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Majority of Council Back Up Mayor Fisher On The Hydro Contract Matter

COMMISSIONERS THORNTON AND FRINK OPPOSE ADOPTION AT VERY FIRST CLAUSE

FLEEING SULTAN RAPPED AT BY TURKISH PRESS

"No Such Contemptible Act in History of the Country."

New Sultan Says He "Will Approve All Decisions of Angora Assembly"—Fugitive Ruler Has Arrived at Malta.

Constantinople, Nov. 20.—Sultan Mohammed, precipitate flight from Constantinople has unleashed the wrath and contempt of the Turkish press.

The Sultan's departure is simply the flight of a traitor who already has fallen from power and had become simply an ordinary personage.

The Sultan's flight from Constantinople has been no such contemptible act as the ex-Sultan's abandonment of the seat of the Caliphate for the protection of a foreign government.

Constantinople, Nov. 20.—Abdul Mehjid Efendi, newly elected Caliph has given the following statement to the Associated Press.

"I feel deeply the confidence my people have reposed in me. All my life I have had unshakable faith in the progress of Turkey and in her delivery from the foreign yoke."

My desire is to be a faithful servant of Islam and my people. I will approve all the decisions of the national assembly. It is to speak of the Sultan's flight. By his action he has not merely lost his throne, but he has become an outcast from our family.

London, Nov. 20.—A Reuter dispatch from Constantinople says the allied high commissioners, after receiving assurances from Hafez Pasha, that he personally would see to it that the newspapers refrained from publishing anything which might work against the safety of the allied troops and public order, unanimously decided on Nov. 19.

Malta, Nov. 20.—The British dreadnought Mahomet with Sultan Mohammed VI on board arrived here this morning since the Sultan is traveling incognito, the customary honors and salutes were dispensed with.

Major, who is accompanied by his ten year old son and three officials will stay at Fort Tigne, which has been specially prepared for his reception.

Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 20.—J. H. Frost, supposed to have originally belonged to Nova Scotia and whose correct name is believed to be Allan H. McManis, is being held by the local police for the chief of police of Truro, N. S., in connection with the alleged forgery of a check drawn against the firm of G. and G. Fiewelling of Hampton, N. B., for \$88, which was said to have been passed at Fraser's dry goods store in payment for \$67 worth of clothing purchased.

The man walked into the police station here last evening and gave himself up. A long distance telephone call to the chief of police at Truro brought the information that a man answering to the same general description was wanted in connection with an alleged forgery and that a warrant was held against Truro for his arrest.

Frost is being held awaiting the arrival of an officer from Truro.

The incident into which the investigation was made occurred some time during the early part of last week at Truro when a man giving his name as J. H. Frost, connected with the firm of G. and G. Fiewelling of Hampton, filed in a blank check payable to himself and signed with the firm name. So far as could be learned today the man later went to St. John, reaching Fredericton on Saturday.

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BRITISH PARLIAMENT OPENS SESSION; A RUSH FOR THE SEATS

(Canadian Press Cable) London, Nov. 20.—A parliament in which Ireland, with the exception of part of Ulster, is not represented, and in which the Labor party appears as the chief contender for 245 of the 413 seats, opened at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The proceedings started with the usual formalities. The Clerk of the House presented to the Clerk of the House a book containing a list of the members' names, after which a message was received requesting the immediate attendance of the members of the House of Lords where they were instructed that their first duty was the election of the Speaker.

Returning to the House of Commons, the members, by tradition, followed the Speaker's chair vacant. For a moment the Clerk assumed the chair, presiding over the proceedings, but he merely pointed to a vacant seat in the House.

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AS HIRAM SEES IT

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "it has been so long since I saw the Settlement that I doubt if I can stay away much longer."

"It's punkins in the sullen," said Hiram, "and backstreet men in the pantry—an an' a spring pig salted down. Hanners' been lookin' fer you."

"What I fancy myself doing," said the reporter, "when I get fed up with the office, is going about with you doing the evening chores, getting a broad view of the darkening landscape, making friends with the live stock, and then in the lamplight, over a quiet pipe, talking with you and Mrs. Hornbeam for an hour or two, with no street noises to disturb us, and the assurance of a restful night and such a breakfast as Mrs. Hornbeam can prepare."

"If I was you," said Hiram, "I'd chase myself out o' town every little while, and see the sky once in a while an' get some air. You go round in a rut an' you stay there. You go round in a circle an' it's always the same sky once in a while an' get some air. You go round in a rut an' you stay there. You go round in a circle an' it's always the same sky once in a while an' get some air."

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REPRISALS IF CHILDERS IS PUT TO DEATH

Dublin Suffers From Acute Attack of Nerves

Three Killed in Explosion Where Ambuscade Seemingly Was Planned—De Valera Issues Message on Case of Erskine Childers.

(Canadian Press Cable) Dublin, Nov. 20.—Dublin is suffering an acute attack of the nerves partly owing to the news of the execution of Erskine Childers, convicted of carrying arms, and partly through the horror of an explosion at Inchicore, which resulted in the death of three men and the wounding of many others.

