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SCUTARI IS CAPTURED

Montenegrin Troops Force Turkish Garrison to Capitulate After a Fierce Fight.

Belgrade, April 23.—The capture of Scutari by Montenegrin troops was marked by enthusiastic demonstrations here today. Business was at a standstill practically all day.

Cettinje, April 23.—Following a fierce attack on Scutari last night by Montenegrins, which lasted throughout the night, early today the Turkish commander capitulated. Losses on both sides were heavy, several sorties by the Turks having been repulsed by the attacking army with great loss to both sides. The surrender followed a heavy bombardment, interspersed with attacks by which the Montenegrins captured line by line the Turkish defenses.

Cettinje, April 23.—The Montenegrin forces made a fierce attack on Scutari last night, according to an official report. The engagement lasted all night. The Montenegrins captured two lines of posts on the west and east fronts. Early today the Turks attempted counter attacks but were repulsed. The Montenegrin loss was heavy and the fall of Scutari is imminent.

Vienna, April 23.—Cettinje reports here today say that the Montenegrin bombardment of Scutari continues unabated. Premier Venizelos of Greece today wrote Bulgaria, Montenegro and Serbia suggesting that the allies meet to decide upon what demands they shall make when they meet representatives of the powers.

McMANIGAL WILL BE FREE.

Confessed Dynamiter Says He Will Begin Life Over Again.

Los Angeles, April 24.—Ortie E. McManigal soon will seek a place where he is not known, there, he said today, to "begin life over again." This statement followed the unofficial announcement that he would be released within 30 days without restriction.

McManigal has been a prisoner here since April, 1911. McManigal said he had no information regarding prospective liberty, and maintained that, when he turned state's evidence against the McNamara dynamite crew, he did so to ease his conscience and not for any consideration of immunity.

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LIABILITY LAW IS HIT

Labor Forces Aroused by Decision of the Oregon Supreme Court on Employers' Liability Law.

Portland, April 25.—The practical emasculation of the employers' liability law through the decision of the state supreme court in the case of Lawton vs. Davidson and Morgan, Fleidner & Boyce, is rousing the labor forces of this city as has no other recent decision of the courts. When the decision was first rendered its effect was not appreciated. But now the labor leaders and their legal advisors conclude that one of the most vital purposes of the liability law is defeated, through what they charge is a very narrow construction placed by the supreme court.

This law, which was advocated by the labor forces, was intended to be a law for the protection of organized labor with the express purpose of making it a "fellow servant," "independent contractor" and "contributory negligence," was understood to establish beyond doubt the joint liability of the general contractor with his sub-contractors in work. This provision was inserted so as to prevent responsible contractors from sub-letting parts of the work to irresponsible men or companies, and loading liability for damages through negligence upon these who did not have the means to pay. It had been found that the practice was so general as to make collection of civil damages often impractical. The sub-contractor was construed, to be in charge of the employe, and if anything happened, had no money with which to pay a judgment for damages. When the labor forces concentrated their efforts upon enactment of the employers' liability law they expressly had the measure framed so as to prevent shifting responsibility in this manner, but the decision of the supreme court nullifies this purpose.

In the case decided, Morgan, Fleidner & Boyce were erecting a building, and hired Davidson to drive piles for a foundation. After the injury occurred to one of Davidson's employes he was joined with the big company in the personal injury suit. The supreme court holds that Davidson was an independent contractor, and the only one responsible to the employe for injuries received from defective pile driving machinery. This shows that the court yet retains the defense, "independent contractor," which the labor people thought they had abolished completely in sub-contract work.

The court reasons that, as "All owners, contractors, sub-contractors, corporations or persons whatsoever, engaged in the construction of," etc., are joined by the word "or," the duty and liability imposed by the law relates to the present named severally, and not jointly, and this notwithstanding the fact that in the same connection the following language is used: "And generally all owners, contractors or sub-contractors and other persons having charge of," etc. The court holds that the "or" here immediately preceding the "and" must control the "and" so that it should also be read as "or."

"The general purpose of the act is clear to us," said a prominent labor leader this morning. "It was to give labor better protection in life and limb, and executing this purpose, provided for safe machinery. Providing this safe machinery was made a duty of everyone interested in or engaged in the work. Such provision cannot be said to exist so long as an irresponsible sub-contractor is to be solely charged with the safety of men he employed on a big job."

