

COURT'S RULING ON CHALLENGES.

Judge Ritchie Leaves Ballots
Much as They Were in the
Beginning.

ELEVEN UNDER ADVISEMENT.

Case Will be Concluded Today if it
Takes a Night Session of the
Court.

The Thirty-eighth district was disposed of by Judge Ritchie this morning in the election contest case of Perry and Anson against Hartenstein and Tuddenham, counselmen-elect of the Fourth precinct. Of the challenges made by the Americans in that district, 29 were denied by the court and counted for Hartenstein and 28 were denied and counted for Tuddenham. Of the challenges by the attorneys for the Democrats, 17 were denied and counted for Perry and 15 were denied and counted for Anson.

Yesterday afternoon the Thirty-seventh district was completed and of the challenges made by the Americans, 53 were denied and the votes were counted for Hartenstein and 55 were denied and counted for Tuddenham. Of the Democratic challenges, 6 were denied and counted for Perry and 7 were denied and counted for Anson. The case will be concluded today even if it becomes necessary to hold a night session of court.

WAS A MAN OF WORTH.

Friends Pay Tribute to the Memory of
Waldemar Petersen.

Impressive funeral services over the remains of Waldemar Petersen were held yesterday afternoon in the Tenth ward meetinghouse, Bishop Joseph Christensen presiding. The house was filled with sympathizing relatives and friends and the speakers were Bishop Robert Morris of the Eleventh ward, John P. Meakin, Elmer Thomas F. Howell, Joseph Keddington, John H. White, Bishop Christensen and Joseph E. Taylor. All spoke in high terms of the deceased, and classed him as a man of worth and great integrity. Appropriate music was furnished by the ward choir, while E. A. Brady sang "Face to Face." A long cortege followed the remains to the city cemetery, where the grave was dedicated by Elder Joseph F. Simmons. Five sons of the deceased acted as pallbearers.

SUCCESSFUL TEACHERS.

The state board of education at its meeting yesterday granted a number of certificates and diplomas as follows: High school diplomas—Harriet Elliott and Alfred Rees of this city, and C. C. Norwood of Europa; grammar grade diplomas—Archibald Gardner and Violet Clark of this county; state five-year certificates—Clarence E. Walters, Hattie McLaughlin and M. Pinner of this city; state temporary high school certificates—A. L. Neff and J. T. Woodbury of St. George, Elder Freese, Salt Lake county.

WHITAKER MAKES REPORT.

Notifies Governor Culler of Work Done
While He Was Secretary.

Secy. S. T. Whitaker of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition commission for Utah has filed with Gov. Culler a financial report of the affairs of the commission from the time he succeeded John C. Cannon as secretary on Feb. 18, up to the close of the commission's affairs. The report is dated on March 28, 1905, as his former report, a copy of which he claimed to have sent the governor and was lost, bore that date. Following is the report in full:

March 28, 1905.
Hon. John C. Culler,
Governor of the State of Utah.
Sir—The following is a concise report of the work of the Louisiana purchase exposition commission for the state of Utah, from Feb. 18, 1903, to the following sources:
Jan. 25, from John C. Cannon's attorney \$2,131.12
March 27, from American Smelt-

ing & Refining company for concentrates turned in by Director General Whitaker. 41.20
March 27, from state warrant. 7,424.70
Total \$9,655.92

DISBURSEMENTS.

Feb. 18, order No. 501, to R. G. Ry Co., freight 75.69
March 27, order No. 502, E. F. Hanna, storage 77.27
March 27, order No. 503, S. T. Whitaker, freight 34.00
March 27, order No. 504, S. T. Whitaker, freight 25.00
March 27, order No. 505, Allen Transfer Co., 2.00
March 27, order No. 506, S. T. Whitaker, salary 250.00
March 27, order No. 507, S. T. Whitaker, fare 21.65
March 27, order No. 508, Willis Johnson, order No. 509, S. T. Whitaker, expense account 120.83
March 27, order No. 510, O. S. L. Ry Co., 15.35
March 27, order No. 511, Western Union Telegraph Co., 6.23
March 27, order No. 512, Lambert Paper Co., 12.00
March 27, order No. 513, Dora Pyper, 6.95
March 27, order No. 516, Deseret National bank 2,465.61
March 27, order No. 515, Commercial National bank 2,748.19
March 27, order No. 517, McCormick & Co., bankers 2,083.00
March 27, order No. 518, State Bank of Utah 2,074.97
March 27, order No. 519, Herbert L. James 51.75

