

ABDICATION OF ABDUL HAMID IS IMMINENT

Tottering Throne of Turkey Is About to Fall.

ARMY IS AT CAPITAL GATES

Consternation Rules in City and No Resistance Is Looked For.

MORE THAN 1000 ARE SLAIN

In Asia Minor Moslems Are Burning and Pillaging.

TWO MISSIONARIES DEAD

French and German Warships Are on Way to Scene—Adana Still Burns and Inhabitants Flee for Lives From Mohammedans.

SULTAN MAY ABDICATE HIS THRONE TODAY. (Special.)—General Huseini Pasha has just issued by telegraph from Thessalonika a notice to foreign Ambassadors and the Ottoman government announcing that the army will tomorrow commence its march on Constantinople. He adds that the sole object of this march is the punishment of those who are to blame for the events of last Tuesday and that the commander-in-chief guarantees to preserve order, foreigners not being in the slightest danger, as they are regarded as guests of Turkey and therefore sacred. It is probable that the Sultan will abdicate tomorrow.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 18.—The most serious crisis in the history of the Turkish Empire is thought to be at hand. It is persistently rumored that Abdul Hamid, forced by the uprising against the tyranny of the party in power, will abdicate the throne tomorrow. The Committee of Union and Progress, representing the party of the Young Turks, with whom are allied the revolting Salonika soldiers, are endeavoring to regain the power obtained by the revolution of last July, which has been gradually undermined by the cleverness of the Sultan in getting rid of or winning over by bribes the leaders. The Salonika soldiers are at the gates of the city and threaten to enter tomorrow. The military in the capital is in a state of fear and no resistance is looked for.

Pillaging in Asia Minor. To complicate the situation, an uprising is in progress in Asia Minor in which more than 1000 people have been slain, among them two missionaries, and untold property damage has been done. Foreigners and many Christians have taken refuge in the consulates. The local troops and the Governor are doing their best to protect the towns, but there is great fear that it cannot hold out much longer against the invasion of the Moslems, who are sweeping down in large numbers. The American vice-consul at Mesina, John Debbas, has been unable to proceed to Adana, owing to the interruption of communication. A British warship is proceeding to Alexandretta, which is threatened by the Moslems. Several Armenian farms in that neighborhood have been destroyed. Kurds in Uprising. Alarm is felt at Kharput because of serious depredations by the Kurds in the surrounding villages, although the town itself has not been the scene of any particular disorders. The tension in Turkey over the situation is very great. The people of the capital are more concerned with the advance of the Salonika troops than they are with the massacres reported from various quarters. Several members of the Parliamentary deputation which went to Thessalonika to reassure the Salonika troops returned here today. They report the troops demand the safe conduct and protection of the Salonika deputies who fled from the capital and the punishment of the ringleaders of Tuesday's rising. Will Not Enter Capital. The army concentrating at Thessalonika has promised not to enter Constantinople. (Concluded on Page Three.)

HOBSON EASIEST OFFICER TO SPARE

SAMPSON THEREFORE SENT HIM TO SINK MERRIMAC.

Fighting Bob Sheds Light of His Opinion on Famous Incident of Spanish War.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—In the course of a lecture today, on the Spanish-American War, or such portions of it as came directly under his notice as commander of the battleship Iowa, Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans, retired, mentioned the sinking of the Merrimac in Santiago harbor, saying he never knew just why Admiral Sampson had selected Lieutenant Hobson to command that expedition, "unless it was the Admiral thought he could spare him better than any other officer of the fleet. Admiral Evans recounted an incident on the Iowa when a heavy battle hatch was picked up by a cable and carried above his head. It was shaken loose and fell, striking Evans on the shoulder and dislocating the joint. "Contrary to my reputation," said the Admiral, "I had not taken a drink in five years, but when I regained consciousness the doctor was standing over me with a glass of fine French brandy. I drank it, and when he asked me how I felt I replied that I felt like a gentleman for the first time in five years." Admiral Evans besought his hearers to work for a larger Navy. He said both coasts must be protected by battleship fleets, as it would be impossible to bring a fleet through the Panama Canal, because a hostile fleet could wait for and sink its vessel one at a time.

MINERS FROZEN IN FLOOD

High Tide in Far North Engulfs Men While They Sleep.

