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to choke off those opposition here of the legislature who are determined to turn the house into a debating hall.

Oregonian, which wanted papers printing accounts of prize fights nearly from the mails, devoted extra pages to the last affair of the kind made seven editorial references to one day, the leading article being a them. Presumably the Oregonian reaches its readers mostly by car and not through the mails.

is alleged that seventy-five per of the range cattle in Dakota have died on account of the severe winter. This will tend to increase the price of beef.

MAJESTY'S loyal opposition are today as much pleased over that vote as they as they thought they were to be. They see now it was a tactical error.

THE CANADIAN PRESS. THE ONLY CONDITIONS. It is clear, not a dollar of subvention is to be voted by parliament.

Approval by the Governor-General of the construction contracts, absolute reservation of control in the Pass and running powers for railways.

interests of the whole of Canada that these stipulations should be made by the C.P.R. before the giving of a subsidy to the proposed "Net Pass railway can be seriously considered by the government and members of Canada.—Halifax Chronicle.

TARIFF REDUCTION. The bills have been thrown out of the present tariff might undergo reduction. The experiment was made, in the United States, the result being at the rate of 10 per cent. This means that the tariff is something to recommend, objectionable on the ground that it introduces confusion into business, would be attended by loss, from year, on the selling value of the land.—Monetary Times.

THE CANADIAN PRESS. MARCHLESS COMBINATION. It is now stated incontrovertibly that the British Columbia is one of the richest fields in the world for the production of gold, silver, and various other precious metals, just as the Northwest Territory and notably Alberta, are eminently adapted for grazing and stock-raising.—Calgary Herald.

RECOGNIZES HIS DUTY. The News has always been, and will be, neutral in politics, it believes that all residents of the country in which they make their home, as a step in this direction, the News will, on new neutralization papers and will henceforth be a citizen of Canada.—Slocan News.

ANOTHER SUGGESTION. British Columbia is rapidly going through an experimental stage, and it is an absolutely safe venture for the government to advance a bill to build the railway, and take the oil lands, which would probably the whole cost of building a railway would be a paying enterprise.—Toronto Telegram.

see why they speak of the wise serpent getting his leg pulled.—Truth.

THE VICTORIA BRITISH COLUMBIA THURSDAY MARCH 25 1897. VOLUME XXXIX. NO. 24

WAR CLOUDS THREATEN

The Sultan's Indifference Promises to Set All Europe in a Blaze.

British Announces Decisively That No More Inhumanities Will Be Tolerated.

CANEA, March 24.—The Turkish troops, encouraged by yesterday's proclamation of the admirals announcing that the insurgents and Greek troops must not attack the Turkish fortifications at Kossanoo, Suda, Malaxa, Candia and Hierapetra, where the foreign troops have been landed, on the plea that these fortifications are needed to maintain the security and quiet of the places mentioned, made an attempt to-day to re-visit the blockade at Malaxa. Thereupon they were attacked and repulsed by the Christians, who pursued the convoy of provisions to the environs of Suda bay. The Turkish warships finally opened fire upon the Christians and compelled the latter to retreat. At Suda the Musulman inhabitants of the town are without food and are surrounded by the Christians, who have cut off all means of communication with the place.

Advices from Arta say that as a result of the protest of Greece Turkey has stopped the construction of fortifications at Preveza, at the northern entrance to the Gulf of Arta, which is contrary to the stipulations of the treaty of Berlin. Satisfactory reports are in circulation here regarding the strength of the Turkish troops on the frontier. For instance, one report says that the Turks have concentrated 100,000 troops on the frontier at Epirus alone. The report, however, is not believed in military circles.

The insurgent commander-in-chief at Akrouti this morning refused the proposal of the powers to grant autonomy to Crete to the various leaders of the insurgent forces, who assembled from different parts of the island. The Greek leaders declared that only two issues are possible—annexation of the island of Crete to Greece or the total death end the struggle for the union.

THE POWERS UNSATISFIED.

