

## PEACE CONFERENCE AT SHANGHAI

### BRITISH AND JAPANESE OFFICIALS AS MEDIATORS

#### Dr. Sun Yet Sen Elected President of New Republic by Revolutionists

London, Dec. 18.—The Pekin correspondent of the Times says it has been decided that the British and Japanese consul-generals at Shanghai shall act as mediators in the present negotiations.

Conference Opens.  
Shanghai, Dec. 18.—The peace conference between Wu Ting Fang, the foreign secretary of the revolutionary cabinet, and Tang Shao Yi, representing Premier Yuan Shi Kai, and five delegates selected by each side, opened in the town hall here at 2:30 this afternoon.

The delegates were welcomed by the chairman of the municipal council after which they proceeded to business. All except the delegates were excluded from the building, which was guarded by British police. The public is not allowed on the same side of the street.

One of the notable facts in connection with the conference is that both principals are natives of Canton and old friends. On their first entrance into the room the greeting of the delegates was most friendly.

Tang Shao Yi said he does not represent the throne, but is a personal representative of Premier Yuan Shi Kai. This declaration may be regarded as significant.

Both Wu Ting Fang and Tang Shao Yi privately expressed the hope that some agreement might be reached as a result of the discussion.

Amos P. Wilder, American consul-general here, formally congratulated Tang Shao Yi and spoke with him on the subjects of general interest without touching on the subject of a revolution.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 18.—A cable received here to-day reports that Dr. Sun Yet Sen has been elected president of the new Chinese republic by the revolutionary convention sitting at Nanking. The dispatch was received by the Chinese Free Press, a local Chinese paper.

This news apparently was confirmed by another message early to-day coming from Shanghai giving the names of the cabinet ministers of the new government. Dr. Sun, according to the reports, received half of the votes cast by the delegates of the fourteen provinces. Wong Hing, one of Dr. Sun's supporters, came next in the list and was made minister of war. Wong is a graduate of the military school in Tokyo. Tong Far Ling, late revolutionary governor of Hu Peh province, was named as minister of the interior. The Chinese in America were honored by the appointment of Fung Chi Yauan, as colonial minister. Fung arrived at Yokohama yesterday, having sailed from San Francisco during the last of November. He is a graduate of a Japanese university and editor of Chinese revolutionary papers both at Yokohama and Hongkong.

## FERNIE BOY MISSING. Disappeared a Week Ago—Search Proves Fruitless.

Fernie, Dec. 18.—A small boy named Hector F. Nicholson, aged 7, rather slender and tall for his age, disappeared from the Fernie school grounds a short time after the dismissal of school on Monday evening, and has not been seen or heard from since. The last sighting of the boy is the statement of his playmate named Tulley, who says that Nicholson boy told him he was going to the house of an Auntie Monroe, a friend of the family living near Mrs. Monroe was not at home at the time and knows nothing of the boy having called at her house. These facts were not reported to Principal Frace of the school until last Thursday, and since that time the police have had the case in hand, but so far no clue can be gained of the missing boy. His record was good at the school and he was considered a good boy by those who knew him.

It is thought that the lad, through some anticipated trouble growing out of a sleigh-ride taken by himself and two or three other boys a few days before, has run away. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson came here from Spring Hill, N. S., a few months ago. Mr. Nicholson is a miner and works in the Coal Creek mines.

## SHILOH LEADER SENT TO PRISON

### Must Serve Ten Years for Causing Deaths of Six Persons

Portland, Maine, Dec. 18.—Ten years in the federal prison at Atlanta was the sentence imposed to-day on Rev. Frank W. Sanford, leader of the Holy Ghost and Us Society of Shiloh, for causing the deaths of six persons on the yacht Coronet. For ten hours yesterday Sanford stood in the pulpit at Shiloh, talking, preaching and praying. Of the six hundred odd men, women and children who made up the strange religious colony, hardly one was absent from the services.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 18.—Fighting bravely after being struck on the head with the butt of a pistol in the hands of a robber, Katie Nelstrum, a maid in the employ of Frederick Prael, last night put the robber to flight and probably saved several thousand dollars worth of jewelry and silver.

Closely following the attempted robbery of the Prael residence, three other homes in the vicinity were entered, evidently by the same man, and several thousand dollars stolen. The robber has not been captured.

## PREDICTS ANGLO-GERMAN CLASH

### J. NORTON GRIFFITHS IN PESSIMISTIC MOOD

#### Believes Two Countries Will Be at War Within Six Years

New York, Dec. 18.—John Norton Griffiths, Conservative member of the House of Commons, speaking at Wednesday, says that within the next six years Great Britain and Germany will be at war, and all of Europe will feel the effects of the conflict. He made his prophecy without the qualification following his arrival in New York from the Canadian Northwest. In saying it he gave what he believed to be the reason for Canada's refusal to accept reciprocity at the recent elections.

