

THREATENED TO SINK BOAT

Dominion Cruiser Kestrel Captures American Schooner Charles Levi Woodbury.

CRUISER MEANT BUSINESS.

Captain Would Not Surrender Until His Boat Had Been Boarded.

Ignored Three Shots Fired to Draw His Attention but Hove to When One Went Through Rigging.

Vancouver, B. C., April 21.—The dominion government cruiser Kestrel arrived in port today having in charge the American sailboat fishing schooner Charles Levi Woodbury, which she captured after firing four rounds from her Nordenfjeld machine guns and threatening to sink the alleged poaching vessel unless she surrendered. Three of the volleys were intended as a warning, but as no attention was paid to them, a fourth was directed at the schooner which struck and slightly damaged her. The captain of the American vessel did not surrender, however, until his schooner was boarded by a force from the cruiser.

The action took place Sunday a tern in northern waters, alleged to be contiguous to Canada. Five bullets tore through the air in the direction of the Woodbury. Each time the machine gun was fired as the vessels headed at full speed from the west coast of Vancouver island and pointed towards the middle of the Pacific.

Three of the rounds were merely intended to call attention to the command to leave to which had been issued as rapidly as possible. But the last series of shots meant business. The gun was pointed at the fish boat which was then at a distance of about 200 yards and still making for the open sea as rapidly as possible. The bullets were aimed high, ripped the mainmast of the schooner and one or two knocked splinters off the main mast. Capt. Sinclair feared that he would be sunk right there if he did not stop. At the same moment the second gun of the Kestrel was aimed across her deck to get into range of the fishing boat. The Woodbury's engines were then stopped and her sails, gauled by British bullets, hauled down. But even then the American captain would not willingly surrender. He declined to fasten a hawser aboard his vessel, but a few minutes later an officer and three men from the Kestrel boarded the Woodbury and took charge.

CLAIMS A CLEAR CASE.

Capt. Newcomb of the Kestrel declares that if he ever had a clear case against an American vessel fishing in British waters, this was it. He declared the Kestrel was steaming north from Quatsno on the west coast when he espied an American vessel fishing in British waters, and was within a mile of East Island. By the time she had picked up her dories she was within a short distance of West Island. Capt. Sinclair, of the Woodbury, apparently did not notice the arrival of the Kestrel on the scene until the government vessel was within about three miles.

Then the American ran along his five dories, the fishermen cutting their gear, without wasting time to pull a fathom of it in. Within 20 minutes of the time the Kestrel was sighted the schooner was within range of her guns to full capacity and her sails spread to a fine western breeze, turned towards the highlands of the Pacific. The cruiser gradually overhauled the American schooner and by the time they were four and a quarter miles off the shore the Kestrel was alongside the captain of the two vessels were conversing.

Capt. Newcomb had signalled several times for the Americans to stop but they kept on. The first gun was fired when the race had but well begun and the next two were directed to send the hulls across the bows of the Yankee vessel. But the captain of the latter made no attempt to stop. When Capt. Newcomb got abreast the American he opened communication through a speaking trumpet.

"Stop, or I will put a hole through you," called Capt. Newcomb.

"I don't think so," said Sinclair, in a reply that came plainly over the raging water.

Then the big gun went off and a little section of the Woodbury's sail was shredded. When the second gun of the Kestrel had been unavailing, and trained on the schooner Capt. Sinclair realized that further flight was useless and surrendered. He refused, however, to help navigate his vessel to port and could not even make fast a hawser. His engines declined to turn over the machine equipment. The warship then took the Woodbury in tow and headed for Vancouver, arriving this morning when the prize was tied up at a wharf. The Woodbury is a schooner about 100 feet long and 12 of 120 tons burden. She has been fishing out of Seattle for a number of years. She had about 1,600 pounds of fish on board when taken. There was no time to clean the fish and the cargo was destroyed.

CAPT. SINCLAIR COMPLAINS.

