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ABDUL HAMID TO LOSE HIS CROWN

Young Turks Decide He Must Abdicate.

HEADS OF CHURCH JOIN THEM

Demand by Sheik-ul-Islam, Assembly and Army.

ALBANIANS HAVE GIVEN UP

Sultan's Guard Surrenders When Bombardment Threatened—Whole Household Captive—Prisoners Harshly Treated.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 26.—The deposition of Sultan Abdul Hamid appears now to be certain, and the 101 guns saluting Mohammed Rechad Effendi as the new ruler of the Empire probably will be heard before the next Selamlik on Friday. The dignitaries of the church care as little for Abdul Hamid as does the Committee of Union and Progress, but the higher clergy are seeking to curb the agitation of the enthusiasts of the Mohammedan League.

A caucus of Senators and Deputies today determined to make an effort to compel the Sultan to abdicate under the ecclesiastical law, by the terms of which a decree may be issued by the Sheik ul Islam pronouncing the Sultan incapable of ruling.

Joint Demand for Abdication.

A canonical receipt will be demanded on the ground that the Sultan's supremacy is harmful to the church, contrary to the sacred law and unjust to the Turkish people. The programme is that a demand shall be made for the abdication of Abdul Hamid simultaneously from the highest court of the church, from the National Assembly and from the military chiefs. The Sultan will be offered a palace and liberal allowances. The Constitutionalists have no wish to oppose the tasks of progress without the support of a majority of the Mohammedan wise men.

New Sultan Prisoner 25 Years.

Mohammed Rechad Effendi, the heir-apparent to the throne, has lived practically a prisoner for 25 years in the large palace and gardens not far from the Yildiz Kiosk. Since the July revolution he has only been on the streets looking through some of the carriages upon the scenes in the thoroughfares, which must have been strangely interesting to him. He is gray-haired and not very strong. He is 55 years old, and well educated, although inexperienced in the affairs of the world.

Albanian Guard Surrenders.

This afternoon witnessed the final act in the siege of the Yildiz, General Scheffet, commander of the Constitutionalists, over-awing the Albanians into surrender. This force, composed of 200 men, was stationed in the imperial palace. The Albanians did not fight last Saturday, but persistently refused to lay down their arms. General Scheffet sent a strong body of Macedonians and six field pieces were placed in a prominent position above the palace. Other guns were disposed over the neighboring heights, while the troops commanded all the approaches. The red flag continued, however, to fly defiantly until 2 o'clock, when the watchers saw it drop slowly down the flagpole, making place for the white token of surrender.

A few minutes later a crowd of fugitives was seen pouring down the dusty road leading to Beshimbah, where they were fastened together with ropes and conducted under a military escort to headquarters of the commission of inquiry. The prisoners included domestics, eunuchs, pages, secretaries and practically the entire male staff of the palace as well as the famous fusiliers, the spoiled proteges of the Sultan. Their commander was arrested in disguise at Galata, and severely handled and subjected to indignities.

Reactionaries Brutally Treated.

The Salonicians show great severity. Many of the arrested sofas, credited with being reactionaries, have been brutally treated, and others concerning whose loyalty there is doubt, have not entirely escaped. The vigorous search continues even in the European quarters.

It is estimated now that at least 10,000 prisoners are in the hands of the Salonicians. Those liable to severe punishment, such as the rebellious Salonica chateaus, have been picked out.

A number of reactionary newspapers have been suppressed.

Fresh battalions continue to arrive from the country districts. As they came in today each marched to the Palace of Justice, where the Parliament was sitting, and saluted the representatives of the government. Many of the soldiers went to the mosques to pray.

Moore May Not Recover.

The condition of Frederick Moore, the American correspondent who was shot while watching the fighting on Saturday, is causing anxiety. His wound may prove more serious than at first supposed. The surgeons will not

WOMAN URGED TO THRASH HUSBAND

COURT ADVOCATES HARSH CURE FOR DRUNKENNESS.