By cash received \$9,655.92
To disbursements 9,651.74

Cash on hand 6.28
Refund from Commercial National bank (overpayment) 5.29
Refund from Western Union Telegraph Co. (overpayment) 4.94

Total amount of cash on hand 16.61
Returned to the state treasurer, James Christensen, for which I have taken a receipt, No. 230 16.61

An item of \$16.61 is still due to Prof. Wallace Cummings for salaries and expenses. Mr. Cummings has in his possession 18 school cabinets, which is the property of the Louisiana purchase commission. He has been instructed to dispose of the cabinets and to deduct from the amount of the sale \$16.61 and any necessary fees required for sale and collection. The remainder of the amount to be returned to the state treasurer.

All of the vouchers referred to in the above report have been filed with the state auditor, a duplicate copy of each with other documents have been tabulated and placed in the vault of the secretary of state.

All of the exhibits, including the cabinets, exhibit cases, furniture, illustrations, decorations, etc., also a complete concentrating mill have been turned over to the Lewis and Clark commission, which have been properly receipted for. Respectfully submitted,
S. T. WHITAKER,
Secretary.

STOCK FOR FRANCHISE.

A deed has been filed in the county recorder's office whereby James H. Anderson has transferred to the Salt Lake County Water company, formerly the Sandy Water company, the franchise for the establishment of a water system in this county which he secured from the county commissioners on July 3, 1903. In consideration of his franchise rights Mr. Anderson received 40 shares of the capital stock of the company.

PRESIDENT WILL BE SECY. BONAPARTE'S GUEST

Washington, Dec. 29.—The secretary of the navy and Mrs. Bonaparte will be the host of the president and Mrs. Roosevelt at a formal dinner on board the United States ship Mayflower on Feb. 6.—The dinner company will include 20 guests who will be received in the historic cabin where the president presented the Russian and Japanese plenipotentiaries to each other on Aug. 5 last. This probably will be the first time that the president has been aboard the Mayflower since that memorable day. The secretary and Mrs. Bonaparte have a home in Baltimore and a country place in the suburbs of that city. They have rented apartments for the winter in Washington and the secretary will follow the custom of Secy. Long who gave his cabinet dinner to the president on board the Dolphin, Lieut. Commander Andrew T. Long, commanding the Mayflower, brought the president and Mrs. Roosevelt to the navy yard at Washington where she is berthed alongside the landing. It was intended that the Mayflower should come directly from the navy yard New York to the navy yard, Washington, but it was found necessary to do considerable dredging here before the Mayflower could come in.

IDAHO WHEAT IS RACING TO MEXICO

Shipment of Fifteen Cars From
Idaho Falls to Guadalajara
Now En Route.

MUST BE THERE BEFORE JAN. 1

Because After that Date Additional
Duty Will Have to be Paid to
Take in Grain.

A feature of the railroad news of the week is the shipment of 15 cars of wheat from Idaho Falls, Ida., to Guadalajara, Mexico, routed over the Oregon Short Line, Union Pacific, Colorado Southern, the Rock Island and the Mexican Central railroads. Fifteen days were allowed for the shipment to reach Ciudad Juarez just over the Rio Grande river from El Paso, and the train must reach that point before midnight of Dec. 31, or the railroads will be the losers. Owing to the scarcity of wheat in the state of Jalisco of which Guadalajara is the capital, President Diaz cut down the duty from the United States to about one-third the figure until Jan. 1, and arrangements were at once made with grain men in the northern states of this country to ship in some 60 carloads by that time.

There has been considerable apprehension among the freight men that division superintendents along the different lines might not understand the situation sufficiently to push the shipment through, as wheat is time freight on general principles, and it was found necessary to issue special instructions to the sub-officials to be wide awake and see that the shipments got through on time, as at midnight next Sunday, the regular rates are to be restored. A special engine was in waiting, with 200 pounds of steam up, at Dalhart, Texas, yesterday, to receive the Idaho Falls consignment from the Colorado Southern road, and hurry it over the Rock Island down through New Mexico to El Paso and over the river. So it is believed that this particular shipment will go through on schedule time. Hoyt Sherman, the Colorado & Southern representative in this city, is watching the progress very closely, and somewhat anxiously and will breathe easier when he learns that it has crossed over the border.

NEW FAST MAIL TO TPISCO.

