

ABDUL REPORTED TO HAVE GIVEN UP

Abdication in Face of Advancing Enemy.

CAPITAL IS FULL OF RUMORS

Sultan Reported to Have Fled or Hidden.

ARMY ENVELOPING CITY

General of Salonians Demands Abdication—Garrison and Cabinet Ready to Bow Before Invading Force.

TIME LIMIT ON SULTAN.
PARIS, April 19.—A dispatch from Constantinople says the Young Turks have given the Sultan until 10 P. M. to abdicate. According to the dispatch, M. Zinovief, the Russian Ambassador, is conducting negotiations and the Russian cruiser Admiral Tiring, from Athens, is lying in the Bosphorus, ready to take off the Sultan.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 19.—With the Constitutional army steadily enveloping his capital and demanding his head, with a garrison unwilling to defend him, and with a Cabinet ready to surrender to the demands of the patriot army, Sultan Abdul Hamid is reported to have abdicated and fled on a warship or sought refuge in a foreign embassy.

The report that the Sultan had abdicated caused the greatest excitement in the lobbies of Parliament, and followed closely on that of his abdication, but neither could be confirmed.

Xuseff Izzedin to Succeed.
Large crowds gathered at the British embassy, where other reports had it that the Sultan had taken refuge, and there were scores of inquiries at the Russian embassy concerning the truth of the report that the Sultan was under the protection of Russia as one of its guardships. At both of the Sultan's movements was denied and the Turkish Foreign Office gave a strong denial to the rumors.

The abdication of Abdul Hamid, however, appears to be not improbable, and it appears that within a day or two the Constitutionalists will accept as his successor Prince Yussuff Izzedin, the eldest son of the late Sultan, who is second in line, as 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.

Army in Sight of City.
The Constitutional forces sent out small parties to reconnoiter this afternoon, and at 7 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 it is at the palace. The headquarters of the Constitutional army is at Dedegatch, and General Husni 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 being sent to the front.

At a secret sitting of the Chamber today the Deputies refused to act on a vote of confidence in the Cabinet. It was apparent that the Chamber was hostile toward the Cabinet because many of the Ministers were identified with the old regime.

Tewfik Ready to Resign.
The Grand Vizier, Tewfik Pasha, read a declaration, explaining that he had assumed office from patriotic motives at the moment of a crisis, in order to save the country from a constitution, which everybody believed to be endangered. He said he counted upon the support of the Deputies and was ready to withdraw if their confidence were withheld. He concluded by announcing the signing of the Turco-Bulgarian protocol.

It is not likely that the entire army will reach the capital for some little time, as Husni 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.

No Preparation to Resist.
The War Ministry, under Edhem Pasha, has been inactive, except that appointments and promotions have been made to fill the vacancies caused by the killing of officers, which, it is estimated, number 200. There have been virtually no preparations, so far as can be observed, to resist the advance of the Salonica troops.

The city appears very quiet and European and American women are driving about the streets as usual. Admiral and Mrs. C. M. Chester and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Chester, of New York, arrived here yesterday from Palestine.

Garrison Cowed by Advance.
Even though the rumors of the Sultan's abdication are unconfirmed, they seemed to produce a feeling of distinct relief in Constantinople, and the advance of the Salonica army makes the settlement of the question of administration a matter

SOTHERN DIVORCE BLOCKED BY JUDGE

NEVADA JURIST DECLARES PARTIES NON-RESIDENT.

Virginia Harned Never in State and Actor-Husband Merely Passed Through When Served.

RENO, Nev., April 19.—Judge Pike, of the Washoe District Court, announced today his refusal to entertain jurisdiction of the proceedings begun last July by Virginia Harned Sothorn, the actress, for divorce from E. H. Sothorn.

Judge Pike's decision is in effect that Virginia Harned Sothorn cannot obtain a divorce here unless either she or her husband come to the state and take up a bona fide residence.

The particular point settled is that on complaint filed by a non-resident plaintiff, which process served on a non-resident defendant who happens to be in the state temporarily, jurisdiction is not established for divorce proceedings.