Vancouver, B. C., April 21.—Capt. Sinclair, master of the Charles Levi Woodbury, charged the United States with a hostile intent and lodged a complaint with Col. West, the American naval officer in charge of the port. West will take sworn depositions of Capt. Sinclair and members of the crew and investigate the case. If he thinks the schooner was not justified in its refusal to stop, until matters are straightened out the crew of the schooner will remain aboard here. She is owned by the Standard Fish company of Seattle.

DRINKS CARBOLIC AND DROPS DEAD

Mrs. Frank Williams Breaks Out Of Quarantine While Under Influence of Liquor.

TAKEN BACK, SHE SUICIDES.

Tragedy on Social Hall Avenue Is Surrounding by a Number of Despicable Features.

After drinking a large quantity of alcohol and becoming intoxicated, and after being taken to her home in the patrol wagon, Mrs. Frank Williams, formerly Miss Hilma Peterson, aged 35 years, locked herself in a room and drank about four ounces of undiluted carbolic acid, killing herself almost instantly.

FOUND ON A LAWN.

About 1 o'clock this morning Mrs. Williams drank some alcohol and disregarding the quarantine laws left the place and wandered to Third east between South Temple and First South street. There she was found robing about on a lawn. The police were notified and Patrolmen Johnson and Kist went to the scene in the patrol wagon and loaded the woman into the same. They took her back to her place when she was found to be unconscious. She was taken to the hospital where she died.

TOOK FOUR OUNCES OF ACID.

At about 10:30 word was received at police headquarters by taking carbolic acid. Again the wagon went to the place. Jailer Ripley and Patrolmen Head and Grundvig made an investigation and found that Mrs. Williams had locked herself in a room and had taken about four ounces of carbolic acid. She was dead when the police arrived.

SCENE AT RESIDENCE.

The scene at the house was a most pitiable one. The aged mother, Mrs. Peterson, could not be consoled and was on the verge of nervous prostration. Shaking with grief she called repeatedly for her dead daughter to come back. Mrs. Toms in the meantime trying to console her, although on the verge of collapse herself from the terrible shock. The children ran crying through the house and the entire neighborhood was aroused.

"The woman did not live long after taking the acid," said Dr. Beer, who locked herself in a room and drank a glass of acid and could not have lived long. The children of Mrs. Toms, two girls, have been sick for some time with a combination of scarlet fever and diphtheria, but both are now out of danger.

NO INQUEST NECESSARY.

The dead woman was born in Sweden 25 years ago. She married Frank Williams, but the couple separated and since that time she took her maiden name, Hilma Peterson. Dr. Beer stated she was a woman of good character and much respected. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Peterson, a sister, Mrs. Toms, and another sister aged 15 years. Her brothers are August Peterson of San Francisco and West. Albert, of 509 Seventh East; D. Peterson of Fourteenth South and State, and Oscar Peterson of Mercur. No inquest was held, as the cause plainly one of suicide. Arrangements for the funeral have not been made as yet.

JUSTICE BLANCHARD IS MERCIFUL TO SARAH KOLEN

New York, April 21.—Sarah Kolen, the young woman who killed Dr. Martin W. Auspits in this city last summer, and recently pleaded guilty to manslaughter when brought to trial, was through the decision of Supreme Court Justice Blanchard, spared the infliction of a prison penalty. When the woman, with baby in arms, was brought across the justice, he announced that he would suspend sentence and place Miss Kolen in the custody of the council of Jewish women. This society will find her a suitable home where she can claim a new life and rear her child in ignorance of the crime its mother had committed. She left the court with one of the women agents of the society.

BOOTH & CO.'S AFFAIRS.

