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TAFT ABROGATES RUSSIAN TREATY

MANY REPORTS

Unofficial Information That the President Yesterday Served Notice On Russia of Abrogation of Treaty

WILL ASK SENATE TO CONFIRM ACTION

Special Message Expected in Senate Today From President Taft Concerning Russian Treaty—Gravity of Situation Emphasized by Exceedingly Long Meeting of Cabinet Last Night—Doubtful Whether Senate Will Pass Sulzer Resolution—Many Speeches Expected to Be Made and Session Will Last Far Into Evening.

Washington, Dec. 18.—It is unofficially announced that President Taft yesterday served notice on Russia that the treaty of 1832 was abrogated. It was said the President's message to the senate would ask confirmation of his action. All attempts to get an official statement from the white house was fruitless. At the executive offices it was stated nothing was known of the situation. The white house has refused all information. As a result, many conflicting reports have been spread abroad. A member of the senate foreign relations committee was authorized for the statement that the President formally had served notice of the abrogation through American Ambassador Guild at St. Petersburg.

Notice Given Friday.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—The senate foreign relations committee decided to report to the senate, the house resolution, in modified form for the abrogation of the Russian treaty. This means the house will be included in the action of abrogation. In a letter to the foreign relations committee and in his message to the senate, President Taft states he served notice on Russia of the abrogation of the treaty on December 15th, Friday last.
President Taft served notice of abrogation on Russian Ambassador George Bakmeteff, at the white house. It was this conference with the ambassador which gave rise to the report that formal protest was entered by Russia against the language of the Sulzer resolution. It is now said that notification that Russia would be offended at the Sulzer resolution came from American Ambassador Guild at St. Petersburg. The resolution of abrogation to be adopted by the senate will base the action of this country on the ground that differences have arisen in construction of the treaty and for this reason it seems desirable it should be terminated.
Objections by Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, who protested against pre-

BICYCLE RIDERS NONE THE WORSE FOR GRIND

New York, Dec. 18.—Physicians declared today that the twenty bicycle riders who finished the 142 hour grind at Madison Square Garden Saturday night were none the worse for their struggle. Twenty-four hours sleep removed the haggard looks so noticeable during the last two days of the race and apparently the men were in shape to begin the contest over again at a moment's notice. Several actually gained in weight during the race. Today was pay day for the riders who received thirty percent of the first sixty thousand dollars and one-third of all receipts over that sum. Many of the men leave soon to participate in the day race in Berlin.

cipitous action, prevented the United States senate from voting to approve the action of Taft, December 15th, in notifying Russia that the United States desired to terminate the treaty of 1832, with that country. The senate meets tomorrow noon, instead two p. m., as usual, to take up further consideration of the matter. Under the senate rules an objection by a single senator can carry a newly introduced resolution over one day. Heyburn also urged that the senate consider the matter in executive session when it met tomorrow. The President, in a message to the senate, telling of his act of abrogation, also told of the notification to Russia of the desire on the part of this country to negotiate a new and modern treaty to take the place of the old one.

With a definite, though unofficial statement that Taft formally notified Russia that the treaty of 1832 with that country would be abrogated within the next two or three days, the senate foreign relations committee today considered what form the abrogation should take. Two propositions were laid before the committee. The first of these was that the president should officially proclaim the abrogation, with ratification of his action by the senate. The second was that the abrogation should be ordered in a joint resolution proposed by the house. There was no thought, however, of adopting the language of the house document.

Most of the members of the committee are inclined to the belief that the president should act with the senate at once and without regard to the house. The committee discussed at length the question whether or not abrogation of the treaty should be considered in open session of the senate, as it was in the house, or whether the discussion should be behind closed doors in executive session. Until this question was settled, it was declared no official statement would be made as to the president's message on the subject of abrogation.

A resolution, satisfactory to the administration, is said to have been framed by Senator Lodge.

This draft would briefly and simply declare the treaty abrogated on the ground that it had become obsolete.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN TO ENTER CHARLOTTE

The Norfolk Southern Railroad is making arrangements for entering Charlotte at an early date, according to reports to the Charlotte Observer from Washington and Raleigh. When asked about the matter, Mr. E. C. Duncan said that these arrangements were by no means complete, but that it was hoped to enter Charlotte.

TEN YEARS FOR HOLY GHOST

Rev. Frank W. Sanford Sentenced to Ten Years in Federal Prison.
Portland, Maine, Dec. 18.—Ten years in the federal prison at Atlanta was the sentence imposed upon Rev. Frank W. Sanford, leader of the Holy Ghost and Us Society of Shiloh, for causing the deaths of six persons on the steamer Coronet.

