

PERSIA DECIDES THAT SHUSTER MUST LEAVE

At Last Yields to the Demands of Russia—Administration Dismisses Persian Charge d'Affaires—Announces Decision to Foreign Office

London, Dec. 22.—Persia today yielded to the demand of the Russian ultimatum that W. Morgan Shuster, an American, who holds the post of treasurer-general in the Persian government, be dismissed from the service of the Persian government. The Russian ultimatum also calls for the payment of an indemnity, which is to reimburse Russia for money expended in sending an armed expedition into Persia to enforce her demands.

Mr. Shuster's administration of Persian finances has been displeasing to Russia from the start and when he caused the seizure of property belonging to the brother of the ex-Shah, over the protest of the Russian vice-consul, Russia at first demanded an apology, and when this was not forthcoming, called for the dismissal of Shuster. The Persian charge d'affaires at St. Petersburg called at the Russian foreign office late today to announce officially his government's decision to abide by the terms of the ultimatum. Up to a late hour tonight, however, no public announcement had been made at Tehran of the recession of Persia from the defiant stand she originally took against the demands of the czar's ministers, even in the face of threatened aggression.

The delay in making public the fact that she had yielded to the Russian demands probably was through fear of the consequences of public resentment. Mr. Shuster still is without formal notice of his dismissal and is rebelling in declaring that he would have nothing to do with the negotiations and would only recognize the right of the national council to dispense with his services.

SUIT AGAINST SHIPPING COMBINE IS TO PROCEED

United States Circuit Court Overrules Demurrer—Interposes in Suit Brought to Restrain Transatlantic Steamship Companies From Carrying Out Agreement

New York, N.Y., Dec. 20.—The full bench of the United States Circuit Court today overruled the demurrer interposed by the Hamburg-American Steamship Company and other transatlantic lines, which form the "Atlantic conference" against the government's suit for dissolution of the tariff pooling agreement on passenger rates. The government's contention is that the "conference" is, by reason of an alleged pooling agreement on passenger rates, a trust in restraint of trade, and an injunction is asked to restrain the companies from further execution of the agreement.

The demurrer alleged want of equity in the government's petition and followed closely the petitions in the cases of the Tobacco and Standard Oil Company, sustained by the Supreme Court and the rule of reason.

Judge Noyes, who read the opinion, said the transportation of passengers between the United States and Europe forms part of the commerce of the United States with foreign nations, and that Congress has the power to prohibit all combinations and conspiracies in restraint of the foreign commerce of the country.

Judge Noyes said the contention that the combination was formed in a foreign country was immaterial, as it affected the foreign commerce of this country and was to be in operation here.

Shoe Machinery Company Probe, Quebec, Dec. 21.—The board of commissioners, who are investigating the matter of the United Shoe Machinery Company, finished its work for the present in Quebec, after the morning session today. The members of the commission will go back to their homes for the Christmas holidays and, although no date has been set for their reassembling it is understood they will meet in Montreal on the 5th of January. Later on they will return to Quebec, as on the conclusion of the sitting today they had not concluded the examination of C. Blouin, sheriff of Quebec.

LOWER RATES FOR WEST BY APRIL 1ST

Regina is Informed That Railway Companies Must Put New Tariff In Operation by That Date—In Case of Appeal May Ask Rebate

Regina, Dec. 20.—In answer to an inquiry of the board of trade, a telegram has been received from the board of railway commissioners stating that the new rates, which the railway companies must put into force consequent upon the decision of the supreme court of Canada in the Regina freight rate case, will come into effect on April 1st, 1912.

It is understood that the board of trade will ask that an order of the railway commission shall be made, compelling the companies to keep records of all freight charges collected and that in the event of the companies carrying the case to the privy council and the decision there being in favor of the board of trade that the companies shall be obliged to refund all the overcharge from this date.

C. N. R. Depot Robbed.

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—The C. N. R. depot at Sifton, Manitoba, was robbed of \$900. The agent in charge is named Cobb, and he is relieving Card, the regular agent. Detectives are investigating. There is no safe in the depot.



SCENES RE-ENACTED LAST WEEK AT DELHI, WHEN THE KING WAS MADE EMPEROR OF INDIA—One of the above pictures shows the Indian army on parade as it was on the occasion of the grand review, when proclamation was made of the King as Emperor of India—The picture shows the grand review at the Durbar—Some of the bloodiest incidents of the mutiny occurred on the plain outside Delhi, and these incidents are still vividly recalled—The picture shows the veterans approaching the Royal Amphitheatre.

