

BRITAIN TALKS STRAIGHT TO SULTAN; "NO COMPROMISE," TIME RUNNING SHORT

Turkish Foreign Minister Has "Proposals," But Is Told That There Must Be Nothing Less Than Absolute Compliance With British Demands.

Constantinople, May 11.—Tewfik Pasha, the foreign minister, called at the British embassy yesterday and made proposals in regard to the Tabah question which Ambassador O'Connor unhesitatingly rejected. The pasha was informed that any compromise suggestions were quite inadmissible and that nothing less than absolute compliance with the British demands would prevent drastic action. The ambassador also warned the minister that time was running short and counseled him to be under no misapprehension in regard to the determination of Great Britain to enforce the Turkish evacuation of Egyptian territory on the Sinai Peninsula and a joint delimitation of the frontier.

Tewfik Pasha returned to the palace and an immediate meeting of the council of ministers was summoned.

Cairo, Egypt, May 11.—The belief is strengthening in official circles here that a satisfactory settlement will be reached in the Tabah boundary dispute between Egypt and Turkey.

His Sickness Still Stubborn.

London, May 11.—The Times correspondent cables from Constantinople as follows: In spite of the support afforded Great Britain by the French and other embassies at Constantinople, in spite of the movements of the British fleet, in spite of the fact that the Sultan shows no sign of yielding, his advisers cling to the belief that the British Government is not really in earnest, and the coercive measures it is likely to take will be of the kind to which they are accustomed and would be able to contemplate without repugnance. This is a very dangerous illusion for them to harbor, for it is now practically certain that if Tabah is not evacuated before Monday the action taken by Great Britain will be so decided and energetic that the Turks will bitterly regret their obstinacy.

MRS. JEFF DAVIS ILL.

Wife of the Confederate President Is Eighty and May Succumb.

New York, May 10.—Mrs. Jefferson Davis, widow of the president of the Southern Confederacy, is dangerously ill of the grippe in the Hotel Gerard here. As she is nearly 80 years old, it is feared that the attack may be fatal. Mrs. Davis has been living at the Gerard for several years.

EVERYTHING SAFE

\$17,000,000 In "Frisco Bonds Found Intact in Vaults.

San Francisco, May 11.—The main vault of the city auditor's office has been opened and everything contained therein was found to be intact.

This vault contained all of the valuable papers and books of the auditor's office, including the bonds issued for \$17,000,000 for specific permanent improvements, such as school buildings, the acquisition of parks, etc. Besides these, all of the official bonds of the present city officials, books, vouchers, and financial accounts, with the city tax collector, treasurer and state controller and treasurer, were found intact.

SEIZURE OF YANKEE SMACKS CAUSES UNCLE SAM TO WORRY

Will Take the Matter Before Durand Immediately Upon Return.

Washington, May 11.—The seizure by Canadian cruisers of the fishing smacks Rayman, of Boston, and Parthia, of Gloucester, adds another to the many vexatious cases of this kind regarding which the State Department is now preparing to negotiate directly with the British Government through Ambassador Durand upon his return to this country from England. It is pointed out, however, that from the press reports these new cases appear to differ essentially from those of the Gloucester boats seized a month ago off the Newfoundland coast and brought into St. John's.

Zulus Sacrifice Children to Balk British Bullets

Durban, Natal, May 11.—Thousands of Zulus from Chief Kula's kraal are reported to be on their way to join the rebel chief, Bambata, and colonial troops are being hurried forward to prevent their junction. Chief Kula, who is suspected of disaffection, and was recently arrested, was placed in jail at Pietermaritzburg today. Natives captured by the colonial forces report that witch doctors are sacrificing children in order to render the rebels immune from British bullets. Before a battle they kill a girl and concoct "medicine" from her body, with which they anoint the warriors.

UPROAR IN ROME; MEMBERS RESIGN

The Entire Socialist Section of Chamber of Deputies Leaves House.

