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SULTAN'S THRONE IS TOTTERING

Ministers Concede Helplessness of Situation and Have Drawn up Proclamation of Abdication to Which Sultan Agrees.

ARMY IS AT THE GATES

Young Turks With Army of 80,000, Are Delaying Entering City, in Hopes of Avoiding Battle in the Streets.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 20.—(By a Staff Correspondent of the United Press)—The sultan has turned to Germany in his hour of trouble, asking assistance from the kaiser to save his throne. I learned of these negotations today from a source of the highest authority. The sultan pleaded past favors to Germany and it is believed he has offered that country everything that it asks in the way of future concessions, if it will come to his rescue. Abdul will try to stave off the surrender to the Young Turks until he hears from Berlin.

Minister Topeless.

LONDON, April 20.—A dispatch today, by way of Philipoppolis says that at last night's meeting the minister's hopelessness of the situation was conceded, and that the proclamation of abdiction was formally drawn up, to terms to which the sultan has agreed. According to these terms the sultan will abdicate, and his brother Rechad be chosen as his successor.

Two Assassinations.

SMYRNA, Apr. 20.—Kopasis Effinde and Turkish Prince Samos, have been assassinated, according to a dispatch received here today.

Army Numbers 80,000.

SALONICA, April 20.—In the hope of averting a battle in the streets of Constantinople the Young Turks today are delaying entrance to the capitol until their numbers have swelled to such proportions as to be overwhelming, and the force of the sultan and his few followers see the futility of opposition. Forty thousand Young Turks are now camped within a few hours march of the city and at the present rate of additions to their ranks there will be an attacking party of 80,000 within forty-eight hours. The escape of the sultan by flight is deemed impossible. Soldiers and sailors guard every avenue of escape. The Imperial coach has been put in readiness, but the Young Turks have war vessels stationed at both ends of the Bosphorus, and the sultan's escape by water is impossible. The fleet remains absolutely loyal to the Young Turks, and if necessary will bombard the city the moment the Young Turk's army begins an attack by land.

Grand Vizier Resigns.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 20.—Grand Vizier Tewfik Pasha is reported to have resigned and is now conferring at Yiosk with the sultan regarding the city's surrender. The abdication of the sultan is momentarily expected. Representatives of the Young Turks are said to be at the palace, awaiting the sultan's decision.

Will Protect Foreigners.

The Sultan is trying to induce Hilmi Pasha to resume the grand viziership, as a token to the Young Turks of his willingness to do anything they demand. Hilmi succeeded Kiamu Pasha, being named by the Young Turks. He held the office until this week's uprising. Edhem Pasha, the new minister of war commander of Constantinople has also resigned. The martial law will be declared as soon as the Young Turks fire on the city. The part of the city containing the most foreign residents are assured of absolute safety in event of a fight. The first thing the Young Turks will do is to throw a heavy detachment of soldiers to these places to protect the residents.

Legations are Guarded.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Dispatches to the state department today from Ambassador Leishman indicate that the foreigners are in no immediate danger from the Turkish situation. Leishman says that although Americans, like all other foreigners are in more or less danger, owing to the peculiar conditions, there is no indication of any premeditated attack. The arrival of French, English and Italian warships has done much to quiet the situation. Marines from these vessels landed, and are guarding the legations.

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CONFIRM DEATH OF EUROPEANS

Several Europeans Were Killed in Massacre at Adana Where 1,200 People Were Slain During Riot.

ARE FACING STARVATION

Foreign Consulates at Tabiz Are Threatened With Starvation—Order Has Been Partially Restored.

BEIRUT, April 20.—Confirmation of the report that several Europeans were killed in the Adana massacre was received today from Mersina where 800 men went ashore from British warships. The commander of the fleet says 1,200 people were slain in Adana alone, several Europeans being among the number. Hundreds of other christians were slain within a radius of fifty miles of Adana. Order has been restored, the commander reports, thought the situation is still critical.

Starvation Threatens.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Stated dispatches from Teheran received at the state department today say the foreign consulates at Tabriz are threatened by starvation. Consul Doty telegraphed the legation at Teheran that the American missionary Baskerville, whose acts were disavowed by the Presbyterian board of foreign missions from the state department, was killed in a battle this morning.

The North Carolinia and Montana are now at Guantanamo, 5,700 miles from Alevandretta. Presuming the ships start at once they should arrive in Turkey in fifteen or seventeen days. Both ships have the usual complement of marines aboard who will be landed if necessary to use armed force to protect American interest.

