

## INVESTIGATING DYNAMITE CASES

### SALT LAKE CONSPIRACY RECEIVES ATTENTION

County Prosecutor Fined at Indianapolis for Contempt of Court.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 21.—The grand jury devoted its morning session to an investigation of the Salt Lake dynamite conspiracy.

Alfred Goodrich, a fifteen-year-old lad from Salt Lake City, was the first witness called before the grand jury. He was followed by his mother, Mrs. J. E. Munsey, wife of an officer of the Salt Lake Union of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers. Later J. E. Munsey himself was called.

Prior to the confessions of the McNamara brothers, Mrs. Munsey is said to have made a statement to the authorities that J. B. McNamara had been to Salt Lake City. While Mrs. Munsey was testifying her husband sat in an ante-room of the jury chamber with Olaf Tveitmo and Anton Johannson, the San Francisco labor leaders.

Before the witnesses were called a mysterious box received by the federal authorities from Salt Lake City about ten days ago was taken into the jury room.

Prosecutor Fined. Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 21.—A plea that he had been under an intense nervous strain because he had "been shadowed by Burns and hirelings" during the dynamite investigation, did not avail County Prosecutor Frank P. Baker when he appeared in the criminal court today to show cause why he should not be punished for contempt of court and Judge Markey fined him \$50.

Baker interrupted the trial yesterday when he forced Robert J. Foster, a detective for the Cretors' Association, into court and asked Judge Markey to protect him against interference by Foster. The court said the prosecutor's action was irregular and unnecessary, but ruled that he would instruct the jury to disregard the testimony of the persons that had been worrying the prosecutor.

To indicate the mental stress under which he had labored, Baker told the jury that a member of the present grand jury had become insane through consideration of the alleged dynamite plot and had imagined he was John J. McNamara on trial for his part in the case. He was not dismissed, the prosecutor said, because it was feared the public might misconstrue that action.

That he knew that Detective Foster had been armed with a magazine pistol was the cause of the attack, Baker said. He attempted to search Foster in court. A pistol was found on Foster.

Returning to Coast.

Albuquerque, Dec. 21.—John R. Harrington, the Chicago attorney, who was subpoenaed as one of the investigators for the defence in the McNamara dynamite case, and who is wanted as a witness before the federal grand jury now probing the alleged dynamite conspiracy at Los Angeles, was served with subpoenas by a deputy United States marshal here last night. Harrington and his wife were passengers on the Chicago Limited. He accepted service, and will return to Los Angeles, Harrington declined to make a statement concerning his case.

## SINGLE TAX FOR MUNICIPALITIES

Mayor of Alberta Introduces Bill Which Provides Model Constitution

Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 21.—Premier Sifton has introduced one of the most progressive pieces of legislation ever brought forward by the Liberal government. The bill now before the Alberta legislature stipulates that within seven years the single tax principle shall be observed by all established municipalities, and that it shall be observed by the future municipalities to be created in the future in this province. It contains 37 sections, and it is the aim of the government to include in these very consideration that enters into the administration of municipalities.

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### CITY WINS SUIT.

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—Judge Grant yesterday dismissed the suit against the city of Vancouver brought by J. B. Henry, who claimed \$122 for damages to his wagon and team by a city fire truck. The plaintiff alleged that on April 22, one of his teams with a load of hay was moving along Pender street, when it was run into by a fire auto. He claimed that the wagon was wrecked and the team injured. The court could not find that there had been any negligence on the part of the auto driver.

### FROZEN TO DEATH.

Ruby, Alaska, Dec. 21.—The frozen body of Frank Schmidt, an old-timer who lost his mind and wandered over the neighboring creeks, was found today. It is said that the authorities had refused to bury him because no funds are supplied for that purpose.

## FREIGHT STEAMER GOES ON ROCKS

### VESSEL LIKELY TO BE TOTAL LOSS

Sailors Blame Misfortune on Cross-Eyed West Indian and Black Cat

New York, Dec. 21.—A shipwrecked crew of eighteen, picked up off Cat Island, in the Bahamas, has arrived in this port. The sailors blamed their misfortune on a cross-eyed West Indian and a black cat.

The wrecked vessel was the Molden, a Norwegian freight steamer, carrying a cargo of iron ore from Baltimore to Pelon, Cuba. When the vessel got off her course in rough weather the crew pleaded with Captain M. Wille to cast the black cat overboard, as they considered it a "Jonah."