Mrs. Sothorn relied on a provision of the divorce law which allows a decree based on service on the defendant in the county where he "may be found." Judge Pike holds that this means "if he may be found as a bona fide resident of the state."

STRUGGLE FOR BEST LINE

Great Northern and St. Paul Both Seek to Occupy Canyon.

KALISPELL, Mont., April 19.—The struggle between the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound and the Great Northern to secure the best available route through the canyon on the north fork above Coram to the Crow's Nest coal field is becoming intense. No expense is spared on either line, and the other of the outlays. New crews are constantly arriving, and it is now estimated that nearly 200 men are at work in the vicinity.

During the week Great Northern crews at work on the line south from Somers were called off and sent into the north fork territory. Saturday the two remaining crews received telegraphic orders to strike camp and proceed with all haste into the contested canyon, reporting to the engineer in charge there.

SHIP AND CREW RESCUED

Drifting Freighter Towed From Danger by Cutter Manning.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., April 19.—With engines broken down and drifting helplessly onto the shore of Whidby Island, the gasoline freighter Stockholm was rescued tonight by the revenue cutter Manning.

A report of the vessel's distress was brought here by a passing tug, which was unable to render assistance, owing to a high westerly gale. Prompt action on the part of Captain Jacobs had the Manning steaming to the rescue.

The freighter was picked up off Marrowstone Point when in imminent danger of being blown ashore under conditions that would have presented but slight hope for the escape of any of the crew of four men.

DEATH RATE EIGHT DAILY

Railroad Statistics for Last Quarter of 1908 Show Decrease.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—One hundred and eighty-four persons were killed and 234 injured in train accidents during the three months ending December 31 last, according to the Interstate Commerce Commission report today. Other kinds of accidents bring the total number of casualties up to 21,614, including 798 killed and 16,816 injured.

This shows a decrease of 2814 as compared with a year ago.

There were 1973 collisions and 1311 derailments, causing \$1,940,133 damages.

MUST QUIT CORPORATIONS

Taft Conditions May Prevent Hughes From Accepting Judgeship.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 19.—The President has telegraphed E. G. Hughes, of Seattle, to whom the Washington Federal Judgeship has been offered, advising that, if he accepts, he must resign from corporations with which he may be connected, and sell his stock in them, including the Post-Intelligencer. With these conditions imposed, it is expected that Mr. Hughes will decline the place.

WIFE'S DEATH KILLS HIM

Dalles Pioneer Succumbs to Paralysis, Due to Shock.

THE DALLES, Or., April 19.—(Special.)—Jeremiah Doherty, aged 80, a resident of this city since 1885, died at the sanatorium this morning, after a lingering illness. Mr. Doherty's wife dropped dead at her home here last Wednesday while talking with a friend, and the shock of her sudden passing away caused the invalid husband to suffer a stroke of paralysis within a few hours.

COTTON FIRE IS BURNING

Over Million Dollars' Loss Expected in Arkansas.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 20.—The St. Louis Cotton No. 2, with 1200 bales of cotton, caught fire after midnight and its total destruction is expected.

The loss will reach \$1,000,000. The fire was not under control at 2 o'clock this morning.

ILLINOIS TOWNS VOTE ON LIQUOR

Prohibitionists Hope to Gain McDonough.

BATTLE IN FOURTEEN PLACES

One Fight Centers in Result of Jerseyville Election.

ZION ALSO HAS PROBLEMS

Dowle's Home Town Will Decide Whether It May Have Drug-Stores and Smoking in Its Many Factories.

CHICAGO, April 19.—(Special.)—Foes of the saloon hope tomorrow to add one more Illinois county to the 37 now entirely dry. Many down-state towns and villages hold their elections, and 14 have the license question up. Many of the others have a saloon issue in one form or another.

McDonough is the county where the prohibitionists expect to make a complete conquest. The only saloons in the county are located in Bushnell, which is voting on the question tomorrow. Last year more than 1000 towns and cities in Illinois voted out the saloons. This Spring the warfare is less strenuous, because the towns are unable to bring up the issue for two years after they have become local option territory. Next year the saloon interests will seek to regain their lost ground, and there promises to be a desperate struggle.

