



The Enterprise



THE NEXT FEW HOURS MAY BRING MUCH BLOODSHED

Constitutional Army is in Constantinople—Emergency Session of Turkish Cabinet Proclaimed the City Under Martial Law

Constantinople, April 21.—(Special)—The advance guard of the Constitutional Army has arrived at the outskirts of the city. The cabinet will meet this afternoon and proclaim martial law in the capital.

The administering of the oath to the troops still in garrison is proceeding this morning in accordance with the demands of the constitutionalists. Furthermore, the authors of the recent upheaval are being sought out and arrested.

Cabinet meeting was held this morning to consider proposals made by the army of investment. In some quarters it is believed that there is an increasing possibility of arriving at an understanding which may result in a reconciliation between the Young Turks and the Sultan.

It was even declared in official circles this morning that the four members of the cabinet who were dismissed last week are being recalled to office. It is alleged that the army no longer insists on the withdrawal of the present cabinet, but it maintains its demand for the punishment of the authors of the recent trouble.

Larnaca, Cyprus, April 20.—Advices received here from Adana by way of Latakia, Syria, state that massacres began in the markets at Adana on Wednesday morning. The Armenians retired to their own quarters and remained for 48 hours. The Christian houses were looted and burned. For several days the villagers came in from the surrounding country in herds. They were armed by the authorities, who pretended to regard them as military reserves.

Women and children were brutally murdered. The missionaries Rogers and Maurer were shot while fighting the fire. The massacres then spread to Tarsus and other places. The Turkish district is in a shocking condition. Thousands are homeless and famine is imminent. 4,000 refugees in the yards of the American College are in a pitiable condition. Provisions, clothing and physicians are urgently needed.

Paris, April 21.—A special dispatch from Constantinople says that it is learned from an official source that the Sultan and the Young Turks have come to an agreement and the army will not enter the city. This is, the dispatch says, the first time that the Sultan and the Young Turks have remained faithful to the Sultan.

Constantinople, April 21.—The receipt of news here that the American government has ordered the cruisers Montana and North Carolina to Alexandria in Asiatic Turkey, for the protection of American citizens here and in the Syrian coast cities, has brought satisfaction. One might even say a sense of security to Americans here and in the Syrian coast cities. The expedition will be accompanied by a detachment of artillery, engineers and field telegraphers.

Antoine Henri Becquerel, the physicist, has reported before the Academy of Sciences a most interesting demonstration of the life of seeds. Submitted to very powerful life destroying rays, the seeds returned at a temperature of 203 degrees below zero, they retain their germinating power. The demonstration by M. Becquerel is that life is not a mysterious principle, but a simple physical and chemical function of organisms produced by the substance and forces of its economic environment.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GRAND TRUNK R.R. London, April 21.—The semi-annual meeting of the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada was held here today. Sir Charles Rivers Wilson, president of the line, took a hopeful view of the situation. He said there was abundant evidence of a steady improvement in business, even if this was not as rapid as could be desired. Before the next meeting he hoped to have attended the inauguration of the 120 new miles of line from Edmonton to Fort William, the most important section of the system.

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HOT FIGHTS EXPECTED OVER ASSESSMENT ACT

St. John Bills Were Before the Municipalities Committee This Morning—Delegation of Civil Servants in Fredericton to Urge Income Tax Exemption Clause—Hon. Mr. Fleming and His Business Relations With the Late Government

Fredericton, N. B. April 21.—(Special)—The accounts committee held its first meeting since Easter week this morning. The first item, unforeseen expenses, \$5,515, was taken up.

Mr. Pinder thought the province should not be called upon to pay \$800 for copying the records of Madawaska from the Victoria county books.

Mr. Ewing & Seaford's bill for \$1,470 for services in the suit of the Attorney General vs. the St. John Lumber Co., was also referred to the committee.

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BIG FLOOD THREATENED IN THE NIAGARA RIVER

Ice Jam Piled Sixty Feet High at Queenstown—Grave Situation at Niagara-on-the-Lake—Guests Abandon Hotel in Track of Rising Waters.

