

UNITED STATES SENDS WARSHIPS

Cabinet Decides to Dispatch Special Cruiser Squadron to Turkish Waters

GO DIRECT TO ALEXANDRETTA

North Carolina and Alabama Are Selected for the Expedition

TO REPORT TO AMERICAN CONSUL

Death of Two Missions at Adana is Confirmed

MINNESOTA MAN KILLED AT TABRIZ

Homeer Baskerville, Formerly a Teacher in Presbyterian Mission, Shot While Aiding Revolutionists

WASHINGTON, April 20.—To afford all protection possible to American citizens and their interests in Turkey, the administration has decided to dispatch a special cruiser squadron to that country.

This was decided upon by the cabinet today and after its announcement announcement of the intention was made public. It was explained that this action was not taken because of any particularly alarming news that had been received, but simply as a precautionary measure, it being deemed wise in the present emergency to have suitable American naval representation in or near the disturbed districts. The moral effect of the presence of American war vessels will be beneficial, it is pointed out.

The squadron will consist of the armored cruisers North Carolina and Montana, now at Guantanamo, Cuba, under command of Captains Marshall and Reynolds, respectively. Their immediate objective point will be Alexandretta, on the Mediterranean coast of Turkey, which is in close proximity to Tarsus and Adana, where serious trouble has occurred. From Alexandretta the marines on these vessels may be available for any active work in assisting Americans in trouble in the surrounding districts. Captain Marshall, who will be in command of the squadron, will report to the American consul at Alexandretta for any services that he may be called upon to perform. The vessels also will be available for dispatch to other places in Turkish waters should conditions make their presence necessary. The vessels will stop at Gibraltar for instructions. It is hoped at the State department that the situation will be well under the control of the Turkish authorities very soon and that there will be no necessity for any demonstration by the American fleet.

It was first suggested that the scout cruiser squadron, made up of the Salem, Birmingham and Chester, be utilized for this mission, but the fact that the boilers of the Birmingham are undergoing repairs will make its immediate departure impossible.

Requests for Protection. The principal information coming to the department today from Ambassador Leshman at Constantinople was that there was no indication of any premeditated attack upon foreigners. During the day Secretary Knox received several requests that the department use its efforts to see that American church interests were adequately protected in the disturbed district. One came from the chairman of the foreign missions committee of the Presbytery of Westchester county, New York, and another from the superintendent of the Armenian Orphanage at Reading, Pa. The department already has taken steps to insure protection to American missionary and other interests.

Although Americans are in danger in Turkey, there is no indication of premeditated attacks on foreigners, according to State department advices from Ambassador Leshman. Mr. Leshman confirms the deaths of two missionaries, Rogers and Maurer, killed at Adana while trying to save the burning homes of a Turkish woman. The presence of English, French and Italian warships, the ambassador says, will have salutary effects in the present disturbed conditions.

At Constantinople marines from the different warships have landed to guard the embassies. Unfortunately the American gunboat Scorpion, the regular station ship at Constantinople, which was sent to Italian ports following the earthquake, is now at Naples having its boilers fixed.

In the present crisis the ambassador says the central government is much hampered by a lack of troops at Constantinople.

AMERICAN KILLED AT TABRIZ

Was Presbyterian Teacher Charged with Being Revolutionist.

TABRIZ, Persia, April 20.—An American named Baskerville, a teacher in the Presbyterian boys' school at Tabriz, who had been accused of complicity in the revolutionary movement, was killed in battle today, according to a dispatch from Consul Doty at Tabriz. The Presbyterian mission disavowed the acts of Baskerville and he resigned from the mission.

IOWA LAUNDRY MEN ORGANIZE

State Association Formed at Cedar Rapids to Fight Hostile Legislation.

CEGAR RAPIDS, Ia., April 20.—A state association of laundrymen was organized here to fight hostile legislation and to fight the manufacture of shoddy goods. T. J. Kimball of Waterloo was chosen president.

