

TURKEY IN ASIA.

A Vast Territory With Many Cities Famous in History.

The Turkish possessions in Asia cover 682,000 square miles, extending from the Black sea on the north to the southern tip of Arabia and from the Mediterranean on the west to the borders of Persia and Transcaucasia. The area of Asiatic Turkey is over ten times that of Turkey in Europe and includes the divisions of Armenia, Asia Minor, Kurdistan, Mesopotamia and wide strips along the western and eastern borders of Arabia. Within its confines are cities famous in history and legend—Damasus, Bagdad, Smyrna, Mecca and Jerusalem.

The population of Turkey in Asia, according to recent estimates, is nearly 17,000,000, made up principally of Turks, Arabs, Greeks, Kurds, Circassians and Armenians. The majority are Mohammedans, but there is a large Christian population in Armenia and Palestine.

The Turks captured Constantinople in 1453, after overthrowing Asia Minor and what is now European Turkey. The city, whose downfall marked the end of the Byzantine empire and of Christian rule in those regions, was made the seat of the Ottoman empire, succeeding Adrianople.

The Moslem rulers of Constantinople extended their conquests farther into Europe. They took possession of the Grecian peninsula and obtained footholds in Hungary and on the Adriatic coast. An alliance between Venice, Spain and the pope defeated the Turks in the battle of Lepanto in 1571, and the decline of Ottoman power in the west began. In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries Greece, Serbia, Montenegro and the Crimean provinces of Russia were wrested from Turkish rule. Constantinople has remained in Mohammedan hands continuously since its capture, nearly 600 years ago.

DON'T BE A BORE.

Never Talk Disease, Descendants, Domestic or Dress. Washington belles and beaux, according to the correspondent of the New York World, are practicing Mrs. George W. Wickersham's rules for avoiding the conversational reefs upon which the social bore is wrecked. Mrs. Wickersham is the wife of the attorney general of the United States, and she is one of the most diverting women in official society.

"You'll never be a bore," says Mrs. Wickersham, "if you carefully avoid the four D's—

- DISEASE, DESCENDANTS, DOMESTICS, DRESS.

"The first does away with organ recitals." The second eliminates the baby, no matter how cute he is, and one's forbears, no matter how distinguished they were. The third warns the maid and all her works. The fourth puts the dressmaker and the tailor out of the running."

Mrs. Wickersham's little "conversational code" was propounded at a recent White House dinner, and everybody nowadays is dropping D's.

Easing the Engineer. Locomotive engineers sit for hours at the throttle in a cramped position, the mind taxed to full limit, the body at a terrible strain. The percentage of deaths from kidney disorder is very high among locomotive engineers, and it is asserted that this is due in a large measure to the continued jar of the engine. With a view to ameliorating these conditions, an inventor has contrived a portable back rest made of canvas, which is attached to the seat, while the upper end is secured to coil springs, which are hooked to the ceiling of the cab. The springs relieve the engineer of a great deal of jarring, permit him to occupy a more comfortable position and consequently make him more efficient, particularly on long runs.

A Picture Signature. Peter Newell, the artist and maker of freak books, has evolved a new signature that beats Whittier's famous butterfly a mile. The P of his first name forms the nose and eye of a self portrait, the "eter" makes the mouth, and the tail of the N forms his chin, while the curlycane at the other end forms the ear. From the upward loop of the P a heavy line curves around into a broad brimmed Rembrandt type hat, and this is carried around to form the back of the head with a scroll for good measure falling off down below. And it is a pretty good picture of Peter too.—New York Press.

A Breezy Death Notice. They have a genial way of announcing deaths at the antipodes. Here are the opening sentences of an obituary notice that appeared in a recent issue of an Australian newspaper: "David Hay Dalrymple is now bumping his way among the stars. He died at the age of seventy-two. His early career doesn't matter much, for he was just the usual kind of business man, mayor, etc. The day of his greatness commenced when Hugh Nelson made him secretary for public ignorance in 1855."