E. W. Youse Appears With Face Much Battered By Wife, Who Is Advised to Do It Again.

Mrs. E. W. Youse, who is much bigger and stronger than her husband, was officially advised yesterday by Justice of the Peace Olson, from the bench, to thrash her spouse soundly hereafter if he came home drunk. She said she would do so, but Youse, his face swollen out of human semblance from a beating administered Sunday by his wife and her relatives, gave assurance that he would never again touch liquor. The Youses were before Justice of the Peace Olson as a result of a gory mixup Sunday at their home, 100 East Twenty-sixth street North. The wife was the complainant in the case. She accused Youse of having tried to choke her. But in view of the man's deplorable condition of face, the wife's charge appeared somewhat ridiculous. It developed that she received some slight assistance from her stepfather-in-law, Fred Le Fleur, who lives next door to the Youse home. "I only regret," said District Attorney Fitzgerald, who handled the case for the state, "that all wives are not physically able to cope with drunken husbands in this manner. Prohibition then would be unnecessary."

A pitiable condition was revealed in the Youse family, where four little children are allowed to go unkept because the father and mother spend most of the \$150 earned monthly by the father, in drink. Justice Olson said this condition must cease.

CAR ON FIRE STARTS PANIC

Athena Gets Scare When Report Is Started Lions Have Escaped.

PENDLETON, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—Residents of Athena were treated to a novel sight and fright at one and the same time yesterday. Just before reaching that town on its way to Pendleton, the Parker-Carnival train was discovered to contain a blazing car.

It was decided to take the train on into the depot and run the car under the water tank to extinguish the flames. The sight of the burning car, together with the noise and excitement, soon attracted a large crowd. When the excitement was at its height some one shouted: "The lions have escaped," and in a twinkling the Athenians were scurrying in every direction to their homes.

Paraphernalia valued at several hundred dollars was destroyed.

ST. JOHN CAR HELD UP

Robber Secures \$8 From Crew at Point of Gun.

The last St. John car was on its way back to Portland early this morning when a masked man, wearing a slicker and a soft hat, boarded it at the crossing of the North Bank Road and held up the conductor and motorman, securing \$8 from the two men. The holdup for here to take their watches. "Hub," he said, "you're working men. I wouldn't rob you."

WOMEN TO LOSE PLACES

Peculiarity of California Law Affects 23 Superintendents.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 26.—Unless something transpires to change the complexion of the election laws of the state, 23 out of the 57 County Superintendents of Schools will not be able to qualify for re-election.

The new law declares that a candidate for office must file an affidavit stating that he is a qualified elector. Woman is not a qualified elector, therefore she cannot run for office.

This means, of course, that not only will the 23 women now holding office be unable to succeed themselves, but that all other women with ambitions for office are prohibited from getting their names on the election ballots.

CUTS UP \$10,000,000 PLUM

Thomas Leaves Children \$1,000,000 Each and Remembers Church.

PHILADELPHIA, April 26.—The will of the late George C. Thomas, which was made public today, disposed of an estate valued at \$10,000,000. It gives his three sons and a daughter \$1,000,000 each and devotes most of the remainder to his widow. His church, the Holy Apostles, gets \$100,000 outright and a contingent bequest of nearly \$200,000 more.

FALLS 350 FEET TO DEATH

Rigger Drops 34 Stories From New York Skyscraper.

NEW YORK, April 26.—Falling 350 feet from the 34th story of the Metropolitan Insurance Company building, Thomas Mortimore, 42 years old, was killed today. Mortimore was foreman of the riggers at work on the building. Hundreds of people in Madison Square saw him fall.

EVANS AND IJICHI POSE FOR CAMERA

Stand Side by Side in "War" Picture.

LAUGH AT IDEA OF TROUBLE

Admirals of Two Nations Meet in Los Angeles Hotel.