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—A. H. Stephens, superintendent of railway mails, was notified yesterday of a new and fast mail train between Omaha and San Francisco. The first new fast mail train, composed exclusively of mail cars, will leave Omaha next Sunday for San Francisco. It will advance the mail now arriving in this city at 12:45 p. m. by 24½ hours, and the mail that arrives here at 5:45 p. m. on the Overland limited train by five and a half hours.

Omaha, Dec. 29.—The new fast mail train to San Francisco is a new train only from Omaha west over the Southern Pacific. The present change involves, however, a material shortening of the running time of the Union Pacific's fast mail from Omaha to Ogden. The train now leaves Omaha at 8:55 a. m., reaching Green River at 8:20, and under the new schedule effective Jan. 1 it will leave Omaha at 1:55 p. m., reaching Green River at 9:55 a. m. Between Green River and Ogden the running time is also shortened so as to make a saving of almost five hours between Omaha and Ogden. The mail has heretofore been carried by the Southern Pacific on its Overland limited, but it now puts on an exclusive mail train.

These changes are understood to be incident to the fight between the railroads for the mail carrying contracts which are shortly to be made for the next four years.

BULLFROG BRANCH.

Utah Contracting Firm is Rushing
Work on New Feeder.

Deal Bros. & Mendenhall, the Springville railroad contractors, are reported to have 150 teams at work between Las Vegas and Bullfrog on the branch line built by the Utah Lake and Lake Route. The track is to be laid just as soon as the grade is pushed forward so that supplies can be sent ahead. Wells are being driven along the right of way to furnish water for the camps. Owing to the winter weather prevailing a firm has temporarily suspended operations on the work on the Salt Lake

Route and concentrating its forces, on the branch named, which will probably be completed by the first week in April. Quite a number of farmers have shipped their teams and gone to work.

SPIKE AND RAIL.

J. E. Oglesby, commercial agent for the Rock Island, is in Denver on a business trip.

Commencing Jan. 1 the Overland limited will arrive in Salt Lake from the east at 5:15 instead of 4:25.

C. E. Johnson, district passenger agent for the Rock Island, is in Denver among the visiting railroad men from Denver here.

H. N. Butterfield, traveling agent at Chicago for the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, came in last night and goes east this evening.

The Colliemakers had a great time at their annual ball in Ogden last night. There was a large crowd in attendance, and, to quote the society column, it was perfectly lovely.

Traveling Agent Vincent of the Erie Dispatch is due to arrive today from Nebraska. When he sees the Christmas tree on his desk, it is safe to say he will be overcome.

As an illustration of the prevailing coal famine the Baker City Herald is indulging in a spasm because the O. R. & N. is economizing on fuel to the extent of letting the fires in the depot stoves go out after 6 p. m.

George A. Bible, accompanied by Mrs. Bible, returned this morning from Santa Cruz, Calif. He severs his connection with the passenger department of the Rock Island tonight and goes to Rock Springs, where he enters the mercantile business.

C. H. Vischer, ticket agent for the Pullman company at Ogden, has been promoted to a similar position at Atlanta, Ga. He will be succeeded at Ogden by Mr. Hunt, now assistant ticket agent at Denver. The change is effective Jan. 15.

The new Los Angeles Limited is out after the mail contract now being handled by the Santa Fe. Incidentally the new train will also cutting into the business of the Overland limited, which leaves Chicago two hours ahead and arrives in Ogden a few minutes in front of the new train.

AMUSEMENTS.

The last performance but three of "Ben Hur" went before another fine audience last evening. Tomorrow's matinee will be the final afternoon presentation.

The name of E. J. Carpenter in melodrama is coming to stand for good plays, presented with elaborate scenic details, and with companies that are capable. His new play, "At Cripple Creek," made a hit last night before a capacity house at the Grand, a house in fact that was the season's record for a midweek opening. It proved to be a well proportioned offering, in which the comedy lines more than made up for the heavier action of the villain in his villainy.

In story, the play deals with the fortunes of the last dollar mine, which is owned by the good Joe Mayfield, and which a pair of villains attempted to despoil in the third act. Waketah comes in here with a "good Indian" climax, in which he swings out on a grave vine in time to catch Little Toot, who has been hurled over the cliff. Millicent Evans, already a favorite of Grand patrons, makes a hit in the role of Maggie Mason, presumably a daughter of the villain, who finally finds out that she is of much better descent. The company as a whole is capable, and the play is well evenly balanced with little distinctive position for the star. "At Cripple Creek" remains until the end of the week, with a Saturday matinee.