VALDEZ, Alaska, April 18.—(Special.)—While asleep in their tent on the beach at Kachemak Bay, near Homer, two hunters were killed and a third badly frozen as a result of an extreme high tide freezing their tent. The men were on a hunting trip and camped on the beach above the high tide line. During the night a blizzard arose which carried the water over the spit they were occupying and over their heads. They lost all their clothing and supplies and while groping about in the darkness and storm without means of starting a fire, two men, Miller and Valentine, were overcome by cold and died. The survivor, Jack Kares, managed to keep from freezing until the next day, when he was picked up by Indians and taken to Seldovia, where he is now under the doctor's care. Kares will probably lose both feet.

SENORA CASTRO DEFENDS

Says Husband Had No Idea of Starting Revolution.

PORT LIMON, Costa Rica, April 18.—The steamer Guadalupe has arrived here with Senora Castro, the wife of the ex-President of Venezuela, on board. She did not land, but said she would go to St. Nazaire on the steamer. Senora Castro said it had been her husband's intention to come to Costa Rica, but he was prevented by the French government.

"My husband is not thinking of revolution," she said. "He has made no purchase of war implements. The news that he intended to start an insurrectionary movement is false."

AVALON FINDS NEW FISH

Finny Species Has Beard Like That of Goat, and Blue Eyes.

AVALON, Catalina Islands, Cal., April 18.—A fish nine inches long, with a beard did not look unlike that of a goat, blue eyes, and a "countenance" similar to that of a sheephead fish, was caught by a seaman today. Nobody learned in fish lore has been able to classify it.

BREAD PRICES UP; MANY SHOPS CLOSE

Wagon Drivers, Too, Want More Pay.

WHEAT HIGHER, PATTEN SAYS

Flour in Chicago Expected to Go to \$7 a Barrel.

RYE FLOUR IS IN DEMAND

Housewives Seek Substitute—Master Bakers in Windy City Say 2 Cents Will Be Added to Price of Bread Loaves.

CHICAGO, April 18.—(Special.)—Following in the wake of the action of Jewish bakers of Chicago, in increasing the price of bread and biscuits, definite announcement came today from President Mathias Schmiedinger of the Master Bakers' Association that 1 cent and possibly 2 cents will be tacked onto the price of bread before May 1. After a thorough canvass of the situation, Mr. Schmiedinger declared that bakers throughout the city face the alternative of charging more for their product or going into bankruptcy. The Master Bakers' Association, which represents nearly all of the bread bakers throughout the city, will meet next Saturday, and it is said to be certain that at that time a decision will be reached to give bread prices a substantial boost.

Wagon-Drivers Want More Pay.

The case begun some time ago to invalidate the municipal bread ordinance will be decided by the Illinois Supreme Court within a few days and if the decision is held to be legal, master bakers declare that 2 cents will be added to the present cost for a loaf of bread. The high cost of flour is not the only problem confronting the bakers of Chicago. Their employees, including the bakery wagon drivers, are demanding more wages.

Scores of Bakeries Closed.

More than 50 bakeries in this city have been driven out of business within a comparatively short time, on account of the high price of materials and the enforcement of the ordinance pertaining to sanitation.

James A. Patten, leader in the big wheat campaign, remained at his home in Evanston today and no comment on the wheat situation was forthcoming from him. The "wheat wizard" is planning to unload more of his holdings of the May cereal during the coming week and apparently is unshaken in his belief that wheat prices will continue to go upward.

Prices Continue Upward.

Other wheat experts said today that they expected present high prices to prevail for some time. A majority of them predict higher wheat. Some of the principal flour dealers of this city ridicule the idea of bakers forcing up the price of bread. They say advantage is being taken of the excitement over wheat to turn out smaller, inferior loaves of bread and charge a higher price. These dealers say the highest price being paid for flour in Chicago today is \$6.50 a barrel. If wheat goes 2 cents higher, flour will advance to \$7 a barrel.

On account of the heavy cost of wheat (Concluded on Page 2.)

SUICIDE HINTS AT DIABOLICAL PLOT

DISTURBING MESSAGE LEFT BY PARIS TREASURY AGENT.

Investigation Will Follow Death of William Bainbridge, Who Feared Man's Revenge.

PARIS, April 18.—"I am the victim of the most diabolical plot ever made to ruin an innocent man." This was the message contained in a farewell letter found in the effects of William Bainbridge, confidential agent of the United States Treasury Department in charge of its Paris Customs Bureau, who committed suicide yesterday. Mr. Bainbridge's colleagues at the American Consulate are unable to throw any light on these tragic words. They say they know nothing of a plot involving the agent.

