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SCUTARI HAS FALLEN; MONTENEGRINS ENTER Captured After Desperate Attack Lasting All Day

DEFENCE STUBBORN Turks Had Held Out For More Than Six Months - Servians Not in the Final Attack, But Their Artillery Was Used

(Canadian Press) Ottawa, April 23—It is officially announced here that the Montenegrin forces have entered Scutari. After a final desperate attack lasting incessantly for almost twenty-four 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, where, since the middle of October, 1912, they had met such stubborn defence. The assault which gave the Montenegrin possession of the city, which has been the sole object of their war against Turkey, began on Monday night. The Montenegrin army 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 counter-attacks and tried to drive the attacking forces out of their works, but they were finally compelled to fall back and leave their positions in the hands of the besiegers, who received constant reinforcements. Last night the Montenegrins obtained their footing in the fortress, and detachments of the besiegers entered the city at four o'clock this morning. According to one report, Essad Pasha, the Turkish commander-in-chief, recognized the uselessness of further resistance after the outbreak of the fighting. He ordered his men to leave before the Montenegrin and Servian guns. He is said then to have ordered his troops to cease their defence. Another report says that the Montenegrin commander-in-chief, General Savin, negotiated since Monday with Essad Pasha for the surrender of the place. Still another account has it that the Turkish troops defended the city itself until the last. Although the Servians took part in the fighting, they were not used by the Montenegrin army, and it is said that to this fact their success was largely due. The act of capitulation was signed by the Montenegrin command upon after the Montenegrin troops had reached the centre of the city. Divergent Views of Effect London, April 23—While the capture of Scutari by the Montenegrin troops is believed in European capitals to have accomplished the situation, the opposite view is held in Balkan circles. There the opinion prevails that the Montenegrins have accomplished the object they aimed at since the beginning of the war, will find it more easy to accept the decision of the great powers and that the latter, on the other hand, will be more ready to grant her a recognition of her frontier which will satisfy her. The long defence of Scutari under Essad Pasha was an army of about 10,000. He also had to guard the outlying stronghold of Karakosh and other connecting strong points surrounding the city. They did so well that the Montenegrins even when they were aided by the Servians, could not make any impression until a few weeks ago, when the Servians brought up a large number of siege guns. The Montenegrins are said to have lost no fewer than 3,000 killed, and the Turks 3,000. Nothing has yet been decided as to the continuance of the blockade of the Montenegrin coast. London, April 23—Bulgaria and Greece are rapidly drifting towards war over the possession of Saloniki, according to the Chronicle's correspondent at that town.

REPORT NAMES BENNETT AS CABINET POSSIBILITY Calgary, April 23—It is reported here that R. B. Bennett, Conservative leader in this province is cited to succeed Dr. Roche as minister of the interior in the Borden government in the event of Roche's continued ill health compelling his retirement. Mr. Bennett is a New Brunswicker.

WEATHER BULLETIN Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Sturpart, director of meteorological service. Synopsis—The western depression is moving slowly east while its accompanying showers and thunderstorms have spread over Ontario. In the west the weather has become much colder, attended by light local snow. Some Showers. Maritime—Generally fair, but a few scattered showers chiefly tonight and on Thursday.

GREEK CATHOLIC BISHOP TO BE APPOINTED FOR AMERICA Budapest, Hungary, April 23—The Hungarian American and belonging to the Greek Catholic Church, will have a bishop of their own. The new primate of Hungary, Dr. Jozsef Csernoch, with the support of Cardinal Merry Del Val, primate secretary of state, has induced Pope Pius to consent.