"Beautiful costumes, elaborate appointments, magnificent electrical effects, and a lavish display of dainty girlhood, combined in one huge avalanche of music, mirth, and melody," is the description of Carr's "Thoroughbreds," announced to appear at the Lyric, commencing tomorrow. The orchestra some of the best acts in vaudeville, including the Laureates, a big European novelty act; Willie Weston, the popular imitator of well known actors, Greta and Taylor, presenting their new laughable operatic singing sketch, "Looking For Miss Fortune"; Niblo and Riley, the wood dealer and the kid, introducing buck, wire, grotesque and eccentric dancing; Mlle. La Tosca, contortionist par excellence; Washburn and Flynn, two big favorites; Henry and Francis, a new act; "The New Janitor," Charles Douglas, the clever all around comedian, and Henry McAvoy, the well known Irish play-maker.

COURT-MARTIAL OF MIDSHIPMAN COFFIN.

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 29.—The second day's session of the court-martial of Midshipman Tremon Coffin, Jr., for the alleged brawling of Midshipman Kimbrough began this morning. The little courtroom in the temporary building at

"The Paris."

Coat and Suit Department

Drawing Big Crowds—Suits at 1-3 and 1-2 Off—Coats at 1-3 and 1-2 Off
All Waists at 1-3 Off and Less—Furs and Skirts at 1-4 Off—25 Per Cent
Reduction on All Silk Petticoats.

Women's Tailor Made Suits.

At prices that will talk. All grades come under this heavy firing of prices. Suits that sold for \$10.00, \$11.00, \$12.50, now **\$5.95**
Suits that sold for \$15.00 and higher, now **\$7.95**
Suits that sold for \$20.00 and higher, now **\$9.95**

This is without doubt one of the greatest price reductions that has ever been. Suits of all styles and materials all must go at this sale.

Saturday Corset Special.

All 50c Corsets for	39c
All 75c Corsets for	47c
All 1.00 Corsets for	83c
All 1.25 Corsets for	98c
All 1.50 Corsets for	\$1.25
All 1.75 Corsets for	\$1.49

Shirts at 1-3 and 1-2 Off.

All styles, materials, sizes and colors at prices that must sell.
Shirts that sold for \$2.50, now **\$1.39**
Shirts that sold for \$4.00 now **\$2.39**
Shirts that sold for \$5.00 to \$6.00 **\$3.39**

Extra special values, full flare and pleated effect, all sizes, for **\$4.39**
A pretty line of Panamas, serges, volups, made up very prettily at this sale **\$5.39**

ALL HIGH GRADE SHIRTS AT 25 PER CENT DISCOUNT.

A List of Extra Special.

Women's gowns, 60c grade	39c
Women's flannelette gowns, extra heavy quality, regular 75c grade.....	59c
Women's flannelette gowns, a special formerly sold for \$1.00, now.....	75c
Women's flannelette Skirts, striped material, extra special, only.....	25c
An extra special Skirt, good quality of flannelette, pink and blue striped....	39c
A pretty Skirt in heavy quality of flannelette with tulle, and finished with lace, a regular 65c grade, for.....	49c

Four Fur Specials.

Too many on hand, so they must go, regardless of any profit. An extra special mink cluster scarf, tails on end, a regular \$2.00 fur, for this day only **\$1.29**
An extra special lot of cluster scarfs, tails on end, fully worth \$4.00, will go for only **\$1.98**
\$4.69 ISABELLA OPOSSUM FUR SCARF AT THIS SALE ONLY—\$2.48
This is certainly a wonder. An all fur scarf, 58 inches long, tails on end, oxidized silver clasps, only 25 left, will be sold for only **\$2.48**
A beautiful all fur Isabella opossum scarf, silk cord fasteners, tails on end. An extra length, very full, a regular \$6.50 scarf, only **\$3.98**

Mid-Winter Millinery.

At Quick Selling Prices.

up An extra special in misses' and children's trimmed hats, all styles, colors and shapes, all our regular \$3.00 Hats for **98c**

WOMEN'S MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S TRIMMED HATS, all beautiful styles and colors, all new, choice effects, regular \$5.00 values, for..... **\$1.98**
One lot of women's and misses' trimmed Hats, regular \$5.50 values, for..... **\$2.98**
An extra beautiful line of women's trimmed Hats, values as high as \$5.00, for this sale only..... **\$3.98**

Waist Attractions.

Our all wool Albatross Waists made up very prettily, full front, nicely tucked, full sleeves, deep cuffs, nicely tucked, colors tan, blue, red, green, brown and cream. All sizes a regular \$2.00 waist for **\$1.39**
One lot of odds and ends in the all wool flannel and fancy vestings, nicely made up, values as high as \$1.50, for..... **79c**

An Extra Coat Special.