"The people of Canada," said Mr. Griffiths, "realized in their elections that a far graver problem than trade comity with the United States confronted them and that problem was the bringing together of the British Empire in unity to confront the menace of a war which would soon threaten the existence of the mother nation."

"I believe there is no doubt that within six years—maybe much sooner—England and Germany will be at war and Europe will be shaken by the conflict. Yes, and America, too, for America could not help feeling keenly the existence of so great a conflict that will assuredly be."

"Why do I think this? Because the whole German nation is seeking war with us at every turn of the road, and when a whole country is behind a thing like this, there is no stopping it. The bankers stopped war at the time of the recent crisis, but war was very near and the bankers cannot always stand in the way of a whole people."

## LYOYD GEORGE IS VICTIM OF ASSAULT

### Male Suffragist Hurls Brass-bound Box Into Face of Chancellor

London, Dec. 18.—David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, was seriously injured while leaving a woman's Liberal meeting here Saturday evening, at which he had just made a speech.

A male suffragist hurled a brass-bound box at the chancellor, which struck him full in the face, cutting his lip and badly injuring his eye. A doctor who attended to the chancellor's injuries said he had a narrow escape from losing the eye.

Sir Edward Grey and Mr. Lloyd George both addressed the meeting in favor of including female franchise in the government's suffrage bill next year.

The police had taken extraordinary precautions to exclude militant suffragettes from the meeting, but evidently some of them forced their way through the barrier.

## ITALIANS ROUT ARABS AND TURKS

### THOUSAND REPORTED KILLED OR WOUNDED

#### Turkish Deputies Fear Attempt Will Be Made to Dissolve Chamber

London, Dec. 18.—An interesting point in connection with the Turkish and Arab news is the news that the Grand Vizier introduced a bill in the chamber of deputies on Saturday providing that the Sultan might dissolve parliament in time of war. The Turkish Opposition deputies assumed that it was the intention of the government to dissolve the chamber and order to ensure a strong government.

According to late dispatches, several sharp reconnaissance engagements occurred at Homs, Tripoli, Sunday.

The Italian Government denies the reported Turkish victory at Benghazi. It says the Turks and Arabs made a vigorous attack there December 15, but were repulsed, suffering severe losses.

A news agency dispatch from Rome says the Italian cruisers shelled the Turks and Arabs at Homs on Thursday. The latter were eventually driven off by a sortie by Italian infantry from the trenches. The losses are estimated at 1,000 dead or wounded and 500 prisoners.

It is stated at the Turkish embassy that the Porte has lodged a protest with the Powers against the alleged action of the Italians in bombarding a mosque in the northern region of Meha, Yaman, at the time of prayers, killing nine and wounding many. The Porte asserts that such an attack in an undefended locality is contrary to all the principles of international law.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The Temps' correspondent with the Turks, telegraphed from Antalya under date of December 15, that thousands of well-armed Arabs have been concentrating there in the last two days. A body of noted Arab fighters arrived at Antalya on that date, after a forty-eight day march.

## CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

### List of Candidates Who Passed at Western Centres of Canada

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The Gazette contains the list of successful competitors in the recent civil service examinations.

Following is the list of successful candidates at a preliminary examination for the outside division of the civil service in Canada, held at the western centres of the Dominion:

At Victoria—George E. Fish, Joseph R. Fish, Lionel F. Hawkes, Harold G. Humber, Alexander Low.

At Vancouver—Jessie McDonald, Francis Thompson.

At Nelson—Edward F. O'Neill.

At Edmonton—Earl L. Dewar.

At Calgary—Alfred H. Black.

At Regina—John Hammerman, Francis C. Dufosse, George F. White.

Following is the list of successful candidates qualifying in the examination for the outside division of the civil service of Canada, held at the western centres of the Dominion:

At Victoria—William J. Crawford.

## ANGLOPHOBIA IS INCREASING

### COLOGNE NEWSPAPER'S WILD STORY OF PLOT

#### Report of British Conspiracy to Blow Up Wilhelmshaven Harbor Discredited

Cologne, Dec. 18.—The Rheinisch Westphalian Zeitung publishes a story of the alleged discovery of a plot on the part of Great Britain to blow up Wilhelmshaven harbor. The Zeitung professes to have received its information from one of the best-informed officials, who said that the postal authorities, becoming suspicious of many money orders in favor of the dock officers and chief mates, finally had been betrayed to the British Admiralty. They showed that the plans to the entrance to Wilhelmshaven harbor, as well as plans of the secret code book, had been betrayed to the British Admiralty. The paper points out that with such information at its command, Great Britain could blow up the entrances to the harbor at the decisive moment, making it utterly useless, and Germany, at the very beginning of war, helpless to defend herself at sea.

