

TURKEY UNDER POPULAR RULE GREAT CROWDS CHEER THE SULTAN.

Speech from the Throne Predicts Peace in Balkans—Rejoicing in the Capital—No Disorder.

Constantinople, Dec. 17.—A new constitutional government began to-day, with every sign of success. Brilliant weather favored the ceremonies attending the opening of the parliament, which was elected under the constitution promulgated by the Sultan last July, and every thing passed off without a sign of disorder.

The opening of the parliament was marked by much solemnity. Two hundred Deputies and Senators, the chiefs of various religious communities, a large number of other state officials and ministers and the heads of the diplomatic missions were present.

ENORMOUS CROWDS IN STREETS. Never before have such crowds been seen on the streets, a remarkable feature being the great number of Turkish women filling the windows and balconies along the line of march.

Many observers of to-day's ceremonies believe that if the Sultan accepts loyally the part of constitutional monarch and shows confidence in the people by appearing more frequently on the streets of the capital, his position will become easy and agreeable, since there is no evidence of animosity, and probably there will be none, unless the people are threatened with deprivation of their dearly won liberty.

Hakka Bey, the Minister of Instruction, whose reputation has been appointed Ambassador to Rome. Among the messages received was one from King Edward, congratulating the Sultan.

GOOD AIMS OF NEW BODY. As far as can be judged from surface indications, the new parliament has entered on its duties with a determination to carry out successfully the aims of the bloodless revolution which made its existence possible.

When I first proclaimed a constitution, thirty-two years ago, there were many difficulties in the way of its execution, and I was advised to suspend it momentarily. In the interval great efforts were made toward popular education and for the establishment of institutions of a nature calculated to elevate the public enlightenment.

Our relations with all the powers are excellent, and I anticipate that with the good offices of the friendly nations all these questions will be peacefully and favorably settled.

The Sultan's address was greeted with an outburst of applause. Following this speech, Naki Bey, President of the Chamber of Deputies, read the Lord's blessing upon the constitution and parliament and beseeching that Allah grant long life to the Sultan.

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PANIC ON FERRYBOAT.

Steamer Hits Steinway, of College Point—Deckhands Injured.

The freight steamer Marion, bound for Norwalk, Conn., in command of Captain David Cameron, was in collision with the ferryboat Steinway, of the College Point line, last night, one hundred feet from the Astoria slip. The Marion's bow was stove in, and three deckhands were injured by the shifting of the freight. There was a panic among the three hundred passengers on the ferryboat, but all were landed safely. Later the ferryboat resumed her trips.

They were attended by Dr. C. N. Platt, of Franklin avenue, Brooklyn. Donovan and Mahoney went to a hospital in this city, while Shea remained on the Marion.

BLIZZARD EAST TO WEST. The streets are full of life to-night and the city is brilliantly illuminated. Frequent pistol shots are heard as a sign of the general rejoicing.

Storm General from Philadelphia to Colorado—Fatal Snowslides.

Wilkes-Barre, Penn., Dec. 17.—Snow which began falling here at noon to-day has assumed blizzard proportions throughout the Wyoming Valley. The snow is drifting, and streetcar traffic is seriously affected.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—The telegraph companies report rain and fog generally from Colorado to Philadelphia and from St. Paul to Louisville, with snow at various points. The storm reaches north into the copper country of Michigan.

CHECK VANDERBILT CARS. Hugo Hezelinger, a chauffeur, was arrested at Riverside Drive and 10th street last night by Bicycle Patrolman Sauer, charged with going at the rate of twenty-two and a half miles an hour. Five persons were in the big touring car, but all got out except the chauffeur and another man, who at the station house said he was the valet of Reginald C. Vanderbilt, owner of the car.

THE HOP BILL DEAD. Protection Argument Too Strong for British Liberals. London, Dec. 17.—The bill introduced by David Lloyd-George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, prohibiting the use of hop substitutes in the manufacture of beer, was withdrawn from the House of Commons this afternoon.

