

**TURKISH TROOPS
ARE IN MUTINY****DEMAND DISMISSAL OF
SEVERAL MINISTERS****Mutineers Surround House of
Parliament—Reign of
Lawlessness.**

London, April 13.—The situation in Turkey is so serious to-day that the Turkish army has fled and mutinous troops are in possession of his office, according to reports sent out by the Vienna correspondent of the Central News.

The correspondent admitted that the report had not been confirmed, but it was persistent at Vienna, one version being that thousands of soldiers had joined the mutineers.

No bloodshed has been reported from Constantinople, but the Vienna correspondent admits the possibility of there having been fighting. The news of which has been suppressed.

Bloodshed Feared.

Constantinople, April 13.—The house of parliament is surrounded to-day by two battalions of mutinous soldiers who are demanding the dismissal of Hilmi Pasha, the grand vizier, the minister of war and the president of the chamber of deputies. Representatives of the Sultan are parleying with the soldiers and are trying to get them to return to their quarters, but the mutineers are insistent and have warned the government authorities that there will be bloodshed unless their demands are heeded.

The situation is regarded as extremely critical as it is feared that more troops will mutiny before night, unless these now surrounding parliament can be pacified.

The Sultan is distracted to-day, being assailed by trouble from every side. The situation in Asiatic Turkey, where the Arabs are in rebellion, is no better and England has threatened to interfere. Navigation on the Tigris river has been tied up for days because of the action of the Arabs in sitting on the banks and firing at every craft, regardless of the colors she flies.

Failure of the government to pay the troops was used as an excuse for the uprising. But the real cause of the trouble is the long standing enmity of the young Turks, who control parliament, for the Liberals. The Liberals are incensed because of summary dismissal of Kiamet Pasha, grand vizier, and the appointment of Hilmi, who is recognized as a mere tool of the young Turks.

The soldiers are demanding that a host of useless officials be dismissed so that the government expenses will not be so great and the troops may be paid off.

The situation has resulted in a reign of lawlessness, the most alarming since the revolution. It is declared that a massacre will follow if the present uprising is successful. The Liberals are believed to have instigated the outbreak by the argument that parliament violated the constitution in passing the Austro-Turkish agreement.

Rigid censorship of the dispatches from here is expected to be put into effect at any minute.

Business Suspended.

Constantinople, April 13, via Vienna.—The streets are filled with soldiers and politicians who are making demonstrations. The shops are closed and business suspended.

Double guards have been placed about the palace and house of parliament. Although there has been no bloodshed as yet, there is considerable brawling, and a crisis is regarded as inevitable.

People Wild With Terror.

London, April 13.—Telegrams from branch houses in Constantinople say there is a panic around parliament, and that the whole populace is nervous. The government has received no official communication from Turkish minister regarding the trouble.

Censorship has been established at Constantinople and dispatches are arriving circuitously. It is believed the most sensational reports are being withheld.

Trouble has been brewing for weeks. The army is the police force of Turkey, and the soldiers are in a position to cause a great deal of trouble.

In view of the fact that the Grand Vizier Hilmi is an open friend of Germany, the sympathies of English diplomats and most of the foreign officers at Constantinople are with the deposed Premier Kiamil. It is predicted that in the event of an open clash the English interests in the Ottoman Empire will aid the cause of the Liberals. A message sent between 9 and 10 o'clock, Constantinople time, stated that the people were wild with terror and had barricaded themselves in their homes.

**MANY MILLS WILL
BE CLOSED DOWN****Owners in Southern States Decide Upon Step Owing to
Business Depression.**

Kansas City, Mo., April 13.—Lumber mill operators of the southern states to-day declare the business depression will force them to close at least a thousand mills in Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

A conference of mill men was held yesterday and last night and at which drastic action was decided upon and which will result in the laying off of hundreds of skilled men. The mill owners are determined to offset the depression by keeping up prices of lumber through the closing of the mills.

The bank clearings for the week ending Wednesday make a splendid showing. They amounted to \$1,176,763.

