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LONDON, ONTARIO, SATURDAY, MARCH 21.

PRICE ONE CENT

PLANS OF THE REVOLUTIONISTS

Will Exact Stern Vengeance for All Outrages.

THE POWERS MUST INTERFERE

Interviews With Men Who Fight the Turks and Carry on Agitation.

Sofia, Bulgaria, March 20. — Side-lights are thrown upon the Balkan situation by interviews with Dimitri Liapoff, here. According to letters received by Boris Sarafoff, president of the revolutionary bands in Macedonia, and by Dimitri Liapoff, who acts as agent here, the insurgents have decided to postpone a general movement and await developments. Affairs, as Liapoff explains, are in a transition stage. However, the revolutionists intend to drag Europe by the nose into interference with affairs in Macedonia.

Macedonian bands, prior to the outrages, contented themselves usually with punishing by death intolerable Turkish officials. These they would shoot in the streets, or they would steal off and murder them quietly. Since the Turkish atrocities of last winter they have decided to make every possible sacrifice at the right time and at the expense of both the Turks and the Macedonians, in order to bring about decisive interference by European powers. Whenever an inferior party of Turkish soldiers or gendarmes appear, the revolutionary bands put an end to them. Small slaughters of this kind occur so frequently that the incidents are not reported. For this reason the Turkish patrols are either unguarded, or the district is left unguarded. The insurgents are not now fighting against large bodies of troops unless entrapped and run down by them.

Liapoff admitted that the Turks were controlling themselves just now and acting under better discipline than usual. For that reason, he said, it would be a waste of men and ammunition to institute a general uprising, since the representatives of the powers would say that the revolutionists would not allow the Turks to introduce the reforms. He added, however, that when Europe had turned her eyes elsewhere, and the Turk had begun to laugh in his sleeve over his success in again outwitting the powers, and was repeating his old tactics, the revolutionary bands would resume operations and harass him in the hope of creating another crisis and producing a moral shock to the civilized world.

THREE MONTHS' DISASTERS

Fourteen Serious Railway Accidents in Canada in Thirteen Weeks.

G. T. R. wreck at Wainstead, Ont. Dec. 25. Casualties, 28 killed, 34 injured.

Dec. 31—Wreck at Victoria Bridge, near Montreal. Two freight trains collide; conductor of the train killed and van badly wrecked.

Jan. 3, G. T. R.—Collision near Welland Canal Tunnel. Fireman of each train killed; both engines injured.

Jan. 7, C. P. R.—Freight collision near Sherbrooke, Que. Fireman killed; two engines and eight or ten freight cars badly wrecked.

Jan. 10, G. T. R.—Two freight collisions at Port Robinson, near St. Catharines, Ont. Fireman killed.

Jan. 21, G. T. R.—Engineer and fireman killed at Port Hope.

Jan. 27, G. T. R.—Two freight cars derailed near Tweed, Ont. Damage not serious.

Feb. 4, G. T. R.—Collision of two freight cars near Port Union. No one killed.

Feb. 19, G. T. R.—Express derailed near Whitby Junction, Ont. About 15 injured.

Feb. 22—G. T. R. and C. P. R.—Collision near Peterboro. Cars smashed.

March 15, G. T. R.—Oakville collision. Breakman killed; eight cars destroyed.

March 17, C. P. R.—Collision at Irlington. Two trainmen killed; three injured.

March 18, G. T. R.—Express derailed north of Guelph. Two children killed, and about 50 passengers injured.

March 19—G. T. R. yard engine ran foul of freight train at East London. One engine killed and one fireman badly shaken up.

SPRING TRADE IS VERY GOOD

Heavy Sales Reported From Wholesale Circles.

THE OPENING OF NAVIGATION

Will Further Stimulate Business, Especially in the Produce Line—Prospects Bright.

Toronto, March 21. — Bradstreet's weekly review of Canadian trade: London jobbing trade circles continue to show activity. The country trade is naturally affected at the moment by the breaking up of the roads, but retailers are still sending in nice orders in the expectation of a large demand for the coming season. Prices are firmly held, and there is an absence of cutting in prices that is very satisfactory.

There has been moderate activity in wholesale circles at Montreal this week. The country trade is falling off owing to the arrival of spring conditions which make the movement of produce almost impossible in some sections. The sales of spring goods have been heavy, and owing to the encouraging outlook for trade it is expected that sales by jobbers will continue active for five or six weeks more. Values are still firmly held. Domestic cotton goods have been advanced, but sellers in the face of the strong market conditions, have this week made concessions to Canadian buyers in order to hold the trade which they have under the preferential tariff captured from Americans. Failures are few and unimportant. Railway earnings continue to increase. Labor disputes are less in evidence than in former years at this time.