Reparation inadequate for the atrocities of Sunday last at Tokat.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 24.—The press from the Sultan to punish the Turkish officials held responsible for the massacre of 100 Armenians at Tokat, in the Sivas district of Asia Minor, and the pillaging of the Armenian quarter of Tokat for eight hours, are not satisfactory to the ambassadors of the powers, and unless there is a change in the situation very shortly it is believed that some of the powers will be compelled by public opinion to make a radical change of their policy toward Crete and Greece.

The immediate result of the remonstrance of Sir Phillip Currie, the British ambassador, was the calling of an extraordinary meeting of the council of ministers at the Valide Kiosk yesterday evening, at the end of which the ambassadors were notified that the Sultan had ordered the dismissal of the prefect of police and the chief of gendarmie of Tokat for not preventing the massacres, and for failing to promptly put an end to the pillaging of the Armenian quarter of that city.

The mere dismissal of these two minor Turkish officials is not considered sufficient to demonstrate the displeasure of the Sultan at the wanton killing of a hundred Armenians, and it further looked upon as being likely to encourage additional outbreaks of the same nature.

Consequently, Sir Phillip Currie has made a fresh representation to the Porte setting forth that serious consequences will follow the failure of the Sultan to punish those who are responsible for the Tokat outrages.

The ambassadors met at the residence of the British ambassador yesterday evening and thoroughly discussed the matter, after which dispatches were sent by those present to the capitals of the powers they represent. Although the result of this meeting of the ambassadors has not been allowed to become generally known, in independent circles here the opinion prevails that unless the Sultan adopt prompt and efficacious measures to prevent further massacres in Armenia, there is absolutely no hope of improving the situation, as it has been so frequently "intimated" to the Sultan that he must reform, that he now pays little or no attention to such communications.

In well-informed political circles it is generally believed that if fresh outbreaks occur, public opinion in Great Britain, France and Italy will compel the government of the countries mentioned to change entirely their attitude on the Cretan question not only towards Crete, but in regard to Greece, which might mean the lifting of the blockade, so far as these powers are concerned, and their positive refusal to take part in the proposed blockade of the principal ports and coasts of Greece.

Indeed it is directly intimated that the proposition has already been practically abandoned by the three powers referred to, not only because such a step is likely to force Greece into open hostilities against Turkey, but because the Sultan with true Eastern cunning has taken advantage of the blockade of Crete by the fleet of the powers, the bombardment of the insurgents by foreign warships, and the assistance given to the Turks by the foreign marines, to place himself and his government in an entirely new light before the populace here and elsewhere in the Ottoman empire.

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GREECE CALLS TO ARMS

Subjects of King George to Sign Militia Rolls at Once.

Russia Proposes Terms on Which Turkey May Have Her Aid.

LONDON, March 22.—The special correspondent of the Times, who arrived at Larissa yesterday, says it was only with the utmost difficulty that he could find lodgings, as the small town is filled with overlying with 15,000 soldiers—and 24,000 more are expected. They are all keen for war, and willing to do anything that they are told by the officers, but are lacking in discipline and equipment.

The general in command says that very serious difficulties arise on the frontier between his troops and the Turkish forces in consequence of the absence of a neutral zone. A Turkish officer and eight soldiers have been wounded by the bursting of a cannon in the Turkish camp at Ellassona.

VIENNA, March 22.—The Neue Freie Presse says that Great Britain has proposed that a collision between Greek and Turkish troops in the Balkans should be prevented by the formation of a neutral zone, a mile wide between the Greek and Turkish forces, as was done in 1880.

COPENHAGEN, March 22.—The official Berlingske Tidende publishes a dispatch from Athens, saying that an agreement has been concluded whereby Russia guarantees the integrity of the Turkish empire, in return for an alliance in the Mediterranean and the peninsula of Mount Athos.

ATHENS, March 22.—The government has issued an order directing all citizens of the age of 32 and upwards to inscribe their names on the militia rolls.

THE FIRST BRICK.

The first gold brick turned out by the Alhambra Consolidated mine, though not a very large one, is a historic value far beyond the worth of the yellow metal in it, for it marks the beginning of the Alhambra's production of gold.

The Turkish minister of marine has pledged himself to the Sultan to dispatch a second squadron to the Dardanelles in the course of a fortnight.