A Valuable Stamp. Any one who has an unused thirteen cent United States postage stamp held on blue paper would do well to print on it rather than to use it as a letter or package. A stamp dealer who has hitherto sold these stamps to collectors for \$2.50 each announces that the price will be \$75. Four thousand of these stamps were originally printed, but fewer than five are known to exist at present.—Exchange.

Dr. de Van's Cornale Pina. A reliable French regulator; never fails. These pills are exceedingly powerful in regulating the digestive portions of the stomach. Do not use in children. Do not use in cases of three to five. Do not use in the case of the stomach. Dr. de Van's Cornale Pina is sold by the St. Catharines Dispensary.

BRANTFORD DAILY COURIER.

INSTINCT OF MERCY FATAL TO OVER FIFTY BRAVE MEN

Three Hundred Tons of Dynamite Exploded on Steamer.

Scores Buried in Icy Water of Baltimore

BALTIMORE, Md., March 8.—Fifty-four known dead, others probably whose bodies are buried in the icy waters of the harbor, and scores of injured over many of whom death hovers, represent the human toll of an explosion of 300 tons of dynamite in the hold of the British steamer Alum Chine off Fort Howard yesterday morning. The money loss probably will total \$600,000.

By a curious irony of fate it was the instinct of mercy and brave men's gallant response to the appeal of two of their fellows, in imminent and deadly danger that swelled the death list and the list of terribly injured to their ghastly proportions.

Warned in Time. Curling smoke from the bow of the Alum Chine warned the members of her crew, the stevedores engaged in loading her, and the crew of the tug Atlantic, lying alongside, that death was in the air. In the hold of the steamer ship and aboard a large roped to her side were more than 300 tons of dynamite. Every man who saw the thin spirals of smoke knew in an instant that the coal bunkers of the Alum Chine were on fire and that within a few minutes the heat and flames would reach the dynamite.

There was a rush to the ship's side. Fourteen members of the crew and four of the stevedores tumbled

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"Tekahionwake" Is Dead--Pauline Johnson Passes To Her Rest in Vancouver

Famous Writer Who Was Born Near Brantford Called Home--A Distinguished Career is Closed After Much Suffering.

VANCOUVER, March 8.—Pauline Johnson, poet of the Canadian outdoors, died yesterday afternoon in the Butte street private hospital, where she has spent over a year of hopeless illness. For four years this gifted Canadian has been a resident of Vancouver. Her inheritance from her father, an Iroquois chief, in addition to her poetic gifts and the primitive sense of color which gave charm to much of her poetry, was the unfortunate tendency of primitive races to weakness of the lungs, and it was this trouble which made Miss Johnson an involuntary dweller on the Pacific coast. In Vancouver she escaped the severity of the east-coast winter weather, but she came too late to accomplish a cure. Doubtless, the milder climate prolonged the life of the poet.

Rich in color, melodious, strong in picturesque interest, and excellent in literary workmanship, Miss Johnson's poems, mainly on outdoor subjects, brought her distinction in England and in the United States as well as appreciation in Canada. "Her best poems," writes one of her appreciative critics, "the poems in which there is the greatest life and fire, are those on Indian subjects, canoeing, etc." In all her work there was the greatest sympathy with nature, and she possessed a considerable amount of the poetic art. There is also in her work a powerful human appeal.

Miss Johnson's first book was "The White Wampum," published in England in 1905, the admirable work in which gained for her a high place among Canadian poets. As an eloquent and reciter of her own poems she entertained many audiences in this country and the United States. Miss Johnson was in possession of considerable dramatic art, and her strong voice and fluent manner, an inheritance perhaps from Indian ancestors who were notable orators, made her a favorite entertainer. She was the daughter of George Henry Johnson, a head chief of the Mohawk Indians. Her mother, the wife of chief Johnson, was a white woman of English birth. The poet was born on the Six Nations Reservation near Brantford, Ontario. She received her education in the schools of Brantford. For many years she was a copious contributor to magazines, both Canadian, American and English.