Niagara Falls, Ont., April 21.—(Special)—With the water rising at the rate of a foot every two hours, and pouring into the cellar and lower rooms of the Hotel Cornell at Lewiston, the guests deserted the hotel last night. All residents along the river have moved, their belongings from their dwellings, fearing a flood.

Conditions can be best understood by the mention of the fact that this morning the Queenston suspension bridge, which ordinarily stands sixty feet above the water, could be reached from the ice structure by a man stretching his hands up. There appears to be absolutely no hope of relief unless the ice at this point gives way, giving the water an outlet into the lake.

The situation at Niagara on the lake is extremely grave. The Michigan Central Railway is moving out its goods from its storerooms, and residents of the whole town are getting ready to leave. The water has risen twelve feet since yesterday morning, and the whole lower level is in danger.

Lewiston bridge is in danger. Several stays which tie the bridge to the shore were snapped yesterday, and a sudden movement of the piling under the bridge may carry the bridge away.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., April 21.—A man has just gone over the falls. He can be seen from the rocks below.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 21.—A special to the Times from Niagara Falls, N. Y., says a situation there this morning is such that exemption should go further than \$300 on small incomes. Parties here opposing the bill were asking for a poll tax of 83 and the franchise with it and certain exemptions of incomes up to \$1,000.

At twelve o'clock the St. John bills were taken up. Bill 58 dealing with the exemption of incomes up to \$1,000 and the franchise with it and certain exemptions of incomes up to \$1,000.

Bill 59, relating to civil elections providing that no nomination for aldermen shall be made until the 15th day of the month of the election is filed with the nomination papers, and changing the period of eligibility to vote by making it essential that a man must have the taxes all paid 14 days before the election.

Section one was carried and the other provisions were stood over on the suggestion of Hon. Mr. Hazen and Mr. Simpson.

Bill 70, regarding taxation was taken up, and explained by Alderman Baxter, who said a commission had recommended a measure whereby small income might be exempt.

To exempt up to \$300 would raise the rate on the balance of the income to 24 cents on a hundred dollars. The council thought men with these small incomes might fairly be exempted. There was also a proposition to exempt \$500 from all incomes.

This would make an increase of about 20 cents on the taxpayers, and would cause an increase of about 10 cents on the balance of the income. The bill also proposed a change in the assessment of banks. This would add about \$600 a year to each of the banks in the city.

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THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

BOOMING TEMPERANCE. Mr. Peter Binks will move at the earliest opportunity for the erection of more of the Temple of Honor halls in Lansdowne ward. He desires that they shall be furnished with easy chairs, and have numerous large mirrors on the walls, like a crystal maze, so that in whatever direction the occupant of an easy chair may look, he will see himself reflected, and feel that he is surrounded by the souls of honor, in the temple of honor.

Mr. Binks believes also that there should be frequent banquets in those temples, at which members could extol themselves, and wear medals. Persons of the lower orders, who merely go about asking people to vote out the saloons, and who would not look well in easy chairs in a crystal maze, would not be permitted by Mr. Binks to enter the sacred precincts at less than a dollar a head.

MORE BLOODSHED.

Ottawa, April 21.—(Standardized Special)—Mr. Foster made a great speech last night. He brought the country to the verge of bankruptcy and left it hanging by a hair. It is expected to topple over as soon as Daniel or Crocker leaves in sight. Pugsley is afraid to look at Daniel and Sir Wilfrid Laurier has to be sleeping forever every night.

A TERRIBLE SHOCK. Fredericton, April 21.—(Special)—When Mr. Hazen read in the morning paper that in Ontario school books, which form- ed set 81.13, had been reduced to 39.13 cents he experienced a spasm of some duration. Mr. Fleming rendered first aid to the injured.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

Bill to Incorporate N. B. Fish and Game Protective Association—The River Ice

Fredericton, N. B., April 21.—(Special)—Mrs. Caroline Currier, widow of the late Capt. John Currier, died at her home at Ansonia last night, aged eighty-three years. She leaves a family of three sons and four daughters.

Chief Commissioner Marryse has awarded contracts for rebuilding the Wall Bridge, St. John's County, to Frank L. Boone, for \$23,000.

Alfred Haines, the well known bridge builder of St. Mary's, has disposed of his property to Albert Brexer, for \$1,000.

