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## GREEKS ACT TO VEIL BOMBARDING ALBANIAN CITY

Two Gunboats Reported to be Shelling Public Buildings in Valona

Boldness of Hellenic Warriors Causes European Military Experts to Take Notice

Vienna, Dec. 5.—Two Greek gunboats today were reported to be vigorously bombarding Valona, a city of Albania. The gunners aimed their shells especially at public buildings, displaying the Albanian flag, despite the protests of Ismael Kiamil Bey, provisional president of Albania.

This action on the part of Greece made experts believe that the plenipotentiaries of King George were active in the effort to sign the protocol for an armistice at Baghiche and that Greece meant to carry on active warfare notwithstanding.

Whether or not Greece signs the protocol between now and the time set for the meeting of the plenipotentiaries, it was said today, that envoys of King George would participate in the peace negotiations a week from tomorrow.

## FOOD TRAINS ENROUTE

Constantinople, Dec. 5.—The first food trains, on their way from Constantinople to Adrianople, carrying rations to the hungry Bulgarian army before the besieged city, were reported to have left today, as the interpretation of the terms of the protocol was made clear to the officials.

The truce agreement provided that the beleaguered cities of Scutari and Adrianople should not be repossessed by the Turkish army, and that the Bulgarians should not be allowed to enter the city.

The Balkan leading Constantinople newspaper, today, stated that Greece would formally participate in the armistice within a few days.

## INSTRUCTIVE TALK TO MERCHANTS ON METHODS OF MODERN ADVERTISING

"Efficiency in Advertising" was the topic of Herbert N. Casson, an advertising expert brought here by the Bridgeport Business Men's Association, in speaking with the plans of a number of its members and others to form a Publicity Club.

Mr. Casson spoke at the regular monthly dinner of the Business Men's Association.

While Mr. Casson was eminently qualified to go into the technical side of advertising, he made his address so clear that it held the closest interest of the merchants attending the advertising experience. He detailed interesting stories of advertising results, pointed out some of the pitfalls of advertising, and drew a length on its many advantages.

Plans for the rebuilding of Bridgeport Public Library were discussed by Charles D. Davis, president of the Business Men's Association, and others took part in the general discussion.

## WAR ON STOCK EXCHANGES AND BANK CLEARING HOUSES IS DECLARATORY MADE TODAY

Statement Comes From Congressman Pujo, Chairman of Money Trust Probe Committee, Who Claims "Conspiracies in Restraint of Trade"

Washington, Dec. 5.—Denial of the mails and prosecution under the Sherman anti-trust law as "conspiracies in restraint of trade," face the nation's stock exchanges and bank clearing houses.

This was the declaration today of Representative Arsine P. Pujo, of Louisiana, chairman of the House banking committee, and head of the "money trust" investigation committee. In an exclusive authorized interview to the United Press, Pujo outlined the revolutionary reforms which the money trust committee plans to force upon the stock exchange and clearing houses and hinted at sensational facts which the committee's preliminary investigation has disclosed.

"I believe it is clearly shown that the stock and some of the produce exchanges, as well as most of the 'clearing houses' are conspiracies in restraint of trade," the Louisiana Congressman declared.

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Pujo said that bills to effect the above mentioned reforms will be introduced in Congress early in January. Threat of prosecution will be held over the organizations to force their reorganization along the reorganization lines.

The money trust inquiry, which will be resumed Monday, is to obtain additional information for the purpose of framing legislation along the reorganization lines.

Discussing specifically the make-up of the clearing houses and the clearing house system, Representative Pujo said:

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## ASK \$19,000 FOR RETURNING OF BONDS

Sinking Fund Commissioners Are Just to Submit Budget For Coming Year

The sinking fund commissioners today submitted to City Auditor Bernard Keating their budget for the coming year. The budget totals \$19,500 and is for the retirement of the following bonds:

\$5,500 for the retirement of \$280,000 4 per cent. bonds due 1924  
\$3,000 for the payment of \$125,000 3 1/2 per cent. bonds due 1915  
\$6,000 for the retirement of \$400,000 4 per cent. bonds due 1919  
\$4,400 for the retirement of \$220,000 4 per cent. bonds due 1924.

The sinking fund commissioners whose terms expire this year are David F. Read and DeVer H. Warner. Their reappointment is almost certain.

## FOR FEDERAL INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

Washington, Dec. 5.—Senator Poin-dexter, of Washington, today, declared himself in favor of the creation of a federal industrial commission which should be empowered by Congress to deal with industrial conditions such as those revealed in the Lawrence textile strike, in which he took an active interest, last winter.

"In my mind, this condition of affairs has become intolerable and unendurable. It is the purpose of my investigation to present these conditions to Congress and to the country, with demand for legislation and action which will enforce the most revolutionary and beneficial reforms in the credit system of the nation."

Representative Pujo cited an amendment to the Sherman law of 1890 as his authority for both criminal prosecution and debarment from the mail privileges of stock exchanges and clearing houses.

"Prosecution, both civil and criminal, may result from our investigation," Pujo continued. "We will show the public in light attention to the fact that we believe are needed and urge new laws to cope with the situation."

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## MYSTERY IN SUICIDE OF WELL DRESSED MAN FOUND DEAD IN SEASIDE PARK

Bullet From 38 Calibre Pistol Goes Clear Through Head of Young Stranger Believed to be a Resident of Northport, L. I.

Shooting himself clear through the head and inflicting an instantly fatal wound, a well groomed young man believed to be D. A. Reese, Jr., of Northport, L. I., was a suicide in Seaside park, just before noon today.