SIXTEEN WET TOWNS

Of the 102 Illinois counties, 16 have only one town in which there are saloons. McDonough is in this list. The 14 towns voting on the question of driving out the saloons today are Carlyle, Lebanon, Naple, Bushnell, Havana, Ke-wanee, Libertyville, O'Leary, Nokomis, Milwaukie, Antioch, Secor, Fulton and Litchfield.

Two weeks ago, when the township elections were held, several voted dry, but no entire counties were added to the dry list.

Jerseyville voted dry a year ago, but legal objections were discovered which enabled the saloons to remain undisturbed. Last week the saloon interests began a suit to invalidate this year's election. Tomorrow the City of Jerseyville elects its Mayor, and law enforcement is the principal issue. An independent ticket is running on a local option platform, while the Democratic ticket is backed by the saloons.

ZION CITY HAS PROBLEMS

At Zion City several of the fundamental laws may be overturned by tomorrow's election. The propositions to be voted upon are:

Shall the town open its doors to all

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JUDGE SUBDUES INSOLENT SPORT

BEATTY CALLS HIS BLUFF WHEN HE TALKS FIGHT.

Rebuked for Violating Rules on Car, Tough Collapses When He Learns Fact.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 19.—(Special.)—Chief Justice Beatty, of the Supreme Court of California, was the central figure and gracefully carried his point in an exciting episode on a crowded Pacific Electric car this afternoon. He was going to Pasadena to see his old friend Carter H. Harrison, ex-Mayor of Chicago, and riding in the forward part of the car. His judicial eye fell upon the sign forbidding passengers to talk to motormen under penalty of law.

Just under this sign, haranguing the motorman, he saw a sporty looking individual with a face like a prizefighter. Judge Beatty stood this as long as he could, then arose and tapped the offender on the shoulder.

"Excuse me, sir, but are you aware that you are breaking one of the laws of this country?" he said.

"Aw, go 'ell," was the sour response. The judge persisted, stated he was a magistrate, and called attention to the sign. The other was feeling ugly.

"D—n you," he yelled, "if it wasn't for your white hair, I'd beat your old face in."

The Chief Justice calmly removed his hat, looked unflinchingly into the ruffian's eyes, and said:

"Don't let that deter you. Forget the gray hairs. My hairs need not stop you. The old justice's fighting dander was up. The conductor came bustling up and Judge Beatty handed him his card, and ordered the lawbreaker's arrest or election. With this the latter learned the judge's identity and he collapsed like a burst balloon. He made abject apologies, and begged so hard that his honor relented and let him go. The passengers cheered Judge Beatty and booed the other man.

HAVE NO RIGHT TO WATER

Supreme Court Decides Against Claims of Riparian Owners.

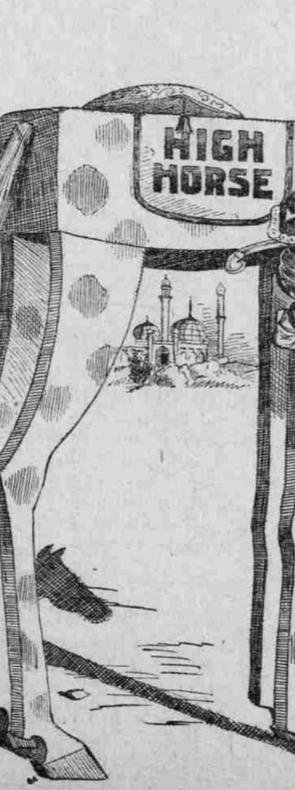
WASHINGTON, April 19.—In the case of the Boquillas Land & Cattle Company, of Arizona, vs. J. N. Curtis and others, the Supreme Court of the United States held today that riparian land-owners could not prevent the taking by others of water out of a stream for irrigation purposes, simply because of such ownership. The Boquillas Company owns all the land on both sides of the San Pedro River for about 15 miles, and it sought by injunction to prevent Curtis and his associates from building a dam and taking water across their land for the purpose of irrigating other property. Today's opinion, delivered by Justice Holmes, affirmed the decision of the lower court.