In Vancouver the death of Miss Johnson will make a vacancy which is not likely to be filled. The news of her death was felt as a shock throughout the city. Miss Johnson's books have had a larger sale in Vancouver than in any other Canadian city. Last summer when the Duke of Connaught visited Vancouver, he spent several hours of his much occupied time in Miss Johnson's sick room at the hospital, where he made a kindly effort to cheer the invalid poet.

Elusive Jack Bennet Now a Prisoner

County Constable Kerr received a telegram from Toronto this morning stating that Jack Bennet wanted here on a murder charge had been arrested in the Queen City. He left on the first train to establish identification. The prisoner, of course, will be brought back to Brantford for trial.

Good Work at Toronto

Mr. W. S. Brewster, M. P. P., Gives Talk on Work in Legislature.

City Items

Devotion Service. A forty-hour devotion has been in progress in St. Basil's Church. The sermons have been preached by Rev. Fathers Cassidy, Cleary and Doyle.

After 100 feet. Park Commissioner Glover stated this morning that the commissioners wanted 100 feet of extra land at the O.L.B. for the Dufferin Park, and not 25 feet.

Association Formed. A largely attended and enthusiastic meeting of the representative ratepayers and other residents of Echo Place was held Friday evening at the School House. An association was formed to be known as The Echo Place Improvement Association and the following officers were appointed: President, J. J. Burke; vice-president, Geo. C. Smith; treasurer, Mr. Myers; secretary, H. C. Thomas. After a general discussion it was decided to appoint separate committees to deal with the question of better railway service, particularly in the early hours of the day, sidewalks, street lighting and roadways. Meetings will be held on the first and third Thursdays of each month, and all residents are cordially invited to attend.

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- Stedman Bros., Colborne St.
- Pickell's Book Store, 72 Market St.
- McCann Bros., 210 West St.
- W. Symons, 211 Market St.
- Leo J. Kinkhamer, 136 Albion St.
- M. & J. Kew, 15 Mohawk St.
- Higinbotham & Cameron, 373 Colborne St.
- F. J. Marx, 80 Eagle Ave.
- Geo. Bickell, cor. Arthur and Murray
- H. E. Aycliffe, 332 Colborne St.
- F. E. Morrison, 119 Oxford St.
- P. N. W. Farnsworth, 121 Oxford St.
- W. J. Mellen, cor. Brock and Chatham Sts.

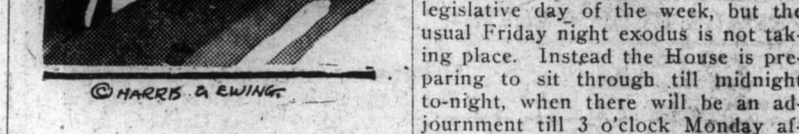
OBSTRUCTIONIST GANG ARE STILL AT IT AT OTTAWA

A Weary Lot of Men on Parliament Hill Today.

The Giddy Gurgle and Fluent Flow of Words Enjoyed.

OTTAWA, March 8.—Recklessly disregarding the effect of the Parliamentary deadlock upon the financial and business world of Canada, the Liberal Opposition continues the blockade. Protests and appeals from every part of the Dominion pouring in upon the blockers have been without avail. The one idea of preventing the Dominion from playing a courageous part in the Empire's defence, controls the hold-up party to the exclusion of all others. It is an Opposition run mad. Under ordinary circumstances this would be the last legislative day of the week, but the usual Friday night exodus is not taking place in the Empire's defence.

CHIEF JUSTICE



Edward D. White, Chief Justice of the United States, who administered the oath of office to Woodrow Wilson.

WANT WILSON AT CHURCH

A Keen Rivalry Among the Churches for Attendance of President.

UNKNOWN MAN DIED IN HOTEL

A few minutes after 11 o'clock last night an unknown man was found dead in the wash room of the Bodega Tavern, by Alexander Paterson, one of the wine clerks employed by the hotel.

