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SCUTARI HAS AT LAST FALLEN

MONTENEGRIAN TROOPS IN POSSESSION.

Long Siege Culminating Two Days' Desperate Fighting—Will Hold Against Powers—Fall Marks Grave Situation Internationally.—Montenegro Defied Powers in Holding Siege.

Ostinja, April 23.—Scutari has fallen and Montenegrin troops are in full possession. Followed by a long siege and culminating in a two days' desperate hand to hand fighting, in which three thousand Montenegrins and five thousand Turks were killed.

"We have merely retaken our own and will hold Scutari against the Powers as courageously as we fought the Turks," said King Nicholas.

The fall of Scutari makes a grave situation internationally, as Montenegro flagrantly defied the European powers who insisted that they raise the siege.

Cettejje, April 23.—The town is wild with enthusiasm on account of the fall of Scutari, despite the fact that a fleet of the Powers is blockading the coast and threatening the country.

State Sunday School Convention.

Greensboro News, 23.

In the Center Brick warehouse, corner East Sycamore and South Forbis streets, there was a magnificent audience last night for the opening session of the 30th annual convention of the North Carolina Sunday School Association.

The warehouse, which has a comfortable seating capacity of 2,500 people, was completely filled, many more than he distinguishes between a dry goods and a drug store.

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FIRE THIS MORNING.

Alice Stitt's House in Lovetown Damaged by Blaze.

A house belonging to Alice Stitt, colored, in Lovetown, caught fire today about noon. The blaze originated from a defective flue.

A bucket brigade, formed by neighbors, had the blaze well under control by the time the firemen arrived and it took little work on their part to completely extinguish it.

Keeping the Sabbath Holy.

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TARIFF DEBATE ON IN HOUSE.

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Washington, April 23.—The tariff debate begins in the House today. Purely perfunctory speeches will be made under the general debate rule. It is expected that this will consume five days, when reading of the bill for amendment will be begun.

Roseate View of Southern Fire Insurance.

Atlanta, April 23.—Bankers and financiers who have their finger on the pulse of southern business take a roseate view this spring of the southern fire insurance situation.

Southern people have just cause for pride in the fact that no stock fire insurance company domiciled in the south ever failed or retired in such a way, causing loss and disaster to policy-holders and agents.

One southern company was fatally injured by the San Francisco earthquake, undoubtedly an act of Providence; another was wrecked after the control was gotten away from Southern people, who formerly owned it, while the Shawnee Fire of Kansas, own people caused them to grow others in sections away from the south have left a most unsavory record.

The laws of the Southern States relating to fire insurance companies and the insurance departments are all awake to the protection of policy-holders and agents, and it is an undisputed fact that a smaller proportion of the companies in this section than in others have failed.

The South is growing by leaps and bounds and the fire insurance companies of this section will, with the continued hearty patronage of home people, compare most favorably with those of other sections.

Levee Widening.

Vicksburg, Miss., April 22.—Having widened more than a 1,000 feet, the Woodlawn crevasse continues eating slowly on either end and the rushing waters which have rapidly spread throughout the counties of Issaquena, Sharkey and part of Washington, have also invaded the towns of Maysville and Rolling Fork and other smaller places will soon be under water.

Captain W. B. Baker, United States Army, has issued 100,000 rations to various points north of here to provide for approximately 10,000 persons whom it is believed will be affected. A relief and refuge camp is to be established at Vicksburg.

Another Opponent for Watts to Face.

Washington, April 23.—Judge W. B. Council, of Hickory, is definitely in the race for Collector of Internal Revenue for the Western District. This became known here today.

He is said by many to be the most dangerous candidate who has yet appeared in opposition to A. D. Watts. If the President should decide to recognize only "Wilson progressives," as he was urged by E. J. Justice to do, it might greatly improve the chances of Judge Council.

Judge Council is at present serving as State Senator. He was for 10 years judge of the Superior Court, and resigned to enter the race for the Senate.

Japanese Congress Telegraphs President Wilson.

Tokio, Japan, April 23.—The Japanese chamber of commerce adopted a resolution to be cabled to President Wilson, requesting his and other American opposition to the California in the interest of friendly relations between Japan and America.

