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MAGNATES AT OTTAWA

Sir Wm. VanHorne and Sir Hugh Graham Confer with Borden

O. S. Crockett is also on the Scene to Press his Claims for Recognition

Ottawa, Oct. 1.—The cabinet had another all day sitting yesterday, winding up outstanding matters of routine departmental business, and generally cleaning house preparatory to resigning office.

It is expected that everything will be in readiness by Wednesday of this week for the formal tendering to Earl Grey by Sir Wilfrid Laurier of the resignation of himself and his colleagues.

No appointments will be made by the government before stepping out, but in accordance with the usual procedure in such cases contracts will be let for the various public works for which tenders were received before the elections, and for which the necessary funds were voted by parliament.

These include the contract for the National Transcontinental terminals at Quebec, the dredging and harbor improvement works in Courtenay Bay, St. John, and the Intercolonial Railway extension through eastern Nova Scotia.

CROCKETT SEEN BORDEN.

O. S. Crockett, M.P. for York, N. B., the prospective representative of that province in the Borden cabinet, arrived here today in company with Premier Hazen. They had a word in private with Mr. Borden this evening.

Premier Hazen is not considered as likely to be invited to enter the federal arena and is here primarily on Supreme Court business.

Hon. T. Chase Casgrain of Montreal, who is a likely choice for one of the portfolios allotted to Quebec, also arrived on the scene today, presumably summoned by Mr. Borden.

Other notables among the new arrivals yesterday and today were Sir Hugh Graham, Sir William VanHorne, and F. B. McCurdy of Halifax, who defeated Hon. W. S. Fielding in Queens-Shelburne. Sir Hugh Graham, according to well-defined rumor, has his eye on the high commissioner's office in London. When Lord Strathcona finally steps out of the proprietor of The Montreal Star is very likely to get the post. Sir Hugh is also advising Mr. Borden to favorably consider the claims of L. T. Marshall, of Montreal, for a cabinet portfolio from Quebec.

It is not known in whose interest Sir William VanHorne appears.

WHITNEY SATISFIED.

Toronto, Oct. 1.—Sir James Whitney and Hon. J. J. Foy returned to Toronto Saturday morning from Ottawa, where they were in consultation with R. L. Borden, premier-elect. Mr. Whitney said he had been offered and had declined a position in the new administration.

"I see no reason why I should not speak frankly in the matter," said the prime minister, when asked regarding the report that he had been offered a portfolio by the premier-elect. "The opportunity has been offered me more than once of consenting to join the new government at Ottawa, but on each occasion I have declared that had circumstances permitted I should appreciate the honor of serving under Mr. Borden. However, the circumstances, as I view them, will not permit me to do so. Because of the repeated expressions of confidence in the government I think I owe it to the people to continue in their service, and so I have decided that whatever public life remains to me will be spent in the service of the people of Ontario."

PARTRIDGE VERY PLENTIFUL

Partridge are reported to be very plentiful and have been seen within the city. Yesterday although it was a hot day there were many sportsmen out after the birds.

ACCEPTED POSITION

Mr. Donald M. Campbell, who went west last spring accompanied by Mr. J. C. Giles has accepted a position with J. S. Neill & Sons, Ltd.

A REVOLT IN PORTUGAL

Royalists Were to Attack the Military Barracks and to Kill Troops

The Plot was Discovered and the Royalists were Routed—Another Uprising Looked For

Lisbon, Oct. 2.—The revolt in the north is considered very serious. At midnight Friday the chief of police received an anonymous letter that a royalist outbreak would take place at four o'clock Saturday morning. The plan embodied an attack upon all the military barracks where the royalists counted upon adherents to assist them in massacring the troops faithful to the republic. All the troops were called out under their officers and a general attack made on various residences suspected of harboring royalists. The plotters were surprised and promptly attempted to make their escape over the roofs of houses. They were perceived by the troops who fired numerous volleys. Many of the royalists were arrested. They are armed with revolvers, daggers and rifles. A large quantity of arms and ammunition was seized. The royalists declare that the rising will take place during the festivities beginning October 3 in commemoration of the revolution.

RECOUNT PROCEEDINGS WERE POSTPONED

(Special to The Mail.)

Woodstock, Oct. 2.—Before Judge Carleton here this morning, application was made on behalf of B. Frank Smith for a recount of the votes in the Carleton election. Mr. Smith was represented by Mr. Hartley and Mr. Jones appeared for Mr. Carvell. Mr. Jones took exception to some section of the application and adjournment was made until Thursday next.

Woodstock, Oct. 2.—C. Gilbert Holmes died this morning at the residence of John Fairley, aged sixty years. He came here from Perth a short time ago. He leaves a widow, two sons and one daughter.

