WAR IN BALKANS IMMINENT

Austria Is Massing Troops on the Montenegrin Frontier.

A despatch from Paris says: It is held in official circles here that the Balkan situation, on account of the irreconcilable attitude of Austria-Hungary, has now reached its most acute stage and that the next few days will decide between peace and war.

The efforts of Great Britain, France and Russia to present a formula acceptable to Baron Von Aehrenthal, the Austro-Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs, having failed, Austria-Hungary is expected forthwith to deliver an ultimatum at Belgrade. After this, if Servia refuses to make a complete surrender, no doubt exists in Paris that Austria-Hungary will despatch an army across the Servian frontier. The Eclair on Friday announced that the absent officers belonging to the French regiments on the eastern frontier, have been recalled. The Minister of War admits that "certain precautionary measures have been taken on account of the tension of the present European situation."

WEEPING WIVES AND SISTERS

A new York Herald correspondent cables a description of scenes at Zara and Fiume, where Austria is making active preparations for war. At Fiume, he says soldiers and reservists are arriving continually and are immediately embarked on fast steamships of the Ungaro-Croata Navigation Company Company for the Gulf of Cattaro. This gulf is close to the Montenegrin frontier and within easy striking distance of Cettinje.

At each departure, both at Fiume and Zara, thousands gather around and salute the departing soldiers. Heartrending scenes are to be witnessed everywhere. Weeping wives with babies in their arms, sisters and mothers crowd the quays. Similar emotion is shown by the soldiers, for all are under the impression that they are going to war.

THREE HUNDRED MURDERS.

Committed by a Russian Woman in the Last Thirty Years.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: Charged with having committed some three hundred murders, a woman named Propova has been arrested at Samara. During the last thirty years, it appears, the woman has made a practice of ridding captious wives of their husbands by means of poison. She charged a small fee, and is said to have executed her commissions with much despatch. One of her clients, tormented by remorse, has now denounced her. Mme. Popova has confessed to having committed the murders, but protests that she did excellent work in freeing unhappy wives from their tyrants. She never murdered a woman. A mob sought to seize her and burn her at the stake, but was prevented by the police.

A CHILD OF WATERLOO.

Death at Detroit of Mrs. Mary Ann Sullivan.

A despatch from Detroit says: Mrs. Mary Ann Sullivan, who was born on the field of Waterloo while the battle was raging, died at St. Luke's Hospital on Wednesday, where she had lived for the past eleven years. She had been ill only a week, old age being the cause of her death. Her father was a British soldier, and her mother was one of the two women allowed to accompany each company. King Edward some time ago caused an investigation to be made into Mrs. Sullivan's claim that she was the only living woman who was born on the field, and vouched for its correctness. Mrs. Sullivan and her husband lived for some time in Montreal, the latter afterwards dying in London, Ont.

COLORED CANDY WITH DYE.

Mother and Two Children Seriously Ill at Brockville.

A despatch from Brockville says: Mrs. Philip Manhard and two children residing in the Township of Elizabethtown, partook of a quantity of homemade candy, and as a result a Brockville physician was called in attendance on Sunday, finding all three seriously ill of irritant poisoning. It was with difficulty that the three were placed beyond danger. It turned out that the cause of the trouble was the use of ordinary dye in candy to color it.

EIGHT WORKMEN KILLED.

Buried by a Falling Wall in Chicago Stock Yards.

A despatch from Chicago says: The falling of a wall killed eight workmen at the stock yards on Thursday. The men were at work demolishing what remained of one of Darling & Co's warehouses, which fire destroyed not long ago, when the wall came down on them.

ACCIDENT AT BOWMANVILLE.

The Engineer Bravely Stuck to His Post.

A despatch from Bowmanville, Ont., says: A serious accident occurred about three hundred yards west of the G. T. R. station on Friday morning, when the flyer from Montreal, engine No. 989, in charge of Engineer David McKibbon, of Toronto, Fireman Almon Arnold, and Conductor R. Norton, ran into an engine and caboose, which had been on the front end of a freight train, which had not cleared the main track. The engine had been taking water, and was returning to the siding. The flyer was due here about 6.30 o'clock, and was about half an hour late. This train does not stop here, and, therefore, had the right of way. The freight train engine No. 748, was in charge of Engineer Zimmerman, and had a caboose on each end. Engineer McKibbon stuck to his post and applied the brakes, but not in time to avert an accident. How he escaped alive is a miracle. Fireman Arnold jumped, and his face was badly cut, and one ear nearly taken off. The engine of the flyer was turned over on its right side, and its tender and baggage car, as well as the engine and caboose of the freight train, left the track, the steam chest of the freight engine being torn off. Had the accident occurred a little farther east the wrecked engine and cars would have gone into the creek. As it was the passengers only suffered from shock.