RUSSIA TO BEGIN A HUGE TARIFF WAR

Proposal in Duma to Greatly Increase Duties Against American—A Commission Will Consider—The Authority is Given for the Proposed Legislation

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—A legislative proposal to provide for tariff war schedules applicable to the United States at the expiration of the Russo-American treaty of commerce and navigation of 1832 has been introduced into the Duma by ex-President Guchkov and other signers representing the parties which control the majority of the Duma. The bill proposes to raise existing Russian duties by 100 per cent and also to impose a duty of 100 per cent on articles which are admitted free under the present Russian tariff.

Besides these impositions the bill proposes also to levy double the gross weight that has been established by the law of June 21, 1901, on merchandise arriving by sea and to levy a double tonnage tax. Should the Russian tonnage tax be raised to the level of Russian vessels, then the Russian tonnage tax will be correspondingly increased. It is stipulated that the schedules are to be applied to all countries which do not grant to Russia the most favored nation treatment in commerce and navigation.

The proposal will be submitted to a financial commission. The authority for the proposed legislation is explained in an accompanying declaration in which it is stated that the regular American tariff schedules which will be applicable to Russian goods at the expiration of the treaty of commerce and navigation of 1832 will be as high as to be of a prohibitive character and that they greatly exceed the Russian normal tariff and navigation taxes which would be naturally applicable to American goods in the absence of the treaty.

BIG STRIKE THREATENED

Liverpool, Dec. 20.—A lockout, affecting 100,000 cotton operators, is threatened on Christmas Day. Trouble between employers and workmen has arisen over the question of the employment of non-unionists.

THOUSANDS WITNESS A MURDER IN PARIS

In Broad Daylight in Crowded Thoroughfare Bank Messenger Is Shot Dead and Satchel Containing \$10,000 Seized—Bandits Escape in Auto

Paris, Dec. 22.—The latest sensational murder here occurred this morning in broad daylight in the heart of one of the crowded thoroughfares of the city. A bank messenger, who carried a satchel containing \$60,000, was stopped by four bandits. They invited the messenger to turn the satchel over to them and when he refused and offered resistance they shot him dead. The thieves then seized the satchel and jumped into a waiting auto. The murder and robbery were witnessed by thousands of amazed and frightened citizens.

Top Falls Off Mountain.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 21.—The top of Mount Lizardhead, 14,160 feet high, 23 miles southwest of Telluride, Colo., toppled over during last night with a crash that was heard for miles. Millions of tons of earth and rocks rolled down the mountain. About 2,000 feet of the top of the mountain is gone. It was a tall, jagged peak and heavy snow is believed to have caused the unusual phenomenon.

Uniform Fenders for Street Cars.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—That the Dominion railway commission is going to look into the question of workmen's safety on street cars and will issue circulars requiring every electric road under the board's jurisdiction to show what they have in the regard, was Commissioner D'Arcy Scott. An order will probably follow making uniform some system of fender protection.

To Terminate Extradition Treaty.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 20.—Representative Harner, of Wisconsin, socialist member of the House, introduced a joint resolution today to terminate the extradition treaty of 1887 between the United States and Russia.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM MAKING 'PROGRESS'

Council of Empire After Three Years Progress—Adopts Principles of Equality of Religions—State Will Permit But Not Recognize Any Other than Christian Religions

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—A more progressive attitude has been exhibited by the Council of Empire at its present session by the passage of the bill for religious freedom, which it has kept in the committee stage for over three years.

Through the measure issues from the Council of Empire in a sharp greatly differing from the version passed by the Duma, and with amendments limiting somewhat the operation of the bill for religious freedom, which it is generally recognized that this principle has been satisfactorily sustained by the upper chamber. The bill embodies in legislative form this principle has been satisfactorily sustained by the upper chamber. The bill embodies in legislative form this principle has been satisfactorily sustained by the upper chamber.

GIGANTIC FRAUDS ARE UNEARTHED

As Punishment for Stock Swindles Said to Have Netted Millions in Profits to Promoters, Four Members of Firm Get Year's Imprisonment Each

New York, Dec. 22.—As punishment for carrying on a stock swindle by mail alleged to have extended over a period of two years and to have netted millions in profit, four promoters of the firm of Burr Brothers, Incorporated, were each sentenced today to a year's imprisonment on Blackwell's Island.

