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BULGARIA AND GREECE PREPARING FOR BATTLE

Nations Rapidly Drifting Towards War Over Salonika.

ARMIES MOBILIZE ALONG FRONTIER

Grecian and Servian Forces Holding Strategical Positions — Bulgars Withdrawing Troops to Meet Movement.

London, April 22.—Bulgaria and Greece are rapidly drifting towards war over the possession of Saloniki, according to the Chronicle's correspondent at that town.

The Greeks have mobilized every available soldier and concentrated one army in the neighborhood of Saloniki, while another is being landed at Orfani, in the Gulf of Orfani, in order to watch the movements of the Bulgarians at Drama and Kavala. The victorious Epirus army from Janina is being distributed along the new strategical front from Saloniki to Orfani.

In the meantime, adds the correspondent, the Bulgarians have suspended passenger traffic between Dedegatch and Saloniki and are utilizing the railway for the concentration of troops in the neighborhood of Drama close to the Greek position. They have already brought one division each from Adrianople, Tchatalja and Bulair, and it is estimated that the Bulgars now have 40,000 soldiers facing the Greeks and Servian forces, supporting the Greeks, which are assembling along the railway north of Saloniki, and on the right bank of the Vardar River.

Cetinje, April 22.—The Montenegrin forces made a fierce attack on Scutari last night, according to the report. The engagement lasted the whole night. The Montenegrins captured two lines of posts on the west and east fronts.

Early this morning the Turks attempted counter attack, but were repulsed. The Montenegrin losses were heavy. The fall of Scutari is considered imminent.

Vienna, April 22.—A Trieste despatch to the Neue Ureie Presse says that the Austro-Hungarian military attache at Cettinje wishing to proceed to Cattaro, found the frontier closed against him. He was stoned and insulted by Montenegrins at Cettinje. The Austrian minister has sent a protest to the government.

CALIFORNIA WILL PASS ALIEN LAND OWNERSHIP BILL

Insists on Law in Spite of Objections from Washington—President Wilson Wired of Intention.

Sacramento, Cal., April 22.—Through the exchange of telegrams today between President Wilson and Governor Johnson the settled policy of the California administration on the question of alien land ownership as agreed upon last Sunday, was officially made known.

Governor Johnson and his party leaders in the senate favor a bill excluding from land ownership in the state, all aliens ineligible to citizenship under the laws of the United states. Such a law probably will be passed in spite of the objections of Washington, it was said tonight.

The assertion is made by the governor that a state law of this nature would not be in contravention of any existing treaty. He is upheld in this view by the majority leaders in the senate, who met him today and agreed upon the form of the telegraphic reply to President Wilson's message sent today.

THE AMHERST CASE GROWS MYSTERIOUS

Amherst, N. S., April 22.—The arrest of Charles Watt, for the alleged murder of his sister's infant child, still continues to be the main topic of excitement in Amherst. Watt has made no comment since his arrest. Interested friends procured a solicitor for him last evening.

The crown has discovered some evidence that tends to show the fate of the child, and is contrary to the story told by the mother that the child was given away to parties who would care for it. The production of the child would, of course, terminate all proceedings but the child has not been produced.

GIANT GERMAN BOAT AGROUND ON FIRST TRIP

Hamburg-American Liner Imperator Grounded in the Elbe Yesterday Morning Preparing for Trial Trip.

Hamburg, April 22.—The new Hamburg-American Line steamship Imperator, 900 feet long, ran aground in the Elbe this morning. She was proceeding from the Vulcan shipbuilding yards for the lower Elbe to make ready for her official trips, when she grounded of Altona.

She was floated this evening and proceeded on her way to sea. The steamship Imperator, when she goes into commission with the start of her maiden voyage to New York on May 28th, will for a time be the largest vessel sailing. Her keel was laid two years ago, 900 feet in length, or almost double that of Germany's largest warship, while her other dimensions are 96 feet beam and 62 feet depth.