CROCKETT MAY GET RAILWAY PORTFOLIO

(Special to The Mail.)

Ottawa, Oct. 2.—Messrs. G. W. Fowler, O. S. Crockett, and Premier Hazen are here and this morning held a conference with Mr. Borden. It is believed that the Department of Railways and Canals will go to New Brunswick and that Crockett is the likely man.

CITY COUNCIL

There is little but routine business to engage the attention of the committee of the City Council tonight or of the council as a whole tomorrow night. Short sessions are expected.

MRS. ROOSEVELT THROWN FROM HORSE

Oyster Bay, Oct. 2.—Mrs Theodore Roosevelt is confined to the house today by injuries received last Saturday afternoon when she was thrown from her saddle horse.

Mrs Roosevelt on one of her favorite horses was riding with Col. Roosevelt and their son Archie. Some thing startled Mrs Roosevelt's mount which reared and threw her. Mrs Roosevelt struck heavily on her head and shoulders. Her foot was caught in the stirrup, but she was not dragged as her husband and her son both had the horse by the head almost before its fore feet hit the ground. She was taken home unconscious in a delivery automobile, which fortunately came along. She was said today to be recovering rapidly.

Mr. F. P. Edgell of Montreal is in the city.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE AT AUSTIN, PENN.

Bursting of Monster Dam of Bayless' Pulp and Paper Company Caused Death and Destruction—Fire Followed in the Wake of the Flood—The Town was Practically Wiped out of Existence—Latest Reports State that Loss of Life may not Exceed One Hundred—A Scene of Horror

Austin, Pa., Oct. 1.—Three hundred or more persons met their death through the bursting of a dam above this town yesterday. Fire followed and completed the work of destruction. The curtain of night which was rung down on the flood scarcely before its victims had all been claimed and its surviving spectators fully realized how great a tragedy the elements of fire and water had enacted in the natural amphitheatre of the Alleghany Mountains here, was lifted by dawn today revealing a ghastly scene of death and devastation.

Austin itself, yesterday a busy mill town of 3,000 people many of whom were enjoying a fine autumn afternoon as a Saturday half holiday, is only a ghost of a town today. Torn to pieces by water and eaten by fire, the wet and charred remnants of its buildings believed to hold the remains of 300 or more persons, were strewn along the valley edge of piled in windows where the main street business scene was, ar swept in scattered masses far down the ravine.

TERRIFIC HAVOC

Spectators many of whom barely escaped being victims of the disaster, and hundreds of people from the surrounding towns looked down from the steep hillsides of Austin and Costello through a veil of fog this morning to see the wreckage here of some 400 houses, a score of business blocks three churches and several large lumber mills, and three miles further down the river at Costello, the ruins of more than fifty buildings.

The flood did not spend its force until it raced for more than ten miles from the reservoir. Wharton still further on suffered somewhat, but is practically intact. The loss at Costello where the residents had more warning is believed to be but three. Property loss in the valley is estimated at upwards of \$6,000,000.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE

In Austin out of hundreds directly enveloped in the deluge, hardly a dozen survive. The furious flood let loose when the Bayless Paper & Pulp Company's dam crumbled yesterday afternoon, picked up a huge battery of heavy timbers in the mill yards at the foot of the dam, and with these thousands of planks and logs rammed its path with terrible havoc.

At the hospital today there were but six injured for the care of the small army of physicians and nurses who poured into the devastated town all night and day. The medical supplies remained unused in the cars rushed here by the Buffalo & Susquehanna and the Pennsylvania railroads, and the only use found for blankets and bedding was in the care of the few recovered dead which, up to a late hour this afternoon numbered but fifteen.

The state constabulary arrived this afternoon and took charge of the situation, which seemed too appalling for the local committee, which had worked all night. Immediately orders were issued to the railroads to bring no more sightseers to Austin and sentinels were placed on the chief roadways with instructions to pass none but workmen. Hundreds of automobiles and carriages were turned back.

A GRUESOME SEARCH

During the night searching parties with engine headlights, automobile lamps, pine torches and improvised lanterns of every sort, poked their way into every pile of wreckage that was accessible seeking any who might be alive, but scarcely a body was found in which life was not extinct. The night had been one of hardship and horror filled with experiences which had severely tested the mettle of the men, whom circumstances had impressed into first-aid rescuers of the flood-devastated village.