P. A. Valentine's Plan of Reorganization Has Been Accepted.

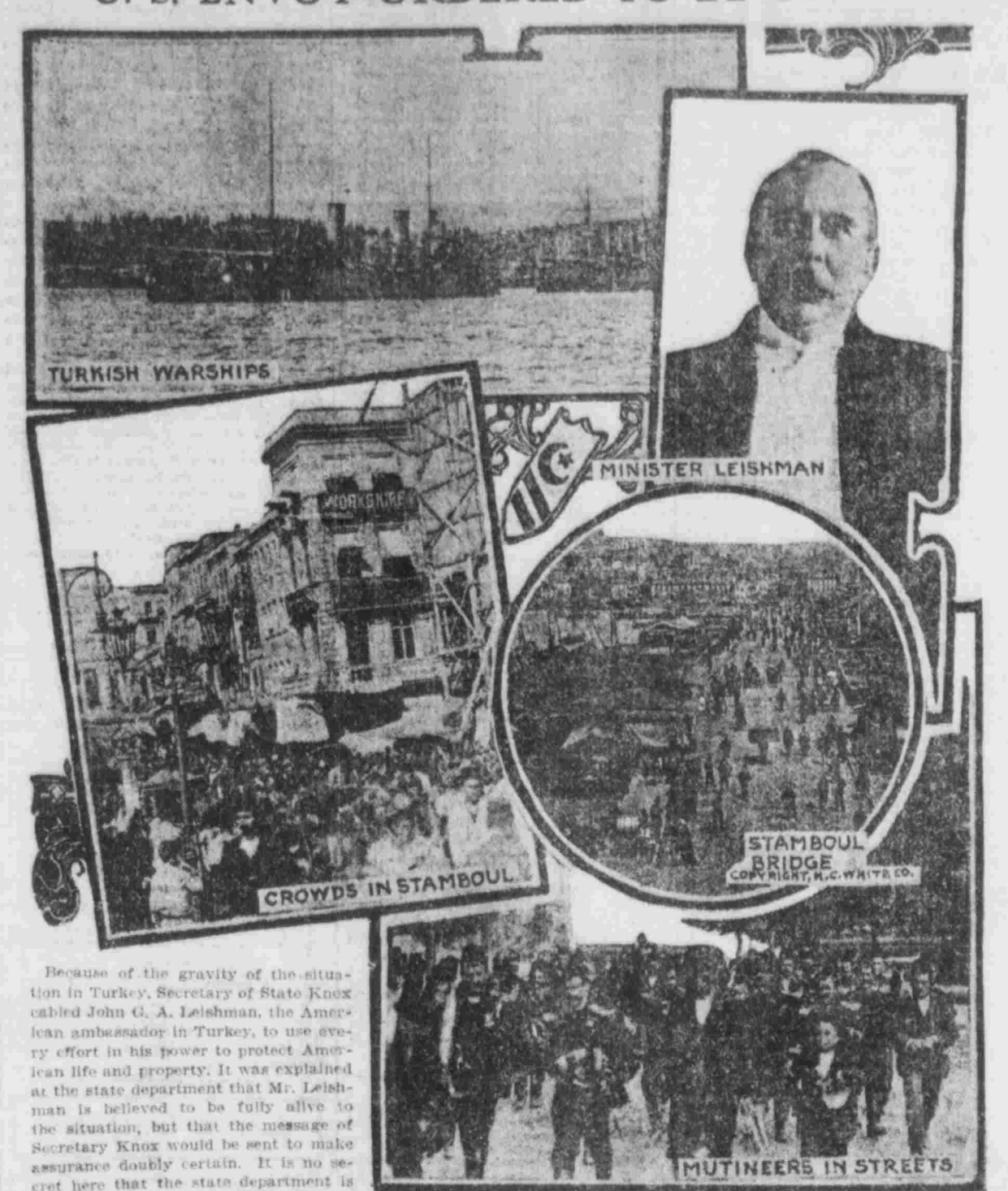
Chicago, April 21.—P. A. Valentine has been notified that his plan for the reorganization of the United States National Bank has been accepted by the creditors. This means that the company will be reorganized under the new directors, and the entire new directors, April 20 was the day set by Mr. Valentine for the acceptance of his proposition to finance the reorganization of the company as a \$7,000,000 corporation, with \$3,000,000 preferred stock and \$4,000,000 common stock, in addition to a bond issue of \$1,000,000.

