ATTENTION OF THE WORLD WILL FOCUS ON AUSTRIA

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gates to recede from the demand that Adrianople be surrendered providing in return that Turkey will not object to their respective enlargement territorially. These advances and reports emanating from Constantinople that Bulgaria is negotiating terms direct with Turkey there, are considered to have as their basic purpose an attempt to divide the allies.

The representatives of the Balkan states, however, have resisted all the temptations placed in their way and today present as united a front as they did the first day of the negotiations, and are just as determined, however, to have their own way in concluding peace.

Excitement Growing.

Instead of diminishing, excitement is growing among the Servian and Montenegrin delegations over what are considered Austria's plans in the Balkans. That the dual monarchy seems determined to carry out these plans is considered to be proven by the fact that she has not as yet begun to demobilize the big army she recently called to the colors. It is now considered certain that at the resumption of the Ambassadorial conference January 2, Austria will urge the representatives of Europe to make the territory of autonomous Albania as large as possible, including in it Brisrend, Djacova and even Scutari.

Meanwhile Austria is tempting Montenegro by proposing in exchange for Austria's support and the occupation of Scutari by Montenegro, that Austria be given possession of the mountains dominating Cattaro, which thus would become such an impregnable naval stronghold as to make the Vienna government the real master of the Adriatic Sea.

Russia and Italy Opposed.

Italy, the power chiefly interested, opposes such a scheme as would give her rivals the coveted supremacy on the sea which once was considered a Venetian lake. Russia equally is anxious to prevent the Austrian project which, if successful, would stifle forever the Muscovite ambition to obtain an outlet in the Adriatic.

Montenegro considers that the scheme would be fatal to her very existence, as Scutari is the real soul of the country while the loss of the mountains above Cattaro, besides depriving her of a strong weapon against Austria, would put the country in Austrian hands as from those mountains cannon could dominate Cettinje. Austria's project is causing dissatisfaction against the triple entente, which is accused of acting against its own interests in failing to defend the Balkans.

Servians Dissatisfied.

The Servian delegation observes that it has only asked a port for the free development of the country without Austrian intervention. "This port," the Servians say, "although already conquered by our arms has been taken from us in deference to the will of Austria. The triple entente also meekly acquiesced to the will of an artificial Albania composed of all the territories which Austria covets for herself, granting to Servia instead a commercial port the only guarantees of which are illusory.

"If official Albania should be dominated by Austria, a policy of chicane could be inaugurated and cause a imaginable difficulties to the Servian commerce. Italian support would be only theoretical, as Italy never would fight Austria to guarantee Servia a neutral port.

"The question of a port is trifling if placed by itself; but behind it is the question whether the Balkans are to be enslaved to the triple alliance or emancipated. The emancipation of the Balkans, achieved by splendid victories of the allies, threatens to be lost through the inconceivable weakness of the triple entente.

Peace at Any Cost.

"The triple entente urges peace at any cost, even yielding on the frontiers of Albania. It is proposed to turn Servia out of Durazzo because she occupied it, and to deprive Montenegro of Scutari, because she did not take it.

"Nobody proposes to enlarge Albania over the southern territories which the Greeks have not yet conquered, or to deprive Bulgaria of much of the fruits of her victory. Only Servia and Montenegro are to be sacrificed in order to allow Austria permanent intervention in the Balkans and prevent a final settlement of the status of the peninsula.

"The Austrian declares he desires no territorial agrandizement, but through his mobilization he prevents the solution of the Balkan problem and imposes the formation of Albania into territories which Austria will seize at the first opportunity. German policy will be definitely substituted in the Orient for the Balkan-Slav equilibrium if the entente makes this last abdication before the triple alliance.

The Balkan Slavs realize that not even a victorious war can gain for them considerations necessary to their political, moral and economic development and find that their safety lies in a close understanding with Austria.

"This would cause a great transformation in the status of the orient as Germany and Austria, freed from the nightmare of a great Servian state would dominate the Balkans unopposed, having in their hands the markets and a route to India. If the triple entente desires this they had better say so frankly."

Reports received from Constantinople stating that the military officers had been ordered to the Tchatalja lines created a ripple of excitement here today. The explanation given is that they were sent back because the soldiers had grown mutinous because the officers were enjoying themselves in the capital while they were enduring hardships in the trenches.

