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SCUTARI FELL AFTER GREAT SIEGE

Eight Thousand Lives Lost Before Turks Surrendered

European Situation Believed to be More Complicated

[Canadian Press Despatch]

CETTINJE, Montenegro, April 23.—It is officially announced here that the Montenegrin forces have entered Scutari.

After the final desperate attack lasting incessantly for almost 24 hours, during which they brought all their forces to bear to overcome the heroic Turkish resistance, the Montenegrin troops forced their way into the fortress of Scutari which for just over six months, since the middle of October, 1912, has offered such a stubborn defence.

The assault which gave the Montenegrins possession of the city which has been the sole object of their war against Turkey, began on Monday night. Th Montenegrin army then took the offensive along the entire front. They completely surprised the Ottoman defenders by pushing right up to the Turkish positions, where they engaged in close bayonet fighting against the Turkish garrison.

The Ottoman soldiers made a number of counter attacks and tried with their utmost energy to drive the attacking force out of their works, but they were finally compelled to fall back and leave their positions in the hands of the besiegers who received instant reinforcements.

It was midnight last night when the Montenegrins obtained their footing in the fortress and detachments of the besiegers entered the city at 4 o'clock this morning.

According to one report Essad Pasha, the Turkish commander-in-chief, recognized the uselessness of further resistance after the outlying key position of Tarakosch had fallen before the Montenegrin and Servian armies. It is said then to have ordered his troops to cease their defence of the fortress.

Another report says that the Montenegrin commander-in-chief had been negotiating since Monday with Essad Pasha for the surrender of the place.

Still another account says that the Turkish troops defended the city itself until the last.

Although the Servian troops did not participate in the final attack their artillery was used by the Montenegrin gunners, and it is said that this fact their success was largely

The act of capitulation was signed by the Turkish commander shortly after the Montenegrin troops had reached the centre of the city.

Situation Complicated

LONDON, April 23.—While the future of Scutari by the Montenegrin troops is believed in European capitals to have complicated the situation, created by the decision of the great powers to include Scutari in the future state of Albania, the opposite view is held in Balkan circles. There the opinion prevails that the Montenegrins, having accomplished the object they have aimed at since the beginning of the war, will find it more easy to accept the ldecision of the great powers, and that the latter on the other hand will be more ready to grant her a rectification frontier which will satisfy her. The long defence of Scutari under Essad Pasha has made by an army estimated at 200,000 men, who also had to guard the outlying stronghold of Tarakosch and other connecting works surrounding the city. This they did so well that the Montenegrins, even when they were aided by the Servians, coud not make any impression until a few weeks ago, when the Servians brought up a large number of siege guns which soon reduced the fire of the Turkish artillery.

Reduces Age Limit

BERLIN, April 23.—A bill reducing the age limit at which a German workman is entitled to pensions from 70 years, as at present, to 65, was submitted to the Imperial parliament to-day by the budget committee. The measure was proposed by the Social-ist members.

Three Met Death

VANCOUVER, April 23.—Three employees of the British Columbia Electric Railway met accidental death here yesterday. W. H. Fulton and Arthur Wittick were electrocuted at Victoria and George Malcolm was struck by a car at New Westminster and died of his injuries.

Canada's Grand Old Man is Departing

[Canadian Press Despatch]

MONTREL, April 23—"I can only say again that I deeply regret that Sir Wilfrid Laurier did not endorse Mr. Borden's naval policy." Sir Chas. Tupper,' who last night passed through this city on his way to Halifax, where he will embark for England. "I think he made the mistake of his life," continued the nonogenarian statesman, "because the offer has placed Canada in a better light, not only in Great Britain, but all over the world."

Sir Charles had a sad farewell to number of friends who met him at the station, in the following words:

"I may not see this great city again. I may never see the Dominion which I helped to form and whose rapid growth and development I have watched with the greatest possible pride, but I will ever have the satisfaction of knowing that my brightest dreams of this country's future from away back during the confederation campaign have been more than realized."

Square Deal For These Candidates

Special Prizes Are Being Offered For Good Work In the Courier Campaign.