REFUSED TO ARREST RICH WHITE SLAVER

Deputy District Attorney of Los Angeles Declines Warrant Against Millionaire Bixby—Blackmail is Defence.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 22.—Deputy District Attorney McCartney refused today to issue a felony warrant against George H. Bixby, a Long Beach millionaire, in connection with the alleged enslavement of two score young girls.

Chief of Police Sebastian demanded the warrant as a result of the story told by Arene Mary Brown Levy, one of the young women who said they were enticed to a lodging house by Mrs. Josie Rosenberg, the woman now in jail on charges of having acted in behalf of a man known as "The Black Pearl."

McCartney said he must have evidence corroborating the story of the Brown Levy girl and immediately Sebastian brought in two girls, Jeannette Ellis and Mary Devoughan. Their narratives resulted in the arrest of Bonnie Espey and her alleged associate, W. H. Hood who are charged with pandering to "The Black Pearl" and his alleged millionaire associates.

Mr. Bixby, who is 49 years old, and has a wife and five children, declared he was the victim of an extensive scheme of blackmailing. As head of two banks and director in many corporations, he said he was selected as an easy victim.

Chief of Police Sebastian said that if the corroborative evidence offered by Jeannette Ellis and Maris Devaughn did not cause Deputy District Attorney McCartney to issue the felony warrant against Bixby today he would take the whole case to the county grand jury.

POPE MUST HAVE AN ABSOLUTE REST TO COMPLETE RECOVERY

Rome, April 22.—The Pope sat up for two hours today, after which Dr. Amici, by the instructions of Prof. Marchiafava forced him to return to bed, which the Pontiff did reluctantly. Dr. Amici remained in the sickroom for a considerable time to make certain that his orders were carried out.

The Pope continues to express impatience for the resumption of his ordinary life, but the physicians insist upon absolute rest, at least for another fortnight. They declare that a further relapse in such a case would be inexcusable both for the patient and the doctors.

Cardinal Merry Del Val, the papal secretary of state, today received a pilgrimage from the diocese of Cambrai, France, conducted by Bishop Delaimaire, who brought with him a bronze group representing the Virgin curing a patient who had been carried before her. The bishop said that the pilgrims desired to present the group to the Pope and asked that it be taken to his bedroom as a good augury that the Virgin would smile upon the sick Pontiff and relieve him of his infirmities.

TONIGHT IS EXPECTED TO SEE VOTE ON THE CLOSURE

Liberals Still Unable To Agree as To End Of Debate.

PUGSLEY FACTION STILL ASSERTIVE

Many Liberals Desire to See End of Struggle—Premier Answers Every Objection Raised by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in Yesterday's Debate.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, April 22.—The closure is coming to the end. Tomorrow night should, and probably will, see the vote. This may not happen with the willing participation of the whole of the opposition, the course of events today pointing pretty conclusively to the fact that the Liberals have been, and are yet, unable to agree among themselves as to the termination of the debate. Many of them want to see the end of the struggle, but the Pugsley following is still asserting its authority.

The prime minister, the minister of finance and the minister of labor all took part in the debate today, while the speakers on the other side included Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his ex-first lieutenant Hon. George P. Graham.

The opposition made the belated discovery that something could be done by moving the adjournment of the House. This would give them the chance to repeat their speeches and obstruct. The secret was jealously guarded by the Liberals although the manoeuvre was anticipated by the government long ago. To avert suspicion the opposition whips selected Fred Kaye, of Missisquoi, to make use of the discovery. Mr. Kay was the first speaker when the debate resumed. He spoke for about 15 minutes, and then moved the adjournment. That paved the way for another Laurier speech. The opposition leader advanced an argument which was largely technical. He professed to see in the new rules the possibility of hidden mysteries and of sinister things. Other Liberal speakers with this to guide them, denounced the closure apparently for the reason that it would prevent obstruction.

Minority Applied "Gag."

Premier Borden went over the Laurier speech point by point and answered it. He declared that if there was a gag it had been applied to the majority in parliament by the minority. The time had come when the business of the country must be carried on and when parliament must pronounce its conclusion upon the measures presented to it by the government. He again replied to the charge that the proposed closure was more drastic than the British rule, by asserting his willingness to substitute the British rule if the Liberals preferred it.