"LITTLE TIM" TELLS HOW TO WIN. Liberal Excise and Police Policy Elects Mayors Here, He Says.

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BURGLARS CAMPED OUT IN HOUSE. Collected at Leisure \$15,000 Worth of Loot in Brooklyn Home.

Brooklyn detectives discovered yesterday that the home of Miss Elizabeth Estes, No. 24 Washington street, Brooklyn, had been ransacked and about \$15,000 worth of rare furs, clothing and silverware stolen.

RAN HER FATHER'S SPECIAL TRAIN. Atlanta, Dec. 17.—In answer to a challenge from her father, J. W. Thomas, president of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railroad, Miss Ellen Thomas ran the president's special train from Dalton to Atlanta on Monday.

DEWEY'S WINES FOR HOLIDAY GIFTS. Special Office Cases \$4.00, \$2.92, \$2.00. Dewey & Sons Co., 138 Fulton St., New York.

HOUSE ASKS EVIDENCE

ACTION ON SECRET SERVICE VICE TAKEN.

Only One Vote Against Requesting Facts of President—Resolution Adopted.

Washington, Dec. 17.—With only one dissenting vote, that of Representative Howland, of Ohio, the House to-day passed a resolution requesting that the President furnish any evidence in his possession showing that a member of Congress had been guilty of such official corruption as would justify that portion of his recent message referring to the Secret Service.

Whereas, There was contained in the Sundry Civil Appropriation bill which passed Congress at that session and became a law, a provision in reference to the employment of the secret service in the Treasury Department, and.

Resolved, That the plain meaning of the above words is that the majority of the Congressmen were in favor of enacting the provision in question, and, whereas, Your committee would prefer, in order to make an intelligent and comprehensive report, to have all the information which the President may have to communicate, therefore, be it

MR. COLLIER MUST PAY. Failed to Produce Pedigree Papers of Imported Hounds.

Peter F. Collier, master of hounds of the Monmouth County Hunt Club, was defeated yesterday before the Board of United States General Appraisers in an attempt to enter duty free a pack of fifty-nine hounds.

HUB OFFICIAL ARRESTED. President of Common Council Surrenders to Police.

Boston, Dec. 17.—Leo F. McCullough, president of the Common Council of the city of Boston, and last Tuesday re-elected from Ward 13, that body, walked into Police Headquarters and surrendered to the police to-night.

PLAYING NEWSBOY COSTS LIFE. Lad Lured by Christmas Windows Run Over and Killed in Broadway.

Running across Broadway at 21st street last night to call a newspaper to a customer who had beckoned to him from the opposite curb, John Nugent, ten years old, was run over and instantly killed by a northbound Broadway and Columbus avenue car.

RAMS EMANUEL WALL. Bolting Automobile Rips Off Ten Feet of Stone.

A touring car owned by Walter Lispenard Suydam, of No. 43 East 22d street, and in which Mrs. Suydam was riding northward in Fifth avenue last evening, escaped from the control of the chauffeur near 43rd street, smashed into a cab, hurling its driver to the pavement, and ripped off about ten feet of the stone wall in front of the Temple Emanuel, on the northeast corner of the avenue.

WOMEN IN LAND DEALS. One Buyer of Builders' Exchange Building, Another Trades Hotel.

Women were prominent in the real estate field yesterday. Mrs. Emily Benedict Hopkins, it was learned, is the buyer of the Builders' Exchange Building, the modern twelve story fireproof loft, stall and office structure at No. 29 to 35 West 32d street.

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BOND ISSUE DENIED

P. S. DECISION AGAINST THE D. & H. COMPANY.

Application to Raise Over \$7,000,000 for Refunding Purposes Turned Down—Company May Fight.

Albany, Dec. 17.—The Public Service Commission, 2d District, denied to-day the application of the Delaware & Hudson Company for authority to issue bonds under its first and refunding mortgage to refund notes amounting to \$4,665,295.53, covering the purchase of stock of the Delaware Traction Company, an electric railway operating between Albany and Troy, and for advances to the Hudson Coal Company, amounting to \$2,300,000 for the purchase of coal lands in Pennsylvania.