Skiff Rigger Drowns Two

IRONTON, Mo., April 20.—A skiff was capsized today on the river and two persons were thrown into the water and drowned.

Drinking Cups Upon Railroad Trains Doomed

Nebraska Lines Practically Given Permission to Abolish Use for Public Health.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, April 20.—(Special.)—It is probable the drinking cups on railroad trains will soon be a thing of the past. Following the example of the Missouri Pacific, the Union Pacific, Burlington and Northwestern this morning applied to the commission for an order directing them to abolish the drinking cup. The action of the railroad companies is the result of the order of the State Board of Health to abolish the public drinking cup, as the board held it was a menace to the health of the public.

Prof. Whips Boy, Dad Whips Prof.

Sheriff at Julesburg Has to Interfere in Altercation Over Punishment of Lad.

JULESBURG, Colo., April 20.—(Special.)—A few days ago Prof. Howard, superintendent of the public schools, whipped young John Liddle, son of a prosperous ranchman, very severely—so much so that the lad had to stay in bed several days and the skin came off with his underclothing. A meeting of the school board and the teachers of the school, together with Prof. Howard and Liddle, to investigate the matter, was held when Mr. Liddle and the professor got into an altercation and the sheriff had to be called in to separate the belligerents. Some of the teachers fainted and it took some time to quell the disturbance. Mr. Liddle, father of the lad, says he will have the professor arrested for assault. Public sentiment is somewhat divided on the matter. The lad is still in bed from the effects of the punishment.

Crowd Watches Bandits Escape

Four Men Who Rob Bank at Badger, Ia., Make Their Getaway on Handcar.

BADGER, Ia., April 20.—(Special Telegram.)—While the people of the town, awakened by the explosion, watched them, four robbers who had just looted the safe of the Badger Savings bank escaped on a handcar at 2 o'clock this morning. The safe in the bank was blown and \$1,500 principally in gold and silver was taken. Four charges of nitro-glycerine were used in the safe. The four men came to town on a handcar on the Minneapolis and St. Louis road and left by the same means. The handcar was discarded north of Fort Dodge. No very good clues have yet been found and all suspicious characters in this part of the country are being arrested.

Five of Crew Are Lost on Lake

Steamer Eber Ward Goes Down Near Mackinaw City—Ten Are Rescued.

MACKINAW CITY, Mich., April 20.—The steamer Eber Ward sank in Lake Michigan six miles west of here today. Five of the crew were drowned and ten were saved. The Ward was a small steamer owned by D. M. Ferry & Co. of Detroit. It left Milwaukee several days ago on its first trip of the season, loaded with grain. Shortly before entering the straits of Mackinaw today the steamer crashed into an unusually heavy ice flow. It sank immediately in deep water.

BUYS EXPELLED OIL COMPANY

Houston Concerns Will Take Over the Property of Waters-Pierce Corporation.

HOUSTON, Tex., April 20.—It was authoritatively announced here today that the Houston Oil company will soon take over the Waters-Pierce company's Texas property. The company will maintain its headquarters here.

Income Tax to Be the Target in Tariff Contest in Senate

WASHINGTON, April 20.—It is evident from the activity of opponents and supporters of the income tax proposition to ascertain the strength of the other that this question will furnish the sharpest contest to be waged in the senate during the tariff revision session of congress. In view of the fact that the democrats are said to be leaders of the "insurgent" republican faction appear to be confident of victory. On the other hand, opponents of the income tax idea assert that the democrats are not united and declared that some of the strength for the tariff will be lost the moment senators are convinced that the pending bill will produce sufficient revenues for the needs of the government.

Among the republicans declared to be in favor of an income tax are Senators Borah, Brown, Burkett, Clapp, Crawford, Cummins, Dixon, Gable, Giffenheimer, LeFollette and Nelson. In addition to these, some of the insurgents are claiming Senators Jones, Bourne, Hayburn, Johnson of North Dakota and Holliver. If the votes of all of these senators should be used for an income tax provision they would be more than sufficient to pass it in the senate unless a break should occur in the democratic ranks. The burden of Senator Aldrich's speech in the senate yesterday was an effort to show that additional internal taxes are not needed to provide for the operating ex-

SULTAN WILL NOT RESIST

Abdul Hamid Reported to Have Ordered That Not a Shot Be Fired.

