

HON. J. D. HAZEN SCORED LAURIER IN THE NAVAL AID DEBATE YESTERDAY

SITUATION IS VERY GRAVE IN MONGOLIA

Russia Warns China that Further Delay Will Result in Rupture.

DEMANDS FAVORABLE TO CHINESE HONOR.

Delegates Request Emperor Nicholas to Recognize Complete Independence of Mongols.

Peking, Dec. 12.—M. Korostovetz, the Russian minister, has warned China that a rupture of the negotiations is imminent unless China ceases to delay the settlement of the Mongolian question.

The Chinese government opened negotiations in November with the Russian legation with respect to Russia's recent recognition of the autonomy settlement of the Mongolian question.

POWERS MAY GRANT LARGE CHINESE LOAN

Conference to be Held to Decide Contract—Salt Gabelle Will Be Given as Security—Monopolies Destroyed.

Peking, Dec. 12.—Representatives of the six power group are referring to the conference of their chiefs to be held at London tomorrow, the draft of a contract for a loan of \$125,000,000 secured by the Salt Gabelle.

China asks for \$50,000,000 within three months and the balance during the course of the next year.

China will agree to the reorganization of the Salt Gabelle, its administration being sub-divided into ten centres, each being controlled by Chinese and foreign co-directors.

RUSSIAN SUCCESSION NOT ENDANGERED.

Pavia, Dec. 12.—A semi-official note issued here declares unfounded the rumors that the Russian Crown Prince Alexis has been stricken with an incurable malady.

JOHNSON FINED FIFTY DOLLARS.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 12.—Jack Johnson was fined \$50 and costs by Municipal Judge Goodnow today on the charge of assaulting a newspaper photographer with a cane several weeks ago.

PROTEST MAY COME BEFORE U. S. SENATE

State Department Experts Doubtful of Britain's Meaning in Panama Canal Protest

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The Panama canal tolls act is now under careful examination and study by the experts of the state department, and to satisfy a general demand from the senators, representatives and others as to the details of the arguments presented, the department is having the communication printed in pamphlet form.

A casual reading of the British note leaves the officials in some doubt as to the meaning of one or two of the points made, namely the challenge of the right of the United States to grant a subsidy unless it is of general application and not particularly devoted to vessels using the canal.

Although it has been taken for granted that the changes of the approval of a step by the senate were exceedingly slim, because it would require a two-thirds vote, there is now a disposition in some quarters to consider that only a majority vote would be necessary.

SYDNEY MINES MAN ARRESTED IN MONCTON ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Percy Pickles Detained by the Police on Strength of Telegram—Travelling Bar is Found on Street by Officer.

Moncton, Dec. 12.—On the arrival of No. 2 express from Halifax this morning Chief Rideout arrested a young man named Percy Pickles who came in on the train as news agent, and who is wanted in Sydney Mines on a charge of seduction.

Pickles, whose home is in Sydney Mines, is about 19 years of age. He has been for some time employed by the Canadian News Company as a news agent on the L. C. R. train running into this city.

A travelling bar room in person one Arthur Sullivan was arrested by Officer Cameron on Main street early this evening.

IS ITALY BACKING AUSTRIA'S DEMANDS?

Rome, Dec. 12.—It is understood in well informed circles that Italy's attitude with regard to a Serbian port on the Adriatic is identical with that of Austria, that is, the use of a commercial outlet without territorial possession.

According to other information which, however, lacks confirmation, Italy supports and has obtained for the Balkan states the adoption of a plan for a somewhat limited Albania, with the provision that Durazzo and Avlona shall be included therein.

LARGE SCHOONER FEARED LOST.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 12.—The three masted schooner Butcher Boy, Capt. Gustav Hansen, from Manistique, Mich., carrying seven hands, and laden with lumber for this port, is a week overdue. Tugs have been waiting inside the breakwater here for several days to help the Butcher Boy into port when she is sighted.

CANADA'S GIFT OF THREE DREADNAUGHTS IN DEEDED ONLY TO MEET EMERGENCY

Minister of Marine in Eloquent Defence of Government Policy

LAURIER TRIES TO GO ONE BETTER

Liberal Leader, who Shirked Naval Aid while in Power, Now Puts Impractical Proposal Before House.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 12.—The Liberal policy of naval aid to Britain was disclosed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier today.

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He attacked those who had held the view that Canada should not contribute to the cost of the British fleet.