NATIONALISTS LOST SIXTY MEN KILLED

Tatris, Persia, April 21.—The nationalists lost 60 men killed and 100 wounded in the battle for this city yesterday in which H. C. Bakerville, an American school teacher, lost his life.

The armistice arranged by the shah for the purpose of bringing in provisions is not regarded with enthusiasm here, as the absence of transportation makes provisioning the town very difficult.

SCENES OF UPRISING IN TURKISH CAPITAL, U. S. ENVOY ORDERED TO BE ON ALERT



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 already 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.

SLADE ARRESTED ON INDICTMENT

Former Postal Clerk to Stand Trial for Pilfering U. S. Mail.

TRUE BILL FROM GRAND JURY.

He Was Taken Into Custody and Arraigned Before United States Commissioner Baldwin.

Following the indictment of C. C. Slade yesterday afternoon by the grand jury, a warrant was issued today for his arrest on the charge of rifling the mails at the Salt Lake postoffice. Marshal L. H. Smyth took the matter in hand this morning and after arresting Slade he was taken before United States Commissioner Baldwin, who fixed his bond at \$2,000. Slade then left the office in company with Marshal Smyth in order to secure his bondsmen. He was released this afternoon on a bond signed by Frank McGurran and J. G. O'Donnell.

WAS A TRUSTED MAN.

The arrest of Slade on Jan. 16, 1908, caused much excitement in the city. He was well known, and besides having many friends and moving in the best society, he was trusted implicitly by the postoffice officials from the postmaster down. He had been in the employ of the department for 28 years, and his detection came through the suspicions of Inspector McKee, who was put to work on the reported leaks in the office, with Inspectors Lowe and Durand. Mr. McKee was suspicious of Slade from the start, and it was said that he had not watched him long before he was sure he had the man under his eye who was responsible for the trouble in the Salt Lake office. He saw him act suspiciously with letters as they passed through his hands. If they seemed to contain anything of value he laid them aside and when the distribution was over, he took the package of letters to his desk and there opened them, sealing up those which contained no money. The officers had not a good place to view him the first night, which was on Jan. 15, but on the next night they took a better stand and he was seen to take 21 letters to his desk and open them. From several of them he took bills, one letter was from a father to his daughter enclosing money for her expenses at school.

WIFE LEAKS OF ARREST.

Slade was immediately arrested, and this was no sooner done than his wife, innocent of his trouble, appeared to accompany him home. When she learned the news, a terrible scene followed. Slade acknowledged his guilt and his wife was almost prostrated by the revelation. He asserted then that he had not been at his crooked work more than a few weeks, but the officers expressed doubt regarding such a statement on account of the way in which he worked, indicating to their experienced eyes long practice at that line of work.

He was later released on bonds furnished by his wife and Russell L. Tracy.

TEN THOUSAND KILLED IN RIOTS

London, April 21.—A special dispatch received from Athens today says that telegrams that have come in there from Merina set forth that fully 10,000 persons were killed in the anti-Christian rioting of the last few days in the Adana and Tarsus districts. Entire villages were razed and the country is a smoking wilderness.

COMMERCIAL CLUB CONTRACT AWARDED

Work is to be Commenced in Two Weeks by the James Stewart Construction Company.

The contract for constructing the new home of the Commercial club, at Cactus street and Exchange place, has been awarded to the James Stewart Construction company of St. Louis, Mo. Work on the new club house is to be commenced in two weeks, and there will be no cessation of work until the completed structure is delivered to the board of governors of the club, according to contract, on December 15, next.

The details of closing the contract were attended to in the office of Frank Stephens yesterday afternoon, the contract for the club being signed by President W. J. Halloran and Secretary Fisher Harris. The signers for the James Stewart company were H. W. Lohman, general manager, of St. Louis. Mr. Lohman was accompanied by J. W. Cochran, the New York City representative of the Stewart company. The pen with which the document was signed by the executive officers of the Commercial club was presented. The officers of the construction company, as a souvenir, the pen was a gold one, and another point of equal value was returned to Secretary Harris by the representatives of the company.