SAY "ALL HUSBANDS DECEIVE THEIR WIVES"

Paris Woman Who Killed Rival Spoke From Experience — Jury Acquitted Her—Mdme. Gaston Block, the Authoress, Tells Her Story.

Paris, Dec. 27.—All Paris was deeply interested today in the trial and acquittal of Mme. Gaston Bloch, the authoress, who on July 31 last, shot and killed Mrs. James E. Bridgeman, formerly of Milwaukee, and wife of a Scotchman engaged in business in Paris; who had stolen the affections of her husband. The jury took but twenty minutes today to decide that Mme. Bloch was justified in what she had done.

The scene in court was impressive. Mme. Bloch who is a short, thickset woman of 38 years, appeared in the chamber dress in deep black. She is so deaf that she could hardly hear the judge, though she used an ear trumpet, throughout the proceedings.

Shortly after the trial had started the judge went over the facts in the case, and described, the murdered woman as an American who had become very Parisian, and whose conduct had not been above reproach. Despite her failings, continued the judge, Mrs. Bridgeman was good natured and amusing, and undoubtedly loved M. Bloch, which was partly instanced by the fact that he occasionally borrowed money from her.

Following his preliminary remarks Mme. Bloch took the witness stand, and the judge asked her what her motive was in killing the American woman. The French woman tersely replied, "Jealously."

The judge mused a few moments and then remarked: "I believe as a result of my long experience that time cures jealousy."

All Husbands Deceivers.

He then asked the aggrieved woman whether Mrs. Bridgeman or her husband had been the culprit. To this Mme. Bloch replied in a characteristically French fashion, saying:—

"All husbands deceive their wives. Mine had a mistress, but she (Mrs. Bridgeman) was no passing fancy. She usurped my place and learned the most intimate secrets of my life."

The judge thereupon pointed out that it was her husband who had betrayed the secrets.

The examination of Mme. Bloch then turned on her version of her three visits to Mrs. Bridgeman, who refused to surrender M. Bloch to his lawful wife, and who advised Mme. Bloch to follow her unfaithful spouse's example and take a lover, and also the version of her three visits to Mr. Bridgeman, the husband of the American woman, when Mme. Bloch told Mr. Bridgeman's son, aged 20, of his mother's conduct, but Mr. Bridgeman denied that she made the visits. Mr. Bridgeman, is alleged to have declared that the affair must stop or she (Mme. Bloch) would kill Mrs. Bridgeman like a dog. When Mr. Bridgeman turned his wife out and began a suit for divorce the American woman went to an apartment on the Rue Vignon. Mme. Bloch had believed her rival was in England until someone told her the American woman's address for three francs and a pair of boots.

Felt No Pity.

After testimony had been obtained on those points the judge asked the French woman for an explanation of her appearance of calmness on the day of the murder when she was only two minutes with the victim. To this she replied: "I loved my husband dearly but this woman intervened and made him notice the little negligencies in my household and my personal appearance. These he had never noticed before. Then I learned details which I never had suspected, and which explained the woman's singular power over my husband. So I went to her apartment, and had I felt the least pity I would not have killed her."

After Mme. Bloch had left the witness stand following what was acknowledged a splendid defence, M. Bloch, the husband, was called. On entering the box he cast a quick glance at his wife, who buried her face in her hands.

In answer to the judge's questions the husband claimed the full responsibility for the drama, which he said was due to his unwillingness to abandon Mrs. Bridgeman. "But," he added, "I never imagined that my wife's chagrin would drive her to the crime."

"You are unpardonable," said the judge in dismissing him from the box.

In summing up the Public Prosecutor demanded a verdict of "mitigated culpability with extenuating circumstances." Henri Robert, the noted lawyer, made a touching appeal for the French woman, who had been robbed of her husband's affections, and after the jury had been out for 20 minutes the verdict giving Mme. Bloch her freedom was returned.

One of the features of the case brought out during the testimony is that M. Bloch is making 37,000 francs annually ($7,400), but that he left his wife needing everything.