**SOLUTION OF
WATER QUESTION****OAK BAY HAS NEW
PROPOSITION NOW****Ald. McGregor's Scheme Will
Receive Attention of
Council.**

The Oak Bay council is doing its best to work out a water distribution scheme which will meet with the approval of all the people of Oak Bay and will not work a hardship on anyone. The first plan they had in hand was to do all the work of laying mains on the local improvement plan, the residents served paying for the service. This it was found could not work out equitably as some mains are laid much larger than others and the cost of the large ones should be charged up against the whole district served by such main. Then proposal was made to do the work partly under the local improvement plan and partly to be paid out of general revenue. This was found to be illegal according to the findings of the Victoria Board of Health. The next proposal was to do all the work from the general revenue, and by-laws were prepared to give effect to this, the water committee having been practically unanimous that this was the only solution of the difficulty. When the by-law came to be presented to the general meeting of the council however Councillor Pemberton, who had been unable to attend the water committee meetings, made a strenuous objection to the proposal and it was again set over. Then Councillor McGregor got busy and discovered what looks like a feasible scheme whereby all the money is to be raised out of the credit of the whole municipality and then each street wishing the mains laid shall be charged the average rate of laying such mains which it is thought will be about 45 cents per foot frontage on the property served.

By adopting this plan it will not be necessary that a petition from the rate-payers be sent in, but the by-law must be submitted to them for their approval before being finally passed.

The proposition was not dealt with at the meeting of the Oak Bay council Tuesday but a draft by-law has been prepared by Councillor McGregor. It has not yet received the final sanction of the solicitor, although they have expressed general opinion that it is quite in order. Should it go through it will be necessary to appoint a water commissioner and an annual rate covering the whole expense of raising \$30,000 will be struck which it is estimated will be considerably less than two million dollars. The water commissioner will be empowered under the by-law to receive petitions and assess properties under the local improvement by-law and all properties facing on streets served whether from a large main or small will be assessed the same amount.

The council think now that they have a scheme which will meet with the favor of everyone, but it has yet to be thrashed out in committee and then passed by the whole council. In order that they may have time to do this the date of the public meeting to discuss the by-law has been set forward from the 19th, to the 26th, the regular meeting of the council on that evening having been postponed.

PORTLAND TERMINAL**Louis W. Hill Reports Settlement With
Harriman Interests.**

St. Paul, April 13.—Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway, returned from a visit to-day to the Pacific coast. He said that the last remaining difficulty of operation between the Harriman and Hill interests on the coast have been settled by an agreement between himself and E. H. Harriman, by which the Hill road would secure part ownership in the terminal at Portland, and go in this as a bedfellow with the Harriman interest. Incidentally, he declares that the Harriman-Hill feud, so-called, was remarkable only for its non-existence. "There never was any Harriman-Hill feud," he said. "What was a newspaper dream. Certainly there had been, and will continue to be sharp competition. That's true of every business."

**METHODIST PASTORS
ARE INDIGNANT****Denounce Practice of Churches
Seeking Ministers With
Small Families.**

San Francisco, Cal., April 13.—Much interest is being shown here to-day as a result of the denunciation on the part of the Methodist ministers of this city of the deplorable position taken by various Methodist churches of the country in endeavoring to secure pastors who are not burdened by numerous offspring.

During the regular weekly meeting of the Methodist clergy of this city yesterday, the question arose, "How many children should a Methodist minister have?" After general discussion, led by Rev. Carl Warner, it was agreed that the position maintained by the majority of congregations regarding the families of ministers was unfair and unsatisfactory. He claimed that seven good positions were open only to preachers with limited progeny and this resulted in the regulation of ministers possessing many children to the less desirable churches.

This stand was supported by the majority of the ministers present, several of whom declared unreservedly for the big family.

"God help the child who has neither brother nor sister," one of the ministers said, warmly, and his statement was roundly applauded by the meeting.

**FOUL BAY DITCH
GIVES TROUBLE****COMPLAINT RAISED
AT OAK BAY COUNCIL****Tram Line Must Be Laid at
Side of Street Instead
of Centre.**

Those who have not paid their road tax to the Oak Bay municipality will have a few weeks' respite, for the collector has orders not to continue the collections until a new by-law has been passed which will comply with the new municipal clauses act, as revised at the last sitting of the legislature. The present by-law does not permit of making collections from people who are over fifty years of age, and there are several other defects. At the meeting of the council last night, the council chamber the solicitors were ordered to draft a new by-law, and the collector will await its being passed before continuing the work.

There was a rather slim attendance at the council meeting, those present being Reeve Henderson, and Councillors Pemberton, Newton, Noble and McGregor.