Men who shuddered at the touch of a corpse at the outset indifferently searched mangled bodies for papers of identification ere they had been long at work in the debris. The immediate scene of the obliteration

Credit of the quick spreading of the alarm was given to Lena Binckey, a telephone operator. Upon receiving

MONTREAL GREEKS EXCITED

Montreal, Q., Oct. 2.—Local Greeks are in a state of excitement over the news that Turkish troops are mobilizing along the southern frontier. A meeting has been called to discuss the matter, when the older Greeks will subscribe money and younger men will be given an opportunity of volunteering to return to their native land and enlist in the army. Preparations will be made so that should Greece be threatened a party of Montreal volunteers, with all expenses paid, will start instantly for Greece. Messages are being sent to Greeks in all cities in Canada, urging them to take similar steps.

the message from the Cliff House that the dam had broken she pushed the alarm button connecting with the fire department and the engineer's office of the Goodyear lumber mill below the town. The engineer tied his whistle down and the fire bell in the town was sounded continuously. She then rushed to the street screaming the warning cry: "The dam has broken." Then she fled for her life toward the steep hillside at the north end of Maine street. Turning towards the valley she saw the great wall of water descending upon the town.

THE COMPANY'S STATEMENT.

Binghamton, N.Y., Oct. 2.—F. G. Hayles of the Bayless Pulp and Paper Company, gives out the following statement:

"We are greatly shocked because of the loss of life, injury to persons and damage to property at Austin. We have taken steps to aid in the relief measures now going forward. The loss to our plant will not exceed \$100,000. It will in no way effect the solvency of our company, as the value of our Canadian properties exceeds the amount of our lands.

A large part of our plant remains uninjured, save for water damage. The larger buildings are in fair condition.

We believe that loss of life will not exceed 100 and that the injured will number 200 at the most."

SAYS DAM WAS WELL BUILT.

Wilmington, Del., Oct. 2.—Chalky Hatton, the civil engineer who designed the dam of the Bayless Pulp and Paper Company at Austin, Pa., is a resident of Wilmington.

"I have not seen the dam since January, 1910, when Mr. Wegman, consulting engineer of the New York Aqueduct Commission, and I inspected it and pronounced it unsafe," said Mr. Hatton. "We made certain recommendations for its repair, and reinforcement, but I was not engaged to supervise the work and do not know whether our recommendations were carried out.

The dam was built in the best manner possible but the foundations were of sandstone. This caused damage when water got under the foundations because of fissure in the rocks after we had bored nine feet to a seemingly safe bottom.

A good test of the rock foundation of the dam was made before we began the original construction. Fishes must have extended further down however. The foot of the dam was set in a channel four feet deep in the rock foundations. The ends of the dam structure being of reinforced concrete, they were set twenty feet into the rock on the hills on each side. They were anchored there by steel rods 2 1/2 inches thick and 15 feet long."

Mr. Hatton described the breaking of the dam on January 24, 1910, when a workman saw the great wall tremble, buckle and slide forward forty-four inches on its bed. He aroused the town and the inhabitants took refuge in the mountains and for two days remained there. The imprisoned water escaped through a breach made with dynamite and the dam and town were saved. Mr. Hatton immediately pronounced the dam unsafe and made extensive recommendations along the lines of reinforcement.

Austin, Pa., Oct. 2.—With the arrival of a carload of coffins here this morning, the grimness of the tragedy which has practically obliterated this town, was impressed upon the survivors, and a considerable number of workers, who began anew today (Continued on page five)

ITALIAN TROOPS SAID TO BE OCCUPYING TRIPOLI

Communication by Way of Malta was Interrupted at Four O'clock Sunday Afternoon—Reports from the Scene of Action are Somewhat Conflicting—There was no Bombardment up to Eleven O'clock Saturday Night—Refugees Arrive at Malta

(Canadian Press.)

London, Oct. 2.—A correspondent at Malta telegraphed this message today.

"I am informed by one of the crew of the British cruiser Aboukir which has arrived here that the vessel received a wireless despatch stating that Tripoli has been occupied by the Italians."

Marseilles, France, Oct. 2.—Telegraphic communication with Tripoli by way of Malta has been interrupted since four o'clock yesterday morning. Athens, Greece, Oct. 2.—A semi-official statement made today says that the Turkish Charge has informed the foreign minister that Greece need not take offence at the Turkish military movements on the frontier, as they are due to the state of war with Italy.

Malta, Oct. 2.—Although the passengers boarded the Castlegarth Friday morning, the vessel did not leave Tripoli until 11 o'clock Saturday night. Up to that time, the Italians had not bombarded the city or landed troops.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 2.—The Russian declaration of neutrality is being drafted and will be submitted to Emperor Nicholas at Yalta. It will not be issued for a week.

Tokio, Oct. 2.—It is announced that Japan wapan will issue a proclamation declaring her strict neutrality in the Italo-Turkish imbroglio.