An automobilist who heard the shot first discovered the body. He notified Mrs. Thomas J. Keegan, wife of the park keeper. Mr. Keegan himself was busy ejecting three objectionables from the park, and on his return he found his wife and the mortally wounded man lying on the grass.

Mrs. Keegan had notified police headquarters before leaving the park cottage and Dr. William H. Curley was dispatched in the ambulance from the emergency hospital and found that his services were useless. Before his arrival Rev. Father Matthew Judge of the Sacred Heart church, who was motor cycling through the park came upon the group surrounding the body.

The physician found a money order receipt for \$25 sent by D. A. Reese, Jr., to D. A. Reese, Sr., Northport, L. I., and giving the address of the sender as 88 Broad street.

On instructions of Medical Examiner Garlick to whom Dr. Curley reported the case, the remains were taken to the city morgue.

Mrs. G. A. Mariello, who keeps the boarding house at 88 Broad street at once recognized from the description of the undertaker that the suicide was a young man who roomed at her home for about 3 months.

"He rarely spoke to anyone," she said. "We knew him as Mr. Reese, but didn't know anything about his people."

So far as we know he was a young man of excellent habits. He did not take his meals here, but we understood that he visited the Star restaurant principally."

At the Star restaurant, owing to the large patronage, none could place the suicide from the description. The authorities communicated with the Northport address and expected an answer before evening.

## CONGRESSIONAL PROBE OF THE RAILROAD DEAL

House Rules Committee Decides to Look Into Traffic Agreement

Sweeping Investigation But Especially of Grand Trunk—New Haven Road Merger

Washington, Dec. 5.—A congressional probe of the proposed traffic agreement in New England, between the Grand Trunk and New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroads, was decided upon today, by the House rules committee.

It was decided to examine witnesses to determine the basis for claims that the New England railroad situation is controlled by certain interests and also to ascertain whether charges that the traffic agreement thwarted competition are borne out. If such charges are established, the rules committee will favorably report a resolution by Representative O'Shaughnessy of Rhode Island, providing for appointment of a special House committee to probe the whole railroad situation in New England and particularly the Grand Trunk-New Haven merger.

A select committee to conduct an inquiry independent of the federal grand jury investigation in New York and the department of Justice probe is demanded by O'Shaughnessy.

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## WANTS MARRIAGE WITH AMERICAN GIRL ANNULED

Home, Dec. 5.—Official and society circles gathered today, to hear the marriage annulment suit brought by Vittorio Moschini, the millionaire member of the Italian parliament, against his wife, formerly Miss Lulu Davis, of Austin, Tex.

It was expected that Moschini would ask a reduction of the \$20 monthly allowance he was ordered to make to his wife when she secured a separation from him in March. He had expected to file a bill for annulment of his marriage, but Moschini's recent arrest at her husband's instance, on a charge of undue influence with Lieut. Count Belgrade, of the Italian navy.

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## HOFFMAN KEPT THREE FAMILIES UNTIL DISCOVERED

The late Brigham Young who presided over a large flock of children and wives in Utah some years ago had nothing on Joseph Hoffman of this city whose affairs were given attention in the common pleas court, civil side, this morning.

Joseph Hoffman, who was married to three different families and might have branched out more extensively if one of the wives had not started legal proceedings.

Rosie Kovacs, formerly of this city, but of Norwalk, brought suit against Hoffman to make him support her child. The lawyers in the case had expected to file a bill for annulment of his marriage, but Hoffman's recent arrest at her husband's instance, on a charge of undue influence with Lieut. Count Belgrade, of the Italian navy.

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## APPOINT DOCTORS TO DETERMINE IF KENNEDY IS SANE

To determine the mental condition of John F. Kennedy, the Stratford resident who attempted to kill his father, a commission of three local physicians was appointed this morning to examine Kennedy. Judge Case in the criminal superior court appointed Drs. E. M. Garlick, F. E. Downs and C. Lincoln Banks to make the examination. They went to the county jail where Kennedy is now confined. A report regarding Kennedy's condition will be made later to the court.

Kennedy is said to have shown signs of being mentally unbalanced. Several weeks ago he shot at his father, Patrick Kennedy, a retired New York policeman. The victim, who is 80 years old, was seriously wounded but has a good chance for recovery.

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## CHANDLER FINED FOR VIOLATION OF AUTO LAW AT HOME

Hartford, Dec. 5.—Former State Representative George Chandler, of Rocky Hill, was in the city court paid a fine and costs of \$11.42 for leaving his automobile stand on the streets before a fire department building in Hartford.

In most cases of a like nature the fine has been \$5 and costs, but Judge Steele soaked Mr. Chandler \$5 and costs.

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## WOMAN SHOPLIFTER TELLS JUDGE HER BABY NEEDED THE SHOES

Chicago, Dec. 5.—"Judge, it was the only way I had to get my baby a Christmas present," sobbed Mrs. Elton N. ... She had been caught hiding a tiny pair of shoes under her cape.

The three started a riot on a trolley car and the motorman and conductor were badly used up before the situation was brought under arrest.

In court the three were charged with intoxication, breach of the peace and other violations of the law, and were fined \$100 each and sentenced to jail for 30 days.

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## BRASS KNUCKLES USED Row Over Right of Way on Sidewalk Results in Ambulance Call and Fines

Mike Zoska, 309 Pine street, ran afoul of Louis Tratar and Joe Favalone, both of 196 Hallam street, in Hall street, last night. Some argument followed as to who had the right of way. Joe beamed Mike with a request for a handkerchief and the ambulance was called. Mike was repaired enough to appear in court today against his two assailants. Joe was fined \$25 and costs and his partner was let down for \$10 and his

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