Lately it was noticed that Bainbridge was extremely nervous from overwork and worry when engaged in ferreting out information in connection with the New York trunk smuggling cases. Consul-General Mason continues to believe that Mr. Bainbridge had become insane. Mrs. Bainbridge, however, without hesitation, expressed belief in her husband's words. She explains his assertion by the fact that her husband for a week prior to his suicide was completely possessed by the idea that a former Treasury agent had been plotting his ruin in revenge for dismissal.

It is understood that an investigation will be made into the statements communicated to Mrs. Bainbridge by her husband, which have not as yet assumed the shape of direct charges. In his report to Washington, the Consul-General probably will refer to the peculiar circumstances of Mr. Bainbridge's death.

STICKS IN CEMENT BARREL

As Is Necessary to Free Carpenter After Fall.

Two carpenters employed on the house of J. G. Schmidt, on East Fifteenth and East Ankeny streets, met with a singular accident Saturday afternoon, one being imbedded in a barrel of cement and the other left clinging to the ceiling when the scaffold upon which they were working gave way. They were putting up a girder when suddenly the scaffold dropped from under them. One carpenter shot downward into a barrel half filled with cement, where he stuck fast. The other carpenter was left hanging to the ceiling. Mr. Smith and Architect Otto Kiehmman first relieved the man hanging to the ceiling, and then rescued his companion from the cement barrel. It was necessary to break the barrel to pieces to get the man out.

HAILESTONES ARE HEAVY

Iowa Pelted With Ice Balls Weighing Half a Pound.

DES MOINES, Iowa, April 18.—A terrible hail and wind storm struck Des Moines and Central Iowa today. Plate glass windows in downtown stores were blown in and cellars were flooded. At Stuart, hailstones weighing half a pound fell, doing much damage to peach buds.

AMZI L. BARBER IS DEAD

Head of Barber Asphalt Paving Company Passes.

NEW YORK, April 18.—Amzi Lorenzo Barber, head of the Barber Asphalt Paving Company, died early today at Ardley Park. Mr. Barber returned from California, where he had been for his health, only two weeks ago, and shortly afterward was stricken with pneumonia. (Concluded on Page Three.)

CUT IN EXPENSES TO MEET INCOME

New Tariff Bill Is Weak in Revenue.

ECONOMY TO BE WATCHWORD

Fewer Government Buildings for Country Villages.

DEBATE TO BEGIN TODAY

Republicans and Democrats Evince Desire for Early Action on Payne Tariff Measure. Light Work in House.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—(Special.)—It is charged that the tariff bill will not raise revenue enough to run the Government. Very well, then, the Government must cut its expenses to fit the income. That is the position of the Senate leaders. They have decided that they will permit no revenue measure other than that of pure tariff to go into the bill. It is their firm belief that in a short time the Government will equal that of 1907, but they are prepared, they say, to cut expenses until the expenses fit the income.

Fewer Public Buildings.

Just how this will be done they will not say, if they know, but there is likely to be a retrenchment in the Army budgets, fewer public buildings will be erected in country villages, the cost of administering the various departments of the Government will be reduced, and economy will be the watchword everywhere.

It will not be pleasant news for those who are on the Government payrolls, but it is likely to be a good campaign issue when the next Presidential struggle rolls around. Of course, there will be a reaction when the talk comes of curtailing soil surveys, free seed, harbor improvements, forest work and such, but economy is the watchword, and the Senate is going to show the way.

Debate Begins Today.

Tariff debate in the Senate will begin immediately tomorrow after the close of routine business. Senator Aldrich, chairman of the committee on finance, will make a general statement supporting the bill and will be followed by Senator Daniel, senior Democratic Senator, who will outline the Democratic position. Senator Aldrich will explain the various changes made by his committee and undertake to show that the bill as reported will be a strong revenue producer. Senator Daniel will take the opposite view. They declare that the weakness of the Payne-Aldrich bill is that it will not insure sufficient income to permit the Government to proceed without the addition of other features.

Democrats for Income Tax.

The Democratic Senators will urge an income tax as the most rational and most profitable means of increasing the receipts. They will have the support of some of the Republican Senators, but will not receive assistance from any of the members of the committee on finance. There will be a sharp dividing line between general debate and the discussion of amendments to the schedules. Immediately after the close of the Aldrich (Concluded on Page Three.)

MAN, COUGAR, DOG AND CLUB MIX IT

CANINE SAVES LIFE OF YOUTH NEAR SPOKANE.