DISCUSS NAVAL PROBLEMS

American and Japanese Seadogs, Friends of Long Standing, Have Interesting Half-Hour and Talk Over Old Times.

LOS ANGELES, April 26.—While in the Alexandria Hotel this afternoon, Rear-Admiral Ijichi, commanding the Japanese training squadron now at San Pedro, learned that Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans was also a guest of the hotel. The Japanese Admiral immediately sent his card to Admiral Evans' room, where he was at once received.

The visit of the two admirals, which lasted nearly half an hour, was the occasion of a remarkable discussion of international questions, including the subject of war between Japan and the United States. The two officers are friends, having met some years ago while Evans was in command of the Asiatic fleet.

War Out of Question.

The two officers discussed the situation with the utmost freedom. Both agreed that war between the United States and Japan is impossible.

"I see they have been trying to get us into trouble," remarked Admiral Evans.

"Yes," replied Admiral Ijichi with a broad smile, "but such a thing is perfectly impossible. The United States and Japan understand each other too well for anything of that kind. The people of your country and mine have too deep-seated friendship for each other ever to allow any trivial matter to bring about trouble."

"I agree with you," said Admiral Evans. "I say that such a thought is ridiculous. Our friendship is of too long standing. No meddlers can break it."

Just at this juncture a photographer appeared at the room and asked for a picture of the two admirals standing together.

"Well, just give them an illustration of war between the United States and Japan," said Admiral Evans to Admiral Ijichi, and he arose and asked the Japanese admiral what he thought about it. The latter laughed as he assented, and the two noted sea-fighters stood side by side facing the camera while the photographer snapped the shutter.

Admiral Ijichi told Admiral Evans

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'LUCKY JACK' JARS CAR FROM TRACK

SPEEDING AUTO WINS DISPUTE OVER RIGHT OF WAY.

Hits Thirteenth-Street Car and Knocks It Into Gutter at Right Angle to Course—Auto Unhurt.

A big touring car driven by "Lucky Jack" Peterson last night disputed the right of a Thirteenth-street car to cross Alder street. The motor-car was very persuasive, and when it finished its argument the streetcar was facing down Alder street, trying to clamber out of the gutter on to the sidewalk. The services of a wrecking crew were required for some hours to coax the car back on the track and start it in the way it should go.

"Lucky Jack," with a friend, J. E. Jones, 622 Savier street, were headed east on Alder street. They were in a hurry, said bystanders. The car, in charge of Conductor Park and Motorman Rogers, was proceeding up Thirteenth street. The auto struck the car in the front vestibule, smashed its headlight, knocked out a window and not only threw it off the track, but clear into the gutter, jarring somewhat the two passengers aboard. Jones was tumbled out sprawling, but "Lucky Jack" and the auto were unhurt.

ACTRESS DIES SUDDENLY

Ethel Smith, of Portland, Stricken on Street in Missoula.

MISSOULA, Mont., April 26.—(Special.)—Ethel Smith, whose stage name was Ethel May, aged 31, was seized with a mysterious illness tonight while walking on the street, death ensuing soon after she had been carried into a nearby hotel. Little is known of the woman here, other than that she is an actress, and that she comes of good family in Portland.

The woman was connected with a number of traveling theatrical companies in the East, and came to Missoula last February, being en route at that time to her home in Portland. She got into trouble here and was sentenced to 40 days in the County Jail for the larceny of money.

Two weeks ago she was released, and since that time has been supplied with money by her mother. The Coroner will investigate her death.

WESTON NOW IN ILLINOIS

Passes Through Springfield After Delay Due to Sickness.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 26.—Edward Payson Weston, the pedestrian, who is endeavoring to walk from the Atlantic Coast to the Pacific in 100 days, after stopping here one hour today left for Girard, where he expected to pass the night.

He was compelled to lie over Sunday at Lincoln, Ill., owing to an indisposition, apparently coming on him suddenly after he arrived late Saturday. He is now two days behind his plans, although not that much behind his original schedule.