Councillor Noble brought up the matter of the open ditch on Foul Bay road, which was in a bad condition. There had been negotiations going on between the municipality and the city, lasting for two years, and yet this matter was not settled. The reason had died as the result of the bad smell, and prospective purchasers of property would not close a deal on account of the horrid stench.

The clerk explained that the work could be done by them, and then the provincial government would decide how much each should pay. After much discussion, in which it was stated that one of the residents intended bringing the matter before the provincial health authorities, it was decided that the clerk should again write the city council and draw their attention to the urgency of having a sewer put in at once.

Mr. Richards was granted permission to make a temporary water connection with her house.

The inspector of boilers wrote saying he had inspected the boiler of the engine, and asking the fee of \$5 to be forwarded, after which a certificate would be issued. This was ordered to be done.

A petition asking for a sewer on St. Patrick street, from Bay avenue to Saratoga avenue, was ordered to take the usual course.

Councillor Pemberton complained of the bad state of Cadboro Bay road, in the neighborhood of Pinnery road. This was ordered by the council to be dealt with by the action of the tramway company, in laying their rails up the centre of the new street, near the exhibition grounds, instead of on the side, and also of their digging up the street and mixing the gravel with the black soil, and leaving everything in such bad condition. He said he did not think the tramway company owned all the street.

The council were unanimous in condemnation of the action of the tramway company, and they will be notified that they must remove their rails from the centre of the street and build the track to one side, and also leave the street in good condition.

The meeting then adjourned.

**DIVIDENDS DECLARED
BY GRAND TRUNK****Half Yearly Reports Show Reduction in Working
Expenses.**

London, April 13.—The half-yearly report of the Grand Trunk railway shows gross receipts of \$2,485,814, against \$2,763,246 for the previous half-year; working expenses, \$2,422,413, against \$2,710,394; net profits, \$960,428, against \$1,962,312, further net revenue credits brought forward to \$1,094,312. The total amount available for dividends is \$443,078. A half-year's dividend is recommended on the 4 per cent. guaranteed stock; 5 per cent. for the first year, and the second preference, 2 1/2 per cent. on the third preference; \$12,228 is carried forward as the amount at debit for engine and car renewal, and for suspense account, \$544,149.

The Canada Atlantic had a decrease in gross receipts of \$28,485, an increase in working expenses of \$54,470, leaving a net revenue of \$19,723, an increase of \$17,985. The net revenue charges were \$63,101, against \$62,106, so there is a net revenue deficiency of \$63,378, against \$61,385 for the previous half-year.

The Grand Trunk Western had a decrease in gross receipts of \$22,713, and a decrease in working expenses of \$114,771, leaving a net profit of \$123,610, against \$104,955. The net revenue charges were \$29,127, so there is a net revenue credit of \$24,323, which is carried forward.

The Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee had a decrease in gross receipts of \$19,868 and a decrease in working expenses of \$17,336. The net revenue charges were \$37,833, leaving a net revenue surplus of \$23,398, against \$15,795 in the previous half-year.

The semi-annual meeting of the Grand Trunk takes place here on April 21st.

LEASE CANNERY.

Vancouver, April 13.—The Gulf of Georgia cannery, one of the largest on the Fraser river at Stevenson, has been leased for the current season by M. Desbrisay & Co., who will immediately have the plant repaired and refitted in readiness for the big run. The lease carries with it an option to purchase at the close of the season, and it is reported in cannery circles this morning that the sale is practically certain to be carried out.

**LAUNDRY WILL
DISCONTINUE****END-OF THE TANGLE
IN MORRISON CASE****Cameron and Colwell Stable
Matter Will Be Discussed
Next Monday.**

The city council has to spend a good deal of its time wrestling with problems of business outside the fire limits, a question which came up in an abstract and a concrete form at Tuesday's meeting. In the latter phase the council had to deal with the Chinese laundry on Fort street, and also with the proposed stable on Yates street.

Dr. Richard Morrison, owner of the building at the corner of Fort and Quadra streets, used as a Chinese wash-house, asked for a couple of days' time to enable his tenants to get out.

The mayor said he had a letter from Fred Peters, K. C., on behalf of the tenants, asking for a week's delay. They had no intimation until last Saturday that they had to move.

A resolution drafted by the city solicitor was read, reciting that the building was a nuisance in the sense of the wash-house by-law, and enjoining the city to remove it. It was moved that it be not moved by Monday, April 19th, the city should enter on the property, pull down the building and deal with the same as an accumulation of refuse.

