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CONFERENCE ON NAVAL DEFENCE

SUGGESTION MADE BY PREMIER ASQUITH

Is in Favor of Gathering of Representatives of Colonies.

London, April 19.—Speaking at Glasgow on the question of the navy, Premier Asquith expressed generous appreciation of the fine spirit shown by the colonies.

Speaking for himself he declared desirable to bring together in consultation the great colonies and the Mother Country so that all might "act in general concert in the spirit which they have so finely exhibited and with the common object which we ought to have in view, to ascertain as to our respective shares in this great and important work of naval defence of the Empire."

DOMINION FINANCES.

Ottawa, April 19.—The revenue of the Dominion shows a falling off for the fiscal year of \$11,500,000. Hon. W. S. Fielding, however, will announce a small surplus.

FOUR MEN ARE LYNCHED BY MOB

TAKEN FROM JAIL AND HANGED IN BARN

Two of Victims Were Accused of Hiring Men to Kill Marshal.

Shawnee, Okla., April 18.—Four men, two of them reputed to be millionaire cattle ranchers, were taken from the county jail at Ada at 8 o'clock this morning by a mob of 200 persons and hanged in a barn at the rear of the prison. The victims: Jesse West, Jos. Allen, B. B. Burrell and Jos. B. Miller. West was the only one to offer resistance. He fought with the mob until they had dragged him into the barn. West and Allen were charged with having hired the others to murder United States Marshal A. A. Bott on February 27th, through overy popular and feeling in the case has run high ever since he was killed.

The mob quietly surrounded the jail and overpowered a deputy sheriff who had been left on guard. This man did not have the desired keys, however, and the jail was partially battered down before the four men were taken from their cells. The victims were led to the barn, where they were hanged. The four victims, after being bound hand and foot, were stood in a row. The nooses were placed about their necks and ropes thrown over the rafters. Then all four were hanged together, and as soon as they were dead the mob quietly dispersed. The officers did not find the bodies until daylight. It is understood that the prisoners had boasted that they would not be convicted, and had intimated that their money would free them. This, it is said, aroused the ire of the friends of the law. It is understood that the mob planned the lynching and carried it out with marked precision. West and Allen were very rich and have big estates.

BEATIFICATION OF JOAN OF ARC

Thousands Attend Solemn Ceremonies in St. Peter's Church.

Rome, April 19.—In the presence of 20,000 French pilgrims, virtually all the bishops of France, many cardinals and family descendants of the new saint, the solemn ceremonies in the beatification of Joan of Arc were carried out in St. Peter's yesterday. The Pope does not attend beatifications in person, but as a mark of special devotion he assisted at the ceremony by signing the ceremony of veneration of relics, of which none existed in this case.

The basilica presented a fairy-like appearance. It was hung with red velvet draperies and everywhere strings of electric lights were artistically arranged. Huge pictures representing the miracles of Joan of Arc and her statue were placed over the huge altar.

Demonstration in Paris. Paris, April 19.—Services in commemoration of Joan of Arc were held in all churches yesterday. Several demonstrations occurred in the streets and a number of arrests were made.

WESTON REACHES CHICAGO. Chicago, April 19.—Edward Payson Weston, the famous old pedestrian, is resting here to-day. He will start at midnight for St. Louis, his next stop on his long walk from New York to San Francisco.

DEFENCES AT ESQUIMALT WILL BE ENLARGED

Naval Policy of Dominion Government Also Includes Improvements at Halifax and Building of Vessels for Protection of Coasts.

Montreal, April 19.—At the reform club banquet on Saturday night Hon. G. P. Graham announced a commission to manage the Intercolonial to consist of Mr. Butler, deputy minister; Mr. Poltinger, manager, and Mr. Tiffin, traffic manager of the Intercolonial, and Mr. Brady, former superintendent of the Lake Superior division of the C. P. R.

SEVEN MONTREAL ALDERMEN UNSEATED

Court of Review Rules That They Violated City Charter.