BOY DRINKS LIQUOR; DYING

Eugene Lad of 15 Believed to Have Been Poisoned by Wood Alcohol.

EUGENE, Or., April 19.—(Special.)—Nattie Nye, a boy 15 years old, is in a precarious condition as the result of drinking a quantity of liquor which is supposed to have contained wood alcohol. He has been in a serious condition since last Thursday, and is unconscious at present. The attending physicians say there is but little hope for recovery, and that the boy may die at any time.

TIME TO COME DOWN?



HARRIMAN MERGER AGAIN ON GRILL

Hearing to Be Held in Portland May 3.

COMMERCE COMMISSION ACTS

Searchlight to Be Turned on Effects of Combination.

MANY WITNESSES CALLED

Interstate Body Will Attempt to Show That Union of Lines in 1901 Destroyed Competition—Prominent Men Are Subpoenaed.

Harriman's merger of the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific lines, carried into effect in 1901, will feel the probe of the Interstate Commerce Commission here May 3. Hearings before a referee of the Federal Court have been fixed for that date in the Federal Courtroom in the Postoffice building. Residents of Portland who are thought to be possessed of information about the workings of the merger are now being summoned to appear and testify.

Thomas McCusker, formerly of the traffic department of the Southern Pacific here, will be one of the witnesses. He was served with a subpoena yesterday. Mr. McCusker testified at the former hearing, being one of the best witnesses for the Commission.

DETECTIVE AND COUNSEL HERE

Special Agent McKenzie of the Department of Justice, who is doing detective work for the Commission, has been joined here by Attorney Huested. The latter held conferences yesterday with United States District Attorney McGowan and with Marshal Reed. The subpoenas appeared soon thereafter, bearing the signatures of Chief Justice Fuller of the Supreme Court of the United States.

The hearing will be held before Judge C. Clements. It is understood that C. A. Severance, attorney for the Commission, who appeared here on the behalf of the Government at the former hearing, will conduct the inquiry in May. H. M. Adams, general freight and passenger agent for the North Bank road, and P. N. Kellack, district agent for the Pennsylvania, among others, have been seen by Mr. McKenzie and may be called as witnesses.

The former hearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission at Portland occupied about a week and ended January 25, 1907. The testimony brought out was given before Franklin K. Lane of the Commission and C. A. Severance, attorney for the Commission, interrogated the witnesses and presented the findings to Commissioner Lane.

When the testimony of local shippers and officials of the Harriman lines was completed, Attorney Severance announced

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PRESIDENT TAFT BECOMES BALL FAN

SEES BOSTON DEFEAT WASHINGTON, 8 TO 4.

Chief Executive Has Good Time Establishing Precedent and Munching on Peanuts.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—President Taft went out to the baseball game today, saw Washington beaten, 8 to 4, by the Boston Americans, was initiated into the mysteries of the "split ball," shared a 5-cent bag of peanuts with Vice-President Sherman, wished hard for Washington to win and said sadly that he hoped he was not a "hoodoo." No one in Washington could recall the day when a President of the United States attended a ball game in this city.

President Taft arrived at the beginning of the second inning. The Vice-President, a dyed-in-the-wool "fan," had gone directly to the grounds from the Senate chamber.

Mr. Sherman kept a detailed score of the game, supplying the President with such statistical information as he asked for, and caused someone in the party to remark that if he ever lost the job of Vice-President he might get a place on Ban Johnson's scoring staff.

The President was disappointed that Washington failed to win, but he said he enjoyed the game and hoped to get out to the park frequently. Mr. Taft was as interested as all the rest. He knows baseball thoroughly and is up on all the finer points of the game.

The day was ideal for the National game. It further had the effect of putting temptation in the President's way when Vice-President Sherman said:

"With weather like this, Mr. President, we ought to play golf twice a week instead of once."

"There is something in what you say, Jim," replied the President.

