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A BIG SON AND A VERY SMALL FATHER

Russians Control Tabriz After Nine Days' Siege

Fighting Was of a Severe Character, But Tales of Dark Atrocities Are Unfounded—Foreign Residents Kept to Houses and Were Not Molested.

PERSIANS FOUGHT WITH DESPERATION

TABRIZ, Persia, Dec. 29.—(Can. Press.)—A nine days' siege of this city by the Russian troops has resulted in the complete occupation by the Russian troops, and the dispersal of the Persians belonging to the Constitutional Progressive Party (or Fidals). A large number of casualties were sustained by both sides, the Russians losing from 100 to 200 men, while the losses of the Fidals were very severe, although the number cannot be ascertained.

No casualties were suffered by the resident foreign population, but many individuals suffered from a lack of provisions, while they were closely confined to their homes during the prolonged street fighting.

The atrocities which are reported to have been committed by the troops on both sides are entirely unfounded, the mortality among the native non-combatants being far from large.

The Russians alone were the object of the operations of the Persians, who displayed no resentment whatever against any other foreigners.

"The Ark" a Storm Centre.

A collision between a patrol of the Russian guard and the Persian constitutionalists in the street during the night on Dec. 29 was the beginning of the disturbances. Two Persians were shot dead in this affair, after which the population showed great resentment, and fighting became general throughout the city on the following morning.

The principal engagement during the siege occurred in the neighborhood of the Russian consulate around the citadel known as "The Ark," and at the Russian camp at Bagh Shemel.

The Persians fired on the Russian camp with small mountain artillery from the top of "The Ark." The Russian soldiers in the camp replied by shelling "The Ark" with shrapnel and driving the Persians from their position. One of the shells struck the American flag flying at the consulate, which is situated near "The Ark," and the staff fell with a crash on the roof, but no further damage was done.

Persians Driven Off.

On the following day there was desperate fighting in the streets, the rifle and machine gun fire being continuous. On the same day the Persians made a night attack on the Russian camp to which the Russians at first did not reply, awaiting the closer approach of the assaults. Finally the Russian troops opened fire, repulsing the Persians with heavy loss.

The Russian positions both in the camp and at the Russian consulate were at that time evidently in a precarious state. All communication between the camp and the Russian consulate was completely cut off for several days.

The first detachment of Russian reinforcements from Julfa consists of 800 men with four guns, arrived in the outskirts of the city on the night of December 26. They had made a forced march of 48 hours from their camp at Julfa, eighty miles from Tabriz. On the following morning without establishing previous communication with the Russian camp or consulate they shelled various quarters of the city indiscriminately, doing however, little damage, but impressing the Persians with the hopelessness of continuing their resistance. The citadel after being shelled from the camp was evacuated by the Persians on the following day and the Russian troops occupied it.

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JAFF AND MUTT.

First Citizen: Who are those two venerable old chaps talking together on the street over there and looking so dejected—one taller than the other, and both with craps on their hats and cold feet in their boots?

Second Citizen: That's Jaff and Mutt.

First Citizen: Who?

Second Citizen: Jaff of The Globe and Mutt of The Telegram.

DOWN-TOWN BUSINESS IMPERILED.

Said a prominent downtown business man: If we do not vote for the bylaws that insist on tubes being built forthwith there will be no business downtown. Women will quit the fight of trying to travel in the street cars.

Restricts Imports of Pulp-wood.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(Can. Press.)—While foreign nations are clamoring for the free entry of wood pulp and paper into the United States on an equality with Canada the treasury department to-day decreased the supply, which can be imported from Canada without duty thru an order relating to the Indian lands of Ontario. In future, wood pulp or paper made from the woods of these lands must pay duty because of the Canadian regulation prohibiting the exportation of wood lands upon which exportation restrictions are placed, and is in accordance with the agreement with Canada.

THERE ARE NO SLUMS?

There be those who so soon as the winter winds begin to blow will light the fire, pull down the blinds and, toasting their shins before the grateful blaze, will swear that all the world is warm. Of this breed are those who say Toronto has no slums. Their little daily launts to business in street or motor car do not lead them thru any slums, and, therefore, to bright intelligence and gentle hearts, there are no slums. To those who know, and these may be all those who care to enquire or look, this statement that there are no slums would be comic were there not so much tragedy wrapped up in this lack of knowledge.

The slums are there and may be seen.