AN INSANE IMMIGRANT.

Government Taking Action Against the C. P. R.

A despatch from St. John, N. B., says: The Interior Department of the Dominion Government is proceeding against the C. P. R. on a charge of bringing to Canada an insane immigrant without stating his condition. The man is a Russian Finn brought here on the steamship Empress of Britain last month and deported on the same steamer. While here he became quite violent and caused damage in the immigration building. Complaint was made at the Police Court on Wednesday and a summons will be issued. It is said the C. P. R. will fight the case.

NEW RIFLE SIGHTS.

Militia Will be Equipped with Improvement This Spring.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Militia Department will issue the Sutherland rifle sights this spring. These sights do away with the use of a vernier, and are equipped with a wind gauge. There will be a sufficient number to equip all the Lee-Enfield rifles now in the possession of the Canadian militia. The new sights will replace the present sights, which have on wind gauge, and with which a veriner must be used.

PRESENT OF DREADNOUGHT

Imperial Government Expresses Gratitude to New Zealand.

A despatch from London says: Great Britain has accepted the offer made by New Zealand to give the Empire, free of cost, a fully equipped Dreadnought. Announcing the acceptance of this gift in the House of Commons, on Wednesday, Mr. Asquith read the telegram sent to New Zealand, expressing the Government's "warmest gratitude for this generous and patriotic offer." Continuing, Mr. Asquith said:—"So far as the coming official year is concerned, the provisions of the naval estimates afford ample security, but in view of the uncertainty existing regarding the character and extent of the demands that may be made on our national resources the following year, the offer of New Zealand to defray, within that period, the cost of providing a first-class battleship of the latest type, and a second vessel of the same type if subsequent events show it is necessary, is most gratefully accepted."

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

Telegraphic Briefs From Our Own and Other Countries of Recent Events.

CANADA.

Toronto's net debt is placed at $23,294,153.

Two Japanese training cruisers will visit Vancouver in May.

A Finlander named Randa was killed on the railway at Fort William.

The Evening Bulletin made its first appearance at Prince Rupert on Monday.

The Dominion Government will put a stop to the exportation of natural gas.

One hunter has killed twenty-two wolves up around Dog Lake, near Port Arthur.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie will probably contribute $75,000 to a public library for Hamilton.

A Toronto shopkeeper was fined for selling cartridges to boys under fifteen years of age.

The C. P. R. has let a contract for six hundred miles of irrigation ditches in Calgary district.

Mr. C. Efner's four-year-old son was struck by a piece of falling ice at Montreal and fatally injured.

The present year promises to establish a new record in building operations throughout the Dominion.

A pianist in a Montreal burlesque theatre, driven crazy by the jokes, had himself committed to the asylum.

The Railway Commission will take up the telephone rates as soon as it finishes with the express rates investigation.

The Canada Automatic Machine Telephone Company announce that they will be operating at Brantford by May 1st.

The National Transcontinental Railway Commission is at Quebec negotiating for the purchase of Champlain Market as a site for union terminals.

The Dominion Textile Company has refused the demands of its employees for a restoration of wages to the former figure.

The C. P. R. is negotiating for an elevator site at Vancouver in connection with its plans to ship wheat via the Pacific.

The Senate committee has killed the Lancaster crossing bill again, and substituted the measure prepared by Senator Beique.

The Dominion Government will take no action at the present session in regard to the tariff questions raised by the revision in the United States.

The Cleveland & Sarnia Lumber Company has bought Waldie's limit and the mill at Spragge, and will move the mill to Sarnia. The price is said to have been $1,800,000.

A contribution of nearly a thousand dollars has been received from the children of New Zealand towards the battlefields in connection with the Quebec Tercentenary.

Mr. J. W. Loud, Freight Traffic Manager of the Grand Trunk, announces a cut in grain rates to four cents a bushel from Georgian Bay ports to Montreal, to meet the competition of United States lines.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Aeroplanes at the aero show in London are selling at from $1,250 to $7,000.