Rome, May 11.—All the Socialist members of the Chamber of Deputies have resigned as a result of the refusal of the chamber to discuss the bill presented by their party, providing for the regulation of the use of arms on the part of the police and troops, and has issued an address to the country. During the day a largely-attended meeting of strikers was held in the Colosseum. Socialist deputies delivered inflammatory speeches and a resolution protesting against the use of arms against the people was adopted.

Later collisions between the strikers and the police and troops took place and several hours elapsed before the demonstrators were finally dispersed.

IT WAS NO JOKE

Massachusetts Legislators Summoned Before a Special Grand Jury.

Boston, May 11.—One hundred members of the Legislature appeared at the office of District Attorney Moran at the Suffolk County courthouse today, in response to subpoenas issued in connection with alleged bribery, which was a feature of the defeat of the anti-bucket shop bill. Only 25 senators and representatives were designated for examination today before the grand jury. There was a marked change today in the attitude of the legislators with regard to Mr. Moran's proposed wholesale examination. On Wednesday and Thursday the affair seemed to be generally considered as something of a joke, but today some of the men upon whom subpoenas had been served strongly condemned the investigation as an outrage.

NOT ONE FAILED

London Boys Did Well at School of Practical Science Exams.

The results of the annual examinations at the School of Practical Science, Toronto, just published, show that every London student who wrote was successful.

F. W. Slater secured his degree of bachelor of applied science, and thus completed his course.

In the department of civil engineering, H. Thornley and E. M. Dann obtained first-year honors. In the second year, J. A. Stiles obtained honors, and J. C. M. Moore passed.

In the mechanical and electrical engineering department, P. C. Boves and N. A. Campbell obtained honors in the first year; Alex. C. Spencer and H. D. Bowman honors in the second year, and H. H. Betts and C. W. Hookway honors in the second year.

The London boys certainly did themselves credit.

BAPTISTS ROBBED OF A HUGE SUM

\$12,000 in Bonds Taken from Suitcase of Free Church Treasurer.

Lynn, Mass., May 11.—A suitcase containing \$12,000 worth of bonds, stocks and other securities many of which are said to be negotiable, was stolen last night from the High Street Free Baptist Church, where the Massachusetts Association of Free Baptist Churches have been holding their annual convention. The suitcase belonged to Rev. W. L. T. T. Lawrence, the treasurer of the organization, and the securities are the property of the association. Rev. Mr. T. T. Lawrence left the case in an ante-room while he went to supper. When he returned the suitcase had disappeared, and a raincoat belonging to Mr. T. T. Lawrence, and containing about \$20 in cash, was also missing. The police were notified at once, but up to midnight the thief had not been apprehended.

PISTOLS AT 25 PACES

French Editor and Count Fight a Duel in Paris.

Paris, May 11.—Lucien Millevoye, editor of the Patrie, and Nationalist member of the Chamber of Deputies, fought a duel with pistols today with Count Mathieu de Noailles, as a result of the street encounter between them on May 9, when M. Millevoye broke his cane over the count's head. Beyond the facts that pistols were used and that two shots were exchanged at 25 paces, no details of the duel were obtainable, as his dispatch was filed.

THE CANADA NORTHERN

Applies for Approval of New Line Ottawa to Montreal.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, May 11.—The Minister of Railway and deputy minister heard this forenoon an application to the Canadian Northern Railway Company for approval of their plans for Georgian Bay to Ottawa and Montreal, and from Toronto to Ottawa.

Mr. G. Ruel, accompanied by W. K. Wicksteed, chief engineer, appeared in behalf of the application. Mr. C. R. Drinkwater appeared for the C. P. R., Mr. F. A. Magee for the Grenville, Carleton and Central Railway, and Mayor Ellis and the city solicitor and city engineer for the city of Ottawa.

Part of the line between here and Montreal was approved, and the remainder stands over for further consideration.

GOOD WORK

What Chicago Did to Aid San Francisco Refugees.

Chicago, May 11.—The railroads ceased granting free transportation to San Francisco refugees yesterday, the privilege expiring by limitation last night. All refugees hereafter will be dealt with individually by the Chicago Relief and Aid Society. Since the earthquake disaster in California, the Chicago Commercial Association has cared for 2,151 persons from San Francisco. A majority of these have been provided with clothing, meals and transportation to other points.