Hon. W. T. White caused much Conservative amusement and much Liberal embarrassment by alluding to the unaccountable ignorance displayed by the opposition in regard to the moving of the previous question. He suggested that Mr. Pugsley should have informed the opposition leader on this subject, Sir Wilfrid's mind being centred on higher things.

Hon. George Graham emerged temporarily from the inactivity forced upon him by the upward climb of Mr. Pugsley, and loudly protested against the introduction of the closure, denying the right of the majority to take away the privileges of the opposition. When the rights of the minority were invaded, parliament, he said, became a mob. He used the expression "brute majority," and had to withdraw it.

Arthur Meighen, speaking later in the evening, confounded the opposition by upsetting their contention that no revision of rules should take place except by a committee. He showed that time and again in the British parliament, rules had been revised without reference to committee. The right to do this existed in 1867, and was therefore a right belonging also to the Canadian parliament which had, in fact, exercised the right in times past.

On the orders of the day E. M. MacDonald drew attention to reports that the officer commanding the Niobe had informed the Canadian recruits that they could get their discharge at once.

Mr. Hazen said that tomorrow he would give a statement on the subject. He was not prepared to say anything about the report off hand.

Closure Debate Resumed.

The debate on the closure was resumed, Mr. Kay of Missisiquoi speaking. After a few remarks he moved the adjournment of the debate, thereby enabling Sir Wilfrid Laurier to speak again.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier stated that he rose to ask the government for information as to the new rules. Only the most general information had been given and then the government became mute.

Sir Wilfrid went on to analyze the rules, beginning with the proposal to take away the right to debate a motion to adjourn. Of all motions this should be debatable. The new rule would prevent all explanation when it was proposed to adjourn for special reasons. For example, there could be no explanation of a motion to adjourn out of respect to a member, as had been done on special occasions.

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UNDERWOOD SAYS TARIFF WILL NOT AFFECT BUSINESS.

OSCAR W. UNDERWOOD

Oscar W. Underwood, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, believes that the country was braced for the tariff change and that there will be little shock to business.

WAS AFRAID OF UNDERTAKERS

Buried Her Mother and Sister in Cellar So that Bodies Would Not be Taken Away—Feared Dissection.

St. Louis, April 22.—The bodies of Mrs. Ernestino Komnichau and her daughter, Selma, were found shortly before noon today buried in the basement of a building at 2412 South Broadway. Marie Komnichau, another daughter, was arrested at the city hospital shortly after noon for an investigation in connection with the mystery.

Marie Komnichau, who is 43 years old, told a reporter at the hospital this afternoon her story of the deaths and burial of her mother and sister. She explained that with her mother and sister she had conducted a notion store in the front room of the house at 2412 South Broadway for nearly 20 years.

"My mother and sister were afraid of being buried in cemeteries," she said. "They were afraid their bodies would be stolen and also afraid they would be buried alive. That was the only reason I did not have their bodies attended to in the usual way."

"My mother died nine months before my sister did. I don't remember the exact date, but sister died February 10, and I figured back at that time, so I know there was nine months difference. My sister died of heart trouble and from taking too many headache powders. My mother died of old age. Before my mother died she made sister and me promise that we would not take her body out of the house so the undertakers would get it. We had no doctor for her; there has not been a doctor in our house for ten years, and a doctor could have done mother no good."

LUTHER McCARTY AGREES TO A FIGHT IN CALGARY.

Calgary, Alb., April 22.—Luther McCarty today agreed to terms with Promoter Tommy Burns to meet the winner of the Pelky-Morris contest on May 24th. Pelky and Morris are matched to meet here in Calgary on May 1st. McCarty is to receive a guarantee of $5,000 or an option of 40 per cent. of the gross gate receipts.

CARL MORRIS A WINNER.

St. Louis, Mo., April 22.—Carl Morris, Oklahoma heavyweight, knocked out Kingdon Belmont, of St. Louis, in the third round of their scheduled eight round fight here tonight.

COMPROMISE IN BELGIUM

Conciliatory Motion Before Government Passes With Slight Opposition— Socialists Take Active Part.