William O'Brien, the prominent [illegible]alist, will retire from political life.

[illegible]dson, the poet and playwright, has disappeared mysteriously from his home in Penzance.

UNITED STATES.

Chairman Sereno Payne says the advocates of a high tariff on lumber are chiefly stumpage speculators.

Two trainmen were killed by the explosion of a locomotive boiler on the Lehigh Valley Railroad near Buffalo.

The United States Steel Corporation is said to have secured control of the Michipicoten iron ore range, north of Lake Superior.

Aquilla Chase, a descendant of the first child born to the Pilgrim Fathers, committed suicide in New York because he was out of work.

Eighty-nine vessels were wrecked and two hundred and twenty-one persons lost their lives on the Atlantic coast of America during the fall and winter season just passed.

President Lewis of the United Mineworkers of America says the anthracite miners have a fund of $5,000,000 to draw on in case of a strike, while $2,000,000 more can be easily raised.

GENERAL.

Count Zeppelin's airship made a flight of 150 miles, carrying 26 passengers.

Paderewski, the famous pianist, has rheumatism in his right hand and arm.

A holy war has been proclaimed in Morocco by the followers of the pretender.

A German wrestler murdered his opponent in the ring at Reval, Russia, and then committed suicide.

THE WORLD'S MARKETS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Dairy Produce at Home and Abroad.

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, Mar. 30.—Flour—Ontario wheat 90 per cent. patents, $4.15 to $4.20 to-day in buyers' sacks outside for export. Manitoba flour, first patents, $5.70 to $5.90 on track, Toronto; second patents, $5.40 to $5.60, and strong bakers' $5 to $5.20.

Wheat—No. 1 Northern, $1.21, and No. 2 Northern, $1.18 Georgian Bay ports. No. 1 Northern $1.26½, all rail, and N. 2 Northern, $1.23½, all rail.

Oats—Ontario No. 2 white 48c on track, Toronto; No. 2 Western Canada oats 47c, Collingwood, and No. 3, 46c, Collingwood.

Peas—No. 2 94c outside.

Corn—No. 2 American yellow, 73½c on track, Toronto, and No. 3 at 72½c on track, Toronto. Canadian corn, 71 to 72c on track, Toronto.

Bran—Cars $23 in bulk outside. Shorts, $23 to $23.50 in bulk outside.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—$4.50 to $5.50 for choice qualities, and $3.50 to $4 for seconds.

Beans—Prime, $1.90 to $2, and hand-picked, $2.10 to $2.15 per bushel.

Honey—Combs, $2 to $2.75 per dozen, and strained, 10 to 11c per pound.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, $10.50 to $11 per ton on track here, and lower grades at $9 to $10 a ton.

Straw—$7 to $7.50 on track.

Potatoes—65 to 67½c per bag on track.

Poultry—Chickens, dressed, 15 to 16c per pound; fowl, 11 to 12c; turkeys, 20 to 22c per pound.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound prints, 20 to 21c; tubs and large rolls, 16 to 18c; inferior, 14 to 15c; creamery rolls, 25c, and solids, 21 to 22c.

Eggs—Case lots of new laid, 18 to 19c per dozen.

Cheese—Large cheese, 13¾c per pound, and twins, 14 to 14¼c.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 12 to 12½c per pound in case lots; mess pork, $20.50 to $21; short cut, $23 to $24.

Hams—Light to medium, 14 to 14¼c; do., heavy, 13 to 13½c; rolls, 10¾ to 11c; shoulders, 10½c; backs, 16½ to 17c; breakfast bacon, 15½ to 16c.

Lard—Tierces, 13c; tubs, 13¼c; pails, 13½c.