The contract price for completing the building is \$184,750; the total cost of the building complete will be about \$250,000. The structure will be six stories high, and will be an ornament to the city, and a fitting companion to the big Newhouse skyscrapers which will be its neighbor on the west. The building will be devoted entirely to club purposes, and in the matter of furnishings and equipment will be one of the most modern and up-to-date in the country. Marine and African mahogany will form a large part of the furnishings and decorations, making the interior one of the most beautiful imaginable.

The James Stewart company is one of the leading construction companies in the world. It has offices in most of the large cities in the country and in Europe. When the American method of building were introduced in London and other European centers, creating such a sensation in those cities that some years ago, it was the James Stewart company which did the work, and since that time many great structures have been erected by the corporation throughout Europe. There is no question of the ability of the company to perform its part of the contract, and it may confidently be expected that when the day rolls round upon which the building is to be completed, it will be ready to turn over to the Commercial club officials.

O. S. L. SURVEYORS IN TETON BASIN

Prospects Bright for Building Branch Road to the Rich Coal Deposits.

RACE WITH J. J. HILL'S FORCES

Another Spirited Contest Between Harriman and His Powerful Rival Reported from Lemhi, Idaho.

Well authenticated reports from the Teton basin country received today are to the effect that the Oregon Short Line railroad has put a corps of surveyors in the field with the idea of completing at the earliest moment possible a survey for a new line to the Teton coal fields. The information is that orders to rush the work have been given, as it has been reliably reported that the Hill forces have men in the field and work has got to be done in a hurry to get ahead of the Burlington crowd.

That the Short Line has had serious doubts of building a branch from the main line running through eastern Idaho to tap the rich coal mines recently discovered in the Teton country there has been no manner of doubt. Just where the line will branch off from the Yellowstone Park line is not definitely known, but according to the best information obtainable it will probably be built from Ashton, a station 52 miles northwesterly from Idaho Falls.

Another railroad construction race between the Harriman and Hill forces is also reported from Lemhi, in northern Idaho, where it is said, the Short Line is planning to build a road ahead of the line said to be planned by the Hill interests. A party of engineers in the neighborhood of Lemhi is reported as offering to wager that their road will get into that valley ahead of the road being constructed from Ararat by the Pittsburg, Leach & Gilman company, said to be a Hill concern.

The new line projected by the Short Line, it is said, is to be built from a point on the Mackay branch. Returning northward to a point called Reno, it will follow Birch creek in its source, and crossing a low divide, will strike the Lemhi, passing down that stream into the Lemhi valley.

The Hill forces are said to be active, and soon intercepting developments are looked for in the near future.

POSTOFFICES AND PATENTS FOR WESTERNERS

(Special to the "News") Washington, D. C., April 21.—George F. Buel has been appointed postmaster at Stettin, Iron county, Utah, vice Mrs. J. C. Menden.

George F. Chapin has been appointed rural carrier; Edith V. Chapin, substitute; route 1, Parma, Ida.

Patents issued: Utah-H. Irwin Salt Lake rotary measuring device; F. E. Marry, Salt Lake, belt tightening and speed changing mechanism and copper converter; H. M. Mitchell, Salt Lake, switch rod; A. E. Faddison, Salt Lake, window screen.

Idaho—W. S. Hill, Coeur d'Alene, dynamo; D. R. McQuinn, Pocatello, dynamo; Wyoming—N. W. Rice, Cody, harrow's shears.

GREAT ICE DAM IN NIAGARA RIVER

Moving Ponderously Before Great Pressure of Water, it is Slicing Off River Embankment.

SITUATION VERY PERILOUS.

Water Passing Over Falls is Backing Up—Leviston Suspension Bridge in Danger.