The war correspondent of the Times, now on the Macedonian frontier, says that in his opinion the Greek army is not yet ready to take any decisive steps. The officers must first drill the raw levies and organize an efficient transport system. But, he adds, the appearance of things along the frontier is in the highest degree warlike. Every possible post is held and all the roads are patrolled by cavalry.

The Times correspondent at Athens says that all kinds of rumors are current there as to the expected rupture of the European concert. The danger of a laying a solution of the crisis increases daily.

The Crown Prince Constantine is expected to start in a few days for the Greek camp at Larissa, and the risk of a serious outbreak is becoming more imminent.

Reports of conflict between the Turks and the Greek volunteers at Arta have been officially confirmed. Neither Greece nor Crete has benefited much in the past by compliance with European demands, and unless some visible proof is given of the complete abolition of Turkish rule in Crete, the country will not be satisfied.

The Ephemeric, which is obviously inspired by the court, confirms the statement that the Sultan ordered to allow Prince George to administer Crete in return for the payment of tribute to the Porte, but that the powers stopped the negotiations. It is believed that Germany and Austria did their utmost to prevent such friendly arrangement being carried out.

The Great government is about to address another protest to the powers against the blockade of the island of Crete and a formal repudiation of responsibility of any consequences to which it may give rise.

The newspapers which represent the ministerial opposition in the Boule denounce the proposal of autonomy under Prince George as a betrayal of Hellenic interests.

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HONORS TO OLD HEROES

The Centenary of Kaiser Wilhelm I. Closed With Gorgeous Ceremonial.

Princess Bismarck, the "Architect of the Empire," Not Yet Forgotten Quite.

BERLIN, March 23.—The weather was bright and warm to-day, the last of three days of the celebration of the centenary of the birth of Emperor Wilhelm I. The streets were crowded, especially Unter den Linden, where the best view was obtainable of the great procession.

The whole procession was about three miles long, and it is estimated that over forty thousand people took part in it. At intervals there were floats on wheels representing scenes from the life of the late Emperor. Germania was represented by the wife of a sculptor named Schibi. She was surrounded by one hundred steel-clad knights.

The procession was viewed by the Emperor, the Empress, the Princesses and royal guests from a pavilion at the foot of the Wilhelm I monument, which was filled with so much ceremony yesterday.

Germania addressed the Emperor in a poem specially composed for the occasion, after which she called for cheers for the Emperor and the German nation.

Later, the Emperor received the organization committee of the veterans and informed them that all veterans who had taken part in the parade would receive the new memorial medal. From first to last the procession was an immense success.

FRIEDRICHSHAGEN, March 23.—The celebration of the centenary of Wilhelm I. was marked here last night by a torchlight procession. Two thousand persons paraded in front of Prince Bismarck's chateau, but owing to the latter did not make his appearance. Count Herbert Bismarck informed the procession that Prince Bismarck sent his thanks for the occasion.

Herr Emil Sprecht, in addressing the crowd, referred to the ceremonies in Berlin, and pointed out that the "Architect of the Empire," and called for cheers for the Prince, which were heartily given. The crowd was "with singing." Deutschland, Deutschland, über alles.

MONTREAL TREMBLES. MONTREAL, March 23.—A distinct earthquake shock was felt here at 6:07 o'clock this evening. The movement extended from east to west and lasted about 15 seconds. It was violent enough to shake windows and crockery and a number of chimneys were slightly damaged.

Reports from outside points show that the shock extended from Three Rivers, 90 miles east of Montreal, to Morrisburg, 110 miles west. The movement of the shock was accurately traced on the seismograph in the Physics building of McGill college. That instrument showed the shock lasted about ten seconds and had more of a vertical than horizontal movement. The waves were faintly but distinctly traced by the instrument.

THEY CALL FOR CHAMPAGNE. OREVA, March 23.—(Special)—The Wright county election went as was anticipated—only more so. Champagne was the majority of 888, with three places to spare. There was a noticeable falling off in the number of the employes of the Western block. They were wanted in Hull. The officials on being asked what had become of the men explained that they were not working to-day as the supply of lathing had given out.

