

MOSLEM MASSACRES SWEEPING ASIA MINOR

Over Two Thousand Christians Slain--Barbaric War on Men, Women and Children, by Blood-thirsty Assassins.

Constantinople, April 17.—Twenty-five hundred Christians have been slain in the Moslem massacres at Adana and Mersina, according to the latest reports received here to-day. The massacres are spreading to other towns, and are likely to sweep over all Asia Minor. A large part of Adana has been burned and the fanatics are applying the torch everywhere. Scenes of horror are described at both Adana and Mersina. The fanatical Moslems slew men, women and children among the Armenians without mercy and burned their bodies in fires of their own homes. Victims were struck down in the streets and homes raided by the blood-thirsty assassins. Women were dragged by the hair

from hiding places and babes' bodies split in twain with huge knives. It is reported that several English and German residents are among the killed and wounded, but these dispatches have not been confirmed. The names of two American missionaries who were reported slain at Adana have not been learned, and the report of their death cannot be confirmed. No News of Missionaries. London, April 17.—Communication with the British embassy at Constantinople to-day failed to obtain further details of the massacre at Adana. The reported murder of two American missionaries was also unconfirmed. Troops Ordered to Scene. Constantinople, April 17.—The Sultan has ordered all of his available troops to proceed to Adana and Mersina and repress the rebellion there at any cost. According to reports received here the British consul at Adana and Major Douglas Wylie, the British vice-consul at Mersina, were wounded during the rioting.

TRYING HARD TO OVERTAKE C. P. R.

FIERCE WAR WILL START IN JUNE

Milwaukee Road Will Fight to Capture Trade From Canadian Line.

Seattle, April 17.—War to the knife will be waged when the Milwaukee railway begins its competition for freight for the Orient against the C. P. R., which is now enjoying such a huge monopoly of that trade. That the Milwaukee expects to cut a big figure in the Oriental business is manifest from the activity of agents in the east, especially those on the Atlantic, where a score of men are at work seeking shipments. Other agents are at work in the Orient seeking return cargoes. By the Shosen Kaisha combination expects to overcome the lead of the C. P. R. has not been given out, but the announcement comes from Chicago that the Milwaukee will make an aggressive fight for the trade, and this, if necessary, in the face of rules of the interstate commerce commission.

The traffic men of the Milwaukee line have already begun their campaign in eastern cities, G. B. French, who has been appointed Oriental agent for the American railway, is himself a millionaire, and deeply interested in the competition for the new routes to the Orient. In soliciting business, the agents of the Milwaukee in the east point to the connection they will have on Puget Sound, and inform intending shippers that the semi-monthly sailings from Seattle are sufficient inducements for the trade to follow the fastest route, and the line best equipped to handle the traffic. The same energetic work is being carried on in the Orient, and American shipments that have been landing at Vancouver for trans-shipment by rail may be diverted through this port or Tacoma.

With the Canadian Pacific having full swing as to rates, and connecting as it does with its own steamships, it has been able hitherto to combat successfully the most energetic efforts of the American lines. The Canadian line can pick up Atlantic freight, and by giving its tariffs to the interstate commerce commission for that part of the haul through the United States, make its own terms for the Oriental traffic. It is this advantage that has given to the Empress liners capacity loads at times when American bottoms were making trips light. Even with the Japanese liners plying to the South with their low priced Oriental crews, the trade has swung to the Canadian side.

LIBERAL RETURNED IN BY-ELECTION

London, April 17.—The East Edinburgh bye election held yesterday resulted in a majority of 428 for Gibson, Liberal candidate, over Ford, Unionist. The votes polled were: Gibson, 4,527; Ford, 4,099.

DUEL WITH KNIVES. Two Men Severely Injured in Fight in San Francisco.

San Francisco, Cal., April 16.—Locked in each other's arms and fighting desperately with knives, S. Nakashima and I. Sumeti engaged in a duel on the water-front yesterday. Their faces and bodies covered with gashes and running with blood, the belligerents were taken in charge by the police, who hurried to the scene and removed them to the hospital.