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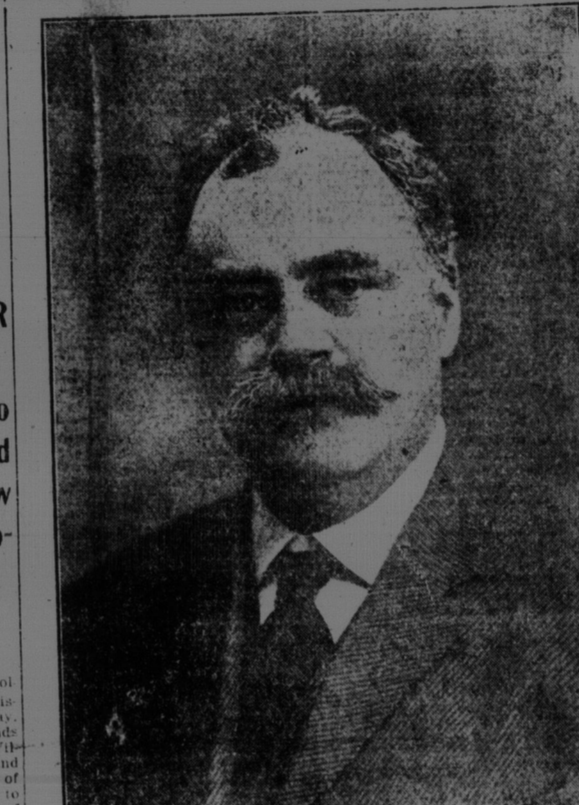
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That this condition has compelled the United Kingdom to concentrate its naval forces in home waters involving the withdrawal of ships from the outfitting portions of the Empire.

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POLICEMEN TORTURED PRISONERS

Unspeakable Brutality of Koreans Told in Court—Many Hung by Hair Until it Pulled Out.

Seoul, Korea, Dec. 12.—Harrowing details of the treatment by the police of prisoners reached the highest tribunal today at the resumption of the trial of the Koreans charged with conspiring against Count Terajima, Japanese governor general of Korea.

The prisoners have now outlined at most every torture conceivable and many which are unspeakable and incredible. For instance, one prisoner said he had been hung by his hair which pulled out of his scalp. His head showed no signs of having been injured.

Many of the prisoners have named witnesses to prove an alibi. Up to the present nearly all of them have included the names of Dr. Samuel A. Moffat, president of the theological seminary at Puen Yang, Rev. George A. McNeely, head of the Presbyterian mission school at Suen Chun; Dr. A. M. Sharrocks, head of the hospital at the Methodist Episcopal church, who, they say, could prove their innocence.

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BOURGEOIS LIKELY NEXT PRESIDENT OF FRENCH REPUBLIC

Republican Group Held Meeting to Consider Possible Success or to President Falliers.

Paris, Dec. 12.—The first actual political step looking toward the choice of the next president of France was taken this afternoon at a meeting of a republican group in the Chamber of Deputies.

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FIRE THREATENED TO WIPE OUT WHOLE TOWN IN MICHIGAN

Brown City, Mich., Dec. 12.—Fire sweeping through the heart of Brown City's business district today, threatened the destruction of the town for several hours and for a time cut off communication with neighboring cities.

Five business buildings were consumed and the loss is estimated at \$100,000. Brick structures in the path of the flames aided the firemen in preventing a general spread.

STRIKERS PREVENT LOADING OF SHIP

Vera Cruz, Dec. 12.—The strike of the dock workers prevented the loading and departure of the Ward Line steamer Monrovia today. The attempt to use strikebreakers has been abandoned owing to the declared inability of the authorities to give police protection.

The minister of the government has been applied to by the company to furnish the necessary assistance which would mean the despatch of rural guards to the waterfront.

BOY WOULD ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT

Herman Steinberg, Aged Fifteen Years, Admits Threats Against Wilson.

JUDGES AND BOSS WERE ALSO DOOMED.

Had Loaded Revolver in His Possession When Arrested by Astonished Detective in New York.

New York, Dec. 12.—Herman Steinberg, a 15-year-old boy, who is alleged to have declared that he was going to shoot President Wilson, was arrested here this afternoon and held without bail.

The boy was standing in front of a police station, awaiting in the cold when a detective questioned him. "This is not a fit country to live in," he declared, according to the detective. "It is no place for me to work. I want to go back to Russia, so I would rather go to jail but I would like to shoot Wilson and his boss and all the judges first. The detective searched him and took the revolver away, arresting him on a charge of violating the Sullivan law, prohibiting the carrying of dangerous weapons. In court a fruit dealer who formerly employed the lad, appeared as witness to previous threats the boy had made to kill Wilson, which led to his discharge. In court the boy admitted the threat he had made.

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French Paper Thinks Austria's Attitude is Such as to Confirm Uneasiness at Outlook for Peace.

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Another conservative opinion in Paris is to the effect that impartial observers must conclude that the cabinet at Vienna is making ready to attack Serbia on one pretext or another, or wishes to be master of the negotiations at London.

GREEK MINISTER HOPES CONFERENCE WILL BRING PEACE

Balkan Peace Commissioners in London—Date of Meeting Not Settled—Sir Edward Grey Will Speak.

London, Dec. 12.—The Greek, Serbian and Montenegrin peace commissioners arrived in London tonight from Paris. They were greeted at the Charing Cross station by a cosmopolitan crowd which included the Greek archbishop and the members of the various legations. The Greek premier, M. Venizelos, and other delegates, expressed their appreciation of their indebtedness to the British government's confidence and the earnest hope of the speedy and successful conclusion of their mission. M. Venizelos said that they were determined to do their utmost to secure a lasting peace and desired hereafter to be the best of friends with the Turks.

Details of procedure and the date of the first meeting of the conference will not be arranged until the delegates arrive. Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, however, will attend the opening meeting and make a short speech of welcome.