

## THE STANDARD EXTENDS TO ALL READERS ITS VERY BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS

### RAILWAY MEN ARE UNDER INDICTMENT

President Chamberlain of the G. T. R. Charged With Conspiracy

#### ACTION UNDER SHERMAN LAW

Alleged that Grand Trunk Railway and New York, New Haven and Hartford Conspired to Restrain Trade.

New York, Dec. 23.—Charles S. Mellen, president of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, Edson J. Chamberlain, president of the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada, and Alfred W. Smithers, of London, England, chairman of the board of directors of the Grand Trunk were jointly indicted by the federal grand jury in this city today under the Sherman Anti-trust Law.

They were charged with conspiring to restrain trade in connection with a memorandum of agreement between the two roads under which, it is alleged, the Grand Trunk proposed to abandon the extension of its railroad lines to Providence, R. I., together with a projected steamship line between Providence and New York.

The penalty for the crime charged, which is alleged to be a violation of section 1 of the Sherman Anti-trust Law, is one year in jail, a fine of \$5,000, or both.

Mr. Mellen and Mr. Chamberlain upon being notified of the indictment promised the federal authorities through their counsel that they would appear at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon to enter their pleas.

Mr. Chamberlain whose home is in Montreal, is already in New York and Mr. Mellen will come from New Haven. Mr. Smithers is now in London. It is believed by the federal authorities, however, that he will sail for this country as soon as he hears that an indictment lies against him.

"But for the commission of the crime set forth in the Grand Trunk system," the indictment charges, "would have actively competed with the New Haven system for the carriage of interstate and foreign commerce between Southern New England cities and the west. Through their connections, it is recited, both systems reached the same cities in the west, both in the United States and Canada.

Seven counts in indictment. A "quiet meeting" between Mellen, Chamberlain and Smithers in New York on August 5, 1912, is named in the indictments as the time and place at which the defendants first "engaged in an unlawful combination and conspiracy to prevent the conviction and completion" of the proposed extension of the Grand Trunk system in New England and the operation of the Grand Trunk Steamships between Providence and New York. Two other meetings, it is alleged, were afterward held, also in New York, one on September 20, 1912, and the other on October 1, 1912, for the purpose of completing the alleged conspiracy.

### CHRISTMAS AMONG THE IMMIGRANTS

Uncle Sam Entertains 1,200 Newcomers on Ellis Island—A Christmas Dinner and Gifts for All.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Twelve hundred immigrants from all parts of the world, detained on the threshold of the new world, were given a taste of Uncle Sam's Christmas cheer today that increased their anxiety to enter.

From two big Christmas trees in the diningroom on Ellis Island, gifts were distributed to every man, woman and child. Five clergymen made addresses in as many languages, and the entertainment ended with a dinner in which figured the cream and other dainties strange to a large majority of the guests.

The men received briar pipes, collar buttons or purses. The women were given small ornaments or toilet articles and the children a variety of toys.

### ROBBERY IN FULL SIGHT OF SCORES

Clerks in Grand Trunk Railway Office in Buffalo Held up by Highwayman Who Secured \$327.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Within sight of scores of people, a highwayman at 5.15 o'clock this afternoon held up two clerks in the city ticket office of the Grand Trunk Railway and succeeded in getting away with \$327. Joseph E. Edwards, chief clerk and Harold D. Mowry, a stenographer, were behind the desk when the man walked in. Drawing a revolver he threatened to kill them if they made any outcry. The ticket office is on the ground floor of Elliott Square.

### THE SERBIANS LOSE HEAVILY NEAR SCUTARI

Vienna, Dec. 23.—The Reichspost says it learns from Cattano, on the Adriatic Sea that the Serbians forces are assisting the Montenegrins.

### RUSSIA PUTS BAN ON MILITARY NEWS

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—An imperial decree issued today forbids the circulation of military or navy news of any kind whatsoever. The decree remains in force for a year. It gives in minute detail a list of matters which must not be touched upon including the fulfillment of factory orders for the army or navy and relating to sailings or calls to the colors.

### SIR JAMES WHITNEY IS OUTSPOKEN

Premier of Ontario Flays Ottawa Citizen Editor.