The next day, November 24, the vessel crashed on the rocks. Cat Island. Before the vessel was put off, small boats, they threatened the West Indian and his cat into shallow water. The Indian was picked up and the cat swam back to the ship. The captain remained behind as the vessel went down, and thought she was a total loss.

### OFFICIAL DISMISSED.

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 21.—R. A. Burris, Dominion government immigration agent, has been dismissed. He is the first local officeholder to go since the change in government at Ottawa.

## TOLLS ON SHIPPING IN PANAMA CANAL

President Taft Discusses Question of Payment by American Vessels

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—President Taft sent another of his promised series of messages to congress today. This time he dealt with currency reform, Panama Canal tolls and various governmental institutions. Regarding the Panama Canal, the President dealt at length with the question of whether American shipping should pay tolls.

"I am very confident that the United States has the power to relieve from the payment of tolls any part of our shipping that it is deemed wise," said the President. "We want control. It is the United States money that built it. We have the right to charge tolls for its use. These tolls must be the same to every one; but when we are dealing with our own ships, the practice of many governments subsidizing their own merchant vessels is so well established in general that a subsidy equal to these tolls, an equivalent remission of tolls, can not be held to be a discrimination in the use of the canal."

### TEI PERSONS INJURED.

Child Places Dynamite Caps in Stove and Explosion Follows.

Los Angeles, Dec. 21.—Dynamite caps placed in the firebox by one of the children, blew up the kitchen stove in the home of E. E. Andrade to-day and every member of the family, numbering ten persons, was injured. The explosion occurred after Mrs. Andrade had made the fire to cook the morning meal. Andrade and the eight children were in the kitchen at the time and all were showered by broken iron and blazing fragments of wood. They will recover, although seriously cut and burned.

### VICTIMS OF MARINE EXPLOSION.

Washington, Dec. 21.—While the navy department has not decided which vessel of the Atlantic fleet shall be sent to Havana harbor to bring back to the United States the bodies found in the wreckage of the battleship Maine, it is believed that the Florida and Utah will be assigned to this duty.

## FIGHTING IN PERSIA REPORTED

### CONSTITUTIONALISTS AND RUSSIANS CLASH

Czar's Troops Will Advance Unless Persia Yields To-day

Tehran, Dec. 21.—Serious fighting between the Persian constitutionalists and the Russian troops is reported to have occurred. No details are given in the dispatch from Tabriz, which conveys this report.

The cabinet has won an important victory over the National Council, which foreshadows the acceptance of Russia's demand for the dismissal of W. Morgan Shuster, the American treasurer-general of Persia, unless public opinion proves too strong. The National Council finally accepted the proposal to appoint a commission of five deputies with plenipotentiary powers to deal with the Russian ultimatum. Sixty members were present, and the proposal was submitted by Vosough-ed-Dowlah, the foreign minister, and was adopted by a vote of 39 to 19.

The composition of the commission has not yet been announced. Vosough-ed-Dowlah's proposal was hotly opposed by the Democrats, who declared that such a commission was in violation of the constitution. It is said that the regent, Nasir ed-Din, earlier in the day, summoned the moderates and threatened to resign unless the cabinet's proposal was accepted.

Must Decide To-day.

London, Dec. 21.—It is understood, according to a news agency dispatch from St. Petersburg, that unless Persia decides to-day to accept the terms of the Russian ultimatum demanding the dismissal of W. Morgan Shuster, the American acting as treasurer-general, the commander of the Russian troops now concentrated at Kasbin, has been ordered to advance on Tehran. The troops, who number about 4,000, all arms, will, in the event of a Persia's continued refusal, begin their advance to-morrow.

### FATAL EXPLOSION.

One Man Instantly Killed—Another Probably Fatally Injured.

Rainier, Ore., Dec. 21.—A boiler at the Lowman Flouring Mills at Apatry, 20 miles south of this place, exploded to-day and Clarence Brown, one of the employees of the mill, was instantly killed. His head was literally blown off his shoulders. Walter Lowman, one of the owners of the mill, had a portion of his head blown off. His injuries are such as to preclude any chance of life. Wilson Lowman and James Kill, by two operators in the mill, were blown out of the building by the concussion, but were not seriously injured.

### ABROGATION OF TREATY.

President Taft Signs Joint Resolution Passed by United States Congress.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—With Secretary of State Knox as the only witness, President Taft signed to-day the joint resolution passed by congress ratifying his action in serving notice on Russia of the abrogation of the treaty of 1892 with that country. The treaty will continue in effect automatically until January 1, 1913. In the meantime efforts will be made to negotiate a new treaty eliminating the cause of friction which led to the termination of the old one.