The giving of free meals at the railway stations also ended last night.

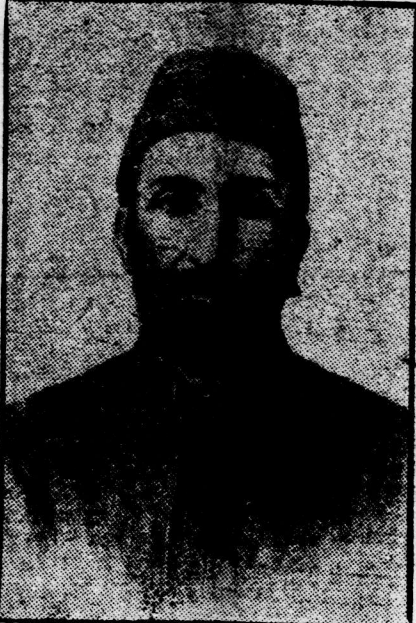
Here's Another Seizure

Windsor, May 11.—Inspector Chauvin found enough black bass and pickerel in one box among several of a shipment destined to Detroit yesterday to warrant him in seizing the entire lot. The fish have been turned over to the Home of the Friendless.

No Trace of Chababran.

Kington, May 11.—Chababran, the escaped murderer, has not yet been traced. It is stated that Inspector Stewart, as a result of his investigation, will recommend an increase in the number of guards and keepers. There has been a great reduction in recent years. In the insane ward one man was doing the work that three had performed previously.

Will He Give In?



THE SULTAN OF TURKEY.

Has once more been sharply notified by Britain that drastic measures will follow refusal to evacuate Tabah.

HE WILL AND HE WON'T

Bryan Makes a Statement in Regard to Democratic Nominee.

Chicago, May 11.—A dispatch to the Tribune from St. Louis says: M. C. Wetmore, of this city, a personal friend of W. J. Bryan, yesterday received from Mr. Bryan, who is in Egypt, a letter, in which he says:

"I am satisfied that the things I have been fighting for are growing, but who will be most available in 1908 is a question that cannot be answered now. I shall not do anything to secure another nomination, and do not want it, unless circumstances seem to demand it—time alone can determine that."

This is the first authoritative statement of Mr. Bryan's attitude toward the presidential campaign. It is personal, and his comment on the national situation is the most interesting to the public from the fact that it is the frank utterance of a party leader to a confidential friend.

The Eleventh Legislature Winds Up Its Business

Power Bill and Other Measures Given Final Readings and House Will Prorogue Monday.

Toronto, May 11. [Special to The Advertiser.] By holding three arduous sittings yesterday, the business of the second session of the eleventh Legislature of Ontario was concluded at 11:15 last night, and there only remains the formal prorogation on Monday, a function which is attended annually by only a handful of ministers and members. Half a dozen most important measures were given their final readings yesterday, and they, with the other bills already passed, will become law on receiving the lieutenant-governor's assent on Monday.

The power bill was given its final reading without a division. The Opposition offered amendments to the county councils act, the education act and the university act, but the majority voted in favor of 51 to 14, and the same division was accepted for the others, in order to save time.

The discussion was resumed on Mr. Crawford's motion to reinstate in the city of Toronto bill the clause permitting the city to sell hay and feed at the City Cattle Market. Mr. Crawford declared that the stockholders of the union stockyards were not farmers, drovers and breeders, but merchants and financiers.

Mr. Foy said the opposition to the amendment was inconsistent. If the city was entitled to have its market, it was entitled to do the incidental business connected therewith.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Fine and Warmer.

London, Friday, May 11. Sun rises, 4:57 a.m. Moon rises, 11:06 p.m. Sun sets, 7:30 p.m. Moon sets, 7:50 a.m.

