

Four Billion Dollar Oil Fight Might be Taken to World Court

THE CHESTER CONCESSION

Turkish Link of Berlin-Bagdad Railway May be Built by U. S. Capital.

Washington, April 18—The United States Government believes that if the dispute over the rights involved in Turkey under the Chester concession cannot be solved in other ways the matter should be considered by a duly constituted arbitral tribunal. Thus the right of American capital to build the Turkish line of what was once called the Berlin to Bagdad railroad and its right to participate in the development of the Mosul oil fields may be the first case of interest to this country brought before the Permanent Justice of International Justice.

Confirmation of the ratification of the Chester concession contract was received in Washington yesterday by General George W. Goethals, who heads the Ottoman-American Company, one of three incorporated concerns controlling the Chester concessions and the one whose duty it will be to construct the railway line. General Goethals and Rear Admiral Colby M. Chester both have conferred with officials of the State Department since press reports of the ratification reached Washington and feel convinced, from what they have been told, that some form of official support will be given their claims. Admiral Chester intends to leave soon for Lausanne to protest the company's interests at the next conference.

The probable financial benefits accruing run into the billions. The value of Mosul fields alone has been estimated at \$4,000,000,000 by David White, expert of the United States Geological Survey. In addition, the concession calls for the construction of 1,200 miles of railroad, and grants to the holders of the concession the mineral rights to all territory twenty kilometers on each side of the right of way.

Additional contracts already signed and being brought to this country by Commander Arthur Chester, son of Admiral Chester, are for the purchase of \$12,000,000 of agricultural machinery. The Ottoman American Development Company, parent and holding company, has been awarded contracts for the construction of a modern city at Angora, built after the style of Washington, and the development of several smaller cities along modern lines.

MAY EXTEND THE ATLANTIC DIVISION

St. John, April 18—A report which has gained considerable strength during the last two or three days is to the effect that the C. N. R. management has decided to extend the Atlantic division of the railway, with headquarters at Moncton to Montreal instead of ending it at Monck and Riviers du Loup, as was the original intention.

The fact that a proposed conference, arranged between Sir Henry Thornton and a delegation from the Maritime Provinces principally to discuss the question has been postponed from April 18 to April 24, is taken by some as an indication that something in connection with the developing, but was not ready for announcement. If such was the case and the reported extension has been decided on, it is expected that a definite statement should be made in the near future.

Missing Boy Located.

Eldon McKay, the young boy reported missing from the Children's Home Woodstock Road, since Monday morning, has been located at Glennie Station on the Fredericton & Grand Lake Railway where are people who know him. The girl Dorothy Hudson also reported missing since Monday is believed to be safe. She was seen Monday afternoon.

POCKETS \$50 FOR STOWING AWAY STEAK

NEW YORK, April 18—Eighteen aspiring eaters presented themselves at Al T. Morton's club rooms, 92 First avenue, to engage in competition for former Alderman Dostal's annual prize of \$50 to the men who can stow away the most steak.

The limited number of contestants was due to the fact that to be eligible for the prize a man must weigh not less than 190 pounds on the hoof at the start. The rules committee had to do something to keep out the riffraff. Outside of that you may eat until you collapse.

At the end of a busy afternoon Charles Hanneman wiped off his chin and arose victorious. Charles' famine weight was announced as 260 pounds. The scales broke when they tried to weigh him after the orgy. All that Charles could stow away was 8½ pounds of steak and 15 rolls. During the contest he used four or five cups of coffee. When last seen he was wabbling through Tompkins square park trying to find a bench that had not already crashed under him when he sat down.

REVOLT AGAINST THE ITALIAN GOVT.

Action of the Catholic Party Threatened Serious Trouble.

(Special to the Daily Mail) Rome, April 18—The revolt of the Catholic party against the Mussolini administration threatens the gravest crisis the new government has yet faced. Mussolini's return is being fought tooth and nail. The Catholic Ministers and under secretaries have already tendered their resignations.