To prevent the threatened danger, the Zeitung continues, a German squadron should remain on patrol duty.

Recent conferences between the Emperor, the minister of marine, the chief of the admiralty staff and the chief of the marine department dealt with this danger.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—The alleged discovery of a British plot to blow up the naval harbor at Wilhelmshaven, published in the Rheinisch Westphalian Gazette, is regarded in official circles in the light of newspaper nonsense. While the Essen newspapers story is not denied, it is considered the product of the prevailing espionage mania in Germany and England. Espionage existed, but it took less fantastical forms than that related in the Gazette.

"Mere Romance."  
London, Dec. 18.—The story that the British Admiralty has secured plans of the locks and water supply of the Rhineish Westphalian Zeitung, which is strongly anti-British.

Nelson, Dec. 18.—H. Geislerich and associates have concluded a deal on the Panama group, consisting of two claims situated at Bear Lake, a short distance from the Lucky Jim mine, Spokane capitalists are the purchasers.

The Panama shipped a car of high grade silver ore from here this fall and it is considered one of the coming properties of the district. It is the intention of the new owners to open it up on a large scale, as soon as the roads are passable in the spring.

## SPOKANE MEN BUY KOOTENAY CLAIMS

### Property Near the Lucky Jim Mine to Be Operated on Large Scale

London, Dec. 18.—Sir Charles Tupper is slightly easier to-day, but his condition is still critical. Within the last three weeks his portrait has been painted for the Canadian House of Commons.

## TREATY WILL BE ABROGATED

### Objection by Idaho Senator Prevents Senate From Taking Action

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—An objection by Senator Heyburn of Idaho, who protested against precipitous action, prevented the United States Senate from voting to-day to approve the action of President Taft on December 15, in notifying Russia that the United States desired to terminate the treaty of 1832 with that country.

## UNITED STATES NOTIFIES RUSSIA

### President Taft sent to the senate a message stating the course he had pursued. Earlier he advised the foreign relations committee of the senate of executive steps taken. The same committee recommended that the senate act with the House in carrying out the intention of the United States to abrogate the treaty of 1832 with that country.

## COUNTERFEIT BILLS.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Counterfeit five dollar bills are in circulation here.

## PITHEAD FIRE STOPS OPERATIONS IN MINE

### Blaze at Hosmer Destroys the Building Over Hoisting Machinery

#### Three Persons Meet Death When Two Trolley Cars Collide

Fernie, Dec. 18.—The frame building over the hoisting power plant at the Hosmer coal mines burned down yesterday morning. It is not known how long this mishap will delay operations at the mines. The building was a very lightly-constructed wooden affair and the extent of the damage to the machinery will not be known for a day or two.

If new machinery and engines have to be provided several weeks will elapse before the mine can be operated. The pecuniary loss is small and no one was injured by the accident.

## MINISTER IMPRISONED.

Bozeman, Mont., Dec. 18.—Eight years in the penitentiary was the sentence imposed on Rev. John R. Hedberg, who, until four weeks ago, was pastor of a Swedish mission church at Anaconda. Hedberg pleaded guilty to the charge of obtaining money under false pretences. He had been brought from St. Paul to answer the allegation that he had obtained \$800 from Miss Christine Mattson and other persons of Bozeman on the plea that it was to be used for charity. It went instead, it is alleged, for worldly pleasures.

## SIKHS DECIDE TO APPEAL TO KING

### Desire Changes in Immigration Laws

Toronto, Dec. 18.—The Hindu Sikhs who represented the West India League and Khalsa Duanan Society in petitioning the British administration for equality in Canadian immigration laws to all British subjects, and were handed a gold brick by Hon. Robert Rogers, will appeal directly to his Majesty King George for intervention on their behalf. They will also communicate with the British government.

The statement was made by Dr. Sunder Singh in an interview. Dr. Singh has just returned from Ottawa and is putting himself in cable communication with India with a view to having his people wait upon his Majesty while the latter is in India. The delegation claim to be the promoters of Queen Victoria and King Edward that all rights be accorded the Hindu as British subjects throughout the Empire.

## TEN MORE BODIES TAKEN FROM MINE

### It is Believed Death Roll as Result of Explosion Will Total 85

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 18.—Ten bodies were removed from the Cross Mountain mine at Briceville yesterday, leaving seven or eight more in the mine. This removal of bodies brings the total of identified dead up to 77. The total number of victims will be 84 or 85.