Showers have occurred today from the Ottawa Valley to the Maritime Provinces, and in a few localities have been very heavy. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fair. In the Northwest Provinces it has been very summery, with temperatures of 88° in Southern Alberta.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 46-58; Vancouver, 41-55; Calgary, 42-52; Edmonton, 38-50; Medicine Hat, 50-58; Qu'Appelle, 42-54; Minnedosa, 38-47; Port Arthur, 38-50; Port Huron, 38-47; Toronto, 34-48; Ottawa, 38-54; Montreal, 40-48; Quebec, 38-52; St. John, 46-54; Halifax, 44-54.

FORECASTS. Friday, May 11—8 a.m. Moderate to fresh southwest to south winds; fine today and on Saturday, and turning warmer.

TEMPERATURES. Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary 52 59 Cloudy. Winnipeg 68 66 Fair. Port Arthur 42 50 Fair. Port Huron 42 50 Fair. Toronto 44 50 Fair. Montreal 40 50 Fair. Quebec 38 52 Fair. Father Point 38 54 Fair.

WEATHER NOTES. It is fine in all portions of the Dominion. Conditions are favorable for warmer weather from the region eastward, and for somewhat lower temperatures in the Northwest Provinces.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Thursday were: Highest, 52°; lowest, 29° above.

THE PREMIER DENIES IT

No Truth in Report That Hon. Mr. Foy Will Retire.

Toronto, May 11.—Premier Whitney, when his attention was called to it last night, said there was absolutely no truth in the statement that Hon. Mr. Foy, the attorney-general, is to retire. Hon. Mr. Foy himself declared that there was no foundation for the report.

MR. PRESTON'S DENIAL

Says Report Regarding Liberals and Power Bill Is Untrue.

Toronto, May 11.—Mr. Preston, member for Brant, was asked this morning if there was any truth in the published report that at an informal caucus of Liberal members of the Legislature he had been requested to voice their views on the power question. He replied that the paragraph in question was not deserving of serious notice. No one had spoken to him relative to the debate on the power bill, and the gentlemen whose names were mentioned in the article agreed in the statement that their position had been misrepresented, and that there had been no caucus, either formal or informal, with reference to the Beck bill.

MORE INDIANS DEAD

Two Succumb to Florida Water Drenching—Others in Terror.

Rosetown, Sask., May 11.—Two more Indians dead and at least six others in a serious condition from the latest development in the Florida water tragedy at the Duck Lake Indian reserve. The wildest excitement prevails. The Indians are terrified, not knowing who will be the next to succumb. Mrs. Angoie testified that she, her husband, and five others drank one bottle of Florida water. Only one of the party is now living. The inquest adjourned till Tuesday next. Inspector Genereux, acting for the Government, will search the Indian shacks and the Duck Lake stores for the fluid.

The Florida water, that caused the deaths is said to be one particular brand. The poison produced blindness after drinking, which ensued until death. Those recovering have blind spots.

GRAND TRUNK'S PROPOSAL IS NOT \$300,000 OR NOTHING

Manager McGuigan Corrects Erroneous Impression—Says Company Must Have Help from City.

Manager McGuigan and Superintendent Brownlee of the Grand Trunk Railway are in the city today, and for over two hours were closeted in the officials' car with Mayor Judd and City Solicitor Meredith.

Previous to the meeting, The Advertiser had a short interview with Mr. McGuigan. He was in his usual affable mood, and he did not appear to regard the differences between the city and the company as insurmountable. "I prefer that any statement regarding the negotiations shall come from the city's representatives," Mr. McGuigan said to the reporter, when pressed for a statement as to where the city and the company stand. "If we should fail to come to an understanding, however, I will make a statement to the people of London through the newspapers."

The reporter then began to ask questions, and he succeeded in getting Mr. McGuigan to answer several of them. "The people of London have the

idea," the reporter told him, "that the Grand Trunk's proposition is \$300,000 or nothing if the improvements are to be made."

"That is erroneous," Mr. McGuigan replied. "But we do admit frankly that if the work is to be proceeded with we must have help from the city. Otherwise we cannot go on."

"Some people also allege that as the negotiations have dragged on so long, the Grand Trunk does not want to go on with the work this year."

