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London, Mar. 19.—The loss of a French submarine boat in an attempt to run through the Dardanelles is described by Rear Admiral Guepratte, of the French Dardanelles fleet, in an interview with the Daily Telegraph's Tenedos correspondent. The attempt apparently was made some time ago, although no announcement has been made of it heretofore.

"The attempt had as its object the sinking of the Turkish cruiser Sultan Selim (formerly the German cruiser Goeben)," the correspondent says Rear Admiral Guepratte told him. "The submarine was submerged, and successfully navigated the Straits up to the corner where the Asiatic coast juts out at Nagara.

"Through some miscalculation, which is quite natural when a submarine is trying to thread a tortuous channel without the aid of a periscope, the hull struck the rock shore, compelling the boat to rise to the surface. Immediately the submarine appeared the forts opened fire, sinking her. Only a few of her crew escaped, and these were made prisoners.

"Regarding the present situation in the Dardanelles Rear Admiral Guepratte said the waters of the Straits are clear as far as Kephez Berru, to which point all vessels of the fleet can safely navigate.

"The main mines are between Chanak Kalesi and Kifia Bahri, where also are the main coast defences.

"When these are removed the rest will be easy, although the assistance of land forces will be necessary. For the final success of the undertaking there is not a shadow of doubt. The French fleet thus far has sustained no casualties."

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Opposition Leader and His Henchman Get More than they Bargained for When they Broke the Truce and Are Anxious to See Prorogation—Premier Announces Saturday and Morning Sessions of the House.

Ottawa, March 18.—The beginning of the end of the session is in sight. The Premier moved today that after tomorrow there be Saturday and morning sittings of the House, and it is still possible the session may be over by Easter, although it is hardly likely. Since the drubbing the opposition got on the last day of the budget debate, there has not been a word of a political nature from them. They found, all too late, that they had overreached themselves, that they had gone too far with their political battle and when the government finally hit back the blow was deadly.

Today when the Premier announced the legislation that had yet to be brought down Sir Wilfrid Laurier hastened to say that he would oppose nothing but the introduction of a bill of a contentious nature. Nobody had asked him what his plans or his policies were. Nobody on the government side cared what he intended to do. He has broken faith, he has thrown down the gage of political battle, and it is for the government now to say what its plans and policies are with regard to the opposition. They have no fear of the Liberal party. But it was evident that the Liberal chieftain was anxious to set himself right with the country, if it is possible for him to do so now. He is in sore straits. Life blundering following in the Senate setting Ontario and the other English-speaking provinces by the ear with their talk on the bilingual School question in Ontario. Whereas a week or two ago he was fighting to delay the prorogation of parliament, today he is anxious to close up as soon as possible. Too much has been said already by himself and his followers, and now that they realize it they want to get away home.

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The Prime Minister explained his motion by the statement that members on both sides of the House appeared to desire to expedite business as much as possible. Sir Wilfrid agreed with this, if it meant that the government's program of business had already been presented, and no more contentious business was to be brought up. In reply to this Sir Robert stated that there would be a bill in regard to seed grain, another to correct certain clerical errors in the Redistribution Bill of last session; that he might introduce a resolution later in regard to the Prince Edward Islands representation in the Commons; and that the Minister of Justice would have a bill providing for the payment of salaries of judges of district courts which had just been created in Alberta and British Columbia.

Mr. A. K. MacLean asked whether it would not be necessary to introduce legislation for pensions.

The Prime Minister replied that, as far as troops in Canada were concerned, the government already had power, and that there was power by order-in-council also to deal with troops overseas. If desired, the order-in-council would be laid before the House. It was now ready.

Hon. Wm. Pugsley stated he thought there should be legislation in regard to the acquisition of certain railways to be operated as part of the Intercolonial.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said this legislation would probably be non-contentious, in any event.

Mr. Edmund Prolix pointed out that last year the Finance Minister had introduced two bills in regard to the civil service. He agreed it was inadvisable to bring them up this session, but thought a temporary measure should be made to increase the minimum in the lower grades of the service from \$500 to \$550, as had been proposed in the bill.

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