Niagara Falls, New York, April 21.—Thousands of tons of broken ice piled in a confused mass in the mouth of the Niagara river, where it flows into Lake Ontario today threaten the Leviston suspension bridge, which is 85 feet above the normal level of the river. Moving ponderously before a tremendous pressure of water, the mass of ice is slicing off the river embankment as it passes and threatens serious damage to some of the hotels on the river bank, ordinarily high above the water. Great fields of ice are pouring over Niagara Falls, constantly adding to the accumulation which clogs the exit of the river into the Lake Ontario. This increases the height of the mound of ice at Leviston which already is nearly 100 feet above the usual level of the river.

The situation here today is perilous. Col. James E. Price, in charge of the Buffalo office of the United States engineer corps says the department is helpless to render any assistance at Leviston and Youngstown. He inspected the conditions on Sunday and found the ice at the mouth of the river at least 75 inches in thickness. Dynamite, Col. Price declared, would make as much impression as if exploded in soft dirt. He saw no way to relieve the condition.

The water that is now passing over the falls is backing up in the lower river. There are large fields of ice in the river above the rapids, and it is passing over the falls at the rate of thousands of tons a second. At Leviston there is a large mound of ice probably 80 feet above the normal water level and endangering the Cornell house located far above the river. As the jam moves it carries the embankment before it, cutting it off clean as it passes.

AMERICANS IN TURKEY.

News That Cruisers Are to be Sent to Protect Them Gives Satisfaction.

Constantinople, April 21.—The receipt of the news here that the American government had ordered the cruisers Montana and North Carolina to Alexandria for the protection of Americans here and in the Syrian coast, and that the French and English governments, whether the information has been forwarded.

SAMUEL EBERLY GROSS.

Wife Sues for Divorce on the Ground Of Desertion.

Chicago, April 21.—Samuel Eberly Gross, who gained international fame some years ago by accusing Edmond Dantes, the French playwright of filching his ideas for "Cyrano de Bergerac" from a Gross play called "The Merchant of Venice," and who was in a suit based on this claim, has been sued for divorce. Mrs. Emily Gross charged that her husband deserted her Dec. 1, 1908.

Mr. Gross was one of the largest real estate dealers in Chicago, but two years ago became financially embarrassed and now is in a sanitarium.

TAFT IN SYMPATHY WITH FOREST POLICY

Washington, April 21.—President Taft's entire sympathy with the forest and conservation policies is announced and stories that vast areas are to be taken away from the national forests are denied in a statement regarding the administration's attitude, issued today by Gifford Pinchot. Mr. Pinchot says that charges that forests contain great areas of agricultural lands are baseless and that any agricultural land wherever found along the boundaries of forests will be restored to entry.

Mr. Pinchot's statement follows: "Any statement that President Taft is not in sympathy with the forestry and the conservation movement is without foundation. On the contrary, I am authorized by the president to say that he is in entire sympathy with the forest policy and the conservation policy as already developed and stands behind them. I am also authorized by the president to deny categorically the story that great areas are to be taken out of the national forests by presidential proclamation."

\$1,000 REWARD.

For Conviction of Men Who Raided Allamog-Sage Sheep Camp.

Cheyenne, Wyo., April 21.—The National West Drovers' association has offered a reward of \$1,000 for the conviction of the men who raided the Allamog & Sage sheep camp in the Big Horn district some time ago, killing the owners of the sheep and a herder named Lander, burning the camp and looting two of their victims. One arrest has been made in connection with this raid.

PROPOSED RUSSIAN EXPEDITION INTO PERSIA

Tiflis, April 21.—Gen. Shkuray, who commanded the Russian punitive expedition to Juba in 1908, has been designated to lead the proposed Russian expedition into Persia. This expedition has been organized at the suggestion of Great Britain for the relief of Persians at Tabriz. Its departure, however, has been postponed on account of the activities of the Persians. The expedition, consisting of the Third Russian division of Caucasian riflemen is now camping near Juba on the frontier in instant readiness to march.