The Premier A. Speder, Bologna, Italy, April 18—Premier Mussolini was arrested by a traffic constable as a speeder here today. He warmly commended the officer for his zeal.

To Accept Amendments. London, April 18—Lady Astor decided to accept drastic amendments to her temperance bill rather than see its defeat.

SUPERSTITION SAVES THE LIFE OF PUSSY CAT

Portsmouth, N. H., April 18—Superstition saved nine lives at the Portsmouth navy yard Friday.

A pet cat belonging to an officer in the yard had become very aged and decrepit and was sent to the dispensary to be chloroformed.

Chief Pharmacist Hogue was about to perform the task of putting pussy out of her misery when he happened to glance up at the big calendar on the wall.

He saw the words "Friday the 13th staring at him. He gave a start dropped the chloroform sponge and released the feline.

"Nothing doing on killing a cat today," he remarked. "I'd rather face a broadside from a battleship than kill a cat on Friday the 13th."

Ten assistants in the dispensary agreed with the view taken by Hogue and refused to execute the cat. So pussy was granted one more day of liberty.

AN INSULT TO THE UNION JACK

(Special to the Daily Mail)

Toronto, April 18—Rumrunning by ships floating the British flag is an insult to the Union Jack, Chancellor C. W. Flint of Syracuse N. Y., told the Victoria College Alumni Association here last night.

THE BUDGET IS EXPECTED NEXT WEEK

FEW CHANGES LOOKED FOR

Not Likely to be Any Reductions Made on American Goods.

Montreal, April 18—An Ottawa Special to the Star says:

Hon. W. S. Fielding's budget is expected in the early days of next week according to intimation in Liberal circles. Those who wished to make representations in regard to it have had an opportunity and the extent to which this privilege was availed of indicates a widespread feeling that all is not satisfactory at present. There are objections alike to the tariff and taxation. Some of the manufacturers actually want the tariff increased while, of course, a more common demand from political sources is that it be reduced. In regard to taxation, the sales tax and income tax and others, the views expressed are numerous but the memorandum of the Canadian Manufacturers Association submitted early in the winter represents a centralized opinion.

Just what the budget will contain is necessarily a purely speculative matter but in Liberal circles the common view is that, again, the moderate course will be followed in regard to the tariff. A little bit may be taken off the top without injuriously disturbing the sub-structure. Last year Mr. Fielding laid down the principle that, while the United States tariff is high and Washington adheres to that fiscal policy, Canada should not reduce her tariff as against the States. Applying this theory, things this year will remain where they are in the general tariff. As to the British preferential, manufacturers show signs of solicitude, believing that something will be done in that. They point out that the 2½ per cent increase last year resulted in an increase of about 40 per cent in the British imports. The caucus is divided with the more outspoken element—from Ontario and Quebec—against any vital change. It seems commonly agreed that if anything is done with the tariff it will be in the line of the preference.

This week the French and Italian treaties are to come up and are likely to arouse much discussion. One of the criticisms of these arrangements being that they tend to nullify the British preference. Mr. Fielding, in the budget, may seek to remedy the condition complained of.

With this week's program indicated and the budget to have the right of way from next week, considerable legislation, already down, will be delayed. This includes the combines act and the racing track information bill. Things that are left to the last some times go over the precipice in the rush to get through.

EXPECTS GOOD RUN OF TOURISTS

(Halifax Chronicle)

A Morning Chronicle representative chanced to meet F. W. Bowes who has been in Boston and New York the last two weeks on the street yesterday and enquired whether there was anything new in hotel or tourist matters. Mr. Bowes said that he had interesting conversations with several transportation agents and heads of tourist bureau and automobile associations while in Boston and without exception they said practically the same thing: "Give us good roads and good hotels and we'll go down to the provinces in such numbers as to tax all your accommodations."

THOUGHT HE WAS YELLING FIRE

New York, April 18—Joseph Matosh of Matosh & Cohen garment manufactory, started a panic in his factory yesterday when he rushed into the building screaming he had been robbed by two bandits of a \$2,980 pay roll. Several women were injured in their mad scramble for safety the employees believing he was yelling fire.