MANY DEATHS IN RAILROAD WRECKS

Odessa, Minn., Dec. 18.—Nine were killed in Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad wreck, and ten seriously injured. The second section of train eighteen, from Seattle, crashed into the first section which was stopped on signal.
Seven Killed.
Leavenworth, Kan., Dec. 18.—Seven persons were killed, and several injured, in a head-on collision between two trolley cars on the Kansas City-Leavenworth electric line near Wolcott, fifteen miles south of here, according to reports received here. Fog caused the collision.
Miss Annie Lane left today for her home at New Bern.

DEATH OF J. M. CURRIN

Prominent Oxford Man Died This Morning

Well-Known Man of That Town and Section of the State, Passed Away Early This Morning—Long Connected With American Tobacco Company.

(Special to The Times.)
Oxford, Dec. 18.—Mr. J. M. Currin, of this place died this morning at 8:10 o'clock at his home here. He was 65 years of age and had been long identified with the active business life of Oxford. He had been in the employ of the American Tobacco Company from the beginning of that great business concern. He was one of the most prominent men of the town and county and was well to do. He was known by everybody and was universally esteemed.
He is survived by his wife who was Miss Ophelia Koonce, and by five children. The surviving children are Mrs. W. C. Tyree, of High Point, formerly of Raleigh; Mrs. A. H. Powell, of Oxford; Mrs. Robert Laster, of Oxford, and Messrs. W. P. and Eugene Powell, also of Oxford. Two daughters have died, Mrs. J. R. Owen of Henderson, and Miss Mary Currin.

U. S. COURT IN SESSION

Large Number of Cases On Docket—Three Lawyers Are Admitted

An unusually large number of cases face Judge H. G. Connor in federal court this week, most of the bills drawn being for the violations of the internal revenue laws. The charge to the grand jury was delivered this morning and the first cases were called this afternoon. These were against John E. Headen, Jordan Headen, Fisher Headen, Will Marsh and Charlie Goldston, colored, charged with removing liquor from an illicit still. The first four are represented by Mr. George Hannah, (Continued on Page Three.)

WORKMEN MAY STRIKE ON WESTERN ROAD

St. Louis, Dec. 18.—The leaders of four unions of railroad workers met to discuss the advisability of calling a strike on the western railroads in sympathy with the strike of shopmen and other workers of the Illinois Central and Harriman roads. President Kline of the National Brotherhoods Blacksmiths' and helpers met the union officials of the western roads.
Shopmen and allied workers on every railroad in the jurisdiction of the general managers association of western and southern railroads will be called out if Kline's present plans are realized. He is quoted as saying the men are going to win the strike on the Harriman and Illinois Central if he and his co-leaders have to call out all members of their unions. Kline charges that other roads have been lending engines and cars to the lines affected by the strike.

THE WEATHER.

December 18, 1911. Forecast. For Raleigh and vicinity: Fair tonight and Tuesday. North Carolina: Fair tonight and Tuesday; moderate northeast winds.

Weather Conditions: High atmospheric pressure covers all eastern and central districts this morning. The weather is clear, with temperatures slightly below the seasonal average, in the southern states. In the remaining eastern districts, generally fair weather prevails except that snow is falling in the lake region; temperatures are nearly normal. A disturbance of considerable energy is central over the southern plateau region, causing high winds and snow in southern Utah. The eastward movement of the field of high pressure will result in a continuation of fair weather in this vicinity during tonight and Tuesday.

REFORMS FOR ARMY AND NAVY

Secretary Meyer Proposes Some Radical Reforms in Navy Work and Management

WANTS FEWER YARDS

Would Have Only Three Great Yards and the Others Would Be Used Only as Auxiliary Stations or Abolished Altogether—Another Reform He Proposed Is the Taylor System or Some Other System of Scientific Management—Both Reforms Have a Great Deal of Opposition.

(By Winfield Jones.)
Washington, Dec. 18.—This is undoubtedly a day of reforms in the army and navy of the United States. Great changes have been made in the military forces of both services since the war with Spain, and more changes are to come. Perhaps the most radical are those proposed for the navy.

The present secretary of the navy is prominently a business man. He believes in running a department of the government upon the same business basis that a private institution should run. He has failed to see why the navy should be made an adjunct, for instance, to some local community's life.

Many legislators and private individuals have sought to reason with him and tried to convince him that he was mistaken in this view, but he still holds out.

Just now Secretary Meyer proposes two reforms far more reaching in effect and more sweeping in character than ever proposed by any of his predecessors. In the first place he wants the whole navy yard system over-hauled, and in the second, he wants the administration of the department revolutionized.

More interest perhaps to the people at large is the plan now offered for the concentration of all the navy yards in the country into three great naval stations. This, of course, means the abandonment of all the smaller yards.

As now outlined, the secretary wants to establish one great naval station on Narragansett Bay—he wants to enlarge the one now on Hampton Roads at Norfolk, and he wants to increase the size and importance of the one now at Mare Island, San Francisco. All others he wants either abolished entirely or else reduced in importance.