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DISHONEST SENATORS GO TO PENITENTIARY

Huffman and Andrews of Ohio Will Serve Terms for Accepting Bribes in Legislature.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 27.—To serve terms of three years and nine months, respectively, State Senators Isaac E. Huffman, of Butler County, and Laforrest R. Andrews of Lawrence County, entered the penitentiary here late today. Both had been refused new trials recently upon conviction of accepting bribes in connection with bills pending before the last legislature.

Both are lawyers and Senator Andrews previous to his election to the senate had served two terms as prosecutor of Lawrence County. Andrews is a republican and Huffman a democrat.

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"Three years ago I discovered that a man subject to lumbago might just as well be dead as alive." These words open the sincere, straightforward letter of H. P. Bushy, a well-known man in the plumbing and tinsmithing business.

"One attack came after another, and lumbago got to be a chronic thing with me. I could scarcely get in a day's work before that knifing, cruel pain would attack my back. I used a gallon of liniments; not one of them seemed penetrating enough to get at the core of the pain. I read in the Montreal Witness about Nerviline, and got five bottles. It is a wonderful medicine—I could feel its soothing, pain-relieving action every time it was applied. When I got the disease under control with Nerviline, I built up my strength and fortified my blood by taking Ferrozone at meals. This treatment cured me permanently, and I urge everyone to give up the thick, white, oily liniments they are using, and try an up-to-date, penetrating, pain-destroyer like Nerviline.

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BREAK IN DEADLOCK

Lunenburg Fishermen Begin to Give Way in Quarrel with Exporters—Prices on Fish Forced Down.

Special to The Standard.

Halifax, Dec. 27.—The first sign of a break in the deadlock which has existed for the past ten weeks between the Lunenburg bank fishermen and the exporters at Halifax, occurred today when dry cod sold at $5.90 per quintal, a drop of ten cents per quintal. For two months the Lunenburg men have held from salt over half a million dollars worth of fish with the purpose of forcing the exporters to pay $6.50 and $6.75 per quintal. This the shippers refused to do, claiming they could not clear a profit at that figure, after sending the stock to Brazil and the West Indies, where the market is low. With still lower prices prevailing in the foreign market, the buyers here show less eagerness to purchase at $6 a quintal and a declining tendency is now evident. The exporters are waiting for five dollars.

SEPARATE SCHOOLS REFUSED

Toronto, Dec. 27.—"We have a system of public and separate schools in this province. The reason for the existence and the continuance of separate schools is religious feeling, for that reason they were brought into existence and the people are content with them. But the people of Ontario will not be willing that a third system shall be started in the province—a system of what may be called racial schools. "The people of the province of Ontario, of all religions will be and are opposed to a system of schools based on racial considerations."

In these sentences of Sir James Whitney, lies the answer of the Ontario government, to that section of the French-Canadian population that under the leadership of the Ottawa separate school trustees has been offering bitter opposition to the new English-French school regulations. Today a deputation, which through the chief spokesman, Trustee Genste, of Ottawa, claiming to represent over one hundred boards, of the province called on the government and gave expression to their complaint.

The reply of the government was couched in language that left no room for double meanings. The prime minister in characteristic manner swept aside the attempts to make the question one of religion. Using the statements of members of the deputation, he made it clear that their demands led in but one direction, and that the creation of a system of schools that would be almost entirely French, in a word racial schools.

Sir James branded as an untruth, the statement that the intention was to do away with he French language, and Dr. Freeland, of Ottawa, who voiced it, felt the sting of the prime minister's rebuke.

WELLS AND TOMMY BURNS WILL FIGHT

Mill Will Be for 15 Rounds for Purse of $37,000 and Will Be Fought in Calgary.

Calgary, Dec. 27.—Arrangements were completed this afternoon for a 15-round bout between Bombadier Wells, English heavyweight champion, and Tommy Burns, who claims the championship of the world, the mill to be held in Calgary, March 14, for a purse of $27,000. A local syndicate will finance the affair and the money will be posted in a local bank on January 2.

Burns had intended to start training the first of the year for the purpose of challenging the winner of the Palzer-McCarty match, but the offer of the local syndicate is better than any he could expect from American promoters. In case Burns wins over Wells he will defend the title against any white heavyweights.

SOLDIER KEARNS BEATEN.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Jesse Willard knocked out "Soldier" Kearns in the 8th round of a scheduled 10 round bout at Madison Square Garden tonight.