Trade in wholesale circles at Toronto for the spring and summer has been larger so far than in previous years. Payments are good, failures few, stocks less heavy, both in manufacturers' and jobbers' hands, and the general conditions of business were never as satisfactory as at present. Values are firmly held in all lines. Manufacturers are busy on contract work, and there are no surplus stocks in the market. Country remittances have been good for this season. Large quantities of produce are waiting shipment at interior points for the opening of navigation and railway traffic the next two months is likely to show a great increase.

Wholesale business at Quebec during the past week has not been quite so active as the preceding one, owing, no doubt, to the bad state of the country roads, which prevents the movements of the travelers. In the city retailers are busy for the season. Remittances from the country are reported fairly satisfactory. Shoe manufacturers have lots of orders on hand, and the outlook is favorable. Present indications point to an early opening of navigation and vessel men are preparing their craft.

Wholesale trade at Victoria and Vancouver has suffered some from the strike of the freight handlers, but a number of men have been sent from the east and strikers' places are about all filled now, and there will be less difficulty in the delivery of freight in the future. Interior points have suffered perhaps the most in this respect. The demand for spring and summer goods continues to expand. The outlook for trade is encouraging. Values are well held.

At Winnipeg there has been an active demand for staple goods. So far the volume of trade this month has exceeded any previous year. The demand in retail trade centers has been active, and stocks have been so depleted in some cases that retailers have been obliged to re-order heavily. The influx of settlers is very large, and with this year exceed any previous season. There is quite a boom in real estate, which is not viewed very favorably by some. Mercantile loans are going at 6 to 8 per cent.

At Ottawa wholesale trade is showing some activity for this season of the year. Shipments are large and a good many repeat orders are coming to hand, which indicate the expectation of larger sales than last year.

In England the annual consumption of Southern fruit amounts to 15 pounds per head. In Germany it averages not quite three pounds per head.



London Punch. Abdul Hamid (to Doctors Nicholas and Franz Josef)—Thank you so much! I'll have this made up, and—(aside)—put it away with the others!

CLOSE CONTEST IS ASSURED!

University Students to Debate the Smoking Question.

TENNIS IN MIDDLE OF MARCH

Meeting of the Areopagus Council—Growing Interest in the Society—Huron College Notes.

On Tuesday, March 17, a general meeting of the Literary and Musical Society was held. An invitation was received from the committee of the Toronto University conversation for a representative from London. Mr. Joseph Holmes was chosen to attend. A letter was also read inviting the students to the at home to be held at Alma College, St. Thomas, on Friday, 19th inst. Several of the students propose attending this event.

Mr. Joseph Holmes left on Thursday morning for Toronto.

The debate on Tuesday morning promises to be very interesting. The topic is, "Resolved: That Man Should Not Smoke." Both the affirmative—Miss Gertrude Hodge and Mr. M. Shore and the negative—Miss Perle Johnston and Mr. H. Shore—are carefully studying and preparing the subject, and the contest is sure to be a close one.

Something rather unusual was seen on Wednesday, March 18, at the university grounds. For several days a state of unrest has been noticeable among the students. The sudden change from winter to summer weather seems to have been too much for them. Overcoats were laid aside, but this did not satisfy them. Then the football game was produced, without the desired effect. Finally on the above day some of them got to work and rolled and marked out the tennis lawn and a remarkable sight of games of tennis was produced. The University Tennis Club, having the advantage of such an early start, should surely be a strong organization this year.

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further increased by a minister of mines from British Columbia or the Yukon, but Sir Wilfrid Laurier declined to be responsible for rumors. The House adjourned without any supplies being voted.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr. Charlton will move a resolution to the effect that the laws of Canada should clearly and within narrow limits define the causes for which divorce may be granted. That the present system of granting divorce by legislative enactment is unduly expensive, and often capricious and unreliable. That if cause for obtaining divorce exists, the means of obtaining it should be less expensive, and that divorce proceedings should be taken before and decrees issued by a properly constituted divorce court.

Mr. Bourassa will move for a return of all agents of Canada in foreign

countries, together with their pay allowances and expenses.

Mr. Tarte will move for copies of all correspondence between the Government and the Grand Trunk Railway Company, per Mr. C. M. Hays, per William Wainwright, or any other person, in relation to a new transcontinental railway.

Mr. Tarte will move for a return of all orders in council, documents and correspondence between the Government or any department and the officers and managers of the South Shore Railway during the last twelve months, and of all representations that may have been made to the Government in reference to the working of that road.

MISSION WORK WILL BE THE THEME OF THEIR MEETINGS

W. A. M. A. of Huron Diocese to Meet Here Next Week.

Prominent Speakers to Attend—Large Number of Delegates Expected.