Ald. Bishop moved that the application for a week's time be granted. Ald. Turner seconded this, remarking that in spite of all its verbiage this was all the city solicitor's motion said.

Some discussion took place as to the propriety of going in and pulling down the building if the orders to cease using it as a wash-house were complied with.

Ald. Turner asked why the buildings abutting on the south side of Johnson street were not treated in the same way.

The city solicitor replied that this could be done.

Ald. Henderson considered that it would be a serious matter to pull down a building which was neither unsanitary nor unsafe. The owner was removing the laundry business from it. "Is there any Chinese wash-house which complies with the law?" Ald. Turner asked.

"Let us close up all or none," said Ald. Humber. "We know that not one of these places does comply with the wash-house by-law, which is Tommy."

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**TWO BOWLING ALLEYS
HAVE CONSOLIDATED****After To-night All Games Will
Be Rolled on Elite
Floor.**

A consolidation of the Elite and Douglas street bowling alleys which has been pending for some time was effected on Tuesday with the formation of the British Columbia Bowling Association, comprising the owners of the two alleys, T. J. W. Hick, E. E. Greenshaw, T. J. Fox and C. C. Matthews. The bowling will for the future be conducted at 738 Fort street where the Elite alleys have been running since last summer. Improvements are proposed there and a seventh alley is planned to be added to the six in use that were laid when the Elite alleys opened.

The Douglas street alleys will be shut up but the company intend to secure alleys in other cities for the purpose of giving the members of the Victoria Bowling Association and those who play the game opportunities of frequent practice in outside games. There are some residing outside the city anxious to get back into the game and the company will provide alleys in centres where support is likely to be found.

The executive of the Victoria bowling association has given its support to the consolidation and the members believe it will prove a popular move. The Douglas street alleys will be used for the last time to-night after which all games and cup matches will be rolled at the Elite alleys Fort street.

After the installation of the extra alley there, it is the intention of the management to hold an opening night the date of which will be advertised in due course.

MAN DROWNED.

Gananoque, Ont., April 13.—Three young men of Gananoque, named Wheeler, Gauthier and McCabe, started about 10:30 Monday night in a skiff for their trapping camp at Howe Island. They were in a partially intoxicated condition when leaving Gananoque. About one hundred feet from the shore, and in six feet of water, their skiff capsized. Wheeler and Gauthier, who were not so heavily dressed as McCabe, succeeded in reaching land.

This morning about 11 o'clock McCabe's body was found in a stooping position in about four feet of water. He had evidently become exhausted, as the bottom of the river in that place is very muddy. He was brought to Gananoque this afternoon, and the inquest will be held to-morrow. McCabe was about 30 years of age, and leaves a wife and small family.

An attempt to regulate the height of the electric sky-signs of New York has failed.

**OAK BAY'S SALE
OF DEBENTURES****SUBJECT DISCUSSED
AT COUNCIL MEETING****Clerk of Municipality Ex-
plained the Whole
Situation.**

At the close of the meeting of the Oak Bay council Tuesday Reeve Henderson brought up a matter which he said he thought needed disposing of at once. There were rumors going around that the clerk, F. J. Floyd, had not acted judiciously in the matter of disposing of the debentures of the municipality. He said he thought the clerk should be given an opportunity to explain.

Councillor Pemberton said the clerk had consulted him as chairman of the finance committee and he had authorized the closing with the offer as he considered to purchase at par was a good offer. When later they were offered one per cent more the offer came too late. He thought the par offer was the best they had received for a long time.

Councillor Newton substantiated what Councillor Pemberton had said. He had heard some talk but he thought what had been said was very foolish. The clerk had put through a number of good deals for the municipality and had saved them much money.

The clerk when called upon said that five weeks ago he had met one of the representatives of the Dominion Securities company who had asked if they could get a chance to purchase some of the municipal debentures. Being asked how much they would give another representative of the company met him later and made an offer in writing to buy at par. The clerk at once sent a message to the bank and asked them for an offer for the same debentures. They bid the same amount, but that offer gave the municipality an advantage in the matter of redemption of coupons. After discussing the matter with the Finance committee members it was decided to accept the offer of the bank.

After the debentures had been sold the representative of the securities company was notified and he replied that he thought they had not been used fairly. He then offered to give 101 for the debentures and later made an even higher offer. It was however impossible to accept the higher offer as the debentures had been already sold.