Montreal, April 19.—The court of review has rendered an important judgment unseating and disqualifying the seven leading members of the city council from sitting as aldermen for two years. Aldermen Lappin, Sadler, Martin, Robinson, Guay, Valee and Fraser, all members of the finance committee. The court held they had violated the city charter by voting a sum of money toward the expenses of Mayor Paretto to France to represent the council at the Chamberlain celebration.

YOUNG TURKS SEND ULTIMATUM TO SULTAN

Surrender of Constantinople Is Demanded—Supported by Macedonian Troops, They Are Ready to March on the City.

Constantinople, April 19.—An ultimatum embodying the terms of the Young Turks and asking for the peaceful surrender of the city was received by the Sultan and the new ministry to-day.

The Young Turks demand the re-establishment of Hilmi Pasha's cabinet, the restoration of their parliamentary seats to the Young Turks who were expelled as traitors by the edict of the new ministry, and the surrender of the leaders of the revolt.

The leaders, whose surrender is demanded, include Editor Ali Kiamel, Said Pasha and Ismail Kemal Bey. These men with the Sultan are declared to have been chiefy responsible for the overthrow of the Young Turks, and their execution had been decreed.

Will March on Palace. London, April 19.—The Young Turks will march on Vildiz Kiosk, the Sultan's palace, and demand the surrender and abdication of the Sultan to-day, according to messages received here to-day from the Constantinople correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph.

The message explains that an advance guard of Young Turks will be thrown around Pera and Galata, suburbs of Constantinople, to protect the lives of the foreign residents before the main body of the army marches against the palace.

Side With Young Turks. Philippopolis, Bulgaria, April 19.—The Young Turks and Macedonian troops are expected to enter Constantinople to-night and demand the Sultan's abdication. It is believed the new ministry will resign to-day if there appears to be any chance of the Young Turks meeting with success in their attack upon the city.

ATTACKS ROOSEVELT'S NAVAL POLICY

Retired Admiral Criticises Action in Displacing Old Line Officers.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 19.—Naval officers are open in their criticism to-day of ex-President Roosevelt and ex-Secretary of the Navy Newberry for their action in displacing old line officers from control of ordnance, construction, repairs, equipment and steam engineering, and placing young staff officers in charge. Admiral George W. Melville, retired, is among the foremost naval authorities to express his displeasure at the extraordinary action taken during the closing days of the last administration, interest in which has been revived by the discovery that at a secret meeting nine naval officers drew up and signed a pamphlet dealing with the subject and forwarded it to Secretary of the Navy Meyer. This action is now believed to be under investigation at the navy department. The pamphlet was suppressed and the officers are charged with violating the rules of the service designed to stifle public criticism of the department heads. It is known, however, that the pamphlet dealt severely with the present bureau system in the navy department. Admiral Melville defends the officers who prepared the protest, and declared that they were not guilty of any infraction of the regulations.

"I do know, however," declared the admiral, "that the actions of the retiring secretary of the navy, probably endorsed by the former president of the United States, were the most extraordinary actions ever known, not only in the navy of the United States, but in the navies of the world."

LONG CAMPAIGN FOR MARTIN

BYE-ELECTION WRIT NOT YET ISSUED

Liberals Wish to Give Candidate Time to Impress Electors.

London, April 19.—The writ for Stratford-on-Avon bye-election will not be issued for some time. The Liberal headquarters wish to give Joseph Martin plenty of time to impress the electors.

The Conservatives are making use of a letter from J. D. Layland, of Monte Creek, E. C., who points out in view of Martin's declaration that Canada did not want preference that one of the planks of Martin's last campaign in Canada was reciprocity with the States.

THREE DROWNED BY CAPSIZING OF SKIFF

(Special to the Times.) Gananogue, Ont., April 19.—Mr. and Mrs. R. Robbins and J. M. Taylor, all of Gananogue, were drowned on Saturday afternoon while sailing in a skiff on Lake Ontario.

VALENCIA WRECK IS RECALLED

CHARGES AGAINST REVENUE SERVICE

Investigation Will Probably Be Made in Pacific Coast Duty. Washington, April 19.—It is stated to-day that an investigation probably will follow the filing of charges by Lieutenant James A. Burns, against the conduct of the revenue cutter service of the Pacific coast. Burns, who was formerly an engineer officer in the service, has filed with the secretary of the treasury charges that allege improper equipment of the coast service and that criticise the attitude of the officers in command. He claims that the service rendered on the Pacific coast is not great enough to warrant the large appropriation which it necessitates.