ABDICATION RUMORS PERSIST

More Reports That Sultan is Ready to Quit.

LONG SESSION OF CABINET

Demands of the Constitutionalists Being Considered.

CAPITAL SURROUNDED BY TROOPS

Fortifications Are All in the Hands of Young Turks and General Movement is Expected to Take Place Soon.

BULLETIN.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 20.—The rumors that the sultan's abdication is pending are heard persistently in Constantinople today. According to the latest reports his majesty is ready to turn over the throne provided his conditions are accepted. It is apparent the Tewfik Pasha, the grand vizier, has withdrawn his resignation, for after a prolonged audience with the sultan this morning, he summoned the cabinet to discuss the demands of the army of investment. The cabinet is now in telegraphic communication with Hussein Pasha, the commander of the constitutional forces. Constantinople is quiet.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 20.—The population of the Turkish capital awoke this morning to find the pickets of the constitutional forces, who have surrounded the city to make the sultan guarantee the continuation of constitutional government, within calling distance of the old walls that flank the capital on its south side. The constitutionalist lines extend in a wide semi-circle around three-quarters of the city, Pera, Galata and Stamboul, and every hour they are becoming longer. All roads outside of the capital are occupied by the investing forces, whose twelve-mile front can be traced distinctly, but movement of the highways has been practically unaffected except that now and then travelers are stopped and questioned and some time taken before the commander of the nearest outpost.

Several of the foreign military attaches in Constantinople rode out this morning and visited the hospitals and the Turkish officers, who command battalions of the constitutionalists, and had an excellent opportunity to observe the condition of the troops. They were amazed at the excellence and completeness of the equipment, and the high state of efficiency of the field and supply trains. The men are well fed, confident of ultimate success and under excellent discipline. All requisitions made upon the people for food or animals are paid for in cash. The Italian attaché counted thirty machine guns and another military observer counted sixty field guns attended by well-mounted troops. At noon yesterday the constitutionalists numbered about 20,000; at noon today they were more than 25,000 strong.

No Delay in Occupation.

The occupation of the city will not be delayed long. It may take place tonight or the movement may be deferred for another twenty-four hours. General Hussein, commanding the army of investment, says that as he will have to patrol a city of a million people, in which there are many dangerous mob elements, he must have at his command enough men to do this work carefully and well and not only to take the city, but to maintain it. The means to be used in the city to offer resistance to the army of constitutionalists. The sultan remains secluded at Yildiz Kiosk. To all appearances he is showing little activity. With the exception of Tewfik Pasha, the present grand vizier, he has received none of his ministers for forty-eight hours; but Tewfik Pasha, the calm and tried counselor of many a time of stress, has spent the thirty out of the last forty-eight hours with his imperial master. He is constantly summoned to the palace. He may just have returned from a four-hour audience with the sultan to his home in Pera, which is some distance from the palace, when another mounted messenger from his majesty will summon him to further conference. It is through Tewfik Pasha alone that the sultan's attitude and mind are made known to the other ministers, the officials of the states.

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"Waltz Me Around Again, Nelsie!"



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ATTACK ON CENSUS SERVICE

Senators Say Favored Clerks Are Given Promotions.

VOTE DOWN CONFERENCE REPORT

Upper Body Stands Pat on McCumber's Amendment Requiring Residence in State from Which Applicants Are Appointed.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—By an aye and nay vote the senate today rejected the conference report on the census bill because of its failure to include the McCumber amendment requiring applicants for civil service employment to reside in the states claimed by them as their homes.

"That the census office has in its employ in one bureau the wife of a secretary of a member of congress, the wives of two officials of the War department and the wife of a prominent official in the Treasury department was the charge made today by Senator McCumber in criticizing the conference report on the census bill.