Nakashima, it is said, signed Sumeti to go on a whaling voyage and advanced \$30. Sumeti's refusal to embark is said to have caused the fight. A loaded revolver was found in Nakashima's pocket. Both men will live.

BREAD GOES UP AT WINNIPEG. Winnipeg, April 17.—The price of bread was advanced one cent a loaf this morning. It is now six cents.

SENDS ULTIMATUM TO COAL OPERATORS

Fernie, April 17.—Sherman wired a ultimatum to President Lewis Stocketti, of operators, last evening to the effect that whether the strike is prolonged or not depends upon the operators accepting terms similar to the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, which up to the present they have not done.

TURKISH GENERAL IS ASSASSINATED

SOLDIERS SUSPECTED OF THE MURDER

Forces of Young Turks are Now Gathering Near Constantinople.

Constantinople, April 17.—General Izett Fuad, assistant minister of war under the new bureau chief Edhem Pasha, was murdered last night, according to news made public to-day. No particulars of the crime can be learned but it is supposed that he was slain by soldiers who were opposed to the appointment of Edhem as minister of war. The soldiers had requested the appointment of Nasim Pasha to the post.

May Dissolve Parliament. Constantinople, April 17.—Via Philopopolis April 17.—The dissolution of parliament, the first step in the Sultan's plan, to regain his despotic powers, is believed to be imminent to-day.

It is learned that the Sultan has been urged not to attempt this move until conditions are more settled. Whether he will heed this advice is a matter of conjecture. The only thing that can prevent the dissolution of parliament now is the success of the young Turks. The Sultan's brother, Mohammed Rehad, will be proclaimed Sultan if the young Turks succeed in overthrowing the present regime. Rehad is liberally inclined and is in complete sympathy with the young Turks.

Gathering in Forces. Vienna, April 17.—The young Turks' forces, principally the second army corps, are reported to-day to be converging at Tehtaldje, 18 miles north of Constantinople.

It is rumored that the Bulgarian troops have already crossed the frontier in readiness to seize Macedonia. Ahmed Riza, former president of the Turkish parliament, has established himself at Salonica at Constantinople. He is the guiding genius of the young Turk campaign.

SEALING SCHOONERS. Owing to the head winds yesterday and the day before the sealing schooner Vera did not get away, but Captain Heater is expecting to leave to-day.

The Eva Marie has been moved over to Marvin's wharf and is sitting up in preparation for her cruise. She will probably get away the end of next week. Captain Delouchrey was up on the West Coast on the last trip the Tees made and secured part of a crew of Indians. The others will be signed when he goes up that way.

MAY DOCK HERE. Steamer Indravell of the Alley line of freighters arrived here last night from New Zealand. She made a very slow trip, as she was very foul. On this account it is not unlikely that the vessel may dock here for her annual overhauling before she leaves for New Zealand. The steamer is expected to sail outward-bound on May 5.



MR. JOS. MARTIN IN BRITISH POLITICS. (NO. 2.)

The Candidate for Stratford-on-Avon—Shakespeare? Some obscure relation of the Victoria postmaster, I suppose. Wonder if the whole family vote like Noah!

THOMAS DAVIS IS FIRE CHIEF

CAPTAIN IN TORONTO BRIGADE GETS POSITION

He Got Six Votes From Council to Four for Thomas Deasy.

(From Saturday's Daily.) "Don't you want to go to the meeting upstairs?" asked Mayor Hall, in his most persuasive accents, addressing the representatives of the two city papers. It was in the committee room at the city hall this took place. The city council was about to assemble to ap-



THOMAS DAVIS.

point an important civic official, the chief of the fire department, upon whose work would depend such important matters as the protection of life and property and the reduction of insurance rates. Upstairs in the council chamber the Empire Day celebration committee was meeting. The reporters, who supposed they were attending a council meeting and not one of the star chamber proceedings, which are occasionally held at Douglas street palace, sat impassively through the deliberation of this labored civic witticism.

Sp the meeting was called to order, to consider the applications for the positions of fire chief. Mayor Hall, ignoring the importance of the business before the council—and also the fact that the newspapermen present were men of experience and discretion, who had forgotten more than any civic representative, ever knew of the reporting of council proceedings—suggested that the council should consider the applications "in camera," as what they might have to say about the candidates would not look well in print, and promised that the reporters would be called before a ballot was taken.