Bishop Cronyn Hall will be the scene of some very interesting meetings next week, when the Women's Auxiliary Missionary Association of the diocese is to be in session. The convention—the sixteenth annual—commences on Tuesday, and it will continue until Thursday evening, three meetings being held daily. Only the evening gatherings are open to the public. Several prominent persons are expected to be present, among them being the Bishop of Huron, Rev. L. S. Tucker (secretary of the Church Missionary Society), Rev. T. J. Marsh (of Hay River), Mrs. Wade (diocesan president of the W. A. M. A. of Niagara diocese), and Rev. Cooper Robinson. A large number of delegates are expected from all parts of the diocese, and the local branches of the association have been busily engaged securing billets for them. The delegates expected and their billets are as follows:

Alisa Craig—Mrs. Diehl, with Mrs. T. Kent, Central avenue; Miss Canine, with Mrs. Loughrey, Piccadilly street; Mrs. Kennedy, with friends; Miss Anderson, with Mrs. Logan, Maitland street; Miss Walker, with Miss Chapman, with Miss McDonough, Dundas street.

Adelaide—Mrs. Connor, with Mrs. Winslow.

Aylmer—Mrs. Farney, with Mrs. Hill, Wortley road; Mrs. Sanders, with Mrs. Gunn, Oxford street; Mrs. Burwell, with Mrs. Burwell, Oxford street.

Brantford (St. Jude's)—Miss Weir, with Mrs. Fraser, William street.

Brantford (Grace Church)—Mrs. Nelles, with Mrs. Becher, St. George street; Mrs. E. Wilkes, with Mrs. Macie, South London; Mrs. Watts, with Mrs. Edge, Queen's avenue.

Berlin—Miss Cornell, with Mrs. Stephens.

Chatham (Christ Church)—Mrs. Denis, with Mrs. Burgess, Huron College; Miss Sandys, with Mrs. Labatt.

Chatham (Holy Trinity)—Mrs. Stegman, with Mrs. Magee, corner of Wellington and Hyman streets; Mrs. Stevens, with Mrs. Bullen, Queen's avenue; Mrs. D. Ker, with Mrs. Treloar, York street; Mrs. Mark, with Mrs. Cox, Bathurst street.

Colchester—Mrs. Whalen, with Mrs. Orr, 504 Waterloo street; Mrs. Brown, with Mrs. S. Edwards, Waterloo street.

Comber—Mrs. Racey, with friends.

Delaware—Miss L. Hall, with Mrs. Hodgins, Simcoe street; Miss M. Harter, with Mrs. Adams, Regina street.

Durham—Mrs. Parker, with Mrs. Code, Adelaide street.

Dundas—Mrs. W. Sharpe, with Mrs. Miller, with Mrs. (Judge) Elliott, Wellington street.

Exeter—Mrs. Bobler and a delegate, with Mrs. Howland, Dundas street.

Forest—Mrs. Harrison, with friends, 313 Horton street; Mrs. W. Hill, with Mrs. Murdie, Thornton avenue.

Galt—Mrs. Ridley, with Mrs. Blinn, Mill street; Mrs. Oliver, at The Deanery.

Glanworth—Mrs. H. Shore and Mrs. Charles Shore, with friends; Mrs. Edgerton, with Mrs. Hayne, St. James street; Mrs. Burgett, with Mrs. Young, King street.

Goderich—Mrs. Turnbull, with Mrs. T. Kent, Central avenue; Mrs. Hill, with Mrs. Labatt, Queen's avenue; Mrs. McKim, with Mrs. Blinn, Mill street.

Highgate—Mrs. Johnstone, with friends.

Hensall—Mrs. Clegg, with Mrs. Brock, 516 Waterloo street; Mrs. Doherty, at 508 Grey street.

Ingersoll—Mrs. Thompson, with Mrs. Parfitt, Dufferin avenue; Mrs. Canfield, with friends, 473 Dufferin avenue; the Misses Ellis, with Mrs. St. John Hyttenrauch; Mrs. Jarvis, with Mrs. Crawford, with Mrs. Christie, Ann street.

Lambeth—Mrs. Thornicroft, with Mrs. Howard, Oxford street; Miss Gerrard, with Mrs. Stiles, Central avenue; Miss Routledge, with friends, 511 King street.

Mitchell—Mrs. Newman, with Miss Imbach, 706 Richmond street.

Millbank—Mrs. Miller, with Mrs. Carlisle, St. George street; Mrs. Mc-

Keen, with Mrs. Grace, Queen's avenue; Miss L. Nicholls, on Wellington street; Markdale—Mrs. Newell, with Mrs. Granger, Dufferin avenue.

Newmarket—Mrs. Pratt, with Mrs. Moorhouse, Christ Church rectory.

Oshawa—Mrs. Strong, with Mrs. Joseph Smith, Princess avenue.