London, Oct. 2.—A despatch to The Times from Malta says that the report that no landing has occurred at Tripoli seems to be trustworthy. A Constantinople despatch to The Times says it is reported that the Italians landed 1600 men at Prevesa after bombarding the forts and then seized the promontory on which the forts are built.

The Turkish garrison retired to await reinforcements from Janina, which it is believed, have now arrived.

The Italian attack, says the despatch, probably has as its object the destruction of a possible basis for torpedo boat attacks on the Italian line of communications from Taranto to Tripoli.

Constantinople, Oct. 2.—The safe arrival of the Turkish fleet in the Dardanelles is confirmed. The commander reports that he managed to circumvent the Italian squadron. The British officers on the Turkish warships are being disembarked. Admiral Williams, who is reorganizing the Ottoman navy, has informed the minister of marine, that owing to the state of war he is unable to continue his duties.

The German Emperor's promise to the Sultan to renew his efforts at intervention, it is learned, is qualified.

WANT INSTITUTION FOR CONSUMPTIVES

(Special to The Mail.)

St. John, Oct. 2.—At a meeting of the Municipal Council tomorrow two delegations will urge the establishment of two institutions for the treatment of advanced cases of tuberculosis. One delegation will be composed of the medical association and the other will represent the association for tuberculosis.

St. John, Oct. 2.—Mr. A. O. Skinner, a well-known dry goods merchant, was taken suddenly ill at his store on Saturday. He is now under the care of Dr. McLaren and is getting along nicely. Overwork on account of the recent election is responsible for his illness.

SAW A BEAR

Q. M. Sergt. Instructor Lavoie of No. 3 Regimental Depot while out after partridges on Saturday on the Hanwell Road, sighted a bear. He set a trap and the animal departed in a hurry.

Rev. Father Howland has left on a two weeks' vacation.

led by the condition of "circumstances permitting."

London, Oct. 2.—The Daily Mail's Constantinople correspondent asserts that Kiamil Pasha will decline to enter the ministry, knowing that the committee of the union of progress will oppose him. The new minister sat in council all night long. A secret navy commission has been formed.

Malta, Oct. 2.—A scene of considerable confusion occurred at the quarantine station here shortly after midnight this morning, when the British steamer Castlegarth entered the harbor in the height of a severe gale, crowded with 1,300 Maltese refugees from Tripoli. The 1,300 passengers were huddled on the decks, clamoring to get to land after three days with an insufficient supply of food and water. Although there had been no casualties, practically all of the refugees were faint from hunger and thirst.

Calcutta, India, Oct. 2.—A cablegram was forwarded from here today in the name of the Mohammedans of India, urging Great Britain to take a hand in the Italo-Turkish situation. The message was addressed to the foreign secretary in London and a duplicate went by telegraph to the Indian home secretary at Simla. It was dispatched at the behest of a mass meeting of Mohammedans held here and asked England, as "the greatest Mohammedan power in the world" to check Italy's career of aggression.

Another message from the same source went forward to the grand vizier at Constantinople, urging that Turkey defend the honor of Islam.

That the Mohammedans of India are thoroughly aroused is indicated by the mass meeting's action in forming a strong committee, styled the Indian's Red Crescent Society, which proposes to take such steps as seem advisable to her, even war.

Paris, Oct. 2.—The Agence Fourrier at midnight sent out the following Rome despatch, dated October 1:

"A telegram from Constantinople to The Tribune says that all the consuls at the Dardanelles have telegraphed that a naval battle is going on in the straits. Reports of guns are heard as far as the Bosphorus."

At 1:30 o'clock the same agency gave out a Rome despatch, dated October 2, saying: "News of the destruction of the Turkish fleet seems to be confirmed." Constantinople, Oct. 1.—It is officially confirmed that the Italian squadron has bombarded Prevesa, but the landing of Italian forces there is denied. (Continued on page five)

DAMAGE TO SHIPPING IN ENGLISH CHANNEL

London, Oct. 2.—A severe gale raged in the English Channel Saturday night with many minor wrecks and loss of life. The storm extended along the Dutch and Belgian coasts. Several vessels are aground in the Scheldt. The Dutch steamer Solo has been wrecked off Scheveningen, but the crew was saved. The Russian ship City of Benares was wrecked near West Kapelle ten of the crew being drowned. The British North Sea coast also suffered severely.

ASSUMES NEW DUTIES

Mr. Sterling Limerick, recently appointed Clerk in the Provincial School Book Department assumed his new duties this morning.

GOING TO CHICAGO

Mr. William Lemont will leave this evening for Chicago enroute to Mobile, Ala., where he will locate. Mrs. Arthur Johnston of Montreal, his daughter, will accompany him. Mr. Lemont has presented the Y. M. C. A. library with thirty-six volumes.