MAIMED, HE BEGS TO DIE

Boy Run Over by Engine Loses Both Arms and Legs.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 19.—(Special.)—"Kill me; don't let me live with my arms and legs off," cried Verne Walsh, aged 14 years, as he was picked up in the yards of the Great Northern Railway at the foot of Wall street tonight.

He had been run over by a switch engine and both legs and both arms crushed. The wheels had passed over both legs below the knees and both arms below the elbows. The legs and one of the arms were practically severed from the body, but it is believed that one of the arms can be saved.

Just how the accident occurred no one seems to know. Whether young Walsh was playing on the tracks or attempting to board the engine, neither the crew nor those in the vicinity are able to state.

BIGGY DEFIED SPRECKLES

Letter Written Last Year Throws Odd Light on Bay City Graft.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—An evening newspaper publishes what purports to be an official letter from the late Chief of Police Biggy to A. D. Cutler, president of the Board of Police Commissioners, in which he said that on November 16 last he was called upon at his office by Rudolph Spreckles, who charged him openly with being surrounded by "crooks," and with being "an associate of brothel and dive-keepers," and demanded his resignation as Chief of Police. Biggy, in his letter, said that he denied the charges and defied Spreckles to prove them. He then asked for an opportunity to meet the charges before the commissioners.

SHORT ROUTE TO EUROPE

Grand Trunk Pacific Plans Line to Hudson Bay Port.

WINNIPEG, Man., April 19.—Edson J. Chamberlain, general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railroad, announced tonight that in a few days the road would begin constructing branch lines north and south from Melville, Sask.

The company will lose no time in building a through line from the American boundary to Hudson Bay, thus providing farmers of the Middle States with a short winter route to Europe. He also announced the construction of several other branches from the main line into the north country, notably one from Watrous, Sask.

MORE JAP SCANDALS SOON

Affairs of Mikado's Statesmen Will Be Probed to Bottom.

TOKIO, April 20.—The official scandal disclosed by the arrest of nine members of the lower house of the Diet, in connection with the alleged misconduct of the affairs of the Japanese Sugar Company, is steadily growing and more arrests among the legislators are expected. The Department of Justice has announced that it is determined to press the investigation, not only of the Japan Sugar Company, but of every similar concern in the Empire, and to allow no guilty person to escape justice.

DAUGHTER SHOTS FATHER

Woman Declares Old Man's Cruelty Killed Her Brother.

NEW YORK, April 19.—John Wallace, 65 years old, was shot and killed tonight by his daughter Agnes. The motive is not known definitely, although the woman exclaimed hysterically when she was captured: "His cruelty killed my brother."

ENORMOUS OFFER TO AVERT SCANDAL

Smuggled Gowns Were for Social Queens.

LOEB HOT AFTER SMUGGLERS

Declines \$260,000 Offered to Drop Inquiry.

WORRY KILLED BAINBRIDGE

Though Course Approved by Government—Paris Dressmakers Seek to Shield Rich Customers, Gowns Will Be Sold.

NEW YORK, April 19.—The smuggling syndicate that first offered Collector of the Port Loeb \$260,000 to drop the government's investigation of the smuggling of "sleeper" trunks containing \$50,000 worth of Paris gowns increased its offer today to \$200,000, according to Mr. Loeb.

Loeb Can't Be Bought Off.

"The amount now offered the Government to drop the investigation and probable prosecution is \$260,000," said Mr. Loeb. "The amount represents what would be the penalty of fully \$200,000 above the appraised value of the goods. All offers have been refused. We want the smugglers."

It is believed that worry over this case so affected the mind of William G. Bainbridge, confidential agent of the United States Treasury Department in Paris, that he committed suicide. The Treasury Department had fully approved Mr. Bainbridge's course in the case, but he left a note declaring he was the victim of a plot.

Gowns for Wealthy Women.

Mr. Loeb's investigation shows that the smuggled gowns had been made in Paris by famous designers for many women of social prominence and wealth in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Washington and that the reason for offering such a large sum to suppress the investigation was to shield the women from unpleasant publicity.

The collector does not believe that these women know that their gowns were to be smuggled into the country, he would call no more witnesses here on the subject of the merger for he said the facts he intended to show had been

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