\$5.00 ALL WOOL COAT—\$2.48.

This is an extra special value, ¾ length coat, loose box back, with straps. All sizes from 34 to 44, colors black, for this sale only **48c**

Extra Special—Hose.

Women's black all wool Hose, ribbed top, ¾ and 10 only, a regular 50c quality, for this sale only **19c**

Children's Hose.

All wool Cashmere ribbed hose, extra good quality, a regular 35c grade for..... **23c**

Knit Wear.

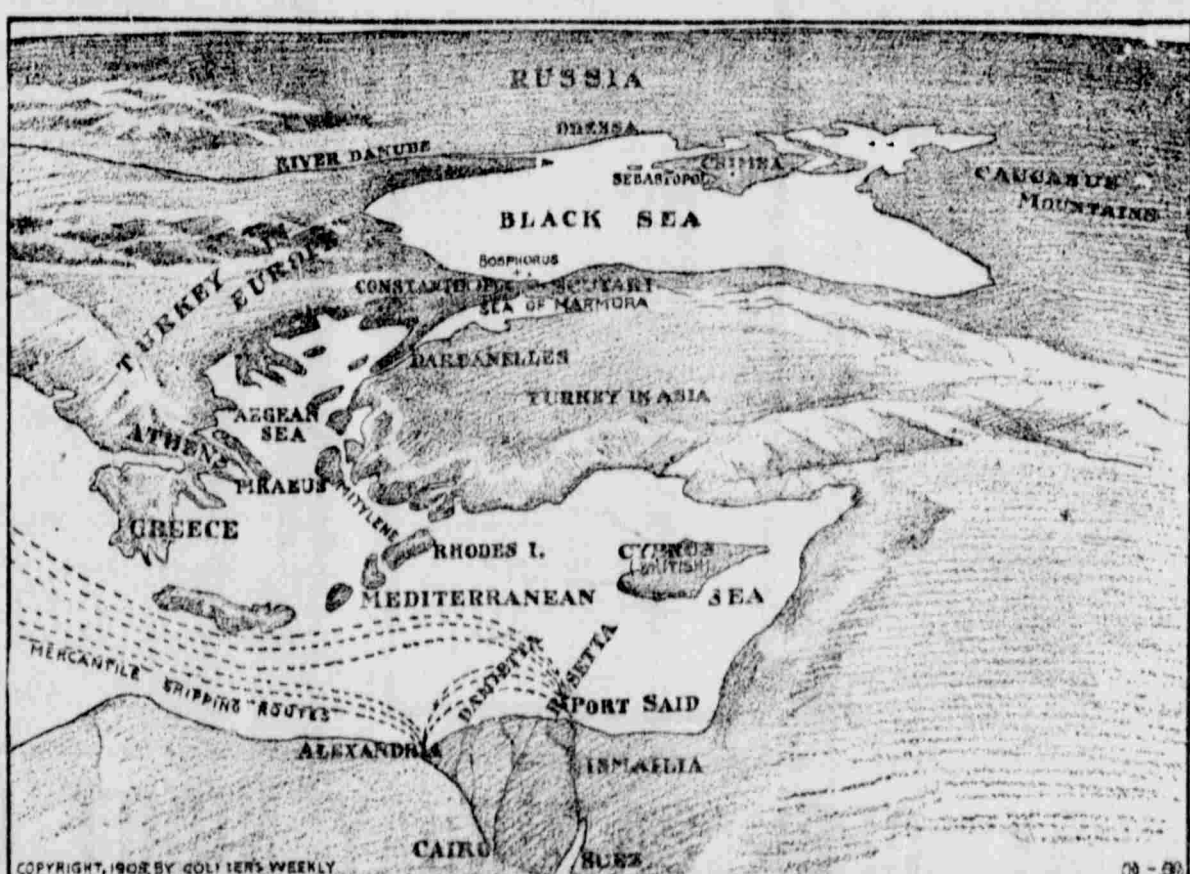
A very pretty all wool Sweater, all colors and sizes, extra full blouse effect, also full sleeves with deep cuffs, values as high as \$5.00, for..... **\$1.98**
An all wool Knit Skirt, dark and light colors, extra heavy weight, a regular \$1.25 grade for only..... **98c**

Sultan Abdul Hamid and the "Concert" of Powers

HE recent refusal of the sultan of Turkey to accede to the demands of the powers for reform in Macedonia and the subsequent naval demonstration by the international fleet in Turkish waters, followed, of course, by the sultan's usual "backdown," have been sufficiently engrossing to relegate the Russian situation to second place for a few days. Although every previous demand upon the Turkish ruler for reform has met with the same reception—sullen defiance at first, followed by a speedy and rash undignified compliance—it is, of course, always within the realm of possibility that in some time continue to be obstinate until something serious actually occurs.