The Delaware & Hudson Company, a steam road carrier, issued notes for \$4,665,295.53, and with the proceeds purchased, through its subsidiary development company, nearly all of the stock and bonds of the Hudson Valley Company, an electric railway carrier. The price so paid was considerably in excess of the market value.

Commissioner Olmsted concurs in the opinions of Commissioners Decker and Stevens as to the principles laid down therein, but dissents as to the conclusion denying the application to fund the whole amount of capital involved in the Hudson Valley branch of the case on the ground that in his opinion the Hudson Valley properties are of present and permanent value to the Delaware & Hudson as a railway property and should, therefore, be allowed to be capitalized at a fair valuation.

W. S. Opyk, general counsel of the Delaware & Hudson Company, said last night that he had not heard officially of the decision of the Public Service Commission denying the railroad company's application to issue the bonds in question, but that if the facts were as stated in the dispatches from Albany, the company would fight the decision in the courts.

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GREAT FIRE IN ROSTOFF.

Centre of the City Destroyed and Several Lives Lost.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 17.—A great fire is raging in Rostoff-on-the-Don. It has destroyed the centre of the city and another entire quarter. Several lives have been lost.

SEVEN SAVED FROM SEA. Hardships of Crew Escaping from Sinking Schooner.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 17.—Exhausted by eight days' toil at the pumps and thirteen hours spent in an open boat, with the thermometer near zero, seven men rowed ashore at Port Morien to-day and reported that the French schooner Marcelline had foundered off the Cape Breton coast at midnight on Tuesday. All the crew reached port after a terrible experience. Tossed about in an open boat and with scant clothing, the men suffered intensely during the forty-mile row to safety.

HIS WILL NAILED TO TUB. Testament of Boston Man Disposes of \$250,000 Estate.

Boston, Dec. 17.—Inclosed in a red envelope and mailed securely to the bottom of a wash tub, the will of Patrick Monahan, of Charlestown, disposing of property valued at \$250,000, was found to-day and offered for probate in the Suffolk County court.

AGED MOTHER'S GIFT. Sends Christmas Box to Son, Unaware He Is Charged with Murder.

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—Unaware that her son, J. Walter Wilson, is in jail at San Francisco charged with sending poison to Harry Boas, a business associate who died suddenly about two weeks ago after taking stomach powders which he received through the mails, Mrs. James A. Wilson, a seventy-year-old invalid, of No. 153 North 23d street, sent to her son to-day a box of Christmas gifts which she had spent the last few weeks in purchasing.

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CRUISERS TO GUARD

PRESIDENT-ELECT TWO WILL ACCOMPANY MR. TAFT TO PANAMA.

Arrangements Made at Conference with President—Two Civil Engineers in the Party.

Charlottesville, Va., Dec. 17.—President-elect Taft visited the White House to-day at the instance of President Roosevelt, who wished to consult with him regarding the details of the forthcoming trip to Panama which Mr. Taft is to make.

It is understood that in addition to advising Mr. Taft as to the general work on the canal, the two engineers will also look into the charges made recently in this country and Europe that the Gatun locks are locks as now being constructed imperil the future safety of the canal.

Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, who went South on the same train, had a pleasant conversation with Mr. Taft.

When seen at his home last night Mr. Noble said that he had heard nothing of a plan to have him accompany Mr. Taft to Panama and he had made no preparations for the trip. He said that he was acquainted with Mr. Stearns, of Boston, but did not know that Mr. Stearns had been asked to accompany Mr. Taft.

TAFT AT WHITE HOUSE. Takes Early Train from New York to Have Time for Talk.

Washington, Dec. 17.—President-elect Taft reached Washington early this afternoon, two hours ahead of his schedule, and had a quiet luncheon and a long conference with the President at the White House. The train that he had at first planned to take to Washington, on his way to Augusta, Ga., where he will remain a month before going to Panama, would have landed him at the Union Station at 3:45 p. m.

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