The other members of the council, most of whom had not before taken part in such an appointment, assumed that this was general civic practice when an "old hand" so spoke, and acquiesced. The reporters had nothing to do but get out. It was a long half hour before they were called back. Then it was to be met by the apologetic explanation from the mayor that they had been overlooked before balloting took place, but that the city clerk would give them the result of the ballot and the names of the applicants. As an after-thought he suggested that they might have the recommendations submitted by the successful man, Captain Thomas Davis, of Toronto, and as a long after-thought he added that they might have Captain Davis' photograph if they were very careful of it. All the members of the council were present except Ald. Humber. Twelve Applications. The applicants were: George M. Brady, Ottawa; Thomas Davis, Toronto; Thomas Deasy, Victoria; P. W. Dempster, Victoria; A. G. Frederick, Ottawa; D. Guthrie, Nelson; Asst. Chief H. P. McDowell, Victoria; Hugh Petticrew, Victoria; R. C. Tait, Victoria; A. L. Thomas, Winnipeg; Joseph J. Wachtler, Victoria; Harry Wigmore, Ottawa. Guthrie was out of the running, as he wanted a salary of \$2,000. There was no question of jurisdiction raised, the fire wardens being satisfied with the assertion of their view that the power of appointment rested with them, made a couple of weeks since by their chairman. After the applications had been read and discussed the council proceeded to ballot. Thomas Deasy had four supporters who stuck to him throughout, but Davis got the scattering vote of the earlier ballots and won out. The vote on the first ballot was: Davis ..... 6 Deasy ..... 4 Wachtler ..... 4 Dempster ..... 1 On the second ballot Wachtler got Dempster's vote and on the third ballot both went to Davis, the vote standing: Davis ..... 6 Deasy ..... 4 Chief-elect Davis is a man in the prime of life, who entered the Toronto brigade as a young man nineteen years ago. Beginning as a driver he worked his way through the ranks and three years ago was advanced to a captaincy, in charge of No. 2 fire hall, Portland street. He is active, clear-headed, a strict disciplinarian, a splendid fire-fighter, and in him the council believe they have one of the best men they could possibly obtain. He has always been connected with downtown stations in that city and has consequently been in the thick of all the big fires that Toronto has had. Captain Davis has a family and is a member of the Presbyterian church. Flattering testimonials were given Captain Davis by Mayor Oliver, Controller Harrison, Controller Spence, Chief John Thompson, Deputy Chief John C. Noble, District Chiefs Frank Smith and Charles Smedley, the Royal Insurance Co., the Reliance Assurance Co., and the Hartford Fire Insurance Co. The appointment takes effect as soon as the new chief can get here. Mayor Hall wired him this morning, notifying him. The position carries a salary of \$25 a month, with free quarters.

ALIEN LABOR UNION SCORED

BOARD OF CONCILIATION SUBMITS REPORTS

Foreign Interference in Trade Disputes Will Jeopardise Home Interests.

Ottawa, April 17.—The organization known as the United Mine Workers of America is severely dealt with in the report of the board of conciliation which inquired into the difficulties which arose between the Dominion Coal Company of Sydney and its employees, who are members of the international organization, Justice Wallace was chairman of the board. The board finds that the Nova Scotia trade would be placed in jeopardy if American labor organizations were to get the upper hand, and declares that Canadians should settle their own labor difficulties without interference from across the border.

Daniel McDougall, the representative of the employees on the board, has sent in a minority report, so that the finding is not unanimous. The men complained that they were threatened with dismissal because they were members of the United Mine Workers of America, that there was intimidation practised by the company, and that the company refused to recognize the workmen's association.

Without the majority presuming to dictate to which union men should belong," says the report, "we think it in the interests of the operator and the men themselves, and the whole community that our labor difficulties should always be settled among ourselves, and not be subject to the control of any outside party."

The minority report finds the company guilty of discrimination against members of the United Mine Workers' Association.