One instance out of many may serve to make them real to the fireside optimists of the self-banded eyes.

This is the story told by one lucky little Jewess who still has heart to smile:

She says that she has several children and an old mother. Also she occasionally has the pleasure of supporting a useless husband. Only a short time ago she was confined. Her surroundings at the time were these: She lay in a single ill-lighted, ill-ventilated and ill-heated room with four other children about her. Her aged mother watched beside her upon a couch made out of two chairs. There she slept and watched her daughter. There a little child was born.

Those who advocate the building of tubes declare that they will help to abolish slums. By slums they mean such hovels as that in which this child was born. Whether these be what the fireside optimists call slums or not is little matter. If the tubes help to abolish such places and conditions as this they will be a blessing bearing the trademark of heaven itself.

There are places like this in the city, and it is lack of room and lofty rentals that are the cause of such places.

This woman was not the most unfortunate among the city's poor. There she—she had a bed.

LITTLE BIG TORONTO.

"If those figures about the areas and population of United States cities are correct," said a citizen yesterday, "I'll vote for annexing North Toronto."

The figures referred to show that Toronto, which ranks next to San Francisco in population among a dozen cities of similar size, or fifth on the list, comes in along with Indianapolis in area.

Cincinnati, New Orleans, Washington, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Seattle, Indianapolis and St. Paul are all greater in area, the less in population. Even with North Toronto added Kansas City is the only city smaller than Toronto, and Kansas City has only 248,381 population as compared with Toronto's 409,000.

The figures are from Nelson's Cyclopaedia, just published.

VOTE FOR HOCKEN.

Thru his undiring and public-spirited advocacy of the tubes Controller Hocken has been enabled to give much personal attention to his own candidacy for re-election as controller. Don't forget him when you mark your ballots on Monday.

MOROCCO TREATY STILL HANGS IN BALANCE

Premier Caillaux of France Accused of Deceiving Chamber of Deputies, and More Light May Come With Debate in Senate—Government's Support Weakened.

PARIS, Dec. 29.—(Can. Press.)—The ministry is being subjected to the keenest attack of its existence as the result of an interview between Jules Cambon, the French ambassador to Germany, and Herr Von Kiderling-Waechter, the German foreign minister, which took place some time ago at Kissingen and dealt with the dispute between France and Germany over Morocco.

Although the chamber of deputies on December 20 ratified the Franco-German accord on Morocco, Deputy De Monzie declared in the chamber to-day that the government was hiding something concerning the situation and that the statements with reference to it made to the chamber were completely at variance with those before the foreign affairs committee of the senate, to which the accord has been referred pending its being taken up for a vote by the upper chamber.

Premier Wouldn't Talk.

M. De Monzie asked the government to give an explanation of what was being held back, but Premier Caillaux resolutely refused to permit the matter to be discussed at present, saying that all information concerning it would be given in the debate on foreign affairs, which would follow the voting on the Franco-German agreement in the senate.

On a vote the chamber upheld the ministerial view, but by the comparative small majority of 38.

COMMON FOLK KEEP OUT!

There's an absolute lack of good faith in "the alternative plan" for a Castle Frank viaduct. Under the guise of "city beaut" the aristocratic residents of Rosedale want to keep the common people out of their inglenook. CLASS EXCLUSIVENESS IS NOT A GOOD THING TO PUT FORWARD IN A PUBLIC QUESTION. LET THEM SEAL UP THEIR OWN DOORS, BUT NOT PUT UP BARS ON PUBLIC STREETS.

HOCKEN'S FRIENDS SHOULD HOLD UP HIS HANDS.

The World has always found Mr. H. C. Hocken a reliable public representative, whether as alderman or controller, and it is many a day since there has been a man in city hall affairs who so clean and good a record. He is a man that is known from one end of the city to the other as a man of integrity and honesty of purpose; and yet no man has been bounded worse than he has because of conspicuous discharge of his public duty. If Mr. Hocken's friends do not stand for him and his project in connection with the tubes and support him when he is being so unfairly attacked, the result will be that fewer and fewer good men will tackle civic affairs.

COMMUTE THEM ALL TOGETHER

The city has the following radial lines now in the city, and therefore a source of double fares:

Kingston-road line, from Woodbine east.

Davenport-road line from Bathurst-street.

Lake Shore line from Sunnyside, Yonge-street, from C. P. R. tracks.

Weston-road line from Dundas-street.