The Courier's "Square Deal" Subscription Campaign is now in full swing. With a view to giving all the readers of this paper a chance to co-operate in the matter of the distribution of the valuable prizes, and to help a friend who may be active in the cause, a voting coupon will appear from time to time in these columns. To-day the coupon appears on page 12. Cut it out now and give a vote for some one of the following ladies or gentlemen:

LADIES' LIST

Miss Mabel Page, 35 Alfred St.
Miss Grace Fyle, 43 Port St.
Miss Margaret Betts, 28 Cayuga St.
Miss Ballantyne, 73 Brant St.
Miss Jennie Clark, 10 St. Paul's Av.
Miss Fern Scruton, 24 Wells Ave.
Mrs. Potts, 23 Niagara St.
Miss King, 5 Spring St.
Miss Edith Chapin, Newport.

MEN'S LIST

B. W. Ritchie, 212 Nelson St.
J. W. Jenkins, 392 Rawdon St.
J. Bonham, 96 Campbell St.
Willie Hockley, 5 Hall's Ave.
W. Mayled, West St.
A. B. Lee, 136 Murray St.
T. Money, 107 Brock St.
H. Maskell, 43 Lawrence St.
J. Sedgwick, 19 Queen St.
G. A. Sigman, 43 Edgerton St.
G. Tucker, 42 Rose Ave.
W. Smyth, 106 Victoria St.
H. T. Crumplin, 102 Eagle Ave.
Leonard Mears, 270 Murray St.
J. A. Matthewson, 65 Northum'land.
Jas. Garrow, 109 Alfred St.
Thos. Poulton, 268 Dalhousie St.
Chas. Jones, 54 Balfour St.
T. J. Clark, 47 Church St.
H. Warden, Grandview P.O.
D. Jenkins, 230 Marlboro St.
Mr. Legett, Goold, Shapley & Muir.
T. Davis, 130 St. Paul's Ave.
R. Long, 25 Brighton Place.
H. Clement, 37 Brighton Row.
W. J. Vanderlip, 119 West Mill St.
F. Johnston, 12 Bowes Ave.
A. Hall, 225 Sheridan St.
E. White, 57 Duke St.
J. W. White, 139 Dalhousie St.
C. Sowers, 49 Richmond St.
J. Kenny, 4 McMurray St.

On Saturday the coupon will count as five votes. The lady having the largest number of votes on May 1st will receive a handsome gold watch. This is a special prize, and is not included in the regular schedule of prizes. Other special prizes will be announced later.

MORRELL STREET SCHOOL TO GO

Lak Erie and Northern Will Acquire That Property

Representatives of the Lake Erie and Northern Railway will meet the Water Commissioners to-morrow at 10 a.m., with a view to starting construction on the Waterworks property, Holmedale.

Thirty teams are ready to work on that section of the line, from Morrell street along Holme street.

It will be necessary to approach the School board with reference to the acquirement of the old Morrell street school and that building will have to be torn down.

All the sub-contracts have now been let from Galt to Port Dover.

To Assist

Cityand Township Boards Want New Smallpox Hospital.

The Township Board of Health met at the Court House yesterday afternoon. The board decided after discussing the matter to make the following recommendations to the Township Council.

Moved by Dr. C. D. Chapin, M. H. O. for the Township and seconded by Reeve Alfred Kendrick: That a recommendation be made to the Council of the Township of Brantford that action be taken with a view to joining the City of Brantford in providing a proper isolation hospital for smallpox patients."

The recommendation will be presented at the next meeting of the council.

Accounts to the amount of $39.51, the township's share in the cost of keeping Mr. George Unger, brother of Mr. Fred Unger, a patient in the Smallpox Hospital

The following were present: Mr. Young, chairman! Dr. Chapin, M. H. O., for the township; Reeve Alfred Kendrick and James Reid, sanitary inspector.

The Montenegrins are said to have lost no fewer than 3,000 killed and the Turks 5,000 during the siege of that city.

DYING BUT DETERMINED

Not to Relinquish His High Place—Lord Alverston's Condition.

[Canadian Press Despatch]

NEW YORK, April 23.— A cable to The Tribune from London says: Lord Chief Alverstone is lying so close to death at his Kensington residence that he is merely the shadow of his former self and is practically a living skeleton. He persistently refuses to retire from offices and due to his weakened mental condition stoutly insists that he will be at his old place in the course of a few days. Of course Lord Alverstone will never be able to occupy his seat in the bench again, but the peculiar attitude he has adopted despite strong pressure, in high quarters, makes it extremely difficult for the authorities to make any move. Their desire is to avoid hurting Lord Alverstone's feelings by forcing his retirement, but it is clear that some drastic steps will be necessary shortly in the interest of public business in the courts. Sir Rufus Isaacs, the attorney-general, is chafing over the delay in stepping into Lord Alverstone's shoes.

More Police Graft.