SKENA RIVER WILL SOON BE OPEN

Prince Rupert, April 15.—The last of the winter's ice on the lower Skeena disappeared yesterday, and the river is now clear from its mouth as far up as Kitselas canyon. It is more than likely that the party steamers will be running to that point by the 1st of May. Travel over the Kitimat trail from Kitselas to Kitimat has been abandoned for this year, the melting snow so breaking it up that the road was impassable, and the mails from Hazelton and the interior are now brought down the river by canoe to Port Essington. Travelers arriving by the last mail canoe a few days ago report having many portages to make over the ice at different points. Open stretches of water were found all along the river until Hole in the Wall was reached, but from there down the river was found to be still frozen solid. The canoe was abandoned at this point and the party walked fifteen miles over the ice to tide-water, from where launches brought them to Prince Rupert.

RECLUSE MINER SLAIN FOR WEALTH

Sheridan, Mont., April 17.—Detectives left this city to-day to investigate the death of John Langfors, a recluse miner, who was evidently killed and his body burned in his cabin near here. Campers in the vicinity last night mistook the burning of the cabin for a bonfire and did not go near it. Early to-day it was discovered that all that remains of the miner are a small heap of bones and some white ashes. The police authorities say there is no doubt that Langfors was murdered. It is known that recently he received a large sum of gold for an ore shipment. Although the ruins have been thoroughly searched the money has not been found.

ORGANIZING FIRE BRIGADE AT ALBERNI

Committee at Work Soliciting Subscriptions—Houses Destroyed.

Alberni, April 14.—A meeting will be held this evening in the court house for the purpose of organizing a volunteer fire department. The committee appointed last week by the board of trade has been busy soliciting subscriptions and has met with a fair measure of success. Six dozen fire buckets to be placed at prominent points in the town have been ordered.

On Friday during the absence of the family the home of Arthur Dawson, at Beaver creek, was destroyed by fire. Neighbors saved part of the household effects.

R. G. McLachlan, superintendent of the Banfield cable station, passed through town on Friday on his way to Scotland on a seven months leave of absence.

The Alberni creamery, which has been closed down all winter, resumed operations on the 15th instant. P. Miles, Alberni representative of the Red Cliff Lumber Company, returned on Thursday from Duluth, where he had been spending the winter months.

A Uchelet Indian boy named Tom was convicted before Magistrate Neill of stealing a bicycle and was sentenced to one month's imprisonment. He was taken to Victoria on Friday by Chief Constable Cox.

Great interest is being taken in the five mile race to be run here on May 24th, and there are about a dozen young men in training for the event. The football game played on Good Friday between teams captained by H. Erickson and E. Woods, was won by the former by a score of 3 to 1, after a very interesting game. On Easter Monday the Indian boys from the Mission defeated a team of white boys by 1 to nil, after a hard game.

P. Bate, of the Royal Bank of Canada, left this morning on his holidays and will be away for three weeks. On Good Friday George Clark made the first trip of the season over the road to Nanaimo with his automobile, returning the next day.

Dr. F. Sterling is building a summer home at Sproat lake. A meeting of the Gun Club was held on Saturday night when officers were elected and plans laid for a busy season.

On Saturday a party of Vancouver business men arrived in town in the private motor car of James Rear, Mr. Kitseles canyon. It is more than likely that the party steamers will be running to that point by the 1st of May. Travel over the Kitimat trail from Kitselas to Kitimat has been abandoned for this year, the melting snow so breaking it up that the road was impassable, and the mails from Hazelton and the interior are now brought down the river by canoe to Port Essington. Travelers arriving by the last mail canoe a few days ago report having many portages to make over the ice at different points. Open stretches of water were found all along the river until Hole in the Wall was reached, but from there down the river was found to be still frozen solid. The canoe was abandoned at this point and the party walked fifteen miles over the ice to tide-water, from where launches brought them to Prince Rupert.

The stern-wheeler Skeena, which was remodelled during the winter and equipped with more powerful machinery, left yesterday with supplies for the different railway construction camps, going as far as Freburg and Stones, fifty miles up. On her next trip it is expected she will make Hole in the Wall, and supply some camps that have been shut in all winter, and where the supplies are reported to be getting short.