Cruisers to Turkey.

WASHINGTON April 20.—The armored cruisers North Carolina and Montana have been ordered to proceed to Alexandretta, Turkey, with all possible speed with orders to report to the American consul for the protection of American interests. The squadron is under the command of Captain Marshall, of North Carolina. Conditions at Alexandretta are reported alarming.

BANK ROBBERS MADE ESCAPE

Blew Safe in Kansas, Arrested, and Overpowered Guard, Making their Escape.

HAVANA, Kan., April 20.—After wrecking the bank with dynamite here Monday and securing $2,300 from the vault, two robbers escaped on a handcar under a heavy fire from awakened residents. Later they boarded a freight train on which they rode to Bartlesville, Okla. Here they were arrested by Robert Morton, watchman, who did not know their desperate character. He started to jail with his prisoners, but before arriving there they overpowered him and escaped.

SLAYER JUSTIFIED BY JURY.

Says He Acted in Defense and For Honor of His Home.

ALTOONA, Pa., April 20.—The coroner's jury in the case of J. E. Craig, of this city, charged with killing Edward Russell, rendered a verdict "death was caused by a gunshot wound fired from a revolver in the hands of John E. Craig, in self defense, and while protecting the honor of his own home."

Craig, who is a locomotive fireman, came home unexpectedly Saturday night, and found his wife and Russell together.

LEAPS FROM HIGH BUILDING.

Suicide Hurls Self From Wanamaker's, New York.

NEW YORK, April 20.—An unindentified man, about sixty years old, committed suicide yesterday by jumping from a window on the eleventh floor of Wanamaker's department store on Ninth street, his body striking on the sidewalk on Ninth street.

The man was unnoticed by the employes until he reached the window and jumped.

Sunday Ball Legal.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 20.—The house bill legalizing Sunday baseball passed the senate yesterday. It is thought Governor Johnson will sign it.

SCENES OF UPRISING IN TURKISH CAPI[illegible]; U. S. E NVOY ORDERED TO BE ON ALE[illegible]

[Washington, April 20.—Because of the gravity of the situation in Turkey, Secretary of State Knox cabled John G. A. Leishman, the American ambassador in Turkey, to use every effort in his power to protect American life and property. It was explained at the state department that Mr. Leishman is believed to be fully alive to the situation, but that the message of Secretary Knox would be sent to make assurance doubly certain. It is no secret here that the state department is hourly expecting news that factions of the Turkish army have clashed in Constantinople. France already is hurrying three warships to the scene of the trouble and the French and English ambassadors have been warned to keep their home offices in constant touch with the situation.]

LOEB REFUSED A BIG BRIBE

Smuggling Firm Offers Collector Loeb $260,000 to Drop Government's Iinvestigation of Recent Smuggling.

SHIELD SOCIETY WOMEN

Trunks Contained $55,000 Worth of Paris Gowns For Society Women of New York, Boston and Washington.

NEW YORK, April 20.—The smuggling syndicate which first offered the collector of Port Loeb $100,000 to drop the government's investigation of smuggling of "sleeper" trunks containing $55,000 worth of Paris gowns, today increased its offer to $260,000, according to Loeb. All offers have been refused. Loeb's investigation so far shows the smuggled gowns had been made in Paris by famous designers for many women of exceptional social prominence and wealth in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, and that the reason for offering such a large sum to suppress the investigation was to shield these women from the unpleasant publicity threatened by the coming disclosures. The collector does not believe these women knew that their gowns were to have been smuggled into this country, but had purchased them, like many Americans buy other goods, abroad, with the understanding they were to be delivered to them in America "duty paid" or "duty free." This saves the purchaser all customs annoyances. Collector Loeb will sell the seized gowns at public auction next month.

Hargis Trial Must Proceed.

IRVINE, Ky., April 20.—Judge Adams overruled a motion for the continuance of the trial of Beach Hargis for the murder of his father. The trial will proceed at once, and several days will probably be required in the selection of a jury.

INDEPENDENCE FOR ISLANDS

Senator Stone Says National Honor of Country is Pledged to Policy Enabling Philippines to Establish Government.

