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LATEST NEWS FROM NATIONAL CAPITAL

Matters of Utmost Importance Discussed

ABROGATION OF RUSSIAN TREATY

The Committee on Foreign Affairs Agree

THE BEST OF FEELINGS REMAIN

HOUSE ACCEPTS THE SENATE'S ACTION IN ABROGATING INEFFECTIVE PAPER—GREAT COMMERCIAL INTERESTS INVOLVED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—The house of representatives today agreed to the senate resolution to abrogate the Russian treaty of 1832. The action was by viva voce vote. The only negative vote was cast by Representative Macon, of Arkansas.

Washington, December 20.—The house committee on foreign affairs at an informal meeting today decided to concur in the senate measure ratifying the president's notification to Russia of the abrogation of the treaty of 1832. It was agreed that when the house received the message from the senate today Chairman Sulzer would move to concur in the senate action.

While congress is severing certain relations with Russia, the senate department and white house are working vigorously to push negotiations looking to the drawing of a new understanding. That this is a delicate task is acknowledged. The best of feeling thus far marks the negotiations but the difficulties, while not insurmountable, are great. This is especially so because of this government's ban on the entrance into this country of the Oriental races. Both senate committee on foreign relations and the foreign affairs committee of the house today indicated their entire willingness to assist in advancing the overtures in every way in their power. The stake is a commercial interchange between the countries running into the millions of dollars annually, with the balance all in favor of the United States.

With the abrogation incident closed, diplomats of both countries believe a way out of the embarrassing situation will be found. The one great drawback to prompt readjustment, it is acknowledged, will be the endeavor of both political parties, on the eve of a presidential campaign, to seek political aggrandizement in the existing misunderstanding.

The house this afternoon began consideration of the final act to end the treaty of 1832 with Russia. Carrying out informal instructions from the committee on foreign affairs, Chairman Sulzer moved that the house concur in the senate resolution ratifying President Taft's notification of the proposed abrogation. It was evident at 2 o'clock there would be considerable debate before the house voted, but no doubt was expressed of concurrence with the senate. The joint resolution probably will be ready for President Taft's signature upon his return to Washington tomorrow.

Rainfall Last Night.

Observer R. M. Hearne reports that the rainfall here for 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock this morning was 1.15 inches. The river stage is 9.7 feet.

Two Days More.

It is not too late, for there yet remains two more days for bargain savings on your Christmas purchase at the special sale in C. T. Munford's big store. The wise people are taking advantage of this sale to save nearly half the usual selling price of goods, for that is the way everything is marked down in plain figures at the big store. Have you selected the Christmas present for husband, wife, son, daughter, or friend? If not, the big store has just what you want to make them happy, and at the same time be happy yourself over getting them at such low prices. Take advantage of the two days left to do your shopping at Munford's.

TAFT SENDS REPORT TO CONGRESS

Long Awaited Report is Sent on Schedule "K"

DUTIES ON WOOL IS CONCERNED

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO CONGRESS OF THE TARIFF BOARD ON SCHEDULE K OF THE PAYNE TARIFF ACT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—President Taft sent to congress today the long-awaited report of the tariff board on schedule K of the Payne tariff act and with it a message recommending that the rates on wool and woolsens be materially reduced.

The report shows that the existing duties on many classes of wool and wool manufactures are prohibitory and greatly in excess of the difference in the cost of production here and abroad. The duties are so arranged as to keep out of the United States entirely wool of finer qualities, which, if imported, might be used to displace the substitutes now employed.

President Taft calls attention to these points and urges that a revision of the schedule be proceeded with at once.

He characterizes the report of the tariff board as the most complete and exhaustive statement of a different and complicated subject ever presented to a legislative body. He declares it a monument to the thoroughness, industry, impartiality and accuracy of the men engaged in its making. He also dwells with emphasis upon the fact that the report is a unanimous one, and asserts the belief that it will convince all of the wisdom of making the tariff board permanent.

Neither the president nor the board proposes definite rates of duty, Mr. Taft holding that the function of the board merely is to present findings of fact on which rates of duty may be fairly determined in the light of adequate knowledge, and in accord with the economic policy to be followed. President Taft recommends that the difference in cost of production at home and abroad. He says:

"The duties on many classes of wool manufacture are prohibitory and greatly in excess of the difference in cost of production here and abroad.

"This is true of tops, of yarns (with the exception of worsted yarns of a very high grade) and of low and medium grade cloth of heavy weight.

"Although these duties do not increase prices of domestic goods by anything like their full amount, it is none the less true that such prohibitive duties eliminate the possibility of foreign competition, even in time of scarcity; that they form a temptation to monopoly and conspiracies to control domestic prices; that they are much in excess of the difference in cost of production here and abroad, and that they should be reduced to a point which accords with this principle."