ABLE TO BE SULTAN

Agreement Between Government And Committee of Union and Progress Concluded.

PRESENT CABINET TO RESIGN.

Ten Agitators Caught Among Constitutional Troops Tried And Executed.

Advance Guard of Army Arrives on Outskirts of Constantinople—Oath Being Administered to Soldiers in Garrison.

London, April 21.—A special dispatch received here from Constantinople says that a definite agreement between the government and committee on Union and Progress has been concluded. Abdul Hamid is to remain sultan of Turkey, but the present cabinet will resign immediately.

AGITATORS EXECUTED.

Constantinople, April 21.—Ten agitators who were caught among the Constitutional troops trying to undermine their loyalty to their commanders were executed at San Stefano after a summary trial by court-martial.

Fifty other men have been arrested by the Constitutionalists during the last few days on similar charges.

ADVANCE GUARD ARRIVES.

Constantinople, April 21.—4230 p. m.—The advance guard of the Constitutional army has arrived at the outskirts of the city. The cabinet will meet this afternoon and proclaim martial law in the capital.

The administering of the oath to the troops still in garrison is proceeding today in accordance with the demands of the Constitutionalists. Furthermore the authors of the recent upheaval are being arrested.

A meeting was held this morning to consider the proposals made by the army of investment. In some quarters it is believed there is an increasing possibility of arriving at an understanding which may result in a reconciliation between the Young Turks and the sultan.

D. A. R.

Mrs. MacLean's Action Towards Mrs. Story Causes His Feeling.

Washington, April 21.—The refusal last night of Mrs. MacLean to permit the "Reading of the D. A. R. Roll" at the Story of her report as state regent of New York because she failed to respond to her name, was met with such a storm of protest among the supporters of the administration candidate for president-general of the D. A. R. that the D. A. R. assembled today they rallied around their leader and discussed the situation with her.

The national atmosphere became still further clouded and the Story forces are taking advantage of it for campaign material. The program for today calls for the reading of reports of chairmen of various committees, the first of which was on children of the republic.

STEAMER ADMIRAL SIGHTED OFF MOMBASA

Mombasa, East Africa, April 21.—The steamer Admiral with Theodore Roosevelt and members of his party on board has just been sighted off this port.

REORGANITE CONFERENCE

Adjourns to Meet Next Year at Independence, Mo.

Lansdown, Ia., April 21.—The fifty-sixth annual conference of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, now in session here, adjourned today to meet next year at Independence, Mo. President Joseph Smith, who was given to the conference, involved several important changes in the personnel of the church. It released from the office of the presidency Elder R. C. Evans of Canada, and confirmed as president of the church, Elder J. W. Lammie of Idaho. Also, and Hiram B. Smith of Louisiana, Stefan F. Carlisle of Utah, and R. C. Russell of Canada, were elected apostles. The presidency of the church is now composed of Joseph Smith, his son, Frank Smith, and his nephew, Alvin A. Smith. Representatives from New Zealand, England, Honolulu, Canada, Samoa and Australia have been in attendance.

THREE PEOPLE INJURED JUMPING FROM WINDOW

Missoula, Mont., April 21.—Three persons were injured by jumping from a second-story window in the firm residence of George Smith, in Orchard street, to avoid a fire that totally destroyed the building. The injured persons were Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, both hands cut, and bruised about head. Richard Gerlach, injured internally and cut about the head. John Stahl, slightly cut.

HUNGARIAN CABINET RESIGNS.

Budapest, April 21.—The Hungarian cabinet resigned today and the emperor, King Francis Joseph, has asked Count Andreyev, minister of the interior, to form a new cabinet. The resignation of the ministry of Premier Wekerle is due to internal divergence of opinion which has resulted in the breaking up of the coalition of political parties by which the government has been supported in its efforts to secure the establishment of a Hungarian state bank independent of the existing Austro-Hungarian banking institutions.