Councillor Noble made an objection to the borrowing of this money before a referendum was held. He said that the council had any power to pass a by-law. City Barrister Taylor had been asked for his opinion and on April 8th gave it, to the effect that the legality of the council's action was not within the power of the city nor of the province. The Dominion had by statute which was in force, though not enforceable without the consent of the attorney-general of the province, legislated as to Sunday closing. This opinion merely confirmed what had always been the advice given the council. His worship referred to the cases of the Hamilton Electric Railway Company and the Vancouver barbers' case, where municipal Sunday regulations were held to be ultra vires. He assured the deputation that the council was quite alive to the question and that if it had power a by-law would have been passed long ago.

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**SUNDAY CLOSING
OF ALL STORES****DEPUTATION URGES
ACTION BY COUNCIL****Mayor Quotes Opinion of Legal
Advisers That City Has
No Power to Act.**

The closing of all places of business on Sunday was urged by a deputation which waited upon the city council on Tuesday before the regular business began. Upon the vote of the citizens in January, asking for the closing of all stores, the deputation based its request. On that occasion, in reply to the referendum question, "Shall Sunday closing of all stores be enforced throughout the city?" 2,543 citizens voted, 1,138 in favor, 1,000 against and 255 ballots being spoiled.

In the deputation were represented the local branch of the Lord's Day Alliance, the W. C. T. U. and the adult Bible classes of the various churches. Those present were: Noah Shakespeare, Rev. W. M. Rochester, western secretary Day Alliance, Rev. C. Burnett, Rev. A. E. Roberts, George Carter, W. H. Parsons, Alex. Menagh, A. Whitehead, J. C. McCallum, Mrs. Field, W. C. T. U.; Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. McKewen, Mrs. Jennings.

Noah Shakespeare was the spokesman of the deputation, and told the council that they represented a strong and growing feeling among the people of Victoria, in common with the rest of the Dominion, that the Sabbath should be properly observed and the laws to that end enforced. At the municipal elections the people had instructed the council to enact a by-law closing the places which still remained open on Sunday, and they were asking why this had not been done.

W. H. Parsons presented a resolution adopted by the young men's Bible class of the Centennial Methodist church, urging upon the council the necessity of closing all stores on Sunday and asking why this had not been done. Mr. Parsons said that during the tourist season, when thousands of people visited the city a business of this kind was not only a nuisance but a disgrace. He thought they had not been used fairly. He then offered to give 101 for the debentures and later made an even higher offer. It was however impossible to accept the higher offer as the debentures had been already sold.

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**NEED \$50,000
FOR NEW SEWERS****LOAN BYLAW WILL BE
PUT BEFORE PEOPLE****Beacon Hill Park—Military
Training—Lighting the
Causeway.**

Owing to the amount of other business before it the city council did not get down to the estimates Tuesday. Mayor Hall intimated that when they come up he will propose that the council take up the matter of permanent improvement of main thoroughfares and make up their minds whether to make it a loan for the purpose or have it done on the local improvement system. The work could not be done out of revenue, but it might be done. There was more traffic on the main streets outside the fire limits than there was on many of the side streets inside.

Ald. Turner suggested that the matter be taken up on Friday night. He said it was quite in line with the idea and believed in getting at it at once.

The council decided to put through a by-law for a \$50,000 additional loan for sewer purposes, to be submitted to the people with several paving by-laws now pending.

Military Training.

Mayor Hall's proposal to set aside \$500 towards an endowment fund to send young citizens to the Royal Military college did not come up for settlement, but was touched on.

A petition against it from several citizens was received.

Mayor Hall remarked that the amount was not a large one—it would not do much street work—while the value of the money was incalculable. Even though the Dominion dealt with defence in general the cities had a duty to perform as well.

Ald. McKewen thought it would be better for the Dominion government to take up the matter and apportion the number of students from each province.

Ald. Bishop favored spending the money in aiding the cadet corps which was a recruiting ground for the militia.

Mayor Hall suggested that an endowment like this would be assisting the cadet corps in giving the boys something to work for.

Through the taking of a utilitarian point of view. The theory was all right when the city could afford it, he said, but at present, when there was not half enough money for street work, the city could not afford to spend any money in this way.

Local Improvement Work.

Ald. Fullerton voiced the feeling of some old residents, who thought that four-fifths of the