"That is quite wrong. We are anxious to proceed with the work at the very earliest moment."

Reverting to the proposal that the city should help the company, Mr. McGuigan said that the Grand Trunk is the biggest industry in London, and he thinks it should receive some consideration from the city.

He left the impression that the company is willing to negotiate still further, and is willing to give and take, but that when once a thing is agreed

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A PLAIN TALK WITH THE CZAR

President of the New Parliament Off to Peterhoff for an Interview.

St. Petersburg, May 11.—Prof. Mourmoutseff went to Peterhoff this afternoon to notify the Emperor of his election to the presidency of the Lower House of Parliament. It is known that he expects to speak plainly to his majesty on the views of the country, and the constitutional democrats hope that much good will result from the audience. Besides demanding amnesty, Prof. Mourmoutseff will present in behalf of the constitutional democrats a majority suggestion that the Council of the Empire be made a purely consultative body, with no right to stand between the representatives of the people and the sovereign.

The deliverance of the political prisoners and those who have suffered for freedom's cause is now a passion with the masses, and it is difficult to see how the Government will be able to resist.

The central committee of the Constitutional Democrats is working out a reply to the speech from the throne. The principal points will be amnesty and equality of political and civil rights. An attempt will be made to come to an agreement with the peasants, who are drawing up an independent reply. Their chief demands are amnesty, the reorganization of the labor laws, the reorganization of the army, the disbanding of the Cossacks, the separation of church and state, a general extension of the schools, and equal rights for all nationalities.

Empress Heard From.

Cape Ray, Que., May 11.—Dense fog, strong east wind, Marcel reports Empress of Britain 100 miles southeast at 11 a.m.

In Peril of Flames.

Pittsburg, May 11.—Sutcliffe, a mining town on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, two miles east of Hillsburg, is threatened with destruction by fire, and help has been requested from this city. Connellsville, McKeesport and Braddock. A number of buildings in the town have been destroyed and the fire is beyond the control of the local department.

STIFF EXAM FOR TRAINMEN IS STILL IN PROGRESS HERE

G. T. R. Men Making Satisfactory Headway, However, Under Examiner Hall.

The somewhat antiquated-looking coach, which stands just east of the old bank house and close to the Waterloo street crossing of the Grand Trunk, has been the scene of some pretty hard work on the part of the railway trainmen during the past three weeks or a month, for the examination of the conductors, engineers, firemen, brakemen and baggage-men who "run" out of London has been in progress under the direction of Mr. Wm. Hall, conductor of Samia Tunnel.

Some might wonder at the examinations extending over such a long period, especially when it is remembered that several hundred boys and girls can write the high school entrance, with its numerous papers, in three or four days at the outside, and that there are less than a hundred men engaged in the train service of the Grand Trunk with headquarters in London. But there is a vast difference between the two.

The trainmen are compelled to pass not only a written examination, but they are given a stiff oral examination on the standard rules, which contain no less than 225 questions and answers. And this after attending a series of lectures by the examiner.

Then, again, it is impossible for the trainmen to attend the lectures and examinations daily until they are "passed," unless they secure substitutes for their turns, which cannot always be arranged. Thus the exams extend over a considerable period at each divisional point.

Of the men employed in the five branches of the train service, the conductors and engineers have by far the hardest examination. They are chief in the matter of responsibility in the handling of trains, and the company requires them to have at their fingers' ends the entire rule book, from A to Z. Every one of the 225 regulations has to be memorized, and the conductors and engineers have to satisfy the examiner that no matter what contingency might arise during a trip they will know exactly what course to follow. The firemen, brakemen and baggage-men escape more easily, for they are compelled to pass the examination only on 125 of the questions.

The examinations, which are now being held on all parts of the vast system, were not rendered necessary by any change in the rules. The Standard code, which was put in force shortly after the change of management, is still applied, and it is only with a view to still further perfecting the service that the trainmen are once more compelled to write the rules.

The superintendent—or whoever it may be—made no mistake in the choice

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