INDIANA COUNTIES GO DRY

Jackson and White Vote Against License at Election.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 26.—Jackson and White counties voted dry in local option elections today.

"NOT A CANDIDATE."



INITIATIVE BILLS KEPT OFF BALLOT

Only Three to Come Up in June.

OTHERS ARE FOUND DEFICIENT

Gothenburg, as Well as Excise, Petition Short of Names.

BRIDGE MEASURES LOST

Proposed Law Taxing Vehicles, and Those on Wiring and Paving Appear to Be Only Ones That Will Be Submitted.

Forged or irregular signatures prompted to defeat the submission of all proposed initiative and referendum petitions to the voters in the municipal election in June, with the possible exception of three. They are: Initiative petition proposed by Senator Dan Kel-laher, prohibiting the laying of patent-ed hard-surface pavements in this city; initiative petition proposed by the electrical workers, providing various safeguards in the manner of electrical wiring, and the referendum petition submitted the ordinance passed by the City Council, imposing a tax on all vehicles. City Auditor Barbur last night said that the preliminary checking of these petitions with the registration books has revealed a deficiency in the required number of signatures to insure placing the different measures on the official ballot, with the three exceptions noted.

Deputies in the employ of the City Auditor continued checking over these petitions yesterday and worked until late last night on the McKenna excise petition. Comparison of the signatures on this petition with the registration books will not be completed until some time today, but an average of nearly 60 per cent is found to be either forgeries or non-registered voters. There is no hope that the required total of 2528 genuine signatures will be found in the aggregate of the signatures to this petition.

Both Liquor Petitions Short.

It also developed yesterday that the Gothenburg petition apparently is defective, in that it is short of the required number of bona fide signatures. This discovery adds an element of peculiar interest to the situation by reason of the fact that the Gothenburg interests from the start have been especially alert in picking out faulty signatures in the McKenna petition and seeking in every way to establish the defective condition of the petition for the excise ordinance. They now find themselves in the same boat.

While the percentage of apparent forgeries and non-registered voters is not as large in the signatures to the Gothenburg petition as it was in the case of

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MAN, IN DESPAIR, GIVES HIMSELF UP

UNABLE TO LIVE RIGHT LIFE, HE GOES TO POLICE.

Wife and Family of Seven Children Starve While Father Loses His Money at Gaming-Table.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 26.—(Special.)—Unable to overcome his desire to forge checks for the liquidation of gambling debts, and with his wife and family of seven children made destitute because of his losses at the gaming table, E. C. Holbrook gave up the fight last night and voluntarily became a prisoner at the City Jail.

"My wife and I have talked it over and we have decided there is no other course for me to pursue," declared Holbrook when he surrendered himself to Captain W. F. Laubscher at police headquarters. "I have fought against it, but have to confess that the struggle got the better of me. They all trusted me and have done everything to help me out, but I have not been strong enough to make good. Look me up; I am ready to take my medicine."

While Holbrook goes to meet the punishment that his acts have brought on, a 15-year-old daughter, the eldest of the seven children, and her brother, two years her junior, have taken up the fight and will provide for their mother and the family of little ones, the youngest only six weeks. The girl has been working for several weeks. The boy will go to work tomorrow.

WIRELESS CALL FOR HELP

Liner's Captain Asks Police to Arrest Gamblers on Arrival.

NEW YORK, April 26.—While 650 miles east of Sandy Hook the liner Kaiser Wilhelm II sent a wireless call tonight for a police detail, which the captain asked to have on hand when his ship reaches quarantine tomorrow.

Briefly stating that professional gamblers whom he desired arrested were on board, the captain did not go into detail as to the nature of the trouble.

Arrangements were made to have three detectives meet the vessel down the bay from one of the company's tugs.