Col. McLean, M. P., arrived from Ottawa today. He was accompanied by A. C. Finlayson, of the fisheries department, who is here in connection with the bill to dam the Tobique River.

Douglas Shinn of St. John, is here today to promote a bill for the incorporation of the N. B. Fish and Game Protective Association, of which notice was recently given. The officers of the association had not been notified of the intention to apply for incorporation, it is scarcely likely that the bill will be introduced this session.

All the ice which had jammed among the banks at Springhill, has run out and good progress is being made with the work of swinging booms. The river here rose a few inches last night.

CANADIAN NEWS

Coal Found in New Ontario—Settlers for the Northwest—A Spring Frost

Toronto, April 20.—(Special)—The report comes from Springhill, N. S., that coal was discovered at Rossport on the north shore of Lake Superior. Samples have been taken from the strata, some on lignite and others of anthracite. Under the supervision of Thomas Carroll, who has had several years' experience in coal mines at Blairton, Scotland, a shaft has been sunk to a depth of 50 feet, at Rossport, the end of the field going through two seams of coal, the first 4 1/2 and the second 2 1/2 inches, less than five feet in thickness. The first seam is soft lignite coal and the next strata of harder coal to the surface. It is believed that gas coal would be found lower down.

Michael McCormack, a prospector from Sudbury, has been investigating and thinks they are very valuable.

Toronto, April 20.—(Special)—Five hundred settlers for the Northwest left the Union station this afternoon. Most of the party have been residents of Western Ontario and the balance were residents of eastern parts.

Toronto, April 20.—(Special)—From 20 to 28 degrees of frost prevailed in the west last night. At Winnipeg, 28 degrees above zero was recorded, but further west the mercury went down as low as four above.

OBITUARY

Miss Blanche E. Thompson. The death of Miss Blanche Emily Thompson, daughter of Mrs. Lizzie and the late Geo. W. Thompson, took place today. Miss Thompson was 18 years of age, and is survived, besides her mother, by one brother, William. The funeral will take place on Friday.

Dr. A. B. Walker. Dr. A. B. Walker, the well known negro lawyer and educationalist, died at his home in this city today after an illness of almost a week. He was 59 years of age.

The bark Comet, belonging to the Standard Oil Co., and of which Capt. W. J. Davis is commander, arrived in New York yesterday from Japan. Mr. Davis, of this city, who accompanies her husband, has been away about two years. She expects to be in St. John in a few days.

BELGIAN PARLIAMENT PROMISES TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS ON CONGO

Washington, April 21.—Action has been taken by the Belgian Parliament looking to the bettering of conditions in the Congo, according to despatches received at the state department from the American minister at Brussels. One despatch says that there is a strong public sentiment in Belgium in favor of the Congo. A resolution has been adopted by the Parliament demanding that free recruitment should be substituted as soon as possible for the forced recruitment in the construction of the Great Lakes Railway and to reduce the length of service and pay better wages.

Arthur G. Ross of this city, leaves this evening for Montreal.

FIRE IN ATLANTA

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TAFT NOW A YACHTSMAN

He Accepts Honorary Membership in a Boston Club. Boston, April 20.—An honorary membership in the Eastern Yacht Club, which he was elected a few weeks ago has been accepted by President Taft and his name enrolled in the list of other distinguished members, including the German Emperor and former President Roosevelt. The acceptance was received today.

ELECTION CASES IN P. E. ISLAND

Charlottetown, P. E. I., April 21.—(Special)—The first trial of thirteen election petitions, six against the Conservatives, began at 9 o'clock yesterday, when the case against Hon. Laughlin MacDonald, Liberal, elected in the first district of Kings, began. Three witnesses are so far examined and there are about a hundred in all. According to the election law it must be proved that corruption existed in a sufficient number of cases to have influenced enough votes to turn the election. MacDonald's majority was 41. At the conclusion of this trial, which promises to last some days, the case against John McLean, Conservative, elected in the same district, will be taken up. There are also one hundred witnesses in this case.

WILL WED TONIGHT

Halifax, April 21.—(Special)—The marriage of A. W. Covey, of St. John, and Miss Marian Herman, of Dartmouth, takes place in Dartmouth this evening. Personal.