Brussels, April 23.—Owing in great part to the advice of the King, the government today accepted the compromise proposed by the liberal leader, M. Masson and the great strike for manhood suffrage will be called off Thursday.

Only a week ago the Belgian Premier, Ony a week ago the Begian Premier, Charles D. Broqueville, declared: "No government could yield to a strike of this nature. To yield would be to abdicate."

Nevertheless the strike seems to have made sufficient impression on the government to induce it to unbend from its uncompromising attitude far enough to ensure the termination of a situation which has already cost the country many millions, and is daily driving away from the manufacturers customers they may never win back.

The decision to accept the compromise was reached yesterday by the cabinet, and the Premier announced in the Chamber of Deputy today that the government had made M. Masson's motion its own.

Brussels, Auril 22.—When the Chamber of Deputies met this afternoon there was a tense feeling of expectancy. The conciliatory motion of M. Masson, the Liberal leader was taken up immediately. Deputy Liebaert, a clerical, proposed an additional clause reading:

"The Chamber disapproves and condemns the general strike."

Premier De Broqueville accepted the motion as amended and asked the other members of his party not to suggest any changes.

The socialist leader, Emile Vandevelde then spoke saying:

"We the deputies, to the left, support M. Masson's motion for a compromise."

It remains for us to decide whether the strike shall end or not, but we have the conviction that the adoption of the motion will be a step in advance.

The first part of the motion was then adopted unanimously by the chamber.

The socialist voted against the second part of the motion, but it was carried by the conservatives and liberals, the vote standing 124 to 34. The socialists abstained from voting when the two parts of the motion were taken together. In that way it was carried by a vote of 138 to 2.

PORT ARTHUR HAS A MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

Port Arthur, Ont., April 22.—An 18 months old boy was murdered as he slept in his cot at 439 North Court street, early this morning. Father and mother, Mrs. Redmond McGrath, are now lying in the hospital, the man with his upper jawbone broken, eyes swollen to blindness and cuts overr his face. The woman is in a similar condition and will not talk. The child was killed by a blow on the head from an axe. There is no clue.

U. S. SENATE WILL TALK TARIFF BILL IN PRIVATE

Expectation is That This Plan Will Greatly Expedite Bill.

PARTIES DIVIDING ON PARTY LINES

Underwood May Hold House to 12 Hours of Continuous Work Daily in Hope of Limiting Debate to Five Days.

Washington, April 22.—By a strict party vote the Senate Finance Committee, today, decided finally that no public hearings will be given upon the tariff bill when it reaches the Senate. Interested persons will be given a full opportunity, however, to file briefs or statements with the committee bearing on any of the tariff schedules. The decision is expected to materially shorten the time that will be consumed in getting the tariff bill before the Senate for consideration.

Tariff debate opens in the house at 11 o'clock tomorrow, and in the hope that the general debate can be limited to five days, Democratic Leader Underwood will attempt to hold the house to 12 hours of continuous work daily. Another week of consideration under the rule permitting amendments will send it to the Senate soon after May 5, it is believed.

The tariff bill came back to the House today from the Ways and Means Committee, with a vigorous supporting report from the Democrats on the committee and an opposing report from the Republican members.

The general debate, which begins tomorrow, wil be followed by concerted effort on the part of the Republicans in the House to amend the bill in all its important schedules.

While the Senate finance committee has decided that further hearings are unnecessary, Democratic members of the committee will confer tomorrow with Democratic senators from the Pacific coast and the Rocky Mountain States, who are opposed to the free sugar and free wool provisions of the bill. A number of Western senators, including Senators Myers, of Montana and Ashurst of Arizona, will not participate in the conference, as they have decided to support the free wool and sugar program if it is approved by the house. The conference tomorrow will demonstrate the strength against these features of the bill. Those who will participate insist, however, that there has been no effort to form an offensive alliance against the measure, as proof of which they point to the fact that the Louisiana senators, and others interested in a change of the free sugar and free wool provisions have not been included in the conference.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER GETS $100 BOUNTY

Ex-Premier Saw Military Service in Fenian Raid—Minister of Militia Makes Presentation at Ottawa.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, April 22.—Sir Charles Tupper left Ottawa this afternoon, probably never to return. The aged statesman, who has been residing for the past few months in British Columbia, is returning to England where he intends to remain. He left at 3.15 for Montreal. A large number of parliamentarians and others were present as Sir Charles said good bye to the capital where he was for so many years a leading figure and where he took part in so many stirring scenes.