A few auxiliary yards are to be kept open under this plan, of course, at Quantico, at Key West, and at Cavite, P. I., must be maintained for small repairs and for docking vessels. That at Charleston might be useful for a torpedo station, but all others are to go.

The New York yard, the yards at Boston, Philadelphia, Portsmouth, Seattle and San Diego, are to be sold. The yards at Pensacola and New Orleans have already been rendered useless by an order withdrawing all work from them. The New Orleans and Pensacola yards are now in the hands of caretakers.

And in the new yards it is the purpose of the secretary to put into effect either the Taylor system of scientific management, or else some (Continued on Page Six.)

HELD ON BAD CHARGE

Nine Negroes Arrested For Resisting Officers

Knocked Down Policeman and Took Sam Crawford From Custody—Mafia Deceased at Dance in Haywood Hall.

Charged with resisting police officers and effecting the escape of Sam Crawford, who was arrested for larceny, nine negroes were placed in the jailhouse yesterday and today for their part in the affair which occurred at Haywood Hall, in Edgewood, Monday night, December 11th. According to the officers, the negroes formed a solid mass, rushed upon them, knocked one of the officers to the floor and liberated the prisoner. The trouble occurred at a dance, Policeman J. H. Wyatt and C. C. Digby were the officers in the case and Mr. DeLong was the officer knocked down.

Two police drags began operations yesterday and by three o'clock this afternoon nine of the negroes arrested to have been engaged in the affair were locked up in jail. Bonds in the sum of \$200 each were required for each prisoner released.

CHANCES GOOD FOR DEMOCRATS

Ex-Governor Glenn Says Prospects For Democratic Victory In 1912 Are Fine

(Special to The Times.)
Greensboro, Dec. 17.—Speaking of the coming senatorial campaign and primary, Governor R. B. Glenn yesterday declared it is his purpose to become actively interested and to lend all his energies to the cause of ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock. Governor Glenn was en route to his home from the north, but he declared that he had kept well in touch with the situation in this state and that he believed surprises were in (Continued on Page Three.)

MATTER OF ALIMONY DURING LITIGATION

Hon. Jacob A. Long, of Graham, arrived in the city today for the purpose of arguing before Judge Peckles this afternoon a motion for alimony pending litigation in the case of Cook vs. Cook, which was tried, so far as Mrs. Cook was concerned, at the last term of Wake superior court for civil causes. Judge Peckles awarded Mrs. Cook alimony in the sum of \$40 a month, but Mr. John M. Cook, the defendant, appealed. The motion is for alimony until the supreme court passes on this case and until Mr. Cook's case for divorce is tried in Alamance. While in the city Mr. Long called at the governor's office in behalf of Richard Neille, the white man convicted and sentenced in Alamance county to five years for stealing a mule. The supreme court recently affirmed the sentence of the lower court, but Governor Kitchin granted a short stay of sentence until some other alleged new facts could be investigated.

WANT GOOD WEEK

Mass-Meeting at Kinston in Interest Of Proper Christmas Observance. (Special to The Times.)

Kinston, Dec. 18.—A rousing mass meeting was held here yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the Good Government League for the purpose of imbuing the people of the city with the real spirit of Christmas and to protest against any lawlessness or disorderliness during the week, especially. All the good people seemed to enter heartily in the spirit of the gathering. Ex-Judge W. S. O. B. Robinson of Goldsboro delivered a strong temperance address. He was introduced by Judge O. H. Allen. President Taylor presided.

The negroes arrested were Will Hinton, Eugene Hughes, Prince Dehann, Omega Taylor, Alex Walte, Samuel Ragland, Willie Horton, Daniel Hockaday and Sonnie Jones.

DEATH OF LITTLE GIRL

Five-Year-Old Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lanius Died Yesterday Morning. (Special to The Times.)
Pittsboro, N. C., Dec. 18.—A day morning just before early daylight the sad news was broken to the people of our town that little Ella Cotton, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lanius was dead. About six weeks ago she was taken to Raleigh by Mrs. Lanius for treatment under Dr. Royster. One week ago she returned home very much improved, and all her friends had hoped for her recovery, but other troubles and complications of her disease set in and the lamps of life went out.
Little Ella Cotton was one of the most beautiful and amiable characters we have ever known. The funeral services were conducted today at 2:30 p. m. from the Presbyterian church.

Silver Service to Florida.

Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 18.—People of Florida presented to the battleship bearing the state's name, a silver service, from German warship anchored here joined with the blue jackets from Florida's and other American fighting vessels in parade preceding presentation ceremonies.

Not Told Result of Trial.

New York, Dec. 18.—Although W. E. H. Stokes, is now declared well on the road to recovery he has not been told of the result of the trial of Misses Graham and Conrad, the "show girls" who shot him in the leg and were acquitted of attempting to murder him.

