

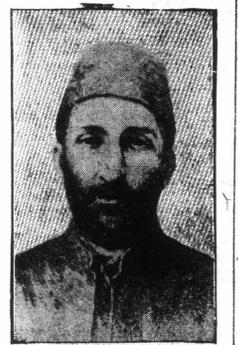
DESERTED BY SOLDIERS SULTAN DECIDES THAT HE MUST ABDICATE

Abdication of Sick Man Expected at Any Hour

Young Turks Choose His Successor—Advance Upon City

Constitutional Army at City's Gates Without Meeting Opposition

Death List at Adana Num- bers 400—Murder of Missionaries



THE SULTAN OF TURKEY.

BULLETIN—Abdication of the Sultan Likely—His Successor Named—Constitutional Forces Reach Gates of City Without Encountering Resistance—Further Advance Withheld Until Force is Increased—Deaths at Adana Number 400.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 19.—The most important feature of the situation in the Turkish capital today was the report that Sultan Abdul Hamid had abdicated. It caused the greatest excitement in the lobbies of parliament and spread with lightning-like rapidity throughout the city. A rumor of the flight of the sultan on a warship followed closely on that of his abdication, but neither could be confirmed. Large crowds gathered at the British embassy, where other reports had it the sultan had taken refuge and there were also scores of inquiring the truth of the rumor that his majesty was under the protection of Russia on one of the guardships.

KNOWLEDGE DENIED.

At both of these embassies all knowledge of the sultan's movements was denied, and the Turkish foreign office also gave a strong denial to one and all of these rumors. The abdication of Abdul Hamid, however, appears not to be improbable and it is believed that within a day or two the Constitutionalists may accept as his successor Prince late sultan, who is second in line. They are strongly displeased with Abdul Hamid's attitude. The palace today was under strong guard and even high officials were not permitted to enter.

The advance of the Constitutional forces began this afternoon. Small parties were sent out to reconnoitre and at seven o'clock in the evening they were within sight of the gates of Constantinople. They encountered no resistance, nor does any resistance seem likely unless at the palace. The headquarters of the Constitutionalists are at Besebasan, and General Huseini Pasha's forces, which now number between 20,000 and 30,000, occupy a range of hills about 20 miles from the capital. Every hour reinforcements are adding to their numbers.

SECRET SITTING.

At a secret sitting of the chamber today the deputies refused to act on a vote of confidence in the government, and it was unanimously decided to postpone the discussion of the government's programme until Saturday, which gives the government a fresh lease of life until then. It was apparent that the chamber was hostile towards the cabinet, owing to the fact that many of the Ministers were identified with the old regime.

The grand vizier, Tewfik Pasha, read a declaration, explaining that he had assumed office from patriotic motives at the moment of a crisis, to save the country and constitution, which everybody agreed to be endangered by recent events. He had been unable to prepare a programme, he said, but was doing his utmost to cope with the situation. He counted upon the support of the deputies and was ready to resign if their confidence were withheld. He concluded by announcing the signing of the Turkish-Bulgarian protocol.

WITHHOLD ADVANCE.

It is not likely that the entire army will reach the capital for some little time, as Huseini Pasha and his military associates deem it advisable to withhold their advance until they are strong enough to win success by overwhelming numbers. They hope that the so-called reactionary opposition will yield without fighting. The bringing up of the reinforcements is under the direction of Nisazi Bey and Enver Bey. The civil direction of affairs continues at Salonki, at which place constant communication is maintained with Constantinople.

DEATHS NUMBER 400.

It is announced officially that the deaths at Adana during the rioting numbered 400, among the killed being many Turks. The telegraph lines to the provinces, however, are badly interrupted, and details of the massacres at Adana, Tarsus and other places are lacking.

Even though the rumors of the Sultan's abdication are unconfirmed they seem to produce a feeling of distinct relief in Constantinople and the advance of the Salonki army, which is slow but steady, makes the settlement of the question of administration a matter of hours. The general belief is held that the enveloping movement will be completed by tomorrow night or early Wednesday morning. The soldiers of the garrison appear to be thoroughly cowed by the advance of the third army corps, and the only cause for apprehension is the attitude of the fleet, which is held to be doubtful.