NEW YORK, April 23.— Another source of police graft was the information obtained by District Attorney Whitman. It became known in the form of a manuscript narration furnished by Jacob Rouss, a lawyer who has defended accused policemen in the city for the last dozen years. The trail laid bare by Rouss, it is declared, leads into police headquarters and involves several high officials. With the presentation of the manuscript before the grand ury, Mr Whitman believes the indictment of important figures in the graft scandal is certain.

Terrible Fall

STRATFORD, Ont., April 23.—Falling 70 feet from the top of the smokestack of Zimmerman Bros. box factory at Tavistock, and alighting head foremost on the metal roof William Rogers, a London steeplejack, received a terribly fractured skull last evening and died at the local hospital this morning. He had painted the stack almost to the top when his seat dropped.

STORM PROVED VERY HEAVY IN PARTS

Considerable Damage Reported From Last Night's Storm

Barns Burned in County, and Churches Were Damaged

It was some storm! The city escaped serious damage, but the county didn't. Barns were destroyed, telephones knocked out, and the elements broke loose in all their fury. The lightning commenced before 10 o'clock, but it was some hours after midnight when the slumbering populace were awakened by the fierceness and proximity of the electric atmosphere. Night operators at the telephone office were driven to cover, firemen were awakened as the blue flames shot in over the wires and gave a daylight illumination good for several seconds This kept up for over an hour. In the northern section of the city the electric current seemed close enough to be dangerous. It removed half a dozen bricks from Brant Ave. Church. Apparently the church was saved by a fraction. Meanwhile the rain poured down. The fiercer the lightning and the heavier the thunder, the greater was the downpour. In the early morning there was a calm; the buds were fairly visible in the bursting of their petals. The whole of the vernal world seemed to have taken on life anew. Nevertheless, damage was done. There was an inch of rainfall recorded at Mohawk Institute this morning.

At Sour Springs.

A disastrous fire caused by lightning occurred during the storm last night near the Salt Springs Church, when a barn on the farm owned by Mrs. Dickenson, of which A. McCauley of this city is executor, and occupied by Thomas Blair, was completely destroyed, along with a quantity of seed grain, a fanning mill, wagon and three horses. The three animals perished before Mr. Blair could rescue them, so fierce was the blaze and so quickly did the bames spread. The poor animals could be heard screaming with pain, but to do anything in their behalf was utterly impossible. Mr. Blair was, however, able to save his implements, which were stored in adjoining implement sheds. The loss will be in the neighborhood of $2,500, covered by $1,200 insurance on the whole contents of the place.

Brant Ave. Church.

The Brant Ave. Methodist Church was struck, but fortunately no serious damage was done to the edifice. The lightning struck the top of the wall of the Sunday school building and knocked off a dozen or fifteen bricks, which can be easily replaced in a very short time. It was a narrow escape, and it is a miracle that the building considering the fierceness of the storm, was not partially wrecked or burned to the ground.

Mr. Morey's Loss.

Lightning struck the barn of Mr. William Morey, Burford, at 3 o'clock this morning and burned it, together with stock and implements. The damage is said to be about $2,000.

Church Tower Struck.

The tower on the Church of England at Burford was also struck, and the electric light system was put out of order.

Beck Wins

In Connection With Toronto Electric Fight With Hydro.

TORONTO, April 23— By a vote of 22 to 9, the private bill in the committee of the Ontario Legislature this morning decided to confine the legislation with regard to the proposed purchase of the Toronto Electric and Toronto Electric Railway to the Railway Company alone.

"It will be easy" said Chairman Lucas, after the hour's discussion was over, "for the legal department to strike out any reference to the Toronto Electric Company."

Hon. W. J. Hanna voted for the original proposal, the combining of the two companies in the question to be submitted to the ratepayers—and W. K. McNaught alone of the six Toronto members voted with the minoritv

Hayor Hocken who was in attendance said Sir William Mackenzie's ultimatum was "you can take both or neither."

Duchess of Connaught Suffers a Relapse

[Canadian Press Despatch]

LONDON, April 23.—The Duchess of Connaught, wife of the Governor-General of Canada, has not been so well during the past 24 hours, according to a bulletin issued by the surgeon in attendance.

The Duchess had been reported as progressing favorably toward recovery after an operation for the removal of the vermiform appendix performed on April 10.