It was also realized that in the recent trouble Abdul Hamid was able to assume a somewhat bolder front than had been possible for a long time. After the humiliation of Russia, his neighbor and arch enemy, by Japan and the internal commotions which have followed, and especially after the disclosure that the formidable Black sea fleet of Russia was only a collection of junk manned by mutineers, a wondrous change came over the spirit of the oriental potentate's dream. He concluded that he might with safety openly defy the powers before whom he has been in the habit of assuming a cringing attitude. As for the concert of Europe, he meditated, let it continue to play for its own amusement.

For once in his life the sultan faced his old enemy with an argument that carries a certain amount of force. Accused of being unkind to his Christian subjects, he retaliated by declaring that he had not treated them half as badly



MAP SHOWING STRATEGIC POSITION OF CONSTANTINOPLE.

sent to the measure. The scheme provides for the collection of taxes throughout nearly the whole of European Turkey by the local authorities under the supervision of the powers. The plan would be acceptable to the people themselves and would probably result in great gain for the Turkish treasury. As the matter is conducted at present the bulk of the taxes is stolen by the Turkish authorities appointed by the sultan. A very small proportion of the annual levy ever reaches the national depository, and practically nothing is left for local needs. The sultan knows

that he is being robbed right and left by his greedy and dishonest collectors, and he has more than once made up his mind to institute some sort of reform on his own account. A year ago a private syndicate submitted a plan which met his approval, but it was combated by the Ottoman bank with such force that it was rejected. Abdul Hamid is anxious for reform in this particular.

The sultan regards the present attitude of the powers as a direct attack upon his sovereignty, a notice to relinquish his European holdings and betake himself to Asia. This, of course, he is not anxious to do. Owing to many contributing causes his position in regard to his own empire has been strengthened greatly within the past few years. For the first time in thirty years all interests within his jurisdiction seem to be united, and he is supreme. Two things that have contributed notably to his increased importance at home are his victory over the Greeks in 1896 and the Turkish escape from punishment for the massacre of the Armenians. Moslem courage has risen markedly, and the sultan is now recognized as the leader of the faithful all over the world. There has been an active renaissance of Islamism since calamity settled upon Russia, and many of its adherents believe that a holy war against the infidels is close at hand. This sentiment is so strong among the followers of the prophet that the sultan may in time be driven to assume the aggressive.

The time will arrive when the sultan can no longer accede to the further demands of the powers and retain his position at the head of Mohammedanism. The European concert in its present state of disintegration is not the strong, almost invincible force that it has been for so many years. Germany seems to have lost interest in it, and Russia is enfeebled beyond immediate repair. A holy war would bleed Great Britain in India and Egypt, and France in Morocco and Algeria. The provinces under the protection of Russia would be subjected to invasion.

Sooner or later—and no one knows it better than Abdul Hamid—the Turks will be obliged to fight in order to maintain their supremacy in Macedonia. It is not at all strange that they should have looked upon the present as an excellent opportunity. With Russia disabled, Austria weakened by internal political differences, Germany indifferent, the sultan, like the traditional worm, some time may turn.

As a further complication, Bulgaria declared that she was ready to take up the quarrel at a moment's notice. One of the most clearly defined duties of the powers in recent years has been to keep the Bulgarians from invading Macedonia. Left to themselves, the people of the principality and Danubian provinces would not wait long for a casus belli to turn up.

It must be remembered, however, that Abdul Hamid is not unused to foreign naval demonstrations in Turkish waters. Fleets of the powers, either singly or in combination, have made as many admonitory visits to the Dardanelles as he is accustomed to refer to them as "naval reviews." In 1891, when Turkey refused to fulfill her contract with a French company which had built docks at Constantinople, the authorities of the republic threatened to seize the customs of the island of Mytilene. In 1898 the powers blockaded the island of Crete until the sultan granted an autonomous government. In 1904 a squadron of American warships made a demonstration in the harbor of Smyrna, and the sultan came to terms without delay.

CHANNING A. BARTOW.