GIVEN TO 10 TO ABDICATE.

PARIS, April 19.—A special dispatch from Constantinople says that the Young Turks have given the sultan until 10 p. m. to abdicate. According to the dispatch Mr. Zinovieff, the Russian ambassador, is conducting the negotiations and the Russian cruiser Admiral Greig, from Athens, is lying in the Bosphorus ready to take off the sultan.

Further proof of the unlikelihood of resistance to the Young Turks army and of the desire of the authorities to have the Sultan's abdication is found in the orders issued today for the preparation of military trains for the transport of the six thousand troops of the Constantinople garrison to Anatolia. This will mean the removal from the capital of all participants in Tuesday's revolt.

WOULD NULLIFY COURT'S ACTION ABOUT NINETY BILLS SO FAR

FREDERICTON, April 19.—Up to the present time about ninety bills have been presented to the house, and as tomorrow is the last day fixed for the acceptance of private bills it is estimated that all are now pretty well in. Last year there were a few over a hundred before the house, so this year is about an average one. The public accounts committee up to the present time have held but three of their meetings, but it will not take more than that number to complete the examination. There is little doubt that the prorogation will take place at the end of next week.

The river continues to fall and the weather remains cold. The steamer Elaine arrived from St. John at six o'clock this evening and reports little difficulty in the run. She returns in the morning.

GOVERNMENT TOO LIBERAL WITH THE DRUMMONDS

Royalty Provisions Lasting for 80 Years Severely Criticised—Company Also Gets Big Water Privileges—Game Act Passed.

FREDERICTON, April 19.—Replies were given to a number of inquiries. The house went into committee and considered the bill in aid of the development of the Gloucester iron deposits.

Mr. Byrne said he wished to correct an impression that seemed to have gone abroad that he was opposed to giving assistance to the Drummond iron company. He was at all times desirous that the company should have every encouragement, but he did object to the clause of the bill which fixed a royalty of five cents a ton for a term of 80 years. He thought the provision was altogether too liberal. In other mining leases issued by the government there was no royalty. The royalty could be increased or diminished at the will of the government, and he thought such provision should have been retained in the leases issued to the Drummond Company.

Mr. Tweeddale said that the history of iron mining in the province showed that it was not a speculative enterprise, and there was no doubt that the iron deposits in this province were superior in both quantity and quality. It was very desirable that the company be given every encouragement and assistance for the establishing of this industry, but there was a possibility of going too far, and the possibility had been just pointed out. The house should bear in mind that the company had in connection with their enterprise magnificent water power that could be utilized, and in view of the fact that the nominal royalty for eighty years was going too far.

The royalty clause of the bill passed without amendment. When the section giving the company the privilege of erecting a dam in the Nepisiguit River was under discussion Mr. Byrne inquired if it was the intention to make the company pay for the privilege of using the water power. Hon. Mr. Hazen said that was done in the case of the company which erected the dam in Aroostook River, and he had no objection to the similar provision in the bill under discussion. In fact there was already a clause giving the governor-in-council power to make and enforce regulations for carrying on work and he thought that would permit them to impose a rental fee if thought advisable.

The bill was agreed to, as was also the bill to authorize the municipality of Victoria to make temporary loans. The game act was read a third time and passed. The House adjourned at six o'clock.

MONTEREAL, April 19.—None of the seven aldermen unseated on Saturday by the court of review attempted to take their seats at today's meeting of the City Council, though most of them were in attendance in the ante-room, and from that point of vantage listened to their former fellow members debate on an application to the legislature for an act nullifying the decision of the court restoring the aldermen to their former position and regularizing the objectionable expenditure.

This resolution was passed unanimously. In the meantime the civic funds remain tied up. The approval of the finance committee is necessary before the council can pass the expenditures, and as there is no finance committee this approval cannot be secured. It is hoped the legislature will lend a willing ear to the cry of distress and place the unseated aldermen once more in good standing and thus enable the city to meet its obligations.