FREE TRADE UNTIL THEN

Proposes Amendment Substituting Free Trade With Islands and After Fifteen Years, Their Independence.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Declaring the national honor of the United States was pledged to a policy eventually enabling the Philippines to establish an independent government, Senator Stone, (Democrat, of Missouri), today in a speech to the senate opposed the proposition in the pending tariff bill which limits the amount of sugar that may be brought to this country from the Philippines free of duty. He asserted such a policy would result in the reduction of American capital into the islands, that once established there, that influence would always be exerted towards maintaining American sovereignty over the Archipelago. Stone proposed an amendment striking out limits on Philippine importations and substituting therefore absolute free trade, coupled with the declaration that at the end of fifteen years, the Philippines will be given thier independence. He said:

"We have held possession of these islands ten years, if we should hold them another period of ten years we would have had the people of the islands under our tutelage a quarter of a century. Children born since we unfurled our flag in Manila, will have grown to manhood and womanhood, having been educated in the modern schools we established, having all benefits accuring from their experience, and associations with Americans and American methods. If these people, under such circumstances, are not

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PATTEN COULDN'T STEM THE TIDE

Bears Threw Pit Into an Uproar Today and Wheat Market Was Completely Demoralized by Attack.

PATTEN FOUGHT HARD

Evidently a Determined Move Was on Foot to Break Reputed "Corner" —Wheat Dropped Two Cents at a Jump.

CHICAGO, April 20.—Wheat opened ⅝ to 1⅛ lower. General commission selling led by Patten house, forced lowest prices in many days. The first five minutes July sold off to 1.15⅛.

Paten's appearance on the floor to direct operations has caused only fractional reaction, lasting five minutes, when prices began their downward march again. There was apparently a concentrated effort to smash Pattens so-called wheat corner in the pit shortly after opening today, when enormous quantities were dumped on the market and prices crumbled rapidly. May wheat went down 125⅞, the lowest price since the sensational advance two weeks, ago, more than three cents below the high figure for the crop.

Patten refused to see newspaper men today giving them an only curt "good morning" when they appeared. He appeared in a highly nervous condition, especially when visitors were permitted to see him. His office was besieged by persons who lost large sums in the present wheat deal and hold Patten responsible. Bakers are preparing to reduce loaves of bread.

Couldn't Stem Tide.

Patten's steadying influence on the market was only temporary, the bears renewing their "drive" with greater fierceness than before. May and July were driven rapidly down, dropping from fraction to two cents at a jump. The bears threw the pit in an uproar

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MRS. BOYLE IS MISSING MAID

Has Been Practically Identified as St. Louis Housemaid Who Disappeared Same Time as Valuable Jewels.

EMPLOYERS IDENTIFY

Have Been Certain of Woman's Identity But Were Puzzled by Hair of Prisoner, Which Was Colored Brown.

SHARONO, Pa., April 20.—Mrs. James Boyle, arrested with her husband as the kidnapers of Billy Whitla, has been practically identified at the Sharon jail as the St. Louis housemaid who gave her name as Clara Stratton and who disappeared at the same time the six thousand dollars' worth of jewels vanished. Identification was made by H. Chateau Dyer, a St. Louis lawyer, and his wife, by whom Clara had been employed. They visited Mrs. Boyle in her cell recently. At the time they refused to say that the prisoner was their former maid and the fact that they are reasonably certain that she is that person was not ascertained until today. The only point of identification in doubt at first was the color of Mrs. Boyle's hair. The Dyers declared the Stratton girl's hair was dark. Mrs. Boyle's hair was a red brown when arrested several weeks ago. Since then it has gradually changed its color until it has almost lost its red hue. After the Dyers left the jail Mrs. Boyle stormed and raged for an hour, the guards say. It was the first time her air of injured innocence had left her.

Was Upstairs Maid.

"Clara Stratton came to us a year ago last September," said Mrs. Dyer over the long distance telephone today. "She was hired as upstairs maid, and staid there from Thursday until the following Monday, when she left, leaving a baby entrusted to her care on the floor eating candy.

Jewels worth six thousand dollars were missing. It was not until now we were able to get a trace of her. The girl was neat and did her work well but was too proud to take the children on the street. She praised herself on good looks and we never found anything about her, she saying she lived in St. Louis. She was good to the children, telling them fairy stories in a low musical voice."

Mrs. Boyle has a contralto voice and telling fairy stories was one way in which she amused Billy Whitla.

STEAMER SINKS FIVE LIVES LOST

Steamer Loaded With Grain, Bound From Milwaukee to Port Huron, Strikes Ice Floe.

MACKNIAW CITY, Mich. April 20.—The steamer Eber Ward, bound from Milwaukee to Port Huron, and loaded with grain, struck a heavy ice floe and sank about six miles west of here today. Ten of the crew were saved and five drowned. The lost are:

John Hern, James Perry, John Mebaroth, Kinney Mackay and a deckhand, name unknown.