Among the legal advisors of the laboring men it has been said that common knowledge on construction points the fact that "and" is to be "or," and "or" to be read "and" indiscriminately. In view of this, the general opinion of those who have expressed themselves is that the court should have found no difficulty whatever in constructing the law to say what the people enacting thought and intended it should say. As the effect of such a construction would be on the humane side of the study, the laboring men marvel still more at the decision. They insist that it should have been constructed to give the amplest protection to and the fullest right of action to labor.

Dickens' "Little Dorrit" Dies, 100 Years Old.

London, April 24.—Mrs. Mary Ann Cooper of Southgate, the original of Dickens' "Little Dorrit," died yesterday in her 100th year.

She and Dickens were boy and girl together when she lived in the same street in Somerstown.

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Denver is demanding total abstinence by police officers.

JINGOES STILL TALK

Japanese Paper Talks War—Bryan's Visit Expected to Bring Peace in California.

Tokio, April 25.—Boastful declaration that the Japanese fleet is capable of vindicating the national honor if forced to action by discriminatory legislation, was voiced here today by Osaka Mainichi, a widely circulated newspaper, in a warlike editorial. The majority of the Japanese papers, however, adopted a more tranquil tone.

Satisfaction is generally expressed here over the intention of Secretary of State Bryan to go to Sacramento to consult with the California legislators on the proposed anti-alien land law.

Washington, April 25.—President Wilson announced this afternoon that he did not believe it would be necessary for Secretary of State Bryan to remain in California more than three days. He expects the alien land situation will be cleared up when the secretary reaches Sacramento.

Bryan is expected to explain to Governor Johnson and the state legislators just how far they may go in passing anti-alien land laws. If Bryan's suggestions are accepted that will end the matter, but if they are ignored there will be nothing for him to do but to return to Washington.

Secretary Bryan is expected back in Washington not later than May 8. A number of his plans have been upset as a result of the California trip. His welcome to Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the new British ambassador, will be delayed and the formal banquet to be held in his honor, scheduled for next week, probably will be held May 10. The Pan American Society dinner in New York also will be delayed because of Secretary Bryan's absence.

The California situation was not discussed at today's meeting of the cabinet.

RAILROAD WILL BE GOOD.

Company Will Not Attempt to Vote Employes.

Portland, April 25.—Railroad employes are not to be given instructions on how to vote in the coming primaries. This announcement comes officially from J. D. Farrell, president of the Oregon-Washington railroad, in a proclamation issued to the men on the payroll of the corporation. Politicians who get on the good side of officers and foremen and then expect them to deliver the votes of the rank and file are to be disappointed, for under the order of Farrell the rank and file will not have to vote as per instructions of the man higher up unless they feel so inclined.

Railroad "tickets" have been issued in elections in Portland for years, employes being supplied from a mysterious source, with a list of the ballot numbers they were expected to support. No such slate will be given out in the primaries May 3, if the instructions of Farrell are carried out. Today, over his signature, he gave out the following notice to employes:

"Political activity in the way of attempting to influence the votes of employes has been attributed to various officers and heads of departments of this company from time to time, and as another election is approaching, the management desires to take this opportunity to inform all of its employes that if any attempt is made by an officer of this company to influence the vote of such employe, such action is not authorized and such officer does not speak for the management.

"Absolute freedom of action in political matters is the right of every employe, and the officers, heads of departments and foremen of this company will not attempt to influence the vote or action of any employe in any election."

America Should Rule Canal.

Washington, April 25.—The belief that the United States, as owner of the Panama canal, has the right to fix toll rates without outside interference was expressed by former State Secretary Olney here today in a speech read before a meeting of the American Society of International Law. Olney was not present.

"If the question of Panama canal tolls is submitted to arbitration," Olney's speech said, "it should not be submitted to The Hague, but to a special tribunal. The Hague would be partial, as admittedly all European powers are interested in the outcome."

Chandler P. Anderson, former counselor of the state department, and Lewis Nixon, the New York shipbuilder, coincided with the views expressed in Olney's speech.

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Notes of Services of Various Religious Bodies.

