they do it after they become attached to army life by trying it. They rarely have any such idea when they originally offer their services.

Therefore, it is pointed out, if long terms of enlistment are required, the army will have even greater difficulty in keeping the forces recruited up to its present force than now.

Then, too, the Hay committee men propose that the government

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HUMAN TOLL FOR THE HUNTING SEASON

Boston, Dec. 16.—Thirty human lives were lost in New England and four in the Canadian province of New Brunswick as the direct result of the hunting season which ended last midnight. Of the victims, five were shot by mistake for deer; twelve were killed by the accidental discharge of their own guns; fourteen by accidental firing of guns held by companions or by stray bullets; two drowned and one died of exposure. In addition twenty were seriously injured.

Maine led in the number of fatalities, with fifteen. It is estimated that ten thousand deer, three hundred moose and one hundred bear were killed during the season.

Immigrants to Canada.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The government report just issued shows 282,000 immigrant settlers arrived in Canada during the past eight months, one hundred and two thousand of the number coming from the United States.