### PROFIT SHARING.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—A half-million dollars will be the Christmas gift of the Great Central Company this year to its employees. This is the thirteenth year the company has given its workmen the advantage of the profit-sharing plan. A gift amounting to 10 per cent. of their annual salary will be given to each employee.

### ROBBERIES AT WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—An epidemic of hold-ups has afflicted this city during the past two weeks. Every part of the city has been visited, and many citizens were compelled to deliver up money and valuables. A prominent contractor was held up and stabbed on Cathedral avenue on Monday. A man crossing the Elmwood bridge was relieved of \$300; three citizens of St. Boniface last night were beaten senseless; water works employees were relieved of their month's wages. The police have not been idle, and yesterday arrested ten vagrants, all Americans, who have been identified. When searched much money and valuables were found, and in some instances the accused confessed. All are young men, 19 to 25 years of age.

### JUDGE DECIDES

## AGAINST PACKERS

Overrules Motion to Strike Two Courts From the Indictment

Chicago, Dec. 21.—The ten Chicago packers on trial for criminal violation of the Sherman anti-trust law lost in the first skirmish of their long drawn out trial to-day when United States District Judge Carpenter overruled the motion of the defense to strike out counts 3 and 5 of the indictment.

The court also ruled adversely on the motion to have the jury instructed to disregard the allegations in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act, and asking that it be restrained from carrying on an alleged monopoly in the sale of such material.

### THREE OTHER SHIPS SINK.

Solway Is Fourth Built at Glasgow Yards Which Has Foundered.

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—Shipping men who were discussing the fate of the Solway, which was wrecked in this morning's sea, recalled the fact that three other ships built in the same yard as the Solway had foundered. It is suggested that the Solway, which was built at 225 days from Glasgow, and the Solway, which sailed from Newcastle, Aust., last June for the west coast, may have collided and foundered.

Capt. Turner, of the Empire Stevedoring Company, discussing the matter, recalled the fate of three other ships which were built at Glasgow in the same yard as the Solway. The first was the Castlebank, which went down while on a voyage from Newcastle, Aust., to Tocapilla; the second was the Heathbank, which foundered on a voyage from Rio to Newcastle, and the third was the Chipperkeyle, which was lost on a passage from Newcastle, Aust., to the west coast. The Solway, which has been posted as missing was on a similar voyage.

### FISHING VESSEL DISABLED.

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—The steamer Flamingo, of the Fishing fleet of the New England Fishery Company, was towed into port yesterday morning by the Union Steamship Company's steamer Camosun. The Flamingo, disabled off Bella Bella, was picked up at 7 o'clock Monday afternoon. She had struck a log or reef, lost her propeller and broken her tail shaft.

### LINEMAN'S NARROW ESCAPE.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 21.—John Inman, a lineman, yesterday received a shock of 11,000 volts of electricity which passed through his right shoulder and hand, and he probably will survive, according to the physicians. Inman was adjusting a cable when his head came in contact with a high voltage cable. He could not release himself for several seconds and then fell seven feet to the ground unconscious. Electricians claim that the current was kept from his heart by reason of his grasping the cable with his right hand.

## MINISTER REPLIES TO BERESFORD

### LETTER FROM FORMER LORD OF ADMIRALTY

R. McKenna Says Nobody Attaches Importance to Admiral's Speeches

London, Dec. 21.—Admiral Lord Charles Beresford's recent speeches in which he made attacks against the administration of Reginald McKenna, former First Lord of the Admiralty, in relation to the alleged unreadiness of the British navy during the August German crisis in regard to Morocco last summer, have to-day drawn a pointed reply from Mr. McKenna.

In a letter written for publication, Mr. McKenna, who in October, exchanged the post of First Lord of the Admiralty for that of Home Secretary, says: "Lord Charles Beresford's speeches do not disturb me in the slightest. Nobody attaches any importance to what he says, and it is common knowledge that I refuse to employ him and also refused to recommend him as admiral of the fleet."

### CHARGES COMBINE.

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—The federal government yesterday filed suit in the United States court against the Keystone Watch Case Company, declaring it an unlawful combination in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act, and asking that it be restrained from carrying on an alleged monopoly in the sale of such material.