Baptist Church, corner Second and Hargadine streets. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; Preaching, 11 a. m. B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m. Prayer service, 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30.

Brethren Church, corner Fifth and East Main streets.—Sunday school at 10 a. m.; preaching service at 11 a. m.; C. E. at 6:30 p. m.; evening service at 7:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Frank Lindblad, pastor.

Church of the Brethren, corner Iowa street and Mountain avenue.—Sunday school at 10 a. m.; church services Sunday at 11 a. m.; Christian Workers and preaching services Sunday evening at 7:30. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. We cordially invite all. Elder S. E. Decker, pastor.

Christian Church, corner B and Second streets. Nelson L. Browning, pastor. Residence, 55 Pine; telephone, 128. Bible school at 10 a. m.; G. W. Milam, superintendent. Communion and preaching at 11 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. Jr. Endeavor at 4 p. m. Teacher training at 5:15. Evening service at 7:30. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. Ladies' Aid Wednesday at 2 p. m. Pastor's afternoon at home, Tuesday.

First Church of Christ Scientist—Sabbath school, 9:45 a. m.; regular morning service at 11 o'clock Sunday; Wednesday testimonial experience meeting at 8 o'clock in the evening. All services are held in G. A. R. Hall. Reading room is open every day in the week between 2 and 4 p. m. except Sunday. All are cordially invited and literature may be read free of charge, or purchased, if preferred. F. C. Homes, first reader.

First Congregational Church, corner Boulevard and East Main. W. A. Schwinley, pastor. Manse, 469 Boulevard.—Sunday services: Sunday school 9:45 a. m.; C. G. Porter, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. Junior Christian Endeavor, 3:30 p. m.; Mrs. W. A. Schwinley, superintendent. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m.; V. V. Mills, president. Prayer meeting Thursday evening, 7:30. Men's League the second Monday evening of each month; C. H. Willson, president. Ladies' Aid meets second and fourth Wednesdays of each month; Mrs. E. A. Morthland, president. Woman's Missionary Union meets the first Wednesday of each month; Mrs. W. A. Schwinley, president.

First Free Methodist Church—Corner East Main and Seventh street. Sunday-school, 9:30; preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 in the evening. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. All are cordially invited. M. F. Childs, pastor in charge.

Methodist church.—Sunday school, 9:15 a. m.; preaching, 11 a. m.; Junior League, 3 p. m.; Epworth League, 6:15 p. m.; preaching, 7:30 p. m. Rev. L. C. Poor, pastor.

Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene, Fourth and C street.—John T. Little, pastor.—Sunday services: Sunday school 9:45 a. m., Thornton Wiley, superintendent. Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Presbyterian church, corner North Main and Helman streets. H. T. Chisholm, pastor.—Public worship at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; Men's Bible class at 12 m.; Junior C. E. at 3 p. m.; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

Rosary Church (Catholic), corner Sixth and C streets.—Sunday services: Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, 8 a. m. and 10:30 a. m. Christian Doctrine for Children, 2 p. m. Solemnity of Mary, 7 p. m. Benediction and Sermon, 7:30 p. m. Weekday services: Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, 7:30 a. m. Friday, Holy Hour and Sermon, 7:30 p. m. Interviews by appointment. Phone 106. Rev. J. F. Moisant, pastor.

Seventh Day Adventist, cor. Fourth and C streets.—Services every Saturday: Sabbath school, 9:45 a. m. Preaching services, 11 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. T. G. Bunch, pastor.

Temple of Truth (Spiritualist), 479 Boulevard.—New Thought class, Sunday, 7 p. m. Regular Lyceum, Sunday, 8 p. m. Theosophy class, Friday evening, 8 p. m.

Trinity Episcopal Church, Second street.—Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning service, 11 a. m. Afternoon service, 4 p. m. Holy Communion, 8 a. m. each third Sunday. Rev. William Lucas, rector.

Sunday mornings at 11 o'clock as usual. Instead of 7:30 p. m. the services will be at 4 in the afternoon during the winter months, so that those failing to attend church in the morning may do so in the afternoon.

The W. C. T. U. hold its regular meetings the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the Methodist church at 2:30 p. m., unless otherwise notified. Visitors invited.

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