Miss Violet Betts who had a severe attack of illness during the winter is able to be out again.

DELORME IS TO BE TRIED FOR MURDER

CASE TO COME UP IN JUNE

Dissensions Reported in Ranks of Quebec Liquor Commission.

(Special to the Daily Mail)

Montreal, Que., April 18—Father Adelard Delorme, indicted slayer of his half brother, a college student, and now interned in an insane asylum in Quebec is to be brought to Montreal for trial on the murder charge next June. The Delorme murder which occurred in Montreal more than a year ago created a great sensation at the time. The priest was arrested for the crime, but a jury declared him to be insane and he was committed to an asylum without a trial.

Dissension Alleged.

Quebec, April 18—Dissension in the administrative ranks of the Quebec Liquor Commission, was brought to a head today. Hon. George Simard, chairman of the Commission, is in close conference with Premier Taschereau on the question of reorganization of the entire administration.

Dope For Indians.

Amos, Abitibi, April 18—Evidence that the narcotic drug traffic has reached Indians is causing alarm in administrative circles. A special detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is making a wide investigation and arrests are imminent.

ORANGE GRAND LODGE OPENED THIS AFTERNOON

S. B. Bustin, Grand Master, Presided—L. O. B. A. Grand Lodge Also Opened—Model of Orphanage.

The eightieth annual meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge of New Brunswick opened at two o'clock this afternoon in Oddfellows' Hall with a large attendance of delegates. S. B. Bustin of St. John, Grand Master, presided. The proceedings this afternoon followed the usual routine, the presentation of reports being an important feature. The Grand Lodge will sit this evening and Thursday. A banquet for visiting delegates at the Methodist Vestry Thursday evening will be a special feature.

Grand Lodge L. O. B. A.

The Grand Lodge of the Ladies Orange Benevolent Association also opened this afternoon. Some fifty delegates had registered up to noon and others registered before lodge opened. Mrs. Hattie Flanders of Plaster Rock, Grand Mistress, presided over the deliberations. The exhibition of the model of the orphanage which it is intended shall be erected in the province is to take place before the L. O. B. A. today.

EARTHQUAKES ARE PREDICTED

Paris, April, 18—According to Abbe Moreux the ensuing year will be one of numerous earthquakes. In a long article ascribing his prophecies to studies the famous savant states that the most serious shocks will be felt in Japan, Mexico, Asia Minor and the West Indies. Even the south of France is threatened with shocks but of less violence than the tremors elsewhere.

The sun may be held responsible for such terrestrial disturbances, Moreux having established that this year it will diminish its electrical discharges into this atmosphere thereby provoking either dilations or contractions of the earth. It is recalled here that last year Moreux predicted earth shocks in certain areas of France and the United States.

Graduated at Calais.

Mrs. Agnes Gartley and Mrs. Herbert Brannen of this city were in Calais, Me., on Tuesday to attend the closing of the Calais Hospital Training School. The exercises were held in the Second Baptist Church. Mrs. Gartley's daughter Miss Mary Elva Gartley, was graduated second in a class of ten.

Cardinal Mercier Calls Upon All Nations to Go After the Soviets

CIVILIZATION THREATENED

President of C.M.A. Trying to Beat Down Propaganda.

(Special to the Daily Mail)

New York, N. Y., April 18—Cardinal Mercier in a special article written for the Knights of Columbus official organ, Columbia, appeals for world action against the Soviets. Civilization is threatened by the Reds he says and calls upon all nations to lead an armed advance on the communists.

Unfair Propaganda

London, April 18—J. R. Shaw, President of the Canadian Manufacturers Association is here leading a campaign to beat down propaganda which has been directed against Canadian manufacturers by certain groups which claim that Canadian factories in many cases are simply branches of the large American industries and trusts.