THE 'PHONE COMPANY'S REQUEST WITHDRAWN Commissioners Made it Clear That They Did Not Approve Application

Rothsley Service and Charges Come Into Particular Notice—The Girl Who Read Chapter of Novel and Another Who Played Piano and Kept Party Line Engaged

(Canadian Press) The application of the New Brunswick Telephone Company which has been before the New Brunswick Public Utilities Commission was withdrawn by the company's representatives this morning after the commissioners had made it clear that they did not approve of the requests made. The application asked for the approval of the company's schedule of rates, their classification of exchanges and their plan for advancing an exchange from one classification to another, according to its growth, on application to the commission with public hearing. The commissioners took the stand that there was no necessity for their approving the rates as they were not in issue and they preferred to deal with the change as it might come up. As regards the change of classification they took the stand that this could not be effected on an ex parte hearing with out giving the subscribers an opportunity to be heard. Rothsley exchange would be one of the places affected by the change and the proposed change in classification would mean an increase of a dollar a year in business places and a reduction in residential 'phones of the same amount. It was brought out that the permanent subscribers, not counting the summer residents, number less than 100 and this would bring them into a lower class and cause a reduction of three dollars a year in the value of instruments. The change also involved a straight charge of ten cents for each call between Rothsley and St. John. As the whole petition was withdrawn any change to be made will require a separate hearing. Chairman O'Byrne presided and there were present, Commissioner Gendall, and Messrs. Howard, J. Robinson, J. P. Frazer and A. W. E. Farrell, president of the company. The secretary of the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities, Ald. Wm. Baldwin of Woodstock; E. S. Carter, at Rothsley subscriber, and Hon. J. E. Wilson. When the session opened, Howard P. Robinson was called as the first witness. He said he was manager of the Central Telephone Company until the time of the amalgamation and afterwards manager of the N. B. Telephone Co. He had resigned in 1909 and since then had been a director and a member of the managing board. Mr. Robinson said that the classification of exchanges was in use in all companies of any size. It was necessary as the larger exchanges demanded better service and better instruments, and also because their charge was based on the extent of the service at the disposal of the subscriber. Another feature was the proportionate amount of revenue to be secured from each exchange. The general basis for long distance tolls was the air line mileage at about 60 cents per 100 miles. They followed the universal toll rate basis in use all over the continent, using the same rates up to 20 cents and charging five cents less after that. These charges were affected somewhat by natural barriers, as between St. John and Digby and also by previous contracts. Rothsley Lines The chairman asked the witness to explain the situation with regard to the Rothsley lines, which seemed to be on a different basis from other exchanges in the province. The witness replied that Rothsley has a separate exchange for local business connected with St. John by trunk lines. Between Rothsley and St. John persons calling Rothsley did not pay toll charges but persons calling St. John from Rothsley paid a charge of five cents. This situation, grossly unfair, was the result of the fact that the Rothsley lines were originally part of the St. John system and the Rothsley exchange was established by way of an exchange of one exchange for another. The witness said that he was a director of the company and he now proposed to put it on the same basis as any other exchange with the same toll charges and the same toll rates for long distance messages. (Continued on page 7, fourth column)

REV. DR. POWELL WAS THE SECOND CHOICE Dean Bidwell Elected Coadjutor Bishop of Ontario

Cardinal Ferretta Will Preside Over the Eucharistic Congress Valletta, Malta, April 23—Cardinal Dominic Ferretta, the papal legate to the Eucharistic Congress, and over which he is to preside, landed yesterday afternoon from the British torpedo gunboat Husar, coming from Sicily. He was received with acclamations by the vast crowds which thronged the bastions and the harbor front. The arching of bells in all the churches in Valletta, the papal legate drove through the richly decorated streets of Valletta, where a reception was given in his honor by the Archbishop of Malta, the foreign dignitaries and the clergy. He subsequently attended a brief service in St. John's cathedral, and drove from there to the archbishop's palace, where he will reside during the congress.