Just before the train pulled out Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes presented Sir Charles with the hundred dollar bounty to which he is entitled as one of the veterans of 66. "Thank you," said Sir Charles, "this is the first reward I have ever got for my military services."

Sir Charles Tupper is now 92 years of age. He is remarkably vigorous for his years.

A BRAKEMAN CRUSHED TO DEATH UNDER CARS

Percy Kennedy Killed While Shunting Cars at Nackawick Station—Body Taken to Parents' Home for Burial.

Fredericton, April 22.—Percy Kennedy, of Millville, employed as a brakeman on the Southampton Branch Railway in the upper end of York County, was almost instantly killed this afternoon while engaged in shunting cars at Nackawick Station.

He was caught by a rope which was attached to a box car being placed on a blind siding and his body was thrown across the tracks. The wheels of the car passed over his body at about the pit of the stomach and he died instantly.

Kennedy was about 26 years old, unmarried and resided with his parents at Millville. His father is section foreman on the C. P. R. at Millville. One brother, Thomas, is section foreman on the C. P. R. at St. Marys, another is employed on the Southampton Railway, and another is in the C. P. R. employ at Woodstock.

The remains were conveyed to the home of the bereaved parents at Millville. The accident is the first fatality on the Southampton Railway.

ICE BREAKER ON WAY TO RELEASE FLEET

Vessels Held Up by Ice Near Soo Canal—Expect Passage Will be Cleared Immediately.

Ottawa, April 22.—The Department of Marine and Fisheries is making every exertion to clear the passage for the down bound fleet, which left Port Arthur for Sault Ste Marie two or three days ago. Word has been received that the fleet is now on the edge of the ice in White Fish Bay.

The government icebreaker St. Ignace is at work breaking a passage and the expectation is that the fleet will be released by morning and let into the Soo. The ice below the Soo was broken some days ago and the upbound fleet passed into Lake Superior.

CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT OF STEAMER SOKOTO.

Montreal, April 22.—It was stated at the local offices of the Elder-Dempster Line today that the Sokoto would load for Liverpool by about the end of this week and that her future movements would in all probability be directed from the Liverpool office.

NEW ZEALAND LINER SOLD.

Montreal, April 22.—The New Zealand Liner Wakanui, which visited this port last season has been sold to the Blue Star Line of London, and renamed the Broadmount. She is a vessel of 5,824 tons gross register and was built at Newcastle in 1899. It is reported that the purchase price was in the neighborhod of £35,000.

FATAL EXPLOSION IN POWDER PLANT

Three Men Killed and Seven Injured When Explosion Occurred in Packing House of Atlas Powder Company.

Lake Hopitong, N. J., April 22.—Three men were killed and seven injured in an explosion today in the packing house of the Atlas Powder Co. The packing houses was wiped out, and no trace was left of the three men known to have been inside at the time.

Those injured were working in several of the 50 odd other buildings of the plant near the packing house. The explosion broke windows of houses at the other end of the lake four miles away.

400 MEN THROWN OUT OF WORK BY BIG FIRE.

Baltimore, M.D., April 22.—Fire today practically destroyed the plant of the Canton Iron and Steel Company, at Canton, a suburb, causing a loss of from $75,000 to $100,000, and throwing about 400 men out of work. The works were fully insured.

A STINGING REBUKE FOR PUGSLEY'S ORGAN.

(Montreal Gazette.)

A Liberal newspaper in St. John, N. B., has been asked by a subscriber to give the truth in its accounts of political events. The incident appears to have surprised the publisher. Nevertheless it may do good. It may bring to other minds as well as his own the knowledge that the public is beginning to expect that newspapers will give the news and not a onesided distortion thereof. And in this the public is right.