Settlers for Canada

London, April 18—The Hebrides Islands are being gradually emptied by hundreds of immigrants who are flocking to Canada to settle on farms.

Duchess Swindled

London, April 18—Grand Duchess Xenia, swindled out of some \$50,000 by an American and an English promoter, has secured judgment against them for the full amount. She pawned her royal jewellery to invest in the promoters' scheme.

Priest Was Shot

Paris, April 18—Because he refused to give absolution to a man, the Parish priest of the little village of Lograto was shot to death by a peasant.

PERMISSION GIVEN VETS TO WEAR UNIFORM

Unveiling of Tablet on Sunday Next and Ball at Parliament Building are to be Recognized.

Col. W. J. Osborne this morning receives from District Headquarters at St. John notice that the commanding officer of the district had given permission for former members of the C. E. F. to wear uniforms on the occasion of the unveiling of the memorial tablet at the Methodist Church here Sunday afternoon and also at the grand ball which the G. W. V. A. will hold in the Parliament Buildings on the 25th.

Col. Osborne also was notified that Col. Houlston commanding the district, and Lt. Col. H. C. Sparling of the district staff both would attend the G. W. V. A. Ball.

The permission to wear uniform it is hoped will be observed generally by all ranks on both occasions.

Married in Moncton.

The marriage of John A. Lawlor of this city and Miss Henrietta Irvine of Devon was solemnized this morning in St. Bernard's Church, Moncton, Rev. Father Edward Savage officiating. Walter F. Lawlor brother of the groom was groomsmen and Miss Clara Kelly was bridesmaid. The bride and groom will visit Amherst, Truro and other Maritime cities before returning to Fredericton to make their home. They will reside in Aberdeen street and are expected next week.

MID-WEEK MARKET

Not Much Produce on Sale and Prices Showed Upward Tendency.

There was a small mid-week market today at Phoenix Square the condition of the roads keeping many farmers at home. Prices showed a decided upward trend. They ruled as follows: Eggs, 35 to 40 cents dozen. Butter, 40 to 45 cents lb. Potatoes, \$2.25 to \$3 per barrel. Beef, 10 to 12 cents per lb. Veal, 10 to 16 cents per lb. Pork, 16 to 18 cents per lb. Maple Syrup, 50 to 55 cents per bot. Maple Sugar, 35 cents per lb.

MAY BE CHANGES SOON IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Hon. Mr. MacDonald May Become Minister of National Defence.

Ottawa, April 17—More Federal Cabinet changes are pending. It is understood that within a short time it will be announced that Hon. George P. Graham, Minister of National Defence, who has been as well carrying on the work of the Minister of Railways and Canals since the illness and death of Hon. W. C. Kennedy has been appointed to the permanent occupation of that important portfolio and also that Hon. E. M. Macdonald who was last week made a Minister without portfolio has been named to succeed Mr. Graham will continue to take care of the Postmaster General's portfolio until Hon. Charles Murphy returns from Mexico after the session.

As to the vacancy in the cabinet created by the appointment of Hon. D. D. MacKenzie, Solicitor General to the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia it is not anticipated that it will be filled for some time but that when the time comes for an appointment the name of George W. Kyte chief Government whip will receive consideration. Rumors has connected no other name with that position yet.

The appointment of a Canadian representative in Washington may have some bearing on future changes in the Cabinet as two or three members of the cabinet have been mentioned in that connection. Some announcement regarding Canadian representative in the United States capital may be expected when the \$80,000 appropriation for that purpose contained in this year's estimates as well as in those of last year is reached. A real debate on the question is promised.

Transferred to Calgary

Inspector William Stevens, head of the investigation department of the C. P. R., New Brunswick division, for the last 18 months, has been transferred to Calgary, where he will take charge of that district. He is being succeeded by J. MacFarlane of Montreal, who arrived at St. John yesterday. Inspector Stevens is a popular and capable official and his many friends regret his departure. Mr. MacFarlane is also an able official.

Frederick R. Murray who has been confined to his home by illness for some months is able to be on the street.