IT MAY BE MURDER. BROOKVILLE, March 23.—A startling affray which may end in murder was furnished yesterday by Toledo, a small village near here. Two brothers from the Fairknows orphan home named Blackwood, who are employed by Theo. Edgar, of Toledo, got into an altercation over their work, and one drew a sharp knife and stabbed his brother in the side near the heart. The stabbed boy fell to the ground unconscious, and his condition is precarious.

BEAUTY AND THE GRAVE. LONDON, March 23.—The Grand Duchess of Saxe-Weimar died at Weimar, the capital of the Grand Duchy, this evening. She was born April 8, 1824, and as Sophie Princess Des-Pays-Das was married to the Grand Duke Charles Alexander Augustus in October, 1842. For many years her beauty and accomplishments made her one of the most prominent women in Europe.

CANADIAN NEWS NOTES. TORONTO, March 24.—(Special)—Everything points to the early opening of navigation through the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence.

OTTAWA, March 24.—(Special)—The cabinet to-morrow will hear the application of the Bell Telephone Company for permission to increase its rates.

LOCK THE DOOR. Before the house is closed, Paris, which and vitiate your blood and build up your physical system, comes. Hood's Sarsaparilla will make you strong and vigorous and will expel from your blood all impurities and germs of disease. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla now. Hood's Pills are the favorite family cathartic. They take, gentle, mild, 25 cents.

ROSELAND, March 23.—(Special)—An Italian employed at the smelter here was arrested yesterday for forging his raised his ticket from \$18 to \$38.

FRANCE AND MADAGASCAR.

PARIS, March 23.—The Chamber of Deputies to-day adopted the conversion of the Madagascar loan of 1886, and then discussed the issue of 30,000,000 francs three per cents, redeemable in sixty years. M. Doumer moved that the loan be limited to 13,000,000 francs necessary for the redemption of the existing loan, and pointed out that the financial resources of the island could not be relied upon, as Madagascar was not yet pacified.

M. Lebon, the minister for the colonies, protested against this assertion, and M. Doumer continued, urging that Madagascar was still in a state of rebellion. Finally M. Doumer demanded that the bill be returned to the committee.

M. Lebon urged that 30,000,000 francs were needed to create a reserve fund, as otherwise it would be impossible to open up country roads, of which virtually there were none in existence at present. The government, continued the secretary for the colonies, refused to include in the bill, any admission of the right of private persons and industries to engage during the war to indemnity, adding that when such demands appeared justified, the government would invite parliament to grant the necessary credits, but only as a favor.

M. Lee Myr de Villers, the famous deputy from Cochinchina, who had a great deal to do with bringing about the annexation of Madagascar, where he formerly held the position of French lieutenant general, suggested a loan of 20 million francs now and 10 million later. M. Lebon accepted the amendment and M. Doumer's motion was rejected by a vote of 293 to 228.

The bill was accepted.

THE SCYTHE OF THE REAPER. KINGSTON, Ont., March 23.—John Sutherland, for twenty years secretary of St. John's lodge, No. 3, A. F. and A. M., died during last night after a brief illness. He was born in 1809 in Fifehire, Scotland, enlisted in the 74th Highlanders and came to Canada in 1840. He came to Kingston fifty-five years ago. Nine children survive him. The deceased was the oldest volunteer fireman in the city.

HALIFAX, March 23.—(Special)—Arson Turbide, the only survivor of the party of three lost from Bird Rocks while seal hunting recently, was carried ashore on the ice at Meat Cove, C. B. after terrible exposure for several days, died at North Sydney last night.

FRASERTOWN, March 23.—Robert Hamilton, a well-known and successful resident of this section for nearly half a century, died today. He was eighty years of age.

WINNIPEG, March 23.—B. M. Steel, one of Winnipeg's most popular commercial travelers, is dead.

SETTLERS FOR THE WEST. WINNIPEG, March 23.—(Special)—A. J. Malheur's first personally conducted immigrant party from England, under the auspices of the provincial agricultural department, will leave Liverpool on the 21st April and reach Winnipeg during the first week in May. Three hundred settlers left Toronto for the Northwest to-day.