The prisoners are Shelton C. Burr, president of the corporation, his brother Eugene H. Burr, secretary, treasurer, Charles H. Tobey, vice-president, and Edwin Wiley Preston. Unexpectedly they offered pleas of guilty before Judge Holt of the criminal branch of the United States circuit court late today. The indictment upon which they were called to face trial specifically charged a swindle involving \$68,000 in connection with the sale of the stock of the People's Association Oil Company, for the government alleges this was but one of a series of frauds estimated to have involved nearly \$50,000,000 with \$15,000,000 profit to the promoters.

WILL PROCEED TO SEE SON.

John Jackson of Stratthorne Arrested at Toronto, Will Go On to London, Ontario

Toronto, Dec. 22.—John Jackson, an agent who was charged with a conspiracy this morning in the police court and remanded for a week will not have to spend the time in jail, Jackson, who is 32 years of age, had considered money in his pocket and a return ticket for Stratthorne, Alberta, from which place he had come to see his son who lives in London. He was taken into custody here. The trouble was that he was deaf. There are no signs of mental derangement in the old man. Inspector Duncan decided to take a personal interest in the matter and Jackson will not have to go to jail. Instead he will be able to continue his journey to see his son.

UNEXPECTED LEGACY TO MINNEAPOLIS MAN

Thos. L. Wann, a Nephew of Lady Harlan, Widow of Sir Edward Harlan, of Shipping Fame, Receives Bequest Amounting to Over \$400,000

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 22.—A Christmas surprise in the nature of an unexpected legacy of \$2,000,000 pounds in English money, or about \$400,000, has come to the family of Thos. L. Wann, manager of the St. Paul office of the Piper-Johnson Co., of Minneapolis. The letter announcing the good fortune came from England without preliminary warning. About a month ago Lady Harlan, of Belfast, Ireland, and of London, died, leaving no immediate relatives. She was an aunt of Mr. Wann, being a sister of his father, John Wann, a well known pioneer of St. Paul. Lady Harlan was the widow of Sir Edward Harlan, head of one of the greatest shipbuilding concerns in the world.

FARMERS CONTINUE FIGHT.

Manitoba Farmers Demand Removal of Duty on Farm Implements, Cartwright, Man., Dec. 22.—At the annual meeting of the branches of the Grain Growers' Association, resolutions were passed asking for an increase of the British preference to fifty per cent, the immediate removal of duties on agricultural implements, and for the expediting of the Hudson's Bay Railway, while the suggestion was made for a motion deputation of farmers to Ottawa, double the size of last year's deputation.

Suit Against Cement Co.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—A writ has been issued by the Bank of Montreal against the Western Cement and Coal Company. The defendants quoted are: Messrs. John F. Fleming, Joseph S. Irwin, Sanford, Hugh Fleming, Anglo-Canadian Finance Co., Ltd. and William E. Paul. The claim is that the defendants made a promissory note and interest that was accruing from the date of issue to the present time.

Shooting Was Accidental.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 22.—Fred Lieberman, editor of the Germania, held for the shooting of Max Ford, the woman of the underworld, this morning released, the shooting having been shown to be accidental. Lieberman was fined \$5 and costs, however, for carrying a revolver.

A RAILWAY FROM FORT CHURCHILL TO LAKE ATHABASCA

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Canada Gazette contains notice that application will be made parliament at its present session for an act incorporating a company under name of "Churchill and Athabasca Railway."

Company with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a line of railway from a point at or near Fort Churchill on Hudson Bay, thence westerly to a point at or near the easterly portion of Lake Athabasca.

TELLS OF PROBLEMS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Associate Secretary of Temperance and Moral Reform Department of the Methodist Church Discusses the Conditions in the Coast Province

Toronto, Dec. 22.—The problems of British Columbia are more serious than we have here and we should think sympathetically and fairly of the conditions which are being judged them," said Rev. J. W. Akins, associate secretary of the Methodist department of temperance and moral reform in an interview today regarding his recent tour of the west.

Speaking of temperance, Mr. Akins remarked that he was informed that there were applications from more than four hundred bartenders for licenses though there was room for only two hundred, and the majority of these were driven out of local option or prohibition territory in the United States. This was true also of the race track gamblers. And most of the Vancouver association he was told came from the United States.