BUSINESS IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, March 30.—Peas—No. 2, 98½ to 99c; oats, Canadian Western No. 2, 51 to 51½c; extra No. 1 feed, 50½ to 51c; No. 1 feed 50 to 50½c; Ontario No. 2, 50 to 50½c; Ontario No. 3, 49 to 49½c; Ontario No. 4, 48 to 48½c; barley, No. 2, 66 to 67c; barley, Manitoba feed, 59½ to 60c; buckwheat, 55½ to 56c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, $5.80 to $6; Manitoba Spring wheat patents, seconds, $5.30 to $5.50; Manitoba strong bakers', $5.10 to $5.30; Winter wheat patents, $5.40 to $5.50; straight rollers, $5 to $5.10; straight rollers, in bags, $2.35 to $2.45; extra, in bags, $1.95 to $2.05. Feed—Manitoba bran, $22 to $23; Manitoba shorts, $24 to $25; Ontario bran, $23 to $24; Ontario shorts, $24.50 to $25; Ontario middlings, $25 to $25.50; pure grain mouille, $33 to $35; mixed mouille, $28 to $30. Cheese—13⅛ to 13½c; Butter—Fall creamery, 23 to 24c; fresh receipts at 20½ to 21½c. Eggs—21c per dozen.

CATTLE MARKET.

Toronto, March 30. — Export cattle were in firm demand and realized as high as $5.70 in two or three instances, but these were exceptional cases, $5 to $5.50 may be taken as the general average. Butcher cattle of the choice variety are as keenly sought after as ever, whilst the supply fell far short of the demand. Well-finished cattle were none too plentiful, although there was some improvement in quality; the bulk of the cattle were in poor condition. Stockers and feeders—In fair demand, but the supply limited. Calves — Firm and unchanged. Sheep and lambs—Fair demand and slightly lower. Hogs—Weak. Select at $6.80 to $6.90 f.o.b., and $7.10, fed and watered.

THOMPSON SENTENCED.

Amherstburg Colored Boy Who Killed His Father.

A despatch from Windsor. Ont., says: Fifteen-year-old William Thompson, the colored boy who shot and killed his father during a family quarrel near Amherstburg several months ago, pleaded guilty to manslaughter before Justice Teetzel at Sandwich on Thursday afternoon, and was sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

TO DRILL YOUNG CANADA

Lord Strathcona's Patriotic Offer to the Dominion Government.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Amid great enthusiasm and loud applause from both sides of the House Sir Frederick Borden announced on Wednesday afternoon that Lord Strathcona had established a trust fund to yield $10,000 per annum to encourage and promote the physical and military training (including practice in rifle shooting) of the youth attending the Public schools of Canada. For this purpose a cheque for $250,000 will be forwarded upon the acceptance of the gift. The House at once passed a unanimous resolution tendering to Lord Strathcona the thanks of the House of Commons and of the people of Canada.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in moving the resolution, said that Lord Strathcona had rendered many services to Canada, but none, he believed, of greater importance than the present one. He hoped and believed that the system now initiated would cause physical training to become a part of the education of all the boys and girls of Canada.

Mr. R. L. Borden seconded the motion. Lord Strathcona's offer, he said, would be received with feelings of the deepest appreciation, not only by the members of the House regardless of party, but by all patriotic citizens. The action of Lord Strathcona was entirely in harmony with the many patriotic actions which had distinguished his wonderful career. Mr. Borden had no doubt that the worthy object which his Lordship had in view would be stimulated to a great extent by the foundation of the trust.

Sir Frederick Borden, after reading the letter from Lord Strathcona explaining the objects of the donation and a plan for the administration of the fund, said that he had telegraphed his Lordship accepting his offer and suggesting that the fund be known as the "Strathcona Trust," of which the Governor-General would be patron, and the Prime Minister, vice patron, as the donor had desired.

BRITAIN AS A SEA POWER.

Strength Compared With That of Other Nations.

In an article in The Naval Annual on the comparative naval strength of the great powers, T. A. Brassey tells that at the end of 1908 Britain had 50 battleships of the first class, the United States 22, Germany 20, France 13 and Japan 11. Of Britain's 43, six are Dreadnoughts. No other nation possesses any completed ships of this class, though Japan has two almost ready to go into commission, while Germany and the United States will each have two completed by the end of the present year.

Of second class battleships and coast defence ships Britain has 11, United States 6, Germany 9, France 1: and Japan 3.

Britain has 42 cruisers of the first class, 27 of the second, and 46 of the third. The United States has 11 of the first class, 3 of the second and 11 of the third. Germany has 6 each of the first and second classes and 20 of the third. France has 11 of the first class, 13 of the second, and 22 of the third. Japan has 9 of the first class, 4 of the second and 13 of the third. Of Britain's first class cruisers three are Invincibles, which are almost equal to battleships in strength. No other nation has any of these ships in commission. Germany's first one was launched this week.

THREE KILLED IN WRECK.