He charges that the work of life saving is not carried on properly and that officers frequently refuse to move without explicit orders from Washington. He states that at the time of the wreck of the liner Valencia, three years ago, three revenue cutters lay within 200 miles of the helpless vessel, but refused to go to her aid until orders were received from the treasury department, three days later.

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KAISER HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

Swallows Fish Bone While at Dinner—Physicians Save His Life.

Vienna, April 19.—Emperor William of Germany narrowly escaped strangling to death after swallowing a fish bone, according to a message received from Corfu, Greece, to-day, by the stock exchange.

The Emperor was dining with his suite when he suddenly clutched his throat and uttered a cry. He grew black in the face and it was feared that he would strangle to death. Physicians hastily set to work and finally removed the offending bone. The Emperor was so unharmed by the incident, the message says, that the dinner was abandoned.

TWO HUNTERS LOSE LIVES IN ALASKA

Seattle, Wash., April 19.—According to mail advices received here to-day from Valdez, Alaska, two hunters were killed and a third badly frozen as the result of an unusually high tide flooding their tent on the beach near Homer, Kachemak Bay.

The men were on a hunting trip and camped for the night on the beach above the high tide line. During the night a blizzard arose, which carried the water over the spit on which they lay asleep. While groping about in the storm, without clothing or means to make a fire, two of the men, Miller and Valentine, were overcome by cold and died. The survivor, John Kares, managed to keep from freezing until the next day when he was picked up by Indians and taken to Seldovia. He will probably lose both feet.

ADANA DESTROYED BY MOHAMMEDAN HORDES

Thousand Persons Slain in Street Fighting Which Lasted Three Days—Two Thousand Reported Massacred at Astrabad.

London, April 19.—According to advices received here, the town of Adana has been destroyed by fire. Street fighting lasted for three days and it is said that at least 1,000 persons have been killed.

Two American missionaries, Rogers and Maurer, are known to be dead. All the other Americans are reported to be safe. The Armenian quarter at Tarus was destroyed, although the loss of life was less at that place than at Adana.

The need of relief is urgent as the fugitives, 4,000 of whom are housed in the American missions, will be on the verge of starvation. Three French warships are hurrying to Mersina, where the situation is reported to be desperate.

A British warship is proceeding to Alexandretta, which place is threatened by the Moslems. Two Thousand Reported Dead. St. Petersburg, April 19.—Advices to

the Russ from Teheran report a massacre of 2,000 persons, including women and children, by Turcoman tribesmen at Astrabad. The Russian government is sending troops thither. Massacres Continued. Aleppo, Asiatic Turkey, April 19.—Twenty Christians were killed by Mohammedans at Marash, 80 miles north of here to-day.

The Mohammedans started fresh outbreaks of rioting to-day and the town of Marash is in a state of terror. Scenes of horrible cruelty accompanied the massacre, according to dispatches received here. Threatened Drastic Action. Smyrna, April 19.—A British warship arrived at Mersina to-day and another reached Beirut. A third British ship is being held in Grecian waters in readiness to go wherever needed.

The arrival of the war vessels in the two ports to-day relieved the situation. The captains threatened to bombard the cities if further rioting was permitted.

MEXICAN PRIEST STABS HIMSELF

Was Implicated in Fatal Riots Which Followed Religious Ceremony.

Turroch, Mexico, April 19.—Father Valenzuela, the priest who led the riot of religionists when the authorities attempted to stop the ceremony of the blessing of fishes recently, and who escaped into the mountains when the jail in which he was confined was stormed by rioters, committed suicide to-day in the Durango jail by stabbing himself several times. Father Valenzuela died before his brother, also a priest, could reach him. Shortly after his arrest, Valenzuela made an unsuccessful effort to kill himself.

ST. YVES DEFEATS WHITE IN 15 MILES

New York, April 18.—In a match at full Marathon distance run yesterday in Long Island city, John V. Swenberg, of Sweden, scored a hollow victory from Fred Simpson, the Indian, who quit after running 15 miles.