"Would Send Them Around the World"

[Canadian Press Despatch]

MANCHESTER, Eng., April 23 — In sentencing two militant suffragettes Mrs. Forrester and Miss Manesta, at the Monchester Assizes to-day Justice Sir John EldonBanks said:

"I would send you round the world in a sailing ship if the law permitted me so to dispose of you."

The women were brought up at the assizes for trial on the charge of raiding on April 3, the Manchester Art Gallery and smashing the glass of thirteen famous pictures, which they said they did as a protest against the sentence of three years' imprisonment passed on their leader, Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst.

The judge declared that failing the remedy he suggested as a cure for suffrage militancy, he would have to send them to jail for three months and a month respectively, and they would have to serve additional terms of six monnths and four months respectively unless they found sureties for their good behavior on leaving jail.

Not Yet!

City Treasure Says to Street Railway---"You Pay First."

A communication was received at the City Hall from the Receiver of the Grand Valley Railway, which reads as follows:

Toronto, April 18th. 1913.

H. F. Leonard, Brantford.

Dear Sir.—Re Grand Valley Company: re Rental Colborne St. Power House. With reference to your letter of the 10th instant and to the lease executed by the Receiver to the City of Brantford of a portion of the Colborne St. Power House I am advised that the first months' rent, payable April 1st instant, has not been received at the Brantford office. Will you kindly issue instructions for the payment of the current months rent.

Yours truly,
E. C. TODD,
For E. B. Stardale, Receiver of Grand Valley Railway Company.

The City Treasurer replied to the letter, stating that as the managers of the Railway Company were indebted to the city for a very large sum, it was unreasonable to say the least of it for them to ask for rental. Furthermore, if the Company would meet its obligations, the city would be pleased to pay the accounts.

Some Game Very Flashy

A member of the Courier staff who for once in his life was trying to get some sleep burst into poetry this morning over last night's storm as follows:

ODE TO LAST NIGHT'S THUNDER-STORM.

The scene 'twas up in cloudland,
And for the opening game
The fans were all excited,
And not alone in name.

For as it is upon this earth,
So 'tis, they say, up there.
For each one has his favorite team
And each his favorite player.

"Play ball!" the umpire duly cried—
His name was that of Pluvius.
The thought on each contending side:
"Wonder what he'll do to us."

The catcher with some mystic signs
Was tipping off the pitcher.
And fans called out, "Just mind your eye,
Or else perhaps he'll hit yer."

The roars of the spectators were
Both liberal and thunderous.
With lightning speed the ball was curved—
Hard the job of Pluvius.

With luminous velocity.
Bags were stolen, a score of 'em,
And barns were sacrificed
With more than much precocity.

L'ENVOI

The game was close, a tie for each,
With Casey at the bat;
With mighty force he lammed the ball,
But sure it was a peach!

The name "Home Run" was on that sphere,
The excitement was immense,
When Pluvius, without a fear,
Yelled "Foul!" in language tense.

And then it was the crowd broke out
In accents wild, you bet!
And as for Jupy Pluvius—
Well, he's running yet.

Pope is Better.

ROME April 23.— Pope Pius continues to make satisfactory progress in his convalescence. He rose from bed at half past ten this morning and was allowed by the physicians to walk a few steps in his bedroom. His temperature was 97. He suffered lass from prostration and his strength had improved, although his bronchial congestion still exists with a cough and abundant expectoration.

With The Police

Things started to liven up this morning at the police court when a number of interesting cases were heard by His Worship.

Mark Sung who runs a laundry at 415 Colborne street, was charged with converting a shirt and tablecloth, the property of one of his customers, to his own use. The Celestial, naturally, denied the charge. Mr. Harley, K.C., appeared for the defendant, and stated his client denied receiving the tablecloth valued at $5, but said he received the shirt and would pay for the same. His Worship was of the opinion that it was a civil case and could be better settled out of court. It was dismissed.

Wm. Davis was charged by E. F. Gillingwater, the grocer, with securing a quantity of groceries on a note on his pay, which eventually proved worthless. Davis claimed that the note at the time was good, but that Gillingwater did not call for the money until long after he had drawn his pay. The case was settled by Davis promising to pay for the said eatables on Saturday his pay day.

Edgar Holmes was given a ten dollar bill by a boarding mate to get changed, three dollars of which he was to give to the landlord. Holmes, however, took a few drinks on board and then a few more with the result the money disappeared and he was charged with misappropriating the three spot. He promised to pay the sum with the next pay he received and was allowed to go on that condition.

Serious Case.