BABY LEFT ON DOORSTEP.

Galesburg Resident is Recipient of Live Bundle.

GALESBURG, Ill., April 20.—Another foundling mystery has been added to police annals of the city, the second episode of this character in the past month. A 5 o'clock yesterday morninng J. O. Anderson on going to the back door of his residence discovered there, lying in a small market basket, contentedly snuggled up in a blanket a finely formed male child which bore every evidence of having been very recently born. The police were at once notified and Chief Palmer soon arrived on the scene and took the child to the Free Kindergarten.

To Re-Investigate Haskell.

TULSA, Okla., April 20.—United States District Attorney Greg will today ask Justice Campbell for a special jury of sixteen men made up from the Western district of Indian Territory to re-investigate the alleged Haskell town lot cases. Gregg is acting under instructions from Attorney General Wickersham.

Census Bill Sent Back.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The senate this afternoon sent the census bill back for conference.

SARAH KOTEN A FREE WOMAN

Young Russian Jewess, Who Shot and Killed Dr. Auspitz, is Turned Over to Jewish Protective Society.

SENTENCE IS SUSPENDED

Scene in Court Room Was Most Impressive One—Eighty Women Present When Prisoner Was Brought in.

NEW YORK, April 20.—Sarah Koten, the young Russian Jewess, who shot and killed Dr. Samuel Auspitz, whom she accused of drugging and betraying her, and who last week plead guilty to manslaughter in the first degree, is a free woman this afternoon. In one of the most impressive scenes ever witnessed in the gloomy criminal courts building, Justice Blanchard who had investigated the case thoroughly, suspended sentence on the young woman, and she was turned over to the society for the protection of Jewish women, who took her to their country retreat where she will be given an opportunity to recover her health and reason and take care of her child. Eighty women were present in the court room when Sarah Koten was led into the prisoners' box. She carried her baby and gazed with frightened eyes at the stern robed justice, as he took his seat. There was a pause, then the justice began to speak in slow voice that at times seemed to catch in his throat.

No Criminal at Heart.

"I have carefully examined every feature of this case," he said, "and have come to the conclusion that the woman is far more sinned against than sinning. Its very plain that she is not criminal at heart. When she fired the shot that ended the life of her betrayer, there was no criminal intent in her heart. She had been so crazed by her terrible experience that she did not know what she was doing. No woman who was ever enticed into brothel has suffered more than she, no woman ever had such terrible advantage taken of her. Justice in this case demands that she be punished no further. Sentence is hereby suspended and this defendant is turned over to the society for the protection of Jewish women."

Crowd Approves.

There was prolonged applause as the justice concluded, then the women in the court room crowded about the freed girl and kissed her. She was led through the crowd and hurried into a waiting carriage, being taken to the Grand Central station, where a train was boarded for the north.

THE WEATHER.

Indications for Iowa, Illinois and Missouri, Wired From Chicago.

For Keokuk and vicinity: Showers late tonight or Wednesday.

For Illinois and Missouri: Unsettled with probably showers tonight or Wednesday.

For Iowa: Showers late tonight or Wednesday. Warmer west portion tonight.

Weather Conditions.

Conditions indicate unsettled and showery weather for this section tonight and Wednesday.

Daily River Bulletin.

	Stage.	Height.	Change.	Wea'h'r.
St. Paul ..	14	8.8	-0.3	Clear
La Crosse .	12	8.7	0.0	Cldy
Davenport .	15	10.4	x0.4	Pt Cldy
Galland . ..	8	6.0	x0.5	....
Keokuk ...	15	11.4	x0.6	Cldy
St. Louis ..	30	19.7	x1.3	Rain

C., B. & Q. Bridge, Burlington, Iowa, April 19.—The present stage of the river is 9 feet, a rise of 12½ inches since last report. Boats up—Wenona. Down—W. W., Louise, and Wenona.

The river will continue to rise from Davenport southward and overflow the lowlands south of Keokuk.

Local Observations.

April.	Bar.	Ther.	Wind.	Weather.
19 7 p.m. ..	30.03	49	NE	Cldy
20 7 a.m. ..	29.99	42	NE	Cldy

Rainfall for past 24 hours 6 hundredths.

River above low water of 1864 11 feet 4 tenths.

Change in 24 hours rise 6 tenths.

Mean temperature, 49.

Maximum temperature 55.

Minimum temperature, 43.

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