"Promotion," he said, "seems to be almost wholly for women who have husbands in the departments. This is getting to be a city of official families holding positions under the government."

Mr. McCumber said the census bill as agreed to did not differ materially from the measure which was vetoed in the last congress by President Roosevelt. According to the provisions of the bill, he said, the clerks always get to "bill" once a day and some of the others don't get visits once a week.

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Political War Among Medics

Charges Filed Against Former Nebraskan in Fight in American Medical Association.

HARROLD, S. D., HAS BAD FIRE

Damage Estimated at \$25,000, Five Buildings Being Consumed—Starts in Livery Barn.

PIERRE, S. D., April 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire last night did damage to the amount of about \$25,000 at the town of Harrold, thirty miles east of here. The flames destroyed the Woodruff store, the postoffice, the Summerside building, Stewart's real estate office and the Bevan livery, in which building it started. How much insurance was carried is not known at present.

PATTEN IS A PHILANTHROPIST, SAYS W. C. SUNDERLAND

"Jim Patten is neither a criminal nor a speculator in wheat. He is a philanthropist and a good man, as well as being a wise one and the friend of the farmers, who have been trying for years to make a profit raising wheat. I cannot understand those men who attack Patten in the present deal in wheat, as he is doing just as he always has done—no different."

This is the estimate of the head of the firm of Patten & Bartlett, which Patten's friend, W. C. Sunderland of Omaha, holds, and which he is not afraid to tell his customers.

Almost every day every member of the Grain exchange drops into "Bill" Sunderland's office on the grain dealers' floor of the Brandeis building to get the "dope" on the markets. There are a lot of other places where quotations come in and the ticker ticks the best part of the day. But the dealers always get to "bill" once a day and some of the others don't get visits once a week.

"Bill" Sunderland is a friend of "Jim" Patten. Patten's wires come into the Sunderland office and Patten & Bartlett give orders to buy Nebraska wheat, some times offering prices which make other dealers bid and increase the size of the Nebraska farmer's roll until it would choke a tunnel.

"The influence of Jim Patten on the price of Iowa and Nebraska wheat ought to be enough to make every farmer and Secretary of Agriculture Wilson a friend of Jim Patten," said Mr. Sunderland Tuesday when he read more attacks on his friend Patten. "He's a cash grain buyer, horse, and not a speculator buying on margins without expecting to have a bushel delivered. Time and again he has demonstrated that by buying Nebraska wheat and paying cash for it. The prices he

pays when his judgment, based on information he collects at his own expense has inspired the farmers of Nebraska to increase their acreage of wheat. He is doing that right now, and everyone knows Nebraska ought to grow more wheat. There's a miller standing right there in from Hastings who doesn't know where he is going to get wheat enough to keep his mill running.

"Now Patten found out for himself that the world's supply of wheat was short last fall. He has men in every country where wheat is grown who know what they are talking about. He does not gather his statistics from postmasters as Secretary Wilson does, but he spends his money securing experts in his employ. He knows the former head of the bureau under Wilson, which gathers crop statistics. Snow knows how bad the Department of Agriculture gathers information and he has helped Patten organize a system which beats the department for reliability.

"Patten found out wheat was scarce and began to buy it and have it delivered just as men buy city lots when they believe a certain part of the city is going to see boom. Patten was right. 'Tama' Jim was wrong and Patten is paying what wheat is worth and selling it for what real wheat is worth to make real bread to feed a world which would not be hungry if bread earners were a little more intelligent and industrious.

"This Patten deal is not like the other deals. It's a corner without being a corner," says Mr. Sunderland. "This man Patten would not start a big speculative deal just to be smart and show his cunning. He is a great wheat merchant, buying and selling, and that's all. He has been a big help to the farmers and they are getting the benefit of his foresight and knowledge."

DASHING BEAR RAID ON WHEAT

Bulls Are Without a Leader and Onslaught Results in Big Slump in July Delivery.