DEFENCE ONE SIX ITALIANS OF INSANITY WILL TESTIFY FOR DEFENSE

Trial of Captain Hains Begins NO ALIENISTS

McIntyre to Leave Question Sanity With the Jury

FLUSHING, L. I., April 19.—That the "unhinged" will not figure in the trial of Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., U. S. A., for the murder of William E. Annis, at the Bayside Yacht Club last week, was the positive statement made today by John F. McIntyre, chief counsel for the defence, at the opening of the trial before Justice Garretson in the supreme court.

McIntyre said that he would not call any alienists to show that his client was insane, but would leave it to the jury to decide as to his mental condition at the time of the shooting. District Attorney Dewitt of Queens County, who is prosecuting the case, announced that he would retain three alienists to combat any testimony of insanity which the defence might offer.

ASTORIA, Ore., April 19.—

George C. Cooke, the Halifax representative of the steamship company which is to operate the South Shore route in place of the Senlac Company, is in the city a guest at the Royal Hotel.

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Two St. John men, S. D. Scott and W. B. Tennant, have been nominated to fill vacancies which will be created this spring among representatives of the Alumni Society of Mount Allison Board of Regents. The former students of the university. Others nominated are Hon. C. W. Robinson, '86, of Moncton; C. C. Ayard, '88, of Sackville; Rev. A. S. Rogers, '91, and Mayor Picard, Sackville, former students of the institution. From these two are to be elected at the meeting of the society in June. E. R. Machum is already one of the society's representatives on the board.

Tomorrow sees civic election here. There will be two contests, one for the mayoralty, with Mayor Pickard and S. W. Corp as opponents, the other in West Ward, where two aldermen are to be chosen from three candidates, Aldermen Anderson and Esterbrooke and Mr. C. E. Lund. Other aldermen have been elected as follows: North ward, Charles W. Fawcett, Fred B. Doncaster, East ward, Robert Duncan, Woodford Turner, South ward, John Johnson, Henry Read.

IS CONFIDENT NOW ROAD WILL BE BUILT

W. E. Foster, Back From
Ottawa, Optimistic Over
Project

MANY CHARTERS GRANTED ROADS

OTTAWA, Ont., April 19.—A return obtained in the commons this afternoon shows the liberal way in which parliament has granted railway charters in the past twenty years. In the two decades from 1888 to 1908 exclusive charters granted to the Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunk, Grand Trunk Pacific and Canadian Northern, two hundred and thirty-three charters have been granted to railway companies, authorizing an aggregate construction of 63,809 miles. Of the total number of com-

IF FIGHTING OCCURS IN CITY LOSS OF LIFE WILL BE GREAT

This is the Opinion of Army Officers Who Witnessed the Revolutionary Outbreak in Turkish Capital Last Tuesday--Foreign Opinion Favorable to Young Turks

LONDON, April 19.—"Should fighting occur on the streets of Constantinople the loss of life among the civilians would be enormous," is the opinion of an American army officer who witnessed the revolutionary outbreak at the Turkish capital of last Tuesday. "As an instance," the officer continued, "there was a clash Tuesday night between two small sections of soldiers. Three soldiers were killed and seven were wounded, whereas the casualties among civilians amounted to sixty. This is accounted for by the fact that the populace apparently without fear mingled freely with the troops and received a large number of the bullets intended for the rebels."

This officer estimates that at least 1,000,000 rounds of ball cartridges were fired Tuesday night to celebrate the success of the revolt and he believes that many women and children must have been killed or wounded in their homes, as the walls of the houses have no more resisting power than so much paper.

Foreign Young Turks

Foreign public opinion in Turkey is strongly favorable to the Young Turks contention that the revolt of Tuesday was engineered by the reactionaries, but it is not believed that the sultan has any knowledge of their intentions. The Liberal Union, which was supposed to be the head of the movement, is without great influence. The reactionaries used the name of the union in their banner, they hoped to abolish the constitution and restore the old regime. Their momentary success might have been averted had the government taken a firm stand.