Will Force Its Passage

The present probability is that the committee will not rise next week until not only the appropriation clause, but all the four remaining clauses of the bill have been passed. The Opposition will have to definitely declare itself one way or the other. The question of supply is daily becoming more important, and the Liberals will have to declare their attitude in regard to the voting of supplies. Instead of the bulk vote of one-eighth of the total estimates which has been customary in past sessions, Sir Wilfrid Laurier is said to be unwilling to agree to a vote of more than one-twelfth, which would provide money for only one month. He may even run counter to all precedent and decline to allow any percentage vote at all.

Surprises in Store

An effort will be made by the Opposition on Monday to keep the naval issue off the boards altogether for two or three days by bringing up some of their so-called election grievances and prolonging the debate upon them. It is quite likely to be a succession of surprises for the Liberal strategists.

Investment Has Been Called to a Stranger

Up until noon to-day the authorities have been unable to identify the man. The deceased was about 5 feet 8 inches tall, had two scars on left side of his neck, black curly hair, blue eyes probably about 37 years of age. He was attired in a brown striped suit with the name "Chapman" written in ink on the inside breast pocket of the coat. The deceased wore a pair of high laced tan shoes similar to what is worn by prospectors and civil engineers.

Police Court

Interesting Cases Heard by Magistrate Livingston This Morning. Walter Gale, on the charge of being drunk, appeared for the second time within a year. He paid three dollars for the spread. Walter Nichols was charged with the theft of five dollars from a man rooming in the same house. His case was adjourned till Monday in order to give the police a chance to dig up some evidence. Heavy Fines. Those boys were found guilty on a charge of stealing scrap iron from the Hartley foundry. The piece of iron in question, which was a very large one, was produced in court, with great difficulty. It took the best part of the police force to bring it up into the court room. His Worship, after hearing the evidence, decided that Sears was guilty and fined him \$27.85. David Leffer appeared as a witness in above case. After his evidence had been heard, however, he was charged as an accomplice to the theft also. This morning he was found guilty and fined \$22.85 or three months, he will likely take the latter.

Chub Sears, a brother of Tom's, was let off on suspended sentence.

Y.M.C.A.

The dates for the arts and crafts exhibit at the Y.M.C.A. have been settled upon. It will take place on April 21, 25 and 26. The exhibition promises to be larger than ever this year.

Memorial Service. A memorial service will be conducted in the Mohawk Church, at 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon, in memory of the late E. Pauline Johnson. The services will be conducted by Rev. Robert Ashton.

GRAND—Saturday, March 15. A. Delamater, offers a beautiful production of the song play, "KICKLES by Gene Stratton Porter. A theatrical triumph and the biggest nature play, pure in thought and clean. It was a sensation as a story of more value as a play, and the dramatist has incorporated every one of the famous characters, here and here Freckles sing. See Freckles' adventures. See Freckles' friends. See Freckle and the Angel. Rows 14 rows, \$1; 8 row 75c; balcony \$1; Balcony 75c and 50c; gallery 25c. Seats Thursday.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 6, 7 & 8. MARKS BROTHERS' company, supporting the big play, "GRACE MARKS, in a reproduction of new plays, opening with 'Sweetheart' Thursday evening. Change of play every performance. High-class specialties between acts. Prices: Nights—10, 20, 30. Matinees—Children 15c, Adults 25c.

Tuesday, March 11—Gaskill & Co. (Inc.) present Harold Bell Wright's (Inc.) play "THE SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS," dramatized by Mr. Wright and Elsbury Reynolds. "The Shepherd of the Hills" has the distinction of playing in the largest business and breaking records for this season at the Grand, Toronto, having to put on extra machines to accommodate the audience. The same great cast and production that played Toronto will be seen here. Prices: 14 rows, \$1; 8 rows, 75c; balcony, 50c; gallery, 25c. Seats Saturday.