

GREECE IS DEFIANT

She is Evidently Supported by Some of the Powers in Her Bold Stand.

Flags of All Nations Fly Alongside the Turkish Standard on Island of Crete.

"Abdul the Damned" Hoping the Cretan Crisis Will Postpone Partitionment.

Constantinople, Feb. 17.—The council of ministers as a result of its all day session at the Yildia Kiosk yesterday, have decided to leave the pacification of Crete to the powers. This is regarded as a wise decision in view of the fact that there is no more complicated situation in Crete where the flags of Great Britain, Russia, France, Italy and Austria are flying alongside the Turkish standard, while Greece is seemingly defying the powers or acting as mandatories of Europe.

The ministerial council also decided to send Karatheodor Pashi to Crete as Imperial High Commissioner to adopt military measures on the Greek frontier, as previously intimated. These measures include the appointment of Marshal Edhem Pasha, who was director of operations against the insurgents at Zetoun in 1896, to command the Turkish troops at Elaseona and to call out the redifs or first reserves, and the third army corps, which is now at Salonica.

These measures, however, are purely for defensive purposes and are taken in order to enable the Turkish government to cope with all eventualities. The Sultan has informed the ambassadors of the powers that in view of the aggressive attitude of Greece he has been obliged to adopt measures required by the situation. At the same time the Sultan took occasion to express his satisfaction at the landing of detachments of marines at Crete from the warships of Great Britain, Russia, France, Italy and Austria for the restoration of order in the island.

In spite of this peaceful outlook, it is known that the landing of Greek forces at Crete has caused a great sensation at the Yildia Kiosk and it required the use of much tact and diplomatic skill on the part of the ambassadors to prevail upon the Porte to accept the situation as now presented.

Anti-Turkish manifestations are reported to have occurred at Arta, and in Thessaly; shots have been fired and the Turkish frontier guard has been wounded. It is hoped, however, that no further trouble will occur, although the Greeks are known to be gathering troops near the frontier. The Sultan seems to be well aware that Greece would not have acted as defiantly as she has done without having at least some powerful friends behind her. It is one of the most curious features of the present situation in Crete that the powers, who also see in the abandonment of Crete to Greece a possible loophole of escape from further and more important changes in the map of the Turkish empire.

The Sultan seems to be the odd sort of its being "an ill wind which blows nobody good." He is credited with the hope that his death will bring about a powerful friend, or the friends of Greece, in the matter of Crete may be placed to his credit when the long-disputed and much-postponed "reforms" in the Turkish empire come to the front. The action of the Sultan may have had nothing more than a coincidence, but out of such coincidences Oriental diplomacy is framed.

There was an incident at the People's theatre in the Stamboul quarter yesterday. The action, which is regarded by many as being an attempt to provoke another outbreak on the part of the Muslims, two Albanian soldiers of the Yildia palace guard, the most trusted of the Sultan, who were among the audience, suddenly discharged their revolvers in the air, causing a terrible panic. A night-and-tumble fight followed, during which a bystander was wounded. Two of the guardsmen were arrested and taken to the nearest police station, previous to being handed over to the military authorities at the Yildia Kiosk.

It has been announced in the newspapers that the acting minister of the A. O. U. W. has been appointed a member of the council of state, and the Greek minister here, Maucicodato, is to be given his passport, but as this dispatch reaches the report has not been confirmed. It is believed that the Sultan has been induced by the ambassadors to delay the matter.

At Athens, Feb. 17.—A battery of field artillery, commanded by Prince Nicholas of Greece, started today for Larissa, a distance of 100 miles from the Gulf of Salonica. The military reserves are still being engaged. The Greek ironclad Spezia, which arrived here from Toulon yesterday, is to be prepared for active service at all possible haste. Reinforcements are being sent to the Greek troops on the island of Crete. The Greek government maintains it is acting in the interests of the peace of Europe.

THE A. O. U. W. Meeting of the Executive of the Order in Toronto Yesterday.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—The executive of the A. O. U. W. met yesterday and, after a considerable discussion, decided to withdraw from the main body of the order as the finances are concerned, and to retain fraternal relations with the supreme council. They also recommended a graded assessment and reserve fund.

LIZZIE BORDEN IN TROUBLE. Charged with Theft From a Jewelry Store in Providence, R. I.

Boston, Feb. 17.—Lizzie Borden, of the famous Borden murder mystery, is again in trouble. It is alleged that upon a recent visit to Providence,

SIFTON WORKS HARD

The Minister of the Interior is La During Karmestry to Boom Immigration.

The Premier Returns to Ottawa—More Election Petitions are Dead With.

Manitoba Legislature Opened Today—Refer for India-School Legislation.

A PROHIBITORY LAW

Washington to Suppress Liquor Traffic—Cline's Bill Passes the House.