RAIN IS WORTH MILLION

Bumper Grain Crops Are Assured in Inland Empire.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 26.—(Special.)—A million dollar rain has soaked the fields of the Palouse and Inland Empire, insuring good wheat yields with warm weather following.

In Northern Idaho the surface of the ground had begun to crack because of prevalent winds. Near Pullman and Col-gate in Whitman County farmers freely predict bumper yields of wheat.

Winter wheat has a good root and is well up. Spring seeding is completed. The Lapwai millers claim that new wheat will open above the 80-cent mark.

JUDGE CONDEMNS VERDICT

Imposes 99-Year Sentence on Man He Believes Innocent.

PUEBLO, Colo., April 26.—Ninety-nine years in the state penitentiary was imposed upon R. L. Whithead by Judge Hunter at Las Animas today for the murder of Wilder Lindsey last July.

In pronouncing sentence the judge intimated that he did not believe the prisoner guilty of the crime, but the verdict of the jury compelled him to impose the sentence. Whithead maintained his innocence to the last.

PROVES HE IS NOT M'CANN

Maybray Shows He Has No Scar Like Horseman's.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 26.—In the presence of Federal officials, J. C. Maybray allowed himself to be stripped to the waist today to identify a certain scar which it was said "Jim" McCann, supposedly the murdered St. Louis horseman, carried as the result of an accident. No scar was found.

Federal officials are inclined to doubt Mrs. Lillian Gates' story that Maybray is McCann, but she declares she has not yet produced her strongest evidence.

SIX IN SHOOTING AFFRAY

One Dead Three Wounded as Result of Political Feud.

MEADVILLE, Miss., April 26.—Cornelius Pritchard is dead and three persons are wounded as the result of a six-handed shooting affray here today, the outgrowth of a political feud.

Dr. A. M. Newman recently defeated Pritchard's father for chancery clerk and feeling between the two factions became intense. Pritchard met Newman today, weapons were drawn and the firing was begun.

TRAIN STRIKES BIG AUTO

One Killed and Four Severely Injured in Crossing Accident.

CHICAGO, April 26.—An automobile containing five merchants from nearby towns was struck by a Chicago & Northwestern railway suburban train near Elmhurst, Ill., tonight, resulting in the death of A. C. Renne, of Pontiac, Ill., and the severe injury of the four others in the machine.

ALL INLAND RATES MUST BE REVISED

Hill and Harriman Lines Have Hard Task.

TO MEET SPOKANE DECISION

Interstate Commission Has Calculators at Work.

HIGH OFFICIALS LABOR

Prepare System of Rates From Middle West to Interior West of Rockies, Which Will Suit All Communities.

CHICAGO, April 26.—(Special.)—Acting upon the suggestion of the Interstate Commerce Commission, traffic officials of the Harriman and Hill roads are trying to work out a comprehensive scheme of freight rates which shall apply from the Middle West to interior Pacific Coast points.

The suggestion was offered by the Commission in the Spokane rate case decision, and is being acted upon by the railroads in a spirit of concession to public opinion. All of the high traffic officials of the Harriman lines are in Chicago working vigorously over what they declare to be the most difficult problem they have ever undertaken to work out: a plan of trans-continental rates which shall please all shipping communities.

The Spokane rate case decision fixed the rates only from St. Paul and Chicago to Spokane, and suggested that the lines get together and agree upon an adjustment of rates to intermediate points. J. C. Stubbs, traffic manager of the Harriman lines, said: "It is the most difficult task we have ever undertaken. We hope to be able to work out a scheme of rates not only in the Spokane case, but for all the West, which will prove acceptable to the Commission."

ALL READY TO TACKLE MERGER

Government Will Take Depositions on Harriman Combine in Utah.

SALT LAKE CITY, April 26.—The taking of depositions in the equity suit begun by the Government to dissolve the alleged illegal combinations of the Harriman and other Western roads will be begun in this city tomorrow. Sylvester G. Williams, special assistant to the Attorney-General of the United States, will be in charge.

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