CHATHAM, Ont., March 23.—D. L. Cavan, a Dominion colonization agent of Sackville, Mich., came to town from Sarnia this morning with a family of settlers from Applegate, Mich., who go to Manitoba to settle. Cavan has sent ten other families from his district, and expects to have some twenty more for a special excursion on April 13, for all parts of Western Canada.

KRUGER CRITICISED. LONDON, March 23.—The examination of Mr. W. F. Schreiber, who was Attorney-General of Cape Colony when Mr. Cecil Rhodes was Premier, was continued to-day before the parliamentary committee appointed to inquire into the Transvaal and into the administration of the affairs of the chartered company of British South Africa.

The suggestion of Mr. Schreiber that the disputed points in London convention might be arbitrated, was met by Mr. Chamberlain with: "I have never before heard a responsible person make such a suggestion to a paramount power."

Mr. Chamberlain's questions throughout were strongly critical of President Kruger's government.

RIOT ON THE ERIE. LOCKPORT, N. Y., March 23.—A riot occurred on the canal at Pendleton, west of here, this morning. One hundred Italians went out because two padrones were discharged. Twenty-five men went to work this morning when the hundred Italians attacked them with stones and pick-handles. The sheriff was sent for, and with a posse drove the rioters away. One of the Italian rioters was shot and the rest of the rioters scattered.

UNCLE SAM AND HAWAII. WASHINGTON, March 23.—Representative Evans (Republican, Kentucky) today introduced a resolution requesting the President to give notice of the desire of the United States to terminate, at the end of twelve months, the existing commercial reciprocity treaty with the Hawaiian Republic.

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THEIR SEATS VACATED

Conservative Members of Parliament Decapitated by the Supreme Court.

Manitoba Liberals Will Now Concentrate Their Efforts on Local Affairs.

OTTAWA, March 24.—Three Conservative members of parliament were decapitated by the Supreme court this morning. They are: Hugh John Macdonald, of Winnipeg; Nat Boyd, member for Macdonald; and Hackett, the member for West Prince Albert. Dr. Bocher, the member for Marquette, was confined in his seat, while the preliminary appeals in the case of Messrs. Bergeron, M. P. for Beauharnois; Davin, M. P. for West Assiniboia and Kaulbach, M. P. for Lunenburg, were dismissed. As regards the three latter, the appeals will now be heard on their merits; the members will hold their seats for this session as no appeal can be heard while parliament is in session.

WINNIPEG, March 24.—(Special)—The verdict of the Supreme court declaring the Macdonald seat in Winnipeg vacant, was generally expected here, and caused no surprise. The organization work done by the Winnipeg Liberals during the winter, in anticipating the seat being declared vacant, has prepared them for an early conquest, and their leaders are confident that a Liberal will represent the Prairie Capital at Ottawa for the balance of the term. The association will probably meet within the next few days to select a candidate. The names mentioned as likely to come before the meeting are: Mr. Isaac Campbell, ex-Mayor Jameson, D. W. Bole and H. H. Johnston.

What the Conservatives of Winnipeg will do, now that the seat has been declared vacant is exceedingly problematical. Hon. Hugh J. Macdonald having undertaken to lead the provincial opposition is out of the calculation, and about the only other gentleman who is all discussed is Mr. J. H. Brock. Mr. Brock would be a strong candidate, but whether he would consent to run is another matter. The outcome of it all may be that with Mr. Macdonald as leader, the Conservatives may decide to concentrate all their efforts and save all their ammunition for the next provincial election, allowing the Winnipeg seat in the Dominion house to go by default.

Hon. Hugh J. Macdonald was seen by a reporter shortly after the news was received from Ottawa. Mr. Macdonald said he had heard the result, but he was not at all surprised, as a candidate. The argument before the Supreme court seemed to think all the appeals would be dismissed. In reply to a question if this would interfere with his arrangements, Mr. Macdonald said it would make no difference, as it had been declared vacant in a meeting of local politicians. He certainly would not be a candidate for the seat, nor could he give any hint as to who would be. This matter would doubtless be decided at a meeting of Conservatives to be held as soon as it was known when the election would take place.

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