### WILL NOT BE CALLED.

London, Dec. 21.—Judge Sir Henry Hargrave Deane, in the divorce court decided to-day that the Gaekwar of Baroda, owing to his rank as an imperial sovereign, could not be a party to proceedings in the law courts. The Gaekwar was cited as a co-defendant in a divorce suit listed under the caption of "Statham vs. Statham."

### SUICIDES IN SAXONY.

Over Fifteen Hundred Persons Ended Their Lives in One Year.

Dresden, Dec. 21.—The kingdom of Saxony, which for many years has shown a disproportionate number of suicides over most other countries, comes again to the front of the German statistics in the statistics of 1909, which year the kingdom's year book has just been issued. In that year there was a population of about 4,500,000.

There were 1,521 suicides reported, of which 558 were women. The cause given in 474 cases is despondency or general weariness of life. Suffering from disease resulted in 262 suicides, while an "injured sense of honor" led twenty-eight persons to make away with themselves.

### STREET FIGHTING IN PANAMA.

Supporters of Rival Candidates For Presidency Clash—Revolution Probable.

New York, Dec. 21.—Dispatches received from the city of Panama tell of a fierce political street battle lasting two days between followers of Arosemana and Porras, rival candidates for the presidency. A large number of participants are reported to have been injured and the situation is said to be so alarming that the United States may be compelled to intervene. Some Americans who are conversant with the facts assert that the little republic is on the verge of a revolution.

### TWO SAILORS INJURED.

New York, Dec. 21.—The steamship Philadelphia arrived to-day from Cherbourg and Southampton without one of her lieutenants and with two bruised men aboard as evidence of a gigantic wave that deluged her bow on Sunday.

### TURKS RETIRE.

Forced to Retreat After Sharp Engagement With Italians.

Tripoli, Dec. 21.—A small force of Italians passing out of Ain Zara to reconnoitre, encountered a body of Turkish troops who retired after a short engagement. The Italians have returned to Ain Zara.

The engagement was severe, and Colonel Fara, the Italian commander, sent a messenger to summon help. He managed to hold out in spite of the fire of the Turks, which was kept up through the night. At daybreak the enemy withdrew.

### THREE INJURED IN FIRE.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 21.—The Hotel Grant, at Grant, 20 miles north of Grand Rapids, was destroyed by fire to-day. Guests were forced to jump from the windows. Three waitresses were seriously injured.

## YUKONERS OPPOSE UNION WITH B. C.

### DAWSON PAPER ATTACKS ANNEXATION SCHEME

Declares It is "Practical Kidnapping Enterprise of Designing Aliens"

Dawson, Y. T., Dec. 21.—The scheme for the annexation of Yukon Territory, meaning all the Canadian Yukon, to British Columbia, which was taken up a few days ago by British Columbia Conservatives, will meet with determined opposition on the part of the Yukoners.

An emphatic denunciation of the scheme has been made by the Dawson Daily News, the most influential paper in the Yukon, which says the scheme is "a mere practical kidnapping enterprise of designing aliens to add to British Columbia credit for all the great gold output and the other riches of this territory, to restrict the trade patronage of the Yukon, amounting to millions annually, to British Columbia markets, to capture Yukon political positions and to make this territory a special carpet-bagging backyard for distant pack-seekers."

Yukon, the News adds, will have none of it. The News makes the counter proposal that it would be far better for the Yukon to annex northwestern British Columbia, from the 54th parallel.

## GIRLS ARE SOLD BY THEIR PARENTS

Young Russian Says \$500 is Average Price at Los Angeles

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 21.—Declaring bitterly that the Russian colony of 3,500 is a marriage market where young girls are bartered by their parents like cattle, Elsie Naytkoff, in Judge Wilbur's court yesterday screamed that she would bare the secrets of her people rather than submit. Beside her stood Raymond Hallock, a sturdy American, who served five years in the navy and to whom she clung because she loves him and he wants to marry her. She is 17, educated and pretty, the daughter of John Naytkoff, and she asserted that her father and mother sold her for \$500 gold to a man she had never seen, so she ran away. That is why she was before the juvenile judge.

The girl says she can prove that there are six hundred young Russian girls for sale, at an average price of \$500, to men waiting for wives. The girl's case was continued.

### BOY SHOTS INFANT.

Three-Year-Old Lad Kills Baby Sister With Revolver.

