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WANT IT CUT LIGHT

Petrolia Oil Men Worried About the New Tariff.

TUPPER'S TACTICS FAILED

Liberals Are Safe in Nova Scotia. Though Sir Hibbert Sends Glowing Reports—Budget Speech This Week—Globe Still After McInnes.

[From our Special Correspondent.] OTTAWA, Ont., April 10.—The cabinet was sitting all day considering the tariff bill. The Petrolia oil men had an interview with the members of the government before and after the meeting. There will be a reduction in the duty of 1 or perhaps 2 cents. Although the ministers would not say anything on this matter, the oil men say that they can't well stand any reduction, but anything lower than 5 cents, it now being 6 cents, would wipe out the industry.

It is not likely the budget speech will be delivered before Friday of next week. The date will be announced on Monday. Nova Scotia Elections. A number of Nova Scotians have left for their province to take part in the provincial elections. The liberals will be sustained although the fight will be hard on. Sir Charles Tupper's tactics in forcing Laurier to declare himself on the coal duty have had a bad effect on the conservatives. Young Tupper, however, is sending glowing reports to Ottawa. He is at the head of the fight for the conservatives.

Fittingly Represented. A detachment from the mounted police and the permanent forces will be sent by the government along with Laurier to the diamond jubilee. The matter is not finally settled but the representation will be such as Canada will approve.

In a few days it will be officially announced that the government has closed the contract for the fast Atlantic line. Sir Richard Cartwright said today that the matter was not yet ripe for publication. The Toronto Globe is still attacking McInnes and says it will force him to apologize.

BERGEN'S FINE RIDING.

New Coast Record Established in the Burns Handicap by Ruinart.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 10.—Marty Bergen today demonstrated that he is a long way from being "has been," as it was mainly through his marvellous riding and judge of pace that he piloted Ruinart to victory in the Burns handicap, covering the distance in the remarkable time of 2:06 3/4 and establishing a new coast record. Over 15,000 people were packed within the race track enclosure when the bell rang for the event of the day. The betting ring was jammed to such an extent that many spectators were compelled to witness the race without backing their choice, the more timid ones being afraid to venture into the ring. Candelaria, the Burns & Waterhouse entry, and the Elmwood stock farm's pair, the Roman and Installator, coupled, were joint favorites at 3 1/2 to 1. Salvation and Lobenogrela were 8 to 1 each, and Schiller and Wheel of Fortune at 10 to 1, while Argentina and Judge Denny were the extreme outsiders. The best price obtainable on Ruinart, the winner, was 20 to 1.

When the barrier was raised to a perfect start Salvation, Installator, and Wheel of Fortune were the first to show in front in the order named. Passing the stand in similar positions, Ruinart was sixth with Candelaria and the Roman last and next to last respectively. This order was maintained with very little change until the back stretch was reached, when the Roman, who was last and fully 15 lengths behind Salvation, the leader, came to the front with a tremendous burst of speed, challenged the leader and for a short time appeared to have the rest at his mercy. In the meantime, however, Bergen had raced his mount in faultless style and with but little persuasion Ruinart and with his little persuasion Ruinart gradually closed on the leaders and in a driving finish beat the Roman out by half a length, the latter being but a head in front of Salvation. The Roman was conceded. The best horse in the race and with a competent jockey could not have lost. Bergen received a great ovation upon dismounting, for the victory was a very popular one. The winner is by St. Carlo, out of imported Alta, and is the property of E. A. Miner.

TO NEGOTIATE WITH ENGLAND.

John W. Foster and Chas. H. Hamlin Retained by the United States.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 10.—Chas. H. Hamlin, ex-assistant secretary of the treasury, who has been retained by the government as counsel to assist in the conduct of the negotiations with Great Britain looking to a permanent settlement of the Behring sea question, said today that his position would be simply advisory to ex-Secretary John W. Foster, who will have general direction of the negotiations. The sealing regulations under the Paris award were put into operation in 1894, and were to run five years, or two seasons longer. The apparent decrease in the number of seals has reached such proportions that it is feared two more seasons of indiscriminate slaughter would give the industry practically destroyed. The American investigators, as well as the British, and it is reached this conclusion, and it is the purpose of the United States to bring about a new agreement, by which both countries should take active measures to preserve the sea birds for all time to come. It is expected that Mr. Foster will give his entire time to the question until a final settlement is reached.

WALES AND EMPEROR WILLIAM

Former Would Rather Sell the Britannia Than Race in Germany.

LONDON, April 10.—Although the rumor that the Prince of Wales sold his racing cutter Britannia is unfounded, it is nevertheless believed to be a fact that the prince is willing to sell the yacht. A rumor in yachting circles connects his desire to do so with his objec-

tion to competing for the jubilee cup offered for competition by the emperor of Germany, which the prince would be almost compelled to do if he possessed a yacht when the emperor's cup is sailed for. This would involve the Prince of Wales going to Berlin and joining in the festivities there, which the present relations of Great Britain and Germany arising from Transvaal affairs render impolitic. George L. Watson, the yacht designer, has advised the Prince of Wales to increase the Britannia's lead ballast and sail area, being of the opinion that she has not enough canvas to beat the new imperial yacht Meteor. The Prince of Wales, however, has decided to build a new yacht, but she will not be finished until after the jubilee races.

THE INVASION OF TURKEY

Believed in Athens to be the Prelude to a Declaration of War.

Turkish Troops are Still Being Massed on the Frontier—Desperate Fighting Between Invaders and Albanians.