One incident yesterday testified to the state of tension. When a letter loaded with Free State soldiers passed slowly through a crowd holding a meeting of protesting connection with the proposed strike of Mary MacSwiney and her sister, many in the crowd hooted and shouted abusive epithets. One shot was fired by some one in the crowd and the soldiers replied with a volley in the air, which provoked a panic. This was followed by machine gun fire and three civilians are reported to have been wounded.

Annie MacSwiney is maintaining her vigil outside Mount Joy prison, where Mary MacSwiney has been fasting since Nov. 19.

Four men were killed by the explosion at Inchicore; not died in hospital and three were kept overnight. Just prior to the explosion at Saturday night, a party of men was carrying a heavy article from a field beside the Naas Road. The explosion was like a rocket, seven in all, was accompanied by a great burst of light. People living in nearby houses were considerably shocked by the violence of the detonation.

The dead men were so badly mutilated that identification was impossible. Fire arms and ammunition were found beside a wall near the scene of the explosion, and the bodies of the victims were preparing an ambulance.

Childers' Case. Belfast, Nov. 20.—The charge against Erskine Childers, whose trial before the military tribunal in Dublin was begun on Friday, is that he had an automatic pistol in his possession when he was arrested, according to information telegraphed here from Dublin.

An account of the proceedings as received here, states that after the opening address by Patrick Lynch, senior counsel for the defence, a statement of objection to the evidence was made by the prosecution. After the adjournment, another statement in writing was submitted, claiming for the status as "officer of the Irish Republican Army" taken in 1916.

The objections, the accused's attorneys, were overruled. Erskine Childers then submitted a further statement contending that, under the international Red Cross Convention, political prisoners and prisoners taken in civil war were entitled to war prisoner treatment.

The counsel for the defence withdrew from the proceedings, the account adds, and following their withdrawal, the trial was continued and had not been concluded when the day session of the court adjourned.

Dublin, Nov. 20.—Eamon De Valera in a message to the people of Ireland yesterday, asserted that the government had given orders for the execution of Erskine Childers, and declared that such a crime would make the men and women of the race hang their heads in shame. "If this order is carried out," he continued, "not all the blood that flows as a consequence will expiate our national guilt. We shall be called a nation of slaves and the slaves of slaves and we shall not be left with an answer."

Dublin, Nov. 20.—The Irish Times today says a writ has been issued from the chancery office on behalf of Erskine Childers, with a view to quashing the proceedings of the military court which tried him on the charge of illegally possessing arms.

Dublin, Nov. 20.—A crowd of women and girls marched last evening from Mount Joy prison, in which Mary MacSwiney is maintaining a hunger strike, to the palace of the Archbishop of Dublin. Arriving at the residence the procession found the outer gates closed, but ingress was made to the grounds by other entrances, and soon a considerable number of women were sitting on the doorsteps of the Archbishop's residence, while others were scattered in groups about the premises.

The deputation had a brief interview with the archbishop. The subject of their conference is understood to have referred to Miss MacSwiney's hunger strike. After the interview the demonstrators left cheering.

Ku Klux Rule in Louisiana, and President Harding to Be Asked to Take Over Administration.

Washington, Nov. 20.—The Washington Post prints under a Baton Rouge date, a despatch to the effect that Louisiana is under the rule of the Ku Klux Klan, and that Governor John M. Parker, accompanied by the attorney-general of the state, is on his way to Washington to ask President Harding to take over the administration of the law in Louisiana as the state government is unable to function.

WOMEN ON JURY IN BREACH CASE

First Time in Supreme Court in Canada—One Objects to Kissing Bible.

Red Deer, Alta., Nov. 20.—Women were empaneled on a jury case in the Supreme Court here last week for the first time in the history of Canada. A recent amendment to the jury act of Alberta allows women to sit on a jury in a case where a woman is concerned.

The case before Justice McCarthy was a breach of promise case between Clive, Alta.—Staub vs. Larkin.

When the jurors were being sworn, in one of the women objected to kissing the court Bible. She was allowed to affirm her oath. The jury returned a verdict awarding the plaintiff \$4,000 damages.

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—From the Passing Show, London.

THE GRAND JURY TAKES UP NEW JERSEY MURDER

Fifty-two Witnesses Relative to Slaying of Minister and Woman.

Somerville, N. J., Nov. 20.—The Somerville county grand jury convened at 10 a. m. today to receive evidence in the Halls-Mills murder case.

Eighty state troopers patrolled the streets about the court house. Others were detailed to guard the witnesses.

The opening day will be consumed chiefly with laying the ground-work for the more sensational phases that are expected to follow.

Most of the neutral European states, perceiving the importance of the Turkish situation, have asked permission to attend the meetings.

Turkish Threat. The bulk of the conference funds extreme nationalist exaltation prevailing in Turkey.

Unhappy Greece, defeated and almost bankrupt, stands out as the pathetic figure of the conference and the great Grecian leader, Venizelos has a heavy and probably thankless task.

There is indignation in Turkish circles, of a report said to have been printed in London newspapers declaring that the Kemalists had sent two assassins to Lausanne to kill Venizelos.

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WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stuppert, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The disturbance which was in the Far Northwestern states on Saturday is now centered in the Ottawa Valley and high pressure is spreading eastward and over the Great Lakes.

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