

# WAR IN BALKANS IMMINENT

## Austria Is Massing Troops on the Montenegrin Frontier.

Adespatch 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 Serbia refuses to make a complete surrender, no doubt exists in Paris that Austria-Hungary will despatch an army across the Serbian 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 ac-

count 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-Croatia Navigation Company Company for the Gulf of Cattaro. This gulf is close to the Montenegrin frontier and within easy striking distance of Cetinje.

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.

### 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 McKibbin, 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 McKibbin 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.

### 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. Propova 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.

# 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 com-

ing 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."

# 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 No. 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, 13½c per pound, and twins, 14 to 14½c.

#### 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 14½c; do., heavy, 13 to 13½c; rolls, 10½ to 11c; shoulders, 10½c; backs, 10½ to 11c; breakfast bacon, 15½ to 16c.

Lard—Tierces, 13c; tubs, 13½c; 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—13½ 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.

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

# 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.

### 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.

### 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 vernier must be used.

### 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.

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

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

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.