REV. C. M. ROCK IS REMEMBERED

Baptist People Make Their Pastor Happy.

We did not know whether to speak of it or not, and it may seem a little late in mentioning it now but a few afternoons ago in the Baptist church there was a Christmas pouncing to the pastor that was as unique as it was surprising. By prearrangement of the teachers of the Sunday school, the members of the school and church were invited to meet at the church for a "social," and each bring along something to contribute to it. The pastor was also invited to come, and after all that had been brought was placed together he was instructed to take charge of it for his home. The pouncing was most generous, and sufficient to make the pastor and his family happy for many days.

TRIAL OF RICHESON IS TO BEGIN ON JANUARY 15TH

Insanity May Be the Preacher's Plea

THE PRISONER CUTS HIMSELF

ACCIDENTALLY RICHESON CUTS HIMSELF WITH JAGGED PIECE OF TIN—SUCCESSFUL OPERATION PERFORMED IN CELL.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—District Attorney Pelletier, in an official statement, today said that the trial of Richeson for murder would begin on January 15th, the date originally set. In legal circles it was stated today that some action may be taken before the trial to ascertain the sanity of the accused clergyman.

Boston, Dec. 20.—The Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, who is confined in the Charles street jail awaiting trial on the charge of murdering Miss Avil Linnell, cut himself with a piece of tin early today. The wound was inflicted in the groin.

The act of the minister is not regarded by the jail officials as an attempt to commit suicide, although there appeared to be some doubt on this point among the legal fraternity.

The attendants at the jail heard a disturbance in Richeson's cell early in the morning and when they investigated they found the prisoner in great agony. He had gashed himself with a sharp jagged piece of tin which he had converted into a sort of knife. When the guards approached the prisoner and inquired what the trouble was, Richeson said, excitedly: "I've cut my self—I'm bleeding to death!"

The prison doctor was hurriedly called and when he inspected Richeson he found that the man had cut himself severely in the vicinity of the groin. Other surgeons were sent for, and their hasty arrival caused considerable excitement among the prisoners. Four surgeons worked over Richeson for some time and it was found necessary to resort to a drastic operation. Richeson was put under the influence of an anesthetic, and the operation, which was performed shortly before daybreak, was said to be a successful one.

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A QUADRUPLE ELECTROCUTION IN CHICAGO

Four Youths are to Pay the Death Penalty

MURDERED A FARMER IN CHICAGO

ALTOGETHER SIX YOUTHS, RANGING IN AGE FROM 16 TO 20 COMMITTED MOST BRUTAL CRIME—DESTINED FOR DEATH.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 21.—The first quadruple execution that has taken place in Chicago since the Haymarket anarchists died on the gallows in the late eighties is scheduled to take place tomorrow morning in the Cook county jail-yard. The four men, or rather youths, who are destined for death by the noose unless an eleventh-hour respite is granted are Ewald and Frank Shilawski, and Philip Sommerling and Thomas Schultz. The youngest of the quadruple is 18 years of age and the oldest is scarcely out of his teens.

The crime for which the four were condemned to death was the brutal murder of a truck farmer named Guelzow on the outskirts of the city early last October. The man was driving a wagon full of garden produce when the boys set on him for the purpose of robbery. The boys were armed with a club, knife, revolver and hammer. When the victim alighted from his wagon he was struck down with a club. He pleaded for his life on his knees, offering the boys all his possessions, because he had a wife and a baby a month old at home, but the answer of the youths was to beat him into unconsciousness. Then he was stabbed four times and was dead when found.

Three of the boys were arrested a few hours later while they were trying to sell the farmer's team to a horse trader. At that time the police did not know there had been a murder committed, having arrested the boys as horse thieves. Later the prisoners confessed and implicated the other defendant. Their trial and conviction followed within little more than a month. Two other boys, each sixteen years old, were implicated in the murder. On account of their youth the two escaped the death sentence and are now serving life terms in prison.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS FROM EVERYWHERE

What the World is Doing—Told by Wire

COL. THOMAS L. CASEY TO RETIRE

One of the Best Known Officers of the U. S. A.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—The active career of one of the best known and most efficient engineering officers of the United States Army practically closed today when Col. Thomas L. Casey was relieved of his duty in charge of river and harbor works at Baltimore and granted leave of absence until Mar. 1. On the last named date he is to be placed on the retired list on his own application, after more than 36 year's service.

Col. Casey is son of the late Gen. Casey, chief of engineers, who completed the Washington Monument and the Congressional Library. In addition to his regular military duties Col. Casey served with the expedition to observe the transit of Venus in 1882. He has been a member of many important engineering boards in various parts of the country. During the war with Spain he was in charge of the submarine defenses of Hampton Roads.