HAS NOVEL IDEAS IN RAISING SHEEP

Inventive Genius of
Dr. Graham Bell
NEW BRAND OF SHEEP
Dr. Bell Professes Himself
Highly Pleased With
Results Attained

Not the least interesting of the results being achieved by Dr. Alexander Graham Bell in the world of science are those having to do with agriculture. For some years Dr. Bell has devoted a considerable portion of his time to the raising of sheep. The results attained have more than amply repaid him for the money and labor spent.

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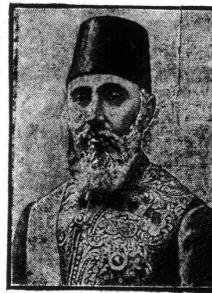
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NOVA SCOTIA HOUSE AGAINST PROHIBITION

HALIFAX, April 19.—The prohibition resolution introduced in the provincial legislature ten days ago, and which has been the subject of almost continuous debate since, was put to vote this afternoon and lost, 23 to 8. The five members of the opposition voted for the resolution and three members of the government came over, making eight all told.

NOVA SCOTIA ESTIMATES.

HALIFAX, April 19.—The provincial estimates were brought down in the legislature today. The receipts are estimated at \$1,842,944 and the expenditure at \$1,634,004. Royalty from mines is expected to yield \$645,000; succession duties, \$75,000; subsidies from the dominion, \$610,464, and interest on Halifax and Southwestern Railway mortgage, \$142,730.



TEWFIK PASHA.

face and that members of the American embassy were conspicuous, going among the people to ascertain the reasons for the uprising. Nasim Pasha, former minister of justice, who was shot by mistake for the minister of marine, was on his way to parliament from Paris, where he had been calling on American friends, when he was killed.

GAME PRESERVE WILL COVER A MILLION ACRES

TORONTO, April 19.—It is understood that a one million acre forest in the Rainy River district, set aside April 1st by order-in-council, will be declared a game preserve and the wardens will also act as game wardens. This land takes in Hunter's Island and the territory west and north. On the American side a great national forest of equal size was set aside by Theodore Roosevelt, Feb. 13. The Minnesota legislature recently passed a bill which is awaiting the governor's signature, declaring all national forest within state game preserves and also giving the fish and game commission of that state power to declare as a preserve certain territory not included in the national reserve, which lies between its eastern end and the Canadian boundary.

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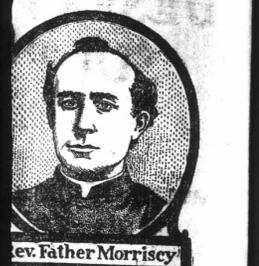
FINGERS OUT OFF IN FAMILY FIGHT

At a Brittany farm a scene of almost incredible savagery has taken place, a quarrel between four brothers resulting in a desperate fight. They kicked, bit, and brandished hatchets, and yelled like wild beasts, and when the tumult had subsided the police found several fingers on the ground.

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MAY BILL THE HOUSE

an Amendment Should Not be More Than \$40 Number of Bills

could be furnished cheaper the turning industries if they would be given an opportunity to ob-

ONE REASON WHY.

weeney said one reason why was so high in Moncton was because the city had to pay so great a rate for the electric company for energy and franchise. The tramway franchise was practical and they were now asking that he believed was one of the most profitable franchises ever granted to a city. As the company was going into direct competition with the city of Moncton it seemed to him reasonable they should be compensated at \$40 per horse

RIGHT TO EXPROPRIATE.

Robinson thought a clause should be inserted giving the city of Moncton the right to expropriate street railway lines in the future if they wish to do so. He thought, in fact, that provision should be inserted in giving companies public utilities or else a general act be passed to apply to all such

Murray agreed with the hon. for Westmorland, that such an act would be a wise provision in the interests of the public, but he did not think, however, that it would be fair to incorporate such a clause in parliament before the committee had seen it general. The bill was read.

Robinson presented a similar from six hundred residents of Moncton. The bill was read in committee with Mr. Robinson in the chair, and agreed to amend act to incorporate the and Campbellton Railway Co., incorporate Corinthian Masonic

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