The funeral of Mayor Thomas Watts of Coal Creek, prominent in the work of relief of the Briceville sufferers, who met death Friday morning, was held to-day. Mrs. Watts has been confined to a hospital for a week as a result of an operation for appendicitis and a her request that she be allowed to stop at the hospital to-day. The coffin was removed from the hearse and carried by the pallbearers into the hospital that Mrs. Watts might get a better look at the features of her husband.

## TEN KILLED IN RAILWAY WRECK

### Operator Blamed for Fatal Collision

#### Three Persons Meet Death When Two Trolley Cars Collide

Odesa, Minn., Dec. 18.—Ten persons were killed and a score of others injured in a collision here at 4:30 o'clock this morning, when the second section of the Columbian flyer from the Pacific coast, bound for St. Paul, of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad crashed into the rear of the first section of that train. The engine of the second section, which was hauling a special consignment of silk, tore its way through to the middle of the sleeper on the rear of the first section. The sleeper was stripped from the front end by the diner, the next coach ahead, almost to the place where the engine had stopped its destructive ploughing. The rear of the diner and the pilot of the engine thus almost touched. Those who escaped death were in this small space. The sleeper did not leave the right-of-way, neither did the car twist. No other cars suffered more than slight damage.

The dead: Mrs. R. C. Moyers, Newcastle, Ind.; Mrs. C. Barber, Terry, Mont.; W. J. McKeone, sleeping car conductor at Chicago; Dr. Whitesides, Minneapolis; Mrs. J. F. Richards, wife of the superintendent of the Missouri Slope division of the St. Paul, and daughter, Moberg, S. D.; four unidentified.

Injured: Mrs. F. J. Mather, Reader, S. D., slightly hurt; Ralph Amny, Aberdeen, S. D., ankles injured; Mrs. Addie Deutch, Butte, Mont., left ankle injured; Mrs. A. Williams, Leominster, back and head hurt; Marcella Pierce, Seattle, back and foot injured; Mrs. Eliza Clements, Boston, head and back injured; W. H. Ferry, Vancouver, B. C., bruised on head, arm and shoulders; E. Liblan, Seattle, back injured; Miss Leola Kennedy, Newcastle, Ind., back injured; D. Rivier, Three Forks, Mont., slightly injured; J. E. Alexander, porter of sleeping car, slightly injured; Ralph D. Brown, Aberdeen, Mont., back injured; Dr. Sher-

## DEPUTATION MAY WAIT ON HIS MAJESTY ON BEHALF OF HINDUS IN CANADA

The speaker has arranged for 1000 letters from Ottawa to be prepared and will hold the six unknown dead until identified and instructions are given for their disposition.

The accident occurred a short distance from the signal tower here. The first section had been stopped by the towerman because of a freight train in the block. The second section, which closely followed the first, is what is known as a "silk" train, carrying merchandise. Railway officials attribute the accident to the failure of the operator to set the signals against the second section. They also believe the brakeman of the first section failed to run back to the second section.

Operator Blamed.  
St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 18.—Persons injured in the wreck at Odesa to-day are being taken to Minneapolis in a special train. Physicians from Montevideo, Appleton, and Milwaukee were picked up by a special train and hurried to the scene. A wrecker was sent out from Minneapolis.

Details of the wreck, which occurred at 4:30 a. m., are meagre. Such as have been received, however, by officials in the Twin Cities indicate that it occurred because of the failure of the operator to block the train. The regular first section was in the lead. It was proceeding slowly when the second section crashed into the tail end of the Columbian. The second section, it was said, was proceeding at high speed. A sleeping car and the milk car of the Columbian were twisted and those asleep were caught in the wreckage.

Trolley Cars Collide.  
Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 18.—In a collision between two trolley cars on the Kansas City-Leavenworth electric line, when mot head-on in a dense fog near Wolcott, Kas., sixteen miles north of this city to-day, three persons were killed and nine others seriously injured.

Through a misunderstanding of orders the motorman of the southbound car failed to wait on the siding at Wolcott for the other car to pass and the two met at South Wolcott. Blinded by fog, the motorman failed to reverse their motors in time to avoid the crash. The injured were taken to the company's car barn at Wolcott, where they were attended by doctors, hurried to the scene from Leavenworth.

## PICKPOCKETS BUSY.

### Toronto, Dec. 18.—Organized gangs of pickpockets are working among the Christmas shoppers. Seventy cases have been reported to the police within three days. This is the greatest number ever recorded during a holiday season, and the authorities have detailed a score of plain clothes men in an effort to round up the guilty.

## WILL INVESTIGATE BLAZE.

London, Ont., Dec. 18.—It is likely that the city council will appoint a committee to make an investigation into the cause of Friday night's fire in the Ferrin Biscuit Factory. No definite cause can be given and the flames had made great headway before the alarm was turned in.

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