#### RESENTS STAND TAKEN BY PAPER.

Makes Vigorous Protest Against Treatment Accorded Conservative Members of Assessment Committee.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Sir James Whitney represents the animadversions of the Ottawa Citizen on the subject of tax reform. In reply to a question if he had any comment to make upon the attacks made upon him by the Ottawa Citizen, Sir James said: "I do not care to say anything today about the attacks—open and secret—made upon me by W. M. Southam during the last two or three years. The assistance given him by me to enable him to get his taxation scheme before the legislature, and the manner in which he repaid it, would make interesting reading, but let that suffice. "I wish merely to protest as vigorously as I know against his treatment of the conservative members of the assessment committee. He says that I 'played the big boss act' and that the 'conservative members fell into line.' This is an absolute untruth and a monstrous slander. "I repeat that I am not exercised over what Mr. Southam may say about me, but I desire to say to him that not one of the nineteen or twenty gentlemen whom he maligned need hesitate as to the outcome of a comparison with him with reference to capacity, personal honor, public spirit or any other of the qualities which go to make men worthy and deserving of the respect of their neighbors."

### BIG GAME PLentiful

Special to the Standard. Fredericton, Dec. 23.—The annual meeting and dinner of the New Brunswick Guides' Association took place at the Queen Hotel this afternoon and evening. The general tenor of the remarks made by the guides and others was that game is plentiful and that there is every reason to believe that it will continue so. Although many sporting parties which engaged guides during the last season cancelled their engagements the average attendance was good and the percentage of game was well maintained as large as usual. One guide reports ten moose killed by fourteen sportsmen with an average spread of horns of fifty-three inches. This is a remarkably high average for both kill and spread.

At tonight's dinner about forty guides and invited guests were present. Speeches were delivered by President W. H. Allen, Secretary J. H. McMurray, Premier Fleming, C. B. Lockhart, M. P., of St. John, O. S. Crockett, M. P., of Fredericton; Deputy Surveyor General T. G. Lorange, Mayor W. S. Hooper, W. W. Hubbard, City Clerk J. W. McCready; Postmaster L. H. Bliss and others.

There was good attendance of guides at this afternoon's meeting. The election of officers resulted as follows: Honorary president, Hon. J. K. Fleming, Surveyor General; President, W. Harry Allen, Penniac (re-elected); Vice-president, Burton Moore; Secretary, J. H. McMurray, Fredericton (re-elected); Executive committee, the officers and Hon. J. K. Fleming, S. B. Thomas, Wm. Griffin, Jr., Ada Moore, Burton Moore, Lorenz Sauvage, Chas. Crellin, John Murphy, John Jarvis, Harry Russell.

Committee on membership, Chas. Crellin, John Jarvis, Wm. Russell, Robert Craig, Burton Moore, Bert Donald, John Moore.

Committee to interview provincial government, Adam Moore, Arthur Pringle, Charles Crellin, Wm. Russell, Harry Russell, George Armstrong.

### NO WORD OF DEFIANT OUTRAGE

Much Indignation Over Attempt on Viceroy's Life.

#### Not Known Whether Bomb-Thrower Has Been Arrested.

London, Dec. 23.—Up to a late hour tonight no news in addition to that received today concerning the attempt on the life of Baron Harding, viceroy of India, had reached London. The motive for the attempt is a mystery on which it will be impossible to hazard a guess until it is known whether the miscreant is a Hindu or a Muslim. It is not known as yet whether the bomb thrower has been arrested.

Intense indignation is expressed both in Calcutta and London over the incident. Peers as expressed here that it may have been a manifestation of Moslem resentment at the British occupancy of the ancient Mohammedan capital of India. It is asserted that a warning reached London some time ago to the effect that some violence would be attempted by Mohammedans on the occasion of the viceroy's entry into Delhi.

Great sympathy is extended to Baron and Baroness Harding as a result of the attack, and much admiration is expressed over their courageous conduct. According to accounts received here tonight the viceroy underwent two operations for the extraction of the piece of the bomb that penetrated his shoulder.

The vice-regal council held a meeting today at Delhi to discuss the appointment of a substitute for the viceroy in case Baron Harding is laid up for a protracted period.

Delhi, Dec. 23.—An official report of the injuries to Baron Harding is issued by his surgeons tonight says that a portion of the projectile struck him at the back of the right shoulder and along the inner border of the scapula. The missile was so injured that it passed through the skin along the upper line of the shoulder causing a wound four inches long and exposing the muscle was no injury done to the viceroy's lungs.

Other fragments of the bomb caused slight wounds on the neck. There was a moderate loss of blood, the shock was severe and some deafness was caused by the explosion. Baron Harding lost consciousness, but soon recovered and is now resting fairly comfortably.