Merchants' National Bank at Jacksonville Closes Its Doors—Murderer Arrested.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—Hon. Mr. Sifton is still active in putting the affairs of his department in good order. The minister has appointed Dr. Steep, of Winnipeg, as medical attendant upon the Indians of the Chaudiere agency, Manitoba, in place of Dr. Arton, ex-M. P., dismissed. David Sill, an Indian of the Six Nations, has been appointed clerk in the Indian office at Brantford, vice A. G. Smith, dismissed. W. R. Aylesworth, of Belleville, has been appointed a commissioner to report upon the state and management of the business of the Mohawk band of the Bay of Quinte.

Dr. Borden has been advised by his physicians to take absolute rest for a couple of weeks. He will go south in a few days and will not likely be back before parliament meets. The government has decided to abolish the office of deputy commissioner of patents, rendered vacant by the death of R. D. Pope, and a bill for this purpose will be introduced in parliament. Since disputes about patents are now decided by a judge of the exchequer court, Hon. Mr. Fisher thinks the signing of official documents can be done by Mr. Search, his deputy.

The writs for the common vacancies in the exchequer court, in various counties, were issued to-day. The nominations will take place on March 2 and the polling on March 9.

The following telegram was received by His Excellency the Governor-General from Chief Justice Sir Francis McLean, chairman of the finance relief committee at Calcutta: "I am directed by the general executive committee to convey their most grateful thanks to Your Excellency and the subscribers to the famine fund for their splendid response to your appeal."

The supreme court is this afternoon finishing up the election appeals. The Bench, consisting of the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Gwynne, Mr. Justice Gwynne, and Mr. Justice Gwynne, are now confident that the measure will pass the senate.

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 17.—The Merchants' National Bank of this city closed its doors yesterday and the committee of the creditors has appointed Examiner Shubrick to take charge of the bank. The cause of the suspension was the run made on the bank by the depositors, brought about by the bank statement issued on December, which showed small assets.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 17.—A. G. Weatherford, formerly of Memphis, but now of Nicaragua, was arrested today on the arrival of the Steamship Siskit on the arrival of the steamship Siskit. A telegram from the Nicaraguan authorities, Weatherford is charged with having murdered Charles Brown on February 10th. Weatherford claims that he was killed on account of his criminal intimacy with Mrs. Weatherford.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 17.—The overturning of a lamp at the home of John Myer, in this city, resulted in the fatal burning of Mrs. Myer and her two-year-old child. Mr. Myer was seriously burned while trying to extinguish the flames.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 17.—After a loss and bitter fight in the senate, the body passed the Fellow servant bill, holding the railroad responsible for the acts of their employees.

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 17.—The collapse of the steel trust and the consequent rise in the price of steel rails to \$7 per ton has already begun to exert a stimulating influence on the iron and steel industry in St. Louis. Carnegie & Co. keep the wires hot and the new deals in steel are being made.

United States Consul Duffie at Winnipeg reports to the State Department that the Dominion government has appropriated \$150,000 for improvements to the navigation of the international waters of Rainy river, at a point named Long Sault Rapids. The engineer in charge is now on the ground making surveys and will soon begin to remove the boulders and construct wing dams. All the steamers on the river are British, owned and registered.

Salem, Feb. 17.—It is now said to be the intention of the Mitchell men to adjourn the legislature and the next Friday night. The election of a Sunday day without the election of a Sunday day. Three of the Mitchell men are sick, which reduces his support to 36, or ten less than a majority. The Mitchell men will hold another conference to-morrow night, and a great deal depends upon its action.

THE COLLECTIVE MANDEMENT. Will Be Read in the Catholic Churches on the 28th of the Month.

Montreal, Feb. 17.—The other day your correspondent asked a high dignitary why the collective mandement was not shot off, since it had been signed for many weeks. He replied as follows: "Don't you think it better for the little guns to await the discharge of the big cannon? Well, the big gun has been heard from and the small calibre guns will now rattle forth. In other words, Pope Leo has spoken, and conscious of being supported by the head of the church, the Roman Catholic prelates will now be heard from without much delay. On Sunday week the long delayed collective mandement will be read from all the Catholic pulpits, condemning the Laurier-Greenway school settlement, and attached to the same document, and attached to the same document, and attached to the same document, and attached to the same document."

THE BUTLER MURDERS. Presentation of Evidence in Connection with the Death of Preston.

San Francisco, Feb. 17.—In the case of Butler, the alleged Australian murderer now being held for extradition, counsel for the prosecution presented evidence in connection with the murder of Preston. The evidence in the Weller case is all in. Constable Conroy, Australia, told how Butler tried to force him to go on a prospecting tour. Butler claiming to be Frank Harwood, a mining expert.

CAPTAIN WEYMOUTH DEAD.

Commander of the British Cruise Smynra Dies at Sea.

Parkesburg, W. Va., Feb. 18.—Dr. John H. Weymouth, of Beverly, this state, has received intelligence from Liverpool of the death of his eldest brother, Captain W. Weymouth, commander of the British cruise Smynra, at sea January 14. Captain Weymouth was an old Confederate naval officer and served under Admiral Semmes on the famous privateer, the Alabama. He was on the vessel when she was sunk by the Kearsarge, but escaped. After the war he made his home in England, where he married and became a British subject. He entered the royal navy and gradually rose until he was placed in command of the Smynra.

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