PRE-NATAL INFLUENCE MADE A THIEF OF HIM

Novel Defence Put Up by a Young Man Charged with Forgery in New York.

New York, Dec. 27.—Fright his mother received from a mouse shortly before his birth is the cause to which E. J. Hueppe attributes his career as a thief. Hueppe is twenty-one years old and the son, he says, of a wealthy manufacturer of Oldenberg, Germany. He pleaded guilty today to forging a cheque for $90, and the judge was so impressed by his story that he postponed sentence to enable allenists to investigate his case.

To prove his story of pre-natal influence Hueppe showed the downy outline of a mouse upon his leg. He said that he began to steal when a boy and that his parents sent him to America in 1908 to hide his shame.

Boston Train Late.

The Boston train which is due here at 11.15, did not arrive until 5.30 this morning. The train was late on Maine Central, and further delay was caused when the engine broke down at Fredericton Junction. An engine had to be sent from the city before the train could be brought in.

LATE SHIPPING.

Arrivals.

New York—Strs Sundt, Amherst, N S.

Vineyard Haven—Schs Noblitz, Gold River, NS; Hortensia, South Amboy; George E Pearl, St John, NB, (returned).

Portland, Me.—Schrs Moonlight, Calais, Me.; Annie B Mitchell, New York; Oakley C Curtis, Coalport; Maud H Dudley, Newark, NJ.

HAD TO TAKE HIM OUT IN PIECES.

Fort William, Ont., Dec. 27.—Angelo Bugulin, an Italian, 25 years old, was killed here this morning through being caught in a line shaft in the Strathcona. It was necessary to cut him in four pieces to extricate him from between the shaft and the top of the hold. The deceased was single and had worked in the freight shed for three years.

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Westerly and northwesterly gales; snow flurries and colder.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—The disturbance mentioned last night has during today been reinforced by a development off the middle Atlantic coast, and this evening is centred over the Bay of Fundy, as a severe storm with a barometer reading 28.56 inches at its focus. Fine unseasonably mild weather prevails throughout the western provinces.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	28	44
Vancouver	40	44
Kamloops	24	42
Edmonton	26	42
Battleford	36	40
Prince Albert	22	40
Calgary	28	48

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AND ENDING TO A ROMANTIC CAREER

Once a Wealthy Globe Trotter, Became Common Vagrant — Scion of Distinguished Family Killed on Track.

Reno, Nev., Dec. 27.—With both hands cut off and his skull fractured, Max Von Bulow, said to be a descendant of Count Von Bulow, the famous German general, was picked up on the railroad track near the state line today and died later in the railroad hospital at Sparks. Von Bulow was a globe trotter and soldier of fortune. Several years ago he married Miss Christine Plummer, a wealthy woman of Pueblo, Colo., and they travelled through Europe in regal style. They were later divorced.

Von Bulow was highly educated and spoke several languages. It is believed he was beating his way west on a passenger train last night and fell beneath the wheels.

CHICAGO GETS FEWER CATTLE, BUT PAYS MORE

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Fewer cattle by 281,298 have been received at the Chicago stock yards this year than in 1911, according to figures announced tonight. Despite this fact, more money was paid for beef during 1912 than in 1911 by $3,282,135. The total paid out this year was $183,488,909.

Three reasons are given for the increased price of beef. The Western States did not raise as many cattle as usual owing to droughts, farmers turned the pastures into wheat fields and the demand for beef increased. It was explained that the population in the United States in the last twenty years has increased twenty per cent., while the increase in cattle production has been only eight per cent. Beef exports fell off this year owing to the big home demand. In 1911 there were 47,000 cattle expressed from the Chicago yards compared with 23,000 this year.

THE HINT

John had left the house quite cross,
Because the bread was sour.
He said, "My dear, 'twould not be so
If you used DAISY FLOUR."

So Janet ordered some that day,
And made good bread and cake;
And John said, "When I married you
I sure made no mistake!"

DIED.

EVERETT—At Montreal, on the 27th inst., Alfred H., only son of Edward A. Everett and formerly of St. John. Deceased was in the 25th year of his age.

LOGAN—In this city on the 27th inst., David Logan, in the eighty-first year of his age.

(Fredericton Gleaner please copy.)

Funeral tomorrow afternoon at [illegible] o'clock from 109 Victoria street.

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