SMALL MARGINS WIPED OUT

Traders Who Expected Patten to Support Market Disappointed.

SHORTS TAKE THEIR PROFITS

Drop Follows Accumulation of Bearish News.

RUSSIAN SHIPMENTS ARE HEAVY

Rain in Southwest Aids Winter Wheat, and Fine Seeding Weather in North Insures Bumper Spring Crop.

CHICAGO, April 20.—Bulls in wheat were leaderless today and a dashing bear raid wrought considerable confusion in the pit where July closing at \$1.12½, showed a net loss of 3½¢.

The raid wended out small margined traders, enabling a lot of profit-taking by shorts, not to mention the reinstatement of long lines previously disposed of at a higher figure.

"It's old Mother Earth warning Patten et al that Secretary Wilson knows something about crops himself," said the bears. "It's just a natural swing of the speculation pendulum. There has been a long continued advance; the reaction is only natural," said the bulls.

"Why didn't the Patten crowd support the market?" was a question frequently put by small speculators who had pinned their faith to the Patten position and expected that the bull leader would take care that prices did not run away.

"Because it's none of Patten's business," came the answer from the Patten aides. "He has a lot of wheat, but he is not manipulating prices. He knows that conditions will take care of the price. He has neither made nor unmade prices and has no responsibility in the matter."

Whether Patten purchases were made is a matter for conjecture, although there was an unconfirmed report that the bull leader bought heavily at the decline and stopped July before it got beyond \$1.12½ in its heading tumble.

Customers of the Patten house, however, declare that there was nothing throughout the day to indicate that the leading trader had taken any interest in the market. Apparently he left it to its fate, although his eyes seldom left the blackboard where quotations are marked up.

Bears in wheat made another sensational drive at the market today. July sank an extreme six cents under the point of yesterday and May followed suit. The dicker credited Patten and allies with supporting at the decline, but confirmation, either direct or suggestive, was lacking.

Today's slump followed an accumulation of bearish news, yesterday and today. Among the influences was remarkably heavy Russian shipments last week, rain in the southwest and a report that seeding in the northwest would be completed this week, with prospects for a bumper crop.

The market seemed weak all day, but what looked like bull demoralization was reserved for the closing half hour. At the opening today the decline of late yesterday continued, May was 3¢ under the previous close and July 3¢ under 3¢.

This opening loss was sufficient to bring out further stop-loss orders, under which July declined to \$1.14 and May to \$1.25½. Then came the crash. July tumbled to \$1.12 and May to \$1.23½.

"The close was a report that 2½¢ of 2½ cents under yesterday's close at \$1.12½ and May 2½ cents down at \$1.24½.

W. S. Wood Sells Kansas City Bank to St. Louis Man

Disposes of Interest in Bank of Commerce to J. Wilson Perry for Large Sum.

KANSAS CITY, April 20.—J. Wilson Perry of St. Louis, today purchased the entire interest, amounting to \$1,400,000 of Dr. W. S. Wood's Kansas City Bank in the National Bank of Commerce of this city and later Mr. Perry was elected president of the bank to succeed David T. Beale.

William L. Buechle of St. Joseph, state bank examiner for Missouri, was today also elected vice-president to succeed William T. Kemper of Kansas City, and Mr. Perry and George E. Nicholson were elected to fill vacancies in the board of directors.

This ends a long contest over possession of the bank. The bank failed in the fall of 1907 with \$3,000,000 deposits. It was reorganized later and re-opened with William B. Ridgely as its president, the latter having resigned the position of controller of the currency to accept the position. Subsequently Mr. Ridgely was ousted when Dr. Woods secured control of the institution, with which he had for years been president. Mr. Nicholson is from Iowa, Kan.

Court Annuls Alabama Law

Statute Prohibiting Corporations from Going to Federal Court Declared Bad.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., April 20.—The Alabama state law providing for annulling the licenses of foreign corporations which take cases from state to federal courts was today declared unconstitutional by Judge Thomas C. Jones in the United States district court.

Nominations by President

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