Paisley—Mrs. Chance, with Mrs. Hill (St. John the Evangelist rectory).

Owen Sound—Mrs. Ardell, with Mrs. De la Hooke, Waterloo street; Mrs. Parker, with friends.

Port Stanley—Mrs. Price, with Mrs. Waller, Huron College; Miss Fischer, with Mrs. Butler, Queen's avenue.

Port Burwell—Mrs. Shore, with Miss Biddulph, city, south; Mrs. Ker, with Mrs. Cottam, 92 Elmwood avenue.

Port Rowan—Mrs. A. Shore, with Mrs. Barrett, and Mrs. Morton, with Mrs. (Chief) Williams, St. James street; Miss Jeeves and Miss E. Pear-sall, with Mrs. B. A. Mitchell, King street.

Port Dover—Mrs. Herbert, with Mrs. Turville, Kent street; Miss Battersby, with Mrs. Fox, 316 Piccadilly street; Miss Dagman Smith, with Mrs. Luckey, Richmond street; Miss Phipps, at the deanery.

Sarnia—Mrs. Kenny, with Mrs. Hunt, city; Mrs. Chester, with friends on Princess avenue.

Preston—Mrs. Abey, with Mrs. Jacobs, Dufferin avenue; Mrs. Hindson, with Mrs. Ellis, Ridout street.

Petrolia—Mrs. Craig, with Mrs. Carling, Talbot street; Mrs. Noble, with friends; Mrs. Jones, with friends.

Port Burwell (girls' branch)—Miss Van Order and Mrs. Audney, with Mrs. Gibson, Oxford street; Mrs. Hagabloom, with Mrs. Eckert, Queen's avenue.

Simcoe—Mrs. Porter, with Mrs. Tooke, 1032 Florence street; Mrs. Falls, with W. R. Falls, 702 Waterloo street.

St. John's, London Township—Mrs. Richardson, with Mrs. Graydon, Dundas street.

Stratford—Mrs. Houghton, with friends, 145 Waterloo street; Mrs. R. Shore, with Mrs. Leonard, Queen's avenue; Mrs. Smith, with Miss Imbach, 706 Richmond street; Mrs. McLellan, with Mrs. McBurney, Waterloo street; Mrs. Winslow, with friends.

Sainsbury—Mrs. Stout with Mrs. Callard, Talbot street; Mrs. F. Dickens, with Mrs. Hodgins, 84 Albert street; Mrs. Davis, with Mrs. Wm. Simpson, Adelaide street.

Strathroy—Mrs. Winder, with Mrs. Street, William street; Mrs. Manigault, with Mrs. E. Manigault, Wellington street.

St. Thomas (Holy Trinity)—Mrs. Kains, with Mrs. Cronyn, Dundas street; Mrs. Gilbert, with Mrs. Cox, Waterloo street; Mrs. Saxon, with Mrs. Jeffrey, Princess avenue.

Thamesford—Mrs. Murray, with friends; Mrs. Kennedy, with Mrs. Brock, 129 Maple street.

Tyrone—Mrs. Elliott, with Miss Winder, Wellington street; Mrs. White, with Mrs. Nevin, Colborne street; Miss Cusack, with Mrs. Smithson, Waterloo street; Mrs. W. W. Simpson, Miss Archer, with Mrs. Coleman, corner of Queen's avenue and Elizabeth.

Thorncliffe—Mrs. McCracken, with Mrs. Moorhouse, Christ Church rectory; Mrs. R. Blinson, with Mrs. Kirkpatrick, 357 Colborne street; Mrs. Fulcher, at 521 Colborne street; Mrs. Hart, at 143 Wellington.

Vienna—Mrs. Brasher and Mrs. Pedlow, with Mrs. Simpson.

Walkerton—Mrs. Robinson, with Mrs. Fenwick, Richmond street.

Warwick—Mrs. Smith, with Mrs. Brock, 516 Waterloo street; Mrs. Wordsworth, with Mrs. McFadden, 225 Colborne street; Mrs. H. B. Archer, 455 St. James street.

Walkerville—Mrs. Battersby, with Mrs. Booker, Kent street.

Watford—Miss Maude Harris, with friends, 180 Bruce street; Miss Gertie Morgan, with Mrs. Eckert, Queen's avenue.

Wingham—Mrs. Lowe, with friends; Mrs. Beattie, with Mrs. Hawkshaw; Mrs. Carbound, with Miss Elliott, Dufferin avenue; Mrs. Rhoderus, with Mrs. Mason, corner Richmond and Oxford streets.

Woodstock—(New St. Paul's)—Mrs. Gibson, with Mrs. (Dr.) English; Mrs. Manderell, with Mrs. C. B. Edwards, 460 Piccadilly.

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Wilmot—Mrs. Ward, with Mrs. Hunt, city.

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