New York Girl Kills a Deer.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 18.—A white tail deer weighing 161 pounds was shot and killed by Miss Bessie Yeakley, daughter of Mr. P. Yeakley, while hunting Saturday on the ranch of Mrs. Henrietta M. King, near here. It is the largest deer ever killed by a woman in Tennessee.

Steamer Wrecked.

Zanzibar, Dec. 18.—The British steamer Eastern from Port Tampa, whence she sailed October 2nd, via Port Natal for Yokohama, was wrecked at Juan De Nova, November 21st. The crew landed at Dar E. S. Salem.

CUMBERLAND DEPUTY SHERIFF KILLED

(Special to The Times.)
Fayetteville, Dec. 18.—Deputy Sheriff John C. Benton, of this county, was discovered by the engineer of a passing freight train, lying unconscious beside the A. C. L. Railroad early yesterday morning, between Wade and Godwin. He was taken to Godwin where he died at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Dr. McLean stating that death was due to compression of the brain caused by a blow on the head. Sheriff McGee and County Colonel, Dr. McGowan, went to Godwin in automobiles yesterday afternoon carrying bloodhounds. The coroner made a thorough investigation but did not hold an inquest as there was no evidence to determine whether he was struck by a passing train or attacked by a person or persons unknown.

FIVE LAWYERS WANT TO SUCCEED MR. WARD

There are five active candidates—or rather lawyers willing to sacrifice their practice for the good of the state—for the judgeship made vacant by the resignation of Judge Geo. W. Ward and there are said to be any number of gentlemen who are willing to do their part by the beloved commonwealth. The candidates are: L. L. Smith, Gatesville; W. C. Rodman and S. C. Bragaw, Washington; C. S. Vann, Edenton; and A. O. Gaylord, Plymouth. W. M. Bond, Sr., of Edenton and E. F. Aydtre, of Elizabeth City are said to be in a receptive mood.
—Mr. J. E. Ramsey, of Salisbury, was in the city today.

GIVEN \$10,000 FOR CHARITY

Two Young Women Devote Their Lives to the Cause of Orphans and Other Helpless

MISS LACKEY IN RALEIGH

One of Them Spent Today Here Furthering Her Work—Leaves in Afternoon for Durham, Greensboro and Winston-Salem—Both Have Traveled From Maine to California—Were Fired With Zeal At Sunday School Institute in Tennessee.

To have made \$10,000 in six years only to give it away and to continue to make money in order to give it to charity is the unusual record of two young women, one of whom reached Raleigh last night, the other being in Danville, Va. They are working through the cities of the south in order that they may increase their gifts to charity.

For six years Miss Edith MacDonald, who is the one who has gone to Danville, and Miss Ida Lackey, who is in Raleigh, have been traveling all over the United States selling a ten-cent periodical, the Bible Training School and devoting the proceeds of their sales to charity. Both young women seem to have no other purpose in life than to help those whom the world has used harshly. They are especially partial to orphans.

Supporting Missionary.

While attending the Bible Training School at Nashville, Tenn., in 1906, the appalling conditions existing among the little girl widows of India was brought to their attention. Their sympathies were aroused to such an extent that they left the school and having ordered several thousand copies of the journal, they started out to sell them. On this first missionary trip they went through all the states of the south, getting as far south as Tampa and finishing up in Ogden, Utah. And when that trip was finished they had made enough money over their expenses to send a missionary and his wife to India.

Continuing Their Policy.

This first trip seemed to bring them to a decision as to their future work. They concluded that they would continue to make money, and give it away as fast as they made it to worthy enterprises in which their interest might be aroused.

During a visit in Southern California they became interested in an institution which was engaged in medical missionary evangelistic work, and finding that it was in desperate need of immediate funds, they started out again with their magazines and returned shortly with several hundred dollars which they donated to the institution. Miss Lackey is a trained nurse and masseuse.

Helping the Orphans.

Then they went to Alabama and stumbled upon an industrial school at Huntsville. There they discovered a number of orphan children whom they thought ought to attend this school and get an education but they had no means to do it. So they started out again with their magazines, and in a short time came back with \$1,000 and with it they established an orphanage in connection with the school, thus making it possible. (Continued on Page Four.)

PEACE CONFERENCE BY WARRING CHINESE

Shanghai, Dec. 18.—Peace conference between Wu Ting Fang, foreign secretary in the revolutionary cabinet, and Tang Shao Yi, representing Premier Yuan Shi aki, and five delegates selected by each side opened this afternoon.

Postoffice Changes.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—Post-offices designated postal savings depositories effective January 15: Warsaw and Whitakers. James L. Taylor, appointed postmaster at Gumberry. Vice W. F. Trenchard, resigned.

The best cure for baldness is fiery red hair.