Train Took Wrong Track and Collision Followed.

A despatch from Brandon, Manitoba, says: A disastrous head-on collision, resulting in three C. P. R. employees being instantly launched into eternity, took place on Saturday at a point about a mile and a half west of here. The dead are Engineer Hiram Hodgson, Fireman W. J. Perchley, and Brakeman Thos. Leach, all of Brandon. The Estevan local passenger train pulled out of the depot at 1.50 p.m. under charge of Conductor Macan, with orders to run to Kemnay, on the south track. By some means these orders were not carried out, and the train was switched onto the north track just west of the depot. About a mile farther on the line curves through a cutting, and at this point the train had attained a good speed when it was met by a heavy eastbound freight, running from forty to fifty miles an hour. The impact was terrific, the smaller engine of the passenger train being crushed like a paper box. The two engines were firmly wedged together, and the tender of the passenger locomotive and express car, together with five freight cars, mostly loaded with wheat, were ditched and reduced to splinters. The engineer and fireman of the local were fearfully mangled.

FOUR CHILDREN PERISH.

Left Alone in a House When a Fire Broke Out.

A despatch from Montreal says: A report from Foster, Que., states that four children belonging to a Mr. Everett, who lives a short distance from Iron Hill, were burned to death on Thursday afternoon. The names are Kitty, aged seven; Harry, aged five; Freddy, aged three, and Tommy, aged two years. The children were alone at the time, and it is thought that they began playing with the stove and set fire to the house.

The second reading of the German naval budget was passed in the Reichstag without discussion.

The Mayor of Sydney, N. S. W., has asked for subscriptions amounting to £250,000 toward the building of a Dreadnought.

BRAVE LONDON WOMAN.

She Saves Seven-year-old Boy From the River.

A despatch from London, Ont., says: The heroic act of Mrs. James Bear, Walnut street, who, assisted by Levi Plank, rescued seven-year-old Arthur Curtis from drowning in the Thames on Friday evening, may secure for her the Humane Society's medal. By some unknown accident the lad had fallen into the swollen stream, and was exhausted, having gone down twice, when Mrs. Bear, who first saw him from the Dundas street bridge, dashed into the icy water and seized the sinking lad. Levi Plank of the Dennis Wire Works, came to Mrs. Bear's help, and the boy was brought to land. It was a long time, however, before the child regained consciousness.

FELL DOWN A SHAFT.

London Fireman Fatally Injured While on Duty.

A despatch from London, Ont., says: Assistant Fire Chief Scott was fatally injured on Thursday night by falling down an elevator shaft during a fire in the fur store of Edmund Beltz on Dundas street. The fire, which originated in the basement among some rubbish, filled the whole building with dense smoke, and it is thought that Scott was blinded by it. It was his night off duty, and nobody knew he was in the building until his cries for help brought his comrades to his rescue. He has a wife and three children, has belonged to the brigade five years, and was appointed Assistant Chief four months ago. The stock was badly damaged by smoke and water.

TWO CENTS A MILE.

Grand Trunk Will Conform to the Law at Once.

A despatch from Montreal says: The next few days will see the establishment of a third-class passenger service at two cents per mile on the Grand Trunk Railway between Montreal and Toronto. Mr. R. S. Logan, assistant to the General Manager of the G. T. R., stated on Friday that there would be an official announcement made during the course of the next two or three days, and that the matter was now before the passenger department. One car would be put on at first.

THE ROD FOR TRUANTS.

Kingston Boys Receive Whipping at Hands of Police.

A despatch from Kingston, Ont., says: Two schoolboys, aged 13 and 11, were, on the orders of Magistrate Farrell, whipped by the police on Friday morning for truancy. They attended Cataraqui Public School, and were more or less conspicuous by their absence. The elder confessed to breaking into the schoolhouse the other day and stealing a large quantity of lead pencils.

MAURICE RYAN TO HANG.

Man Who Murdered His Brother Near North Bay.

A despatch from North Bay says: Judge Latchford on Thursday morning sentenced Maurice Ryan to be hanged on June 3rd next for the murder of his brother, Francis Joseph Ryan, on or about November 18th, 1907. The Judge was visibly affected in addressing the prisoner, to whom he could hold out no hope of Executive clemency. The prisoner listened to his Lordship's remarks with closed eyes, and at the end sank to his seat, sobbing audibly, with his head in his hands.