Wm. Morrow, a young man, who has been in this country about eighteen months, pleaded guilty in court this morning to a charge of immoral conduct in connection with a young girl named Martha Davidson. In view of the serious nature of the charge, Mr Wilkes asked His Worship to adjourn the case till Friday in order to secure counsel for the defendant.

Thomas Clawsey charged his son Fred with not working and causing him considerable trouble. Fred has evidently "skipped out" as he didn't appear after being summoned. This settled the case as his father only wanted to avoid trouble.

Pope Was Pleased.

ROME, April 23.—A bronze group of statuary brought as a gift yesterday by a party of French pilgrims was shown to the pope in his bedroom this morning. He expressed his great admiration of the work and the religious feeling it showed and uttered some flattering words in regard to the piety and the loyalty of the French in spite of the efforts of a small section of the people of that country to entice the faithful from the right path.

CELEBRATE 24 ON MONDAY

Local merchants are somewhat in doubt as to the date of the observance of Victoria Day this year. May 24 falls on a Saturday, and this day, for many reasons, it is felt, is undesirable for business reasons. The merchants want the holiday observed on Monday. In Hamilton, St. Catharines and other cities the same request is made. The Courier believes the suggestion a good one, and in order to avoid confusion an understanding should be arrived at early.

BELGIANS ARE NOW HAPPY PEOPLE

Strike Ends and There is Great Rejoicing All Over

Men Return to Work To-day With Situation Cleared

BRUSSELS, April 23—The Socialist headquarters committee which organized the general strike for equal suffrage throughout Belgium has received at the "House of the People," hundreds of messages from industrial and mining districts of the country expressing elation and congratulation on the fact that the government has been compelled to recognize the power of the people.

The principal endeavor of the strike leaders is now directed toward keeping the strikers from returning to work until the Socialist congress can decide formally that the strike has come to an end. The Congress may meet to-morrow but the official call to convene has not yet been issued.

Reports from most of the industrial centres show that there were a good many resumptions of work to-day.

Are Returning.

ANTWERP, Belgium, April 23 — Large numbers of the strikers in various trades are returning to work today in consequence of yesterday's vote of the chamber of deputies at Brussels on the question of equal suffrage. The shipping men connected with the port have telegraphed abroad that all difficulties of loading and discharging cargoes have now been overcome.

Only a Few.

MONS, Aril 23—Only about five per cent of the strikers took up their tools again to-day. The remainder are waiting for the decision of the Socialist Congress which will probably be announced to-day.

All Go Back.

LA LOUVIERE, Belgium, April 23—Practically all the Pottery workers went into the factories this morning, but only a small percentage of the miners appeared at the pits.

Mrs. Squirrel Succeeded

Squirrel life in its highest form was enacted on Market street yesterday afternoon before the interested gaze of hundreds of spectators. Mother Squirrel decided to remove five little ones from the awning of Forde's grocery store to more congenial quarters in Victoria Park and remove them she did. The little ones were just able to hop, but Mother Squirrel ran no chances with street traffic. She decided to carry her family to the Park's edge, and she did her work valiantly. Had there been a dog or any one unkind enough to have hampered Mrs. Squirrel, it would have fared badly, with either canine or person. The mother of the buxom family won popular sympathy in her struggle. It was a pretty sight and not without human interest.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE
BRANTFORD

Thursday, April 24.—Wm. A. Brady Limited presents New Yrk's greatest dramatic triumph, "BOUGHT AND PAID FOR," by Geo. Broadhurst, direct from its run of one solid year at The Playhouse, New York. The New York Journal said: "Makes you laugh with one eye and cry with the other. While there is a good deal of pathos in the play, there is a large vein of humor, with prolonged gushes of laughter. It is a great play, inspired by the happenings of our every-day life. Prices: 25c, 50c, 75c, $1, $1.50. Seats Tuesday.

Tuesday, April 29.—Wm. A. Brady presents ROBERT B. MANTELL in Shakespeare's greatest masterpiece of romance, "THE MERCHANT OF VENICE." Robert B. Mantell, by right of ability, efficiency and professional achievement, is now the legitimate leader of the American stage. William Winter, dean of American dramatic critics, in Shakespeare on the Stage, his permanent record for posterity. It is indeed gratifying to know that there is still an actor who is passing on the best traditions of our stage. The late Horace Howard Furness, America's greatest Shakespearean scholar. Curtain wll raise promptly at 8 o'elock. Prices 25c to $2. Seats to non-subscribers Saturday.

If it Happened it is in "THE COURIER;" If it is in "THE COURIER" it Happened.