MAIL LOST BETWEEN MONCTON AND SHEDIAC Messers Colter and Gross Investigating—Richard Fined Again

WINTERPORT NOTES Donaldson liner Saturnus, from this port, docked at Glasgow on Sunday, the 20th inst., after a fast run. The South African steamer Berin is due to arrive here today or tomorrow from Leith. The Manchester Miller, which was expected to leave here today, will not likely get away before tomorrow. She will go to Philadelphia to load for Manchester. The Oceanic of the Peabody and Black line sailed yesterday afternoon for the West Indies, with a large general cargo. Donaldson liner Athena, Captain Black, docked about 2 o'clock with 500 passengers and a large general freight. C. P. R. steamer Montfort will sail the last of the week for London and Antwerp via Halifax. The Letitia of the Donaldson line, will sail tomorrow afternoon for Glasgow with passengers and a large cargo of grain, lumber and general freight.

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STOLE PERIAN LAMB COAT Quebec, April 23—Arthur Dancaescu and a woman giving her name as Aurora Merin of Montreal, were condemned to two years in the penitentiary each yesterday. They stole a Perian lamb coat and other articles from a local boarding house.

WILL REORGANIZE THE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT Mr. Blake, Meanwhile, Will Continue As The Chief POSITION OFFERED HIM

ANOTHER TRIUMPH FOR LLOYD GEORGE Business Men Expected More Taxation ONLY ONE CLOUD SEEN Trouble in Shipyards Threatens Over the Matter of Wages—Cut to \$36 in Steerage Rates to Canada Expected—Dry Docks

(Times' Special Cable) London, Eng., April 23—Lloyd George's budget, with no new taxation, is generally regarded here as an enormous personal triumph. Business men had largely anticipated an addition to the income tax, and insurance against this had ranged as high as fifty per cent. The chancellor's boast, "we have entered on the most glowing year British trade has ever seen," is recognized as an unanswerable reply to those who foretold national ruin as the result of his progressive taxation. Some critics this morning are concerned with our rapidly rising national expenditure which, this year, with supplementary estimates, will exceed two hundred million pounds. There is only one cloud on the industrial position here. The trouble in the shipyards, which has been long brewing, is apparently reaching a head. The Shipbuilding Employers' Federation yesterday finally refused to consider a five per cent. advance demanded by the men, pledging that trade has reached a climax. The men's standing committee will now probably take a national vote on the issue and many labor experts fear an early general strike throughout the British yards. This, coming at a time when orders are so abundant that it is impossible to meet them all, would cause heavy losses, particularly in the Clyde, Tyne and Tees districts, and the result would be a serious blow to the nation's prestige. Traffic experts anticipate that steamer freight from the continent to Canada will be reduced to \$36 before autumn if the war between the Canadian Pacific and competing lines continues. The Manchester Guardian, commenting on the fact that Sir Percy Girouard, former colonial administrator, and Canadian by birth and education, who recently resigned from the government service to become a member of the Armstrong shipbuilders in visiting Canada to confer with the dominion ministers about the establishment of certain Canadian ports for the construction of docks and other engineering undertakings, says that private enterprises having failed to submit satisfactory estimates for the construction of three dry docks at Halifax, Equinox and Quebec, the Canadian government has decided to undertake the work itself. The paper says Sir Percy Girouard's visit is associated with this.

WANT MORE MEN Courtesy Construction Co. Expanding Work and Can Hire 25 or 30

MIRAMICHI PULP MILL PROPERTY IS SOLD TO LONDONER Chatham, N. B., April 23—The Miramichi pulp mill property has been sold to A. E. Reed of London, owner of the Dominion pulp mill here. Warm weather is helping out the lumber situation on the drives considerably, but rain is badly needed. Conditions are very poor on some of the smaller streams.

FERRY TO TAKE PLACE OF BRIDGE FOR TIME Ton of Maple Sugar and Honey For Fredericton—First Bank Legs

MILK STATIONS AND FREE ICE FOR MONTREAL POOR; THE CITY IS ASSISTING Montreal, April 23—With four new milk stations subsidized and provision made for the free distribution of ice for sick children, the board of control has completed arrangements for the summer campaign in the aid of needy families. The city is not assuming the entire expense, but is helping the movement because of the bearing it has in the campaign against the cost infantile mortality. The board appropriated \$8,200 for the purpose among nineteen milk depots.

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