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NEW YORK HAS SLUMP

New York, Dec. 22.—One of the greatest slumps in foreign immigration ever recorded at the port of New York is being written into the records. Already they show that nearly 300,000 fewer immigrants have landed there up to the present time than for the corresponding period in 1910 and indications are, Commissioner Williams states, that there will be a reduction of 30 per cent over 1910 for the year. The incoming tide of humanity is lower now than at any time since 1908.

With the tide at its ebb, every ship leaving for Europe is crowded as never before. No vessel sailing a couple of days ago left 500 steerage passengers on the water front, which is now the scene of a great thronging of the Red river frontage in the city for possible park plans and the commission may suggest applying to the general government for assistance in the latter scheme.

PRESIDENT ESTRADA OF ECUADOR IS DEAD

Since His Inauguration in September Last He Had Been Unable to Assume Executive Duties—Early Part of Illness Felt to Be Suggestive of Malaria

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Dec. 22.—Ernesto Estrada, president of the Republic of Ecuador, died here suddenly at midnight. President Estrada was elected to office on January 11th, 1911, and was inaugurated on September 1st. He was taken seriously ill on the 18th of the same month, and went to Quito to recuperate. During his sojourn there a plot to assassinate him was discovered, and several conspirators were arrested.

Instead of being benefited by the stay at Quito, the president returned to Guayaquil on November 28th, in a serious condition, and Francisco Andrade Marín, president of the chamber of deputies, assumed temporary charge of the executive office.

Cloudburst in Portugal.

New York, Dec. 22.—A Lisbon cable says: A terrific hurricane accompanied by a cloudburst is sweeping southern Portugal. Thousands have been killed and hundreds of thousands of dollars damage has been done. It is feared that the tornado will strike a heavy loss of life. At Santarem on the Tagus river 40 miles north of Lisbon, twenty houses collapsed. Two railway bridges were washed away at Alemquer. Many miles of railway lines have been carried away by landslides in the mountains.

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SENATIONAL DIVORCE CASE IN FRANCE—Mme. Langevin Sought Separation on Account of Relations Between Her Husband and Mme. Curie, Discoverer of Radium

Paris, Dec. 20.—The petition for separation from her husband, presented in the divorce court here by Mme. Langevin, was granted today. Mme. Langevin, a professor of general and experimental physics at the College of France, on account of her alleged relations with Mme. Curie, the famous scientist. The suit caused a great sensation throughout France, and was the occasion for several duels between partisans of one or other of the persons principally concerned.

JUDGMENT IS RESERVED.

Hearing of Winnipeg Appeal by Privy Council Concluded.

London, Dec. 20.—The appeal case of the Winnipeg Electric Railway Co. against the City of Winnipeg was finished today, the privy council reserve judgment on the appeal. The case was heard on behalf of the city and was followed by J. S. Ewart, K.C., who said shortly, on behalf of the city, that they had been waiting to see all the time where the respondents could point to anything which justified the introduction of electricity from outside. The case turns on the point whether, under their charter, the company can bring in power manufactured outside the city limits.

PERSIA WILL GRANT ALL DEMANDS MADE BY RUSSIA

Russian Minister Receives Verbal Assurances of Persia's Submission to Russia's Ultimatum—British Officials Advised of the Action of the Persian Cabinet

Tehran, Persia, Dec. 22.—The Persian cabinet has given to Russian Minister Poklevski-Kosell, verbal assurances of its intention to comply with the demands of the Russian ultimatum.

London, Dec. 22.—The British foreign office shortly after noon received official confirmation from the British minister at Tehran that Persia had yielded before Russian threats, and had granted all the demands contained in the Russian ultimatum of Nov. 29. These included the dismissal of W. Morgan Shuster, the American, who has been acting as treasurer general of Persia since June last.

The details have not yet reached the British government, but it is believed in official circles that Russia's demand that the appointment of foreign advisors to the Persian government should hereafter be subject to Russian and British approval has been found, with some slight modifications, agreeable to both parties.

Tehran, Dec. 22.—Early this morning official notices were posted on the walls of the city in prominent places ordering the people to abstain from touching the property of Persians and artillery took part in the engagement. Telegram communication with Persia has been interrupted. A later despatch from Tabriz says a small body of Russians was attacked while repairing a telephone line. One of the attacking party was killed.

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