After Freeing Himself From Claws of Mountain Lion, Lad Runs to House for Gun.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 18.—(Special.)—Louis Johnson, 18 years old, son of Gust Johnson, of Johnson & Son, butchers, had an exciting experience with a mountain lion late yesterday afternoon.

Young Johnson was hunting cattle, and, when passing under a tree near the slaughter-house, saw a large shadow coming toward him. Dodging instinctively, he miraculously escaped the full force of the animal, a large cougar, which had sprung from the tree upon him. He was not quick enough to avoid the sharp claws, and was severely scratched about the face and head.

A large cattle dog, an inseparable companion of the young man, fiercely attacked the lion after its spring upon his master. Johnson extricated himself from the fighting pair, seized a club and, after laboring the lion for some minutes, chased it up another tree. Running to the house, a short distance, and securing a gun, Johnson returned to finish the fight and found the animal gone.

SAVINGS OF YEARS STOLEN

Man Who Feared to Trust Bank Is Victim of Robbers.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 18.—(Special.)—From a handbag in a trunk of his home at Twelfth avenue South Saturday stole \$1640, representing Richard Gunn's savings of years. Four old English coins and a long gold chain also were taken. The thief left behind a gold watch and \$40.

During the late financial depression Gunn withdrew his money from the bank where it had been on deposit. He feared a bank failure, and took his cash home. Gunn delayed putting the money back on deposit, as he intended using it to pay on another home. During Saturday evening, when the members of the family were away, the door was unlocked with a pass key. The trunk was broken open and the money taken.

DISEASE QUICKLY STRIKES

One Des Moines College Student Goes Blind After Eating.

DES MOINES, Iowa, April 18.—Several Des Moines College co-eds and several male students were stricken today with some mysterious poison at dinner at the Kamaraderie and Altruism Clubs. One may die. The milk used was examined by the State Chemist, W. S. Friable, and the State Dairy Commissioner, H. R. Wright, but no trace of poisons was found.

H. J. Collins fell in convulsions at the door of his room and was stricken blind. It was feared at first he would die. Seven of the victims are in precarious condition.

KLAMATH MAIL BY RAIL

New Service Begun on Line From Weed to Ady on State Line.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., April 18.—(Special.)—Railway mail service will be established on the Klamath Falls branch of the line from Weed tomorrow. At present the train operates only to Ady, at the crossing of the channel into Lower Klamath Lake, but within 30 days will be running. It is expected, through to Klamath Falls. Heretofore only pouch mail had been handled from the main line, with consequent delay and inconvenience to patrons, as well as involving a heavy task in distribution at the Klamath Falls office.

TARDY HONOR PAID TO JOAN OF ARC

Thousands Cheer as Martyr is Beatified.

POPE AIDS IN CEREMONIES

Statue Unveiled as Bells and Voices Peel Forth.

CHEERS COME AT CLIMAX

Pope Presented With Traditional Gifts by Advocates of Beatification at Close After Ceremony.

ROME, April 18.—In the presence of 3000 French pilgrims, virtually all the Bishops of France, many cardinals and family descendants of the new saint, the solemn ceremonies in the beatification of Joan of Arc were carried out in St. Peter's today.

The Pope does not attend beatifications in person, but as a mark of special devotion he assisted at a solemn service replacing the ceremony of veneration of relics, of which none exists in this case. At 9:30 o'clock myriads of electric lights burst out in St. Peter's and the organ thundered. The long procession of cardinals marched in.

Basilica Is Fairy Land.

The basilica presented a fairy-like appearance. It was hung with red velvet draperies and everywhere strings of electric lights were artistically arranged. Huge pictures representing the miracles of Joan of Arc, and her statue were placed over the high altar, but they were veiled.

The ceremony was begun with the reading of the brief, at the last word of which the bells fell. The statue appeared framed with electric bulbs; the bells pealed forth and the massed choir intoned the Te Deum, which was taken up by the vast throng. Many of the pilgrims, overcome, burst into frantic cheers, which were immediately suppressed.

Pope Blesses Pilgrims.

The after ceremonial was no less impressive. The Pope passed through the ranks of kneeling pilgrims, followed by his court and picturesque guards, to the altar. After the singing of the liturgical hymn the advocates for the beatification (Concluded on Page Three.)

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Sultan Abdul Hamid, Whose Position Is Seriously Menaced.



Hilmi Pasha, Who Has Been Thrown Out of Office by Opponents of Hilmi Pasha.