Ellensburg, Wash., Dec. 21.—Three-year-old Fred Barnhart shot and killed his five-months-old sister Louise with a revolver belonging to his mother yesterday. Fred Barnhart, the child's father, is a locomotive engineer, and when he is out on a run Mrs. Barnhart keeps a loaded revolver in the house for protection. She talked over the telephone the little boy found the revolver and playfully snapped at his baby sister with it, killing her almost instantly.

### STAMPEDE IN ALASKA.

Ruby, Alaska, Dec. 21.—News of a rich gold strike on Hammond river was brought by Deputy Marshal Howell, who arrived from there yesterday. The gold was found in a deep channel and runs \$5,000 at the bottom of the shaft. Pay dirt has been found in this neighborhood before, but this is the first time a channel has been discovered. A rush to the new diggings is in progress.

## PREMIER WILL NOT ACCEPT REPUBLIC

### YUAN SHI KAI ISSUES OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Tokio Newspapers Advocate Intervention by Great Britain and Japan

Peking, Dec. 21.—Premier Yuan Shi Kai in an official statement to-day said that, without any qualifications, he refused to accept a republic.

Shanghai, Dec. 21.—"I am convinced that the abdication of the Emperor and the establishment of a republic is the only thing that will satisfy the people of China and prevent further wholesale shedding of blood," declared Tank Shao Yi, representative of Yuan Kai, the premier, after the session of the peace conference yesterday.

Continuing, he said: "Peking is not aware of the depth or extent of popular feeling in the south. Even I am astonished to find such a change from an attitude of patient forbearance to dogged patriotic determination. It now appears too late to save the dynasty."

"It will be difficult to persuade Yuan Shi Kai to abandon his plan for a limited monarchy, but we must use every endeavor to secure peace and end this awful bloodshed and the suffering among my people."

Sun Yat Sen's Movements. San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 21.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the revolutionary leader, left Hongkong last evening for Shanghai in the company of Wu Han Min, the revolutionary governor of Kwang Tung province, according to news received by cable by the Chung Shai Yat Po, a local Chinese paper. It was stated Dr. Sun was given an enthusiastic reception at Hongkong during his short stay there of less than a half day.

At Shanghai he will meet Wu Ting Fang, who is representing the republicans in the negotiations with the imperial government.

Intervention Urged. London, Dec. 21.—A Peking dispatch to the Times states that the bonds amounting to \$50,000,000, is really a contribution forced by the imperial princes from the metropolitan and provincial officials, ranging from 2 to 15 per cent. of their annual incomes. A curious feature, the correspondent says, is that 6 per cent. interest is payable for four years only—after that the bonds bear no interest. This, he adds, agrees with Premier Yuan Shi Kai's expressed opinion that the struggle may last four years.

Advices from Tokio say the entire press is indulging in a deliberate campaign in favor of joint Anglo-Japanese intervention.

That Dr. Sun Yat Sen's arrival at Hongkong, where he is due next week, will be the turning point in the constitutional, social and industrial history of China, is the opinion expressed by Dr. James Cantlie, secretary for Dr. Sen, who is understood to be thoroughly informed as to the Chinese reformer's plans.

If the reform party, as a body, accepts him, then Dr. Sen will go ahead and nominate a cabinet, and Premier Yuan Shi Kai will have to say what he is going to do. The reform party wishes Yuan Shi Kai to be the first president of the republic of China, with Dr. Sen as vice-president. If Yuan Shi Kai accepts the proposition, the whole trouble will be ended within 24 hours. If Yuan Shi Kai does not join the reform party China may secure another year of civil war."

More Trouble Feared. Amoy, Dec. 21.—Reports from the treaty port of Swatow, for which place the United States monitor Monterey sailed yesterday, state that everything is quiet. Trouble is expected at Chao Chow, north of Swatow, between the local levies, the Contoness troops and the aboriginal tribe of Hakkas from the interior.

## GOVERNMENT LOSES SEAT IN SCOTLAND

Solicitor-General Defeated in Bye-Election for North Ayrshire

London, Dec. 21.—The government has lost another seat in the House of Commons with the result of the bye-election for North Ayrshire, Scotland. A. M. Anderson, the Liberal member, returned at the last election, had to seek re-election on his appointment as solicitor-general for Scotland, and was defeated by Captain D. F. Campbell, Conservative, by a majority of 251 votes.

### RATIFIES AGREEMENT.

Paris, Dec. 21.—The chamber of deputies ratified last evening the Franco-German accord on the question of Morocco. The ratification was adopted by 395 against 36 votes.