The city must deal with all these and have them commuted. But why not annex North Toronto and handle the Metropolitan as well, in one bite?

MONTREAL TUBES IN TWO YEARS

The Canadian Northern are to tunnel thru the mountain at Montreal at a cost of 2 millions (including station) and TO DO IT IN TWO YEARS. The scheme includes the opening up of a lot of cheap land and quick transit for the citizens of Montreal. They do the same for Toronto if we'd let them. The Globe and Telegram are working to head off any relief for Toronto.

THAT SLUMP WILL BE A BLESSING.

If the bylaws will bring on a slump, according to The Globe, The Telegram and city hall officials, and at the same time bring tubes, single fares and quick transit, what a fine chance the poor man will have to buy a cheap lot!

A POSER!

Will Senator Jaffray and Ross Robertson tell the poor man where he can get a cheap lot and a single fare? Call them up on the phone!



"CITY FATHER" SPENCE: Tut! tut! my lad. You're not big enough for long trousers yet.

CONVENTION TO DECIDE GOVERNMENT FOR CHINA

Peace Conference Agrees That Both Imperialists and Republicans Will Be Bound By Its Action—No Loans Will Be Sought and Armies Will Remain Inactive.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 29.—(Can. Press.)—The peace conference being held here between the representatives of the Peking government and the revolutionary party, at their meeting to-day, agreed in the first place that the question of the form of government to be ultimately adopted for China should be discussed and decided by a national convention, whose decision should be binding on both parties.

In the second place, it was agreed that pending the decision of the national convention, the Manchou government was neither to accept nor to attempt to obtain foreign loans.

In the third place, all Manchou troops in the Provinces of Shanai, Shenai, Hupeh and Kiangsu shall evacuate their present positions and withdraw from them to a distance of 100 li (about 37 miles) within five days, beginning from Dec. 31.

The republican troops shall in the meantime neither advance nor occupy the places evacuated pending special arrangements to be reached by mutual agreement. The Manchou troops are not to advance nor to attack the positions at Shanghai, already held by the republicans, nor shall the republican troops advance upon nor capture new places.

It is understood that the national convention to be called is to include those delegates at present in conference at Nanking, who have elected Dr. Sun Yat Sen president of the republic, and others to be elected.

The Wily Tuan Fang. SHANGHAI, Dec. 29.—(Can. Press.)—Tang S'iao Yi to-day received a telegram from Peking, saying that Tuan Fang, formerly director-general of the Huiwang Railroad and ex-viceroy of the Province of Chihli, had arrived in the capital disguised as a coolie. It was reported Dec. 18 that Tuan had been killed at Tschow, Province of Shansi, by his own soldiers, under dramatic circumstances. The telegram received by Tang relates that Tuan says he bribed his soldiers to announce publicly that they had murdered him. Instead, they killed a pig and exhibited their bloody swords to the populace, vowing that the stains upon them had been made by Tuan's blood. Meanwhile, Tuan, clothed in rags, made his escape.

Dr. Sun is Ready. Dr. Sun Yat Sen and Wu Ting Fang, the minister of foreign affairs in the revolutionary government, entertained all night, Dr. Sun declares, the first effort to accept the presidency of the Republic of China if the national convention confirms his selection.

FOUGHT 24 HOURS ITALIANS ROUTED

Turks Attacked Fort and Annihilated Garrison—Fleeing. Italians Lost Half Their Number.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—(Can. Press.)—A 24-hour battle, in which the Turkish troops defeated the Italian force, killing half of it in the rout, is described in an official message from Constantinople made public at the Turkish embassy to-night. The message was transmitted to the imperial minister of war at Constantinople by the commander of the Turkish troops from Tobruk, Tripoli, under date of Dec. 22.

The report follows: "We have attacked the fortified posts of the enemy. Notwithstanding the fire from the warships and fort batteries, we entered the fort and the garrison was annihilated. Ammunitions, provisions, war material and a quick-firing gun have been carried into our camp."

"In its forward march, one of our wings cut off the retreat of the enemy, who fled toward the coast. During the retreat the enemy lost half their number. The battle lasted all day and night. Among the killed were three officers of the enemy. Our losses were seven killed and a few wounded."

"The sheik H. Meri, who with his five sons, came at the head of his tribe, is among the dead. The courage of our officers and soldiers is exemplary. Lieut. Nedjib Bey was the first to enter the fort. He destroyed the quick-firing guns and carried away one into our camp."