AUSTRALIAN PROPOSALS FOR NAVAL DEFENCE

Suggest Interchange of Fleet Officers--Lord Charles Beresford May be Invited to Give Advice on Proposed Wealth Scheme.

London, April 17.—The government has made proposals on naval defence. To continue the present policy until 1913. To employ destroyers in defence. To borrow officer training outside of the country. To put the force of officers of the staff unreservedly to the disposal of the navy. To maintain a fleet of British ships and not of foreign ships.

Treasurer Watt, suggests inviting Australia to give any definite scheme in view. Views of I. Times. London, April 17.—The Times dealing with Overseas Dominions and naval defence says: The principle whereon naval co-operation can best proceed was laid down very clearly by Lord Milner at Toron-

to, viz.: "It is not a question of shifting burdens, but of developing the centers of strength." The Times thinks the purpose served by British warships in many of the seas may be served with equal benefit to the Empire by Canadian or Australian ships, and believes cruisers instead of Dreadnoughts would be a better investment for Australians.

Wellington, New Zealand, April 17.—In replying to the resolution of the conference of chambers of commerce, submitted to Premier Ward for the establishment of the all red route and compulsory service, the premier said proposals would be submitted to parliament during the coming session which would effect a complete and far-reaching change in the dominion's defence system.

Toronto, New Zealand, April 17.—At a navy league meeting to-day, attended by five thousand, a number of extreme Socialists refused to allow the speakers to be heard, though an overwhelming majority of those present favored the government's policy of offering a Dreadnought to the Mother Country. The extremists tore down the Union Jack in their excitement.

SETTLERS COMING IN BATTALIONS

AVERAGE TWO HUNDRED A DAY FROM STATES

North Dakota in Lead to Date With Over Three Thousand.

Winnipeg, April 17.—That this is going to be Western Canada's banner year for immigration from the States is evident by this spring's actual figures up to April 15th, just announced by officials here.

Americans are not alone arriving in large numbers, they are coming in battalions with trainloads of stock, and in many instances with \$10,000 to \$25,000 in cash. North Dakota leads with 3,000, Michigan, Iowa and Minnesota 1,200 each, Illinois and South Dakota 800 each. The average is 200 a day from the south, excluding children.

The worldly effects of the new comers are valued at \$10,000,000. Government urged to assist navy. Resolution Passed at Public Meeting Held at Vancouver.

Vancouver, April 18.—The Canadian government should immediately offer the imperial government a sum sufficient to provide a Dreadnought or such aid as will be acceptable, and the meeting recommends that the government obtain power for such grant at the present session of parliament.

With three cheers for the King and the British Navy, this resolution was unanimously carried at the public meeting to-night, the mayor presiding. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper moving, F. C. Wade, K.C., supporting, and patriotic speeches being given by a number of citizens.

Sir Charles in an exhaustive and eloquent address, said Canada should show the world that what she did for the Motherland in the Boer war she is to-day prepared to do a thousand fold greater, if need be. Even though the offer were not accepted, the moral effect would be worth more than the millions offered for a Dreadnought. The loss of British supremacy at sea would mean that the beginning of the end had been reached. She must maintain the two-power standard at all cost.

Mr. Wade strongly favored Australia's course of a navy of her own for self-protection and aid of England when necessary, in contrast with New Zealand's direct offer of a Dreadnought equally loyal but more spectacular. So he favored leaving it for the Dominion government to say what and how the aid should be given, approving Sir Wilfrid Laurier's course in sending the ministers of militia and marine to England for a conference. Mr. Wade referring to his observations in Germany in a year's recent residence there, said no doubt Germany was preparing for war, not necessarily against Britain but against any one or more Powers, to gratify her ambition for power.

MILLION DOLLAR BANK BLOCK. Winnipeg, April 17.—Plans received here for the new Bank of Montreal block show it is modelled after the Montreal building. Its cost will be \$1,000,000. ARNST, ACCEPTS CHALLENGE. Wellington, New Zealand, April 17.—Arnst has accepted Webb's challenge for a sailing race next month for the world's honor.

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