At Passaic, N. J., Henri St. Yves, of France, won a 16-mile match race from Patrick White, of Dublin. White dropped out at 10 1/2 miles.

LABOR DISPUTE AT GREENWOOD

Board of Conciliation and Investigation Appointed by Federal Government.

RENAUD WINS ANNUAL BOSTON MARATHON RACE

Boston, April 19.—One hundred and eighty-two runners toed the mark to-day in the annual marathon race of the Boston athletic club.

Henri Renaud of Nashua, N. H., was victorious over the big field, completing the long grind in 2 hours 55 minutes, 36 1/2 seconds. Harry Jensen, of New York, was second and P. J. Grant, of New York, third.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 17.—Ad Wollagast and Geo. Mamate fouled his even ten-round battle at Naud Junction pavilion last night and at the end the honors were so well divided that any other than a draw decision would be a great injustice to both men. It was one of the roughest and foulest battles seen in Los Angeles for a long time.

STOP BLASTING AT MT. TOLMIE

SAANICH COUNCIL PASS NECESSARY BY-LAW

Measure Passed Aimed at Cutting of City's Intended Rock Supply.

(From Monday's Daily.) The Saanich municipality has finally passed their blasting by-law which has for its effect the prevention of the city of any person carrying on rock blasting at Mount Tolmie. The by-law was passed at the last meeting of the council of the municipality held on Saturday night, and comes into effect at once.

It will be remembered that a few weeks ago when it became known that the city was to get its supply of rock from Mount Tolmie the residents of that district at once rose in arms and proceeded to take steps that would prevent the carrying out of the design. A petition was circulated, and practically everyone within a mile of the mount signed it. The petition was in due course presented to the municipal council with a request that immediate action be taken. The council did act promptly, for a by-law was prepared by the solicitor without delay. A special meeting of the council was called and the by-law put through its first and second readings, and again came up at the meeting on Saturday night last, when it was finally passed.

The by-law is a simple one and puts it in the hands of the council to prevent any blasting that might be considered to create a nuisance in any district. No blasting is to be allowed in the municipality without a permit being obtained from the clerk. The clerk may refuse a permit whenever it is considered that the blasting is likely to cause a public nuisance in the neighborhood. An interpretation clause specifies that "neighborhood" for the purposes of the by-law shall mean within a radius of one mile of the location of the proposed blasting. The owner or owners of the premises and the persons employed are all made offenders under the law, and a fine of \$50 is fixed. There can be no doubt as to what is meant by the by-law, and that is the prevention of the blasting at Mount Tolmie. Unless the city is prepared to fight the measure in the courts and test the power of Saanich to pass such a measure, there seems to be nothing for it but find some other place for a supply of rock.

SHOOTS HIMSELF IN UNDERTAKING PARLOR

Suicide is Believed to Have Been Mentally Deranged.

San Francisco, Cal., April 19.—Crazed by ill-health and brooding over the death of his wife, which occurred nearly two years ago, Constantine Wickham, a waiter, ended his life in a local, undertaking parlor yesterday by firing a pistol bullet through his head. Although but one shot was heard and only a single chamber of his revolver had been discharged, it was discovered that Wickham had another bullet in his body, it having entered the left side of the chest and ranged around his body to the right side. It is supposed that he had made an earlier attempt on his life, and after firing the first shot walked several blocks to the place where his second shot terminated his existence.

From letters it was learned that Wickham has for months plotted to kill the nurse who attended his wife during her last illness. Repeatedly in these letters, which are in the nature of a diary, he repeated his desire to avenge her death, charging "inhuman cruelty" against the young woman who nursed his wife. The police believe that the man was mentally deranged, owing to prolonged ill health and grief.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT AGAIN IN SESSION

Congestion of Business Causes Considerable Embarrassment.

London, April 19.—Parliament resumed its sittings to-day. In the present tangled state of parties, the Welsh disestablishment bill, Lloyd-George's budget and Mr. Birrell's bill will jostle each other for a place and the session must last till September, to be renewed in November for Birrell either resigns or passes his bill.

ROUGH FIGHT.

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