Drove Off Turks.

DERNA, Tripoli, Dec. 26.—(Delayed.)—An Italian force, under Gen. Delbano, while protecting engineers at work repairing the aqueduct was strongly engaged by a large force of Turks with heavy artillery. The Italians, who had pressed, managed to hold off the enemy until the work was completed, and then retired on their redoubts with a loss of three killed and 77 wounded.

NEWSPAPER PROPRIETORS IN LIMOUSINES AND WOMEN IN STREET CARS.

If newspaper proprietors like Brer Jaffray of The Globe and Brer Robertson of The Telegram have swelled limousines for themselves and their families the crowding of the street cars and the innocent crushing of women don't come night home to them; and therefore they are willing that this "traffic" may continue for ten years more!

If you're a man who respects womanhood vote for tubes, for quick travel, safe travel, decent travel for women and for everyone.

BECK AND HYDRO WELCOMED TO BADEN

Enthusiastic Celebration Marked Turning on of Cheap Power in Birthplace of Man Who Inspired Hydro-Electric Movement—Addresses, Decorations and Music for Occasion.

BADEN, Dec. 28.—(Special.)—The hydro electric in its triumphant march has reached Baden. Tonight, under the most auspicious circumstances, Hon. Adam Beck, minister of power, switched on the power, which gave Baden hydro-electric power, direct from New Hamburg.

Shortly after six o'clock the event, which is an epoch-making one in the history of the village, took place in the opera house, which was converted into a banquet hall and those in attendance cheered Hon. Mr. Beck to the echo. An imposing banner read: "Welcome, Adam Beck, our native son."

But that wasn't all. Admiration for Hon. Mr. Beck had inspired the soul of a local poet, whose eloquy shone forth on the banner in these moving terms:

"A man from our very rank, keen and free and frank; a man of thought and reading, a man of light and leading, a man of loyal breeding, Ontario's welfare speeding; a man of faith and not of fiction, a man of lofty aim and action, a man, we say, a man."

"A man, who highest hope inspires, who amid his party purest honor tries, Ontario delights to greet him. Baden greets her native son, worthy of his German sire."

"A man, who loves to honor mother, a man, to whom each man's a brother, a man, again we say, a man."

The Man of the Hour.

At the banquet board Reeve Howell called for the minister of power to address the meeting and, on rising to speak, the latter was greeted with a tumult of applause from his friends in Ontario. Hon. Mr. Beck was also congratulated in telegrams, speaking in warm appreciation of his ability and his work.

Mr. Beck outlined in his remarks the hydro-power system and told his hearers what could be expected of the system. He expected to see it in general use with the housewives for ironing, cooking and other household duties. He owed much to the village for his early training and self-dependence, and he was pleased to see a greater development of Waterloo County.

George Pattinson, M.L.A. for South Waterloo; Geo. Clark, M.P. for South Waterloo; W. G. Mitchell, M.P., and Dr. Laekner, M.L.A., North Waterloo, followed.

At the conclusion of the banquet, headed by the band, a procession was formed and marched to the Lutheran Church, where a sacred concert was held.

The Telegram and Tubes

Ever since Mayor Geary went to New York two years ago to investigate the question of tubes, The Telegram has taken a lively interest in the problem, and the general trend of its articles until recently has been in favor of subways for Toronto.

Why the change of heart?

The Telegram is very solicitous lest Engineer Must be overburdened with work. It might be pointed out that the building of the tubes would not fall on Mr. Must, but on Mr. Cousins, who is willing and anxious to undertake the work. And, as the World has pointed out before, he is one of the most able and efficient construction men on the continent.

GIVE THE POOR MAN A SHOW.

There is little or no cheap land for the poor man in the present limits of the city.

The annexation of North Toronto, the Castle Frank viaduct and the municipal line on Danforth-avenue WILL MAKE A LOT OF GOOD AND CHEAP LAND ACCESSIBLE at single fares. The Telegram thinks the poor man ought to pay downtown prices for a home!

Will The Telegram tell the poor man where he can get cheap land and a single fare?

MEN'S FUR-LINED COATS.

This is the season for a fur-lined coat. The evening is particularly a time on which to wear it. The Dressed Company is showing in its after-Christmas sale, a superb collection of men's fur-lined coats, just turned out of the workrooms. All prices from \$35 to \$250. Rare value all of them.