### GREEKS FIRE ON WOUNDED

Reports from Constantinople Say Greek Troops Bombarded Village Where Turkish Wounded Were in Hospital.

Constantinople, Dec. 23.—It is reported from the island of Chios, off the Turkish Asiatic coast, that the Greeks had bombarded the village of Pitos, where the Ottoman wounded are in hospitals. It is stated also that the Greeks forced the Mussulmans' islands to sign an address to the Ottoman garrison advising its surrender and notifying it of the defeat of the Turkish fleet by the Greeks. The commander of the garrison in reply to the address said that he would resist surrender to the utmost.

### VIOLATED GAME LAWS.

Hillsboro, Dec. 23.—Rayworth Tuck was convicted today before Magistrate Blight, of Hillsboro, on a charge of violation of the game regulations. For shooting a cow moose a fine of \$150 was imposed, and on another conviction for shooting a bull moose in excess of limits a fine of \$100 was imposed. Rayworth Tuck who is a son of R. Chester Tuck, admitted both charges.

### AUSTRALIAN ELECTION IN PREPARATION

Liberals are Stealing Planks from Labor Party Platform.

#### BATTLE OF BALLOTS WILL BE VERY BITTER.

Important Issues Will Be Fought out in Contest Which Will Be Called on Early in April.

Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 23.—With the close of the Australian parliament Saturday, members are busy in their constituencies getting ready for the April election. The government chance for returning is said to be good, but the battle will be a bitterly contested one.

The liberal party during the last three years of labor administration has been forced to adopt methods of the labor party in preparing a solid platform to which every candidate will be pledged. Their platform, judging by that of the state liberal parties, will be strongly democratic, and not a great deal more conservative than that of their opponents. The coming election carrying with it referendum on the nationalisation of the trams, operating in the commonwealth, together with a general control of the trade, commerce and industrial affairs will be one of unusual importance.

### RESCUED FROM SINKING SHIP

Luenburg, N. S., Dec. 23.—The schooner Ann W. N. Zwickel, Captain J. L. Publicover, arrived at La Haye Saturday evening from City Island, N. Y. Captain Publicover reports a very stormy passage, especially on the night of the 20th inst., when he picked up the crew of the American schooner Henry Littleton, Capt. Sprague, from Windsor, N. S., for the night. He had departed for the 45 miles east by north from Highland Light, water logged and with her sails gone. The crew of seven men were lashed to the spanker boom for many hours. The Henry Littleton was 460 tons register.

### MAN WHO LIBELLED KING IS DEPORTED FROM UNITED STATES

New York, Dec. 23.—Edouard D. Mylius, the Englishman convicted in London of libelling King George V., and sentenced to serve a year in prison, was ordered deported today by the Commissioner of Immigration at Ellis Island. Mylius was held to be an undesirable alien and probably will return on the vessel which brought him here.

Mylius published a sensational story to the effect that the English Sovereign had contracted a morganatic marriage in Malta in 1880. The story was disproved in an action for libel brought against him by the Solicitor General of England. He was sentenced to a year's imprisonment, his term expiring December 7, 1911.

### WORKMEN UNCOVERED UNDERGROUND STREAM.

Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 23.—Hundreds of workmen figured in constructing the 1000 yard tunnel through the Jura Mountains between Italy and France had a narrow escape from death today when the pickets of one of the workmen opened a powerful subterranean stream. The laborers fled before the great mass of water which spurted up into the tunnel at the rate of 150 cubic feet a second, flooding it and the neighboring villages. The damage done by the water is heavy. There were no casualties.

Liverpool, Dec. 23.—The Cunard Line steamer Caronia inward bound from New York, collided last night in Crosby Channel with the steamer Gorilla. The Caronia had two plates on her port bow pierced while the Gorilla was damaged at the stern.

### ALLIES PRESENT THEIR TERMS TO TURKEY

### A CIVIL SUIT MAY FOLLOW INDICTMENTS

Should Evidence Taken Before Grand Jury Give Sufficient Grounds Railroad Officials Will Be Called to Account.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Attorney General Wickersham will follow up the indictments of the officials of the New York, New Haven and Hartford and Grand Trunk railroads with immediate consideration of the question whether civil suit should be instituted to restrain the two roads from pursuing their alleged combination in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. This question hangs in the balance and the attorney general today indicated that he would give it careful study, after reviewing the evidence submitted to the grand jury at New York and after conferences with Jesse G. Aetkins, assistant attorney general, who has charge of the case.