FOR U. S. SENATOR.

Progressive Republican League for Everett Colby.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 21.—Politicians are manifesting considerable interest in the meeting to be held by the Progressive Republican League to launch the boom of Everett Colby of West Orange for the United States senate. Mr. Colby, who is a former member of the state senate and for many years a prominent figure in New Jersey politics, aspires to the seat in the United States senate now held by Frank O. Biggs, whose term will expire in March, 1913. It is the opinion of many of the Progressive Republicans that Mr. Colby has a strong chance of winning. It is figured that the Republican vote will be split up that the Progressives will be able to name their man.

Congressional Recess Begins.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—Both houses of congress adjourned today for the customary holiday recess. Some of the members living in near-by states will return home to spend Christmas, but the majority of the senators and representatives will remain in the capital. Of late years the holiday season has become a period of great social brilliance in Washington and as a consequence very few of those prominent in public life, to say nothing of their wives and daughters, care to leave the city at this time. Then, too, the abolition of railroad passes has been a potent influence in changing the old habit of the members of congress in making frequent trips to and from their homes.

COUPLE WAS MARRIED SEVENTY-FIVE TIMES

Each Marriage Netted Them Ten Dollars And Cost The Officiating Clergyman A Like Amount—Police Searching For Them.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The police are searching today for a thrifty brigal couple, who have been married at least seventy-five times each ceremony costing an unsuspecting clergyman ten dollars.

Every minister who smiled over them and bade them good fortune and success is the possessor of a \$20 check for which he gave ten dollars in change. The checks were bad. It is entirely a new swindle and was apparently worked, with the greatest ease.

Dorothy Russell has a new act called "A Tragedy Deferred".

DAUGHTER OF DEAD PUBLISHER TO MARRY

Daughter of Noted Newspaper Publisher.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Miss Louise Pulitzer, daughter of the late Joseph Pulitzer, the famous newspaper publisher who died aboard his yacht at Charleston, S. C., two months ago, today became the bride of William Scoville Moore, son of the late Maj. Clement C. Moore. The wedding took place at the Pulitzer residence in East Sixty-third Street and was attended only by relatives and few intimate friends. The couple will sail at the end of the week for Europe to spend the winter.

The bride made her debut in society several years ago. She has three brothers, Joseph Pulitzer, Jr., who married Miss Eleanor Wickham of St. Louis; Ralph, who married the daughter of W. Seward Webb and Herbert Pulitzer. She has a younger sister, Miss Constance Pulitzer.

Mr. Moore, the bridegroom, graduated from Yale in 1906. His father who died in this city last November, served with distinction in the civil war. The great-grandfather of the bridegroom was the famous Bishop Moore, who wrote "The Night Before Christmas".

CHESS TEAMS MEET.

Yale, Harvard, Princeton, and Columbia.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Play in the twentieth annual intercollegiate four-board chess tournament between Yale, Harvard, Princeton and Columbia began this afternoon and will continue tomorrow and Saturday, at the rooms of the West Side Republican Club in this city. The intercollegiate cup, presented to the league by Edward A. Gaswell, will be held one year by the winning team. In order to gain permanent possession of the trophy, however, a team must win it for ten successive years. Of the nineteen tournaments held so far, nine have been won by Harvard, seven by Columbia and one each by Yale and Princeton. In 1909 the Harvard and Yale teams tied for victory, each team scoring 7 points out of 12.

To Aid Baptist Colleges.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 21.—The educational commission of the South Carolina Baptist Convention met in this city today to consider the question of beginning an active campaign to raise funds for the Baptist colleges for women at Greenville and Anderson. At the last meeting of the convention both institutions were reported in need of financial support.

Stanford To Play In The North.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—The Rugby team of Stanford University, consisting of 20 players, left for Vancouver today to play a series of three games in British Columbia. The games will be played against teams of the Vancouver Rugby union.

Gaiety Next Week.

The Lindley Stock Company will play at the Gaiety all next week. A new and complete change, will be presented each night.

The Weather.

Rain tonight; colder near the coast and extreme west portion; Friday, generally fair; brisk shifting winds.

A new Irish play is to be produced called "Rollicking Shannon".

MOVEMENT OF TRAINS

Atlantic Coast Line.

North-bound.	South-bound.
5:22 p. m.	6:30 p. m.
8:18 a. m.	1:18 p. m.

Norfolk Southern.

East-bound.	West-bound.
1:09 a. m.	3:25 a. m.
9:40 a. m.	7:51 a. m.
6:10 p. m.	4:58 p. m.