LONDON, April 10.—A special dispatch from Athens says the invasion of Turkish territory by Greek insurgents is believed to be the forerunner of a declaration of war. It is added that in spite of the numerous forces already at the frontier, two further classes of the Greek army reserves have been called out. The Evening News this afternoon publishes a dispatch from Elassona, dated midnight, which says it is certain the Greek invaders were semi-officially organized. The dispatch adds that 14 battalions of Turkish troops are now engaged in the movements against the invaders, whose advance parties retired, but soon rallied and continued the fight. The Turkish troops are all Albanians and it is difficult to restrain their impetuosity.

The insurgents, when crossing the frontier, divided into three bands. The first two advanced unopposed, but the third was attacked by the Turks. All of the three bands then re-united and made a good stand. The fighting is described as being desperate. A dispatch from Constantinople says that three warships of the Turkish fleet will leave the Golden Horn today, and that three other warships will leave Monday to join the first division in the Dardanelles. The greatest activity prevails among the officials of the Turkish admiralty and war department.

An imperial order was issued today ordering the purchase of six coast defence guns, rifles, and 100,000 rounds of ammunition. A special from Vienna says it is authoritatively announced that all the powers have agreed to blockade the Piraeus, and that they are now sending reinforcements for that purpose to their Mediterranean squadrons.

KNOWN TO THE GOVERNMENT.

Invading Force Numbers 8,000 and the Greek Army Assisted.

ATHENS, April 10.—Dispatches from Larissa give the details of the invasion of Macedonia by a force of irregular Greek troops. Three thousand men, it is announced, crossed the frontier Wednesday. The expedition is commanded by ex-officers of the regular army of Greece and includes a band of Italian volunteers, commanded by Colonel Cipriani. All the Greeks are well armed and have been equipped at the expense of the Ethniko Hetairia, a Greek secret society, which has been the root and branch of the present crisis and were given an enthusiastic send-off by the Thessalian and Greek troops. The latter made no attempt to prevent their departure. It cannot be claimed that the movement was unknown to the Greek authorities. Two Greek flags were solemnly entrusted to the insurgents, and good arrangements have been made for forwarding food and supplies.

The news of the invasion caused the most intense excitement here. A dispatch from Arta, dated 11 o'clock last night, announces that Admiral Krussis assumed command of the Greek squadron in the Gulf of Ambracia.

THEIR STANDARD BLESSED.

Greek Invaders Backed by Church and Secret Society.

LONDON, April 10.—The Athens correspondent of the Times telegraphs: "The band of Greeks which invaded Turkey was organized under the personal direction of Gangoz, a Greek of Alexandria. The headquarters were in the valley of the mountainous districts of Kellabaka, near the famous monasteries of Memora. Most of the members of the band, which includes a number of Italian volunteers, arrived last week by special train from Volos. A camp was chosen and military organization was proceeded with. Two former Greek officers—Mylonas and Kapsalotoniou—were given the supreme command. Six captains were appointed, two of whom—Serimas and Darilides—are well known insurgents. A large number of subalterns, two sergeants and three chaplains, one of whom is a man of gigantic stature and carries the standard, were also appointed. Another chaplain is a priest from Mount Athos.

The day after the arrival of the band the arms, uniforms and badges, with the arms of the Ethniko Hetairia (national league), were served out and a consular corps of 60 men was formed. Mules arrived for the transport service and on Thursday the standard was blessed by the monks of the Memora monastery. It bears the inscriptions in Greek, 'En Tonto Nika,' the equivalent of 'In Hoc Signo Vincas.' This news has added greatly to the excitement here."

A Rumor of War.

LONDON, April 10.—A dispatch to the Observer from Rome says that it was reported at midnight that war had been declared between Turkey and Greece.

TWO TRIPLE ALLIANCES

New Arrangement Promised for the Balance of Power in Europe.

Emperors of Germany, Austria and Russia to Ally Themselves Against France, Italy and Great Britain.

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BRUXELLES, April 10.—It is understood on reliable authority that another great shifting on the political chess board of Europe is imminent. The relations of France and Russia have steadily grown worse to the extent that they are being artificially collared up, and the adhesion of Italy to the dreibund, since her financial and military impotence became glaringly apparent by the Abyssinian trouble, is only nominal. There is therefore a new arrangement necessary for preserving the peace by the balance of power in Europe.

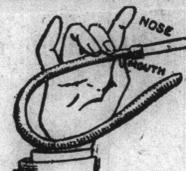
Since last September private letters on this subject have been repeatedly exchanged between Berlin, St. Petersburg and Vienna and in German diplomatic and political circles it is considered a foregone conclusion that an understanding has been reached. Italy will but little longer hold to the dreibund even officially and the force of events is gradually driving her into the arms of Great Britain and France, and it is believed, with the probably speedy victory of the radical party in Italy, this change will be accomplished.

On the other hand the czar and his advisors are said to be decided that France is to be a reliable ally, and on the best possible authority the Associated Press is informed that an entente which, perhaps, will be followed later by a formal alliance, is to be reached in the spring and summer between Germany, Russia and Austria. Some of the preliminaries will be agreed upon between Emperor William and Emperor Francis Joseph during the former's visit to Vienna, which is now definitely fixed for April 22. Three days later the Emperor Francis Joseph will visit the czar at St. Petersburg. During this visit the preliminaries for the understanding between the three emperors will be discussed and probably ratified. Emperor William's visit to the czar soon after will serve the same purpose. The proposed agreement is directed mainly against the dubious shifting policy of Great Britain on the eastern question and the maintenance of the European status quo.

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