Mr. Wickersham said the indictments represented the unrestrained judgment of the grand jury. The books of the companies thrown open to the government for examination, did not give evidence of violation of the Sherman law, the attorney general indicated, and it was with some doubt as to the result that the grand jury inquiry was undertaken. The indictments were due largely to the testimony of the numerous witnesses, which the attorney general said had developed more than he had anticipated.

### GO TO DEATH AS SCHOONER FIGHTS GALE

Four Men Washed to Watery Graves in Fierce Squall Off the Nova Scotia Coast Near Yarmouth.

#### Special to the Standard.

Yarmouth, N. S., Dec. 23.—The sch. Dorothy M. Smart, which arrived about two o'clock this afternoon reports loss of four men who were washed overboard about 7.30 this morning. They were Frank Daley and Jesse Holiday of Digby, Loran McWhinnie of Victoria Beach, and Stuart Robertson of Parker's Cove.

One of those heavy snow squalls which passed over the town this morning struck the vessel and drove her down about 15 miles off Yarmouth. The men were engaged in dressing down, when the squall struck and the sea washed these four men and one other, Joseph Hersey, overboard. Hersey managed to get hold of a piece of wreckage and was later picked up by a dory. The other four men were not seen after going overboard. An unsuccessful search was kept up for a long time.

### WANT FRENCH ANTILLES TO BENEFIT BY CANAL

Paris, Dec. 23.—Parliament adjourned this evening for the Christmas holidays. It will meet again in January to elect a new president of the republic.

### Ask For Territorial Concessions in European Turkey

#### CONFERENCE WILL RESUME SATURDAY

And in the Meantime Turkey will Prepare Her Answer—General Belief is that Peace will be Arranged.

London, Dec. 23.—After several days of preliminary skirmishing in accordance with the cherished traditions of Oriental diplomacy the Turkish delegates today made the real attack of the peace conference which has as an object the settlement of the war between the Balkan allies and Turkey.

The victorious allies laid their most important cards on the table. These were in the form of territorial concessions which they had agreed to impose on the Ottoman empire. The demands as set forth were:

First: The cession by Turkey of all the territory west of a line starting from a point east of Rodosto, on the Bay of Marzora, to a point in the Bay of Maltra, on the Black Sea and excluding the Peninsula of Gallipoli, Albania's status to be decided by the powers.

Second: The cession of the Aegean Islands occupied by the Greek forces in the present war and by the Italians in the recent war.

Third: The cession to Greece of all Turkish rights in the island of Crete.

The allies did not reveal today the financial proposals which they will make to Turkey, reserving them for a future meeting. Before the allies presented their specifications today the Turks announced that their government was prepared to proceed with the negotiations, leaving the question of the revictualing of Adrianople for discussion between Turkey and Bulgaria. They abandoned their previous request to provision Scutari and Janina.

The formal conference lasted only a quarter of an hour. The Turks listened to the proclamation of the fate of their European empire without formal comment, and asked for an adjournment until Saturday to consider the allies' demands.

In the informal conversation with the delegates, which consumed an hour, they asserted that it would be impossible for them to accept such terms, but that statement is invariable in meetings of this character and was expected today.

All Delegates Present. All the delegations attended today's session in full force, with their military and legal advisers and secretaries. Every one appreciated the fact that the meeting was to mark the passage of the deliberations from the preliminary stage to that of real negotiations, and that it was destined to revise the map of Eastern Europe.

Dealing with the question of revictualing of besieged fortresses, Rehad Pasha said Turkey was even ready to lay aside the cases of Scutari and Janina, of Adrianople, which he referred as "the cradle of Turkish power in Europe." He said it was known the hospitals were overcrowded and their patients lacking in the primary necessities, while the women, children, and the aged were suffering or starving. He must insist, he said, on provisioning Adrianople to an extent which would meet the demands of humanity, but which would be insufficient to place the belligerents in a better position than they held when armistices was signed.

Among diplomats here the opinion prevails that notwithstanding what the Turks consider the unacceptable conditions presented by the allies and what the allies declare as demands which cannot be reduced, peace ultimately will be concluded. It is remarked that the allies and the Turks when the armistice was concluded, were in exactly the same position as the Russians and the Japanese when the United States induced them to adhere to the Portsmouth conference.

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