TO SEND SEC. BRYAN TO CALIFORNIA

TO COUNSEL WITH THE LEGISLATURE.

Visit Proposed by President Wilson. Want Law Formed Which Would Please People.—Does Not Wish to Have International Tangle.—Situation Too Grave to Discuss at Long Range.

Washington, April 23.—President Wilson today wired Gov. Johnson and the California Legislature asking if it would be acceptable to them to have Secretary Bryan visit Sacramento to counsel with them on the anti-alien land law.

The telegram said the purpose of the visit would be counseling and co-operating with them in framing a law which would meet the views of the people of the State and yet leave untouched the international objections by the United States.

McIver-Young Wedding Tonight.

Greensboro News.

At the First Presbyterian church at 8:30 o'clock this evening Miss Annie Duncan McIver will be given in marriage to James Young.

Prior to the ceremony a musical programme will be rendered by Prof. Wade Brown, director of music at the State Normal College.

In Memory of Stephen A. Douglas.

Montpelier, Vt., April 23.—The one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Stephen A. Douglas, statesman and Democratic candidate for president against Lincoln, was observed all over Vermont today in accordance with a resolution of the State legislature.

New Anti-Alien Law for California.

Sacramento, Cal., April 23.—Senator Birdsall, author of the anti-alien bill, has prepared a new one, prohibiting Californians from selling land to aliens debarred from citizenship.

Some Republicans Will Support the President.

Washington, April 23.—Senator Weeks, of Massachusetts, declared today that the President will get the support of some of the Republicans by his reported determination to have Congress to consider currency reform at the special session.

Strikers to Return to Work.

Brussels, April 23.—The manhood strike committee of the Socialists have decided to return to work tomorrow. It is believed that half a million men, now out, will obey the order, following the government's decision to give each man one vote by law.

Mrs. Applebaum on Trial.

Atlanta, Ga., April 23.—In jail since she was charged with shooting her husband, as a result of a quarrel in a local hotel, Mrs. A. J. Applebaum, of Chicago, went on trial today.

Raleigh Merchants to Close for Ball Game.

Raleigh, N. C., April 23.—The merchants here have agreed to close tomorrow afternoon on account of the opening of the game between Raleigh and Durham of the North Carolina League.

IS NOT A CANDIDATE.

Mr. C. F. Ritchie Declines to Enter The Race From Ward Three.

Mr. C. F. Ritchie, whose candidacy for alderman from ward three was announced by his friends yesterday, has declined to run. Mr. Ritchie states that he is in no sense a candidate. Despite the efforts of his friends to draw him into the race he has declined.

Dye From Doll's Shoe Caused Baby's Death.

St. Paul, Minn., April 23.—A tiny red shoe on the foot of his first doll today caused the death of Robert, the six months' old child of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Wicks. Poisonous dye which faded from the shoe was swallowed by the infant, and, without a moment's warning to the parents, he expired.

Mr. Wicks took the doll home to the baby Saturday afternoon. The child gurgled with delight and, baby-like, put its tongue on the brilliantly colored shoe.

Negro Boomed for Judge.

Philadelphia, April 21.—To a largely attended meeting of negro citizens held yesterday in Zion Baptist Church Thirteenth street below Melon, many signatures were attached to a petition asking Gov. Tenor to appoint to one of the five new Common Pleas judgeships at his disposal ex-Congressman Geo. H. White, of North Carolina, now a resident of this city and an active member of the bar.

Newbern Express Office Considers Whiskey Addition.

Newbern, April 22.—So large have become the shipments of whiskey at this point that the local office of the Southern Express company is often so crowded with seekers of expected shipments of the "ardent" that it is understood the company has under consideration the possibility of opening an office at which nothing but whiskey will be handled.

Jack Johnson to the Bar.

Chicago, Ill., April 23.—After numerous delays and postponements Jack Johnson, the negro pugilist, was arraigned today before Judge Carpenter, in the United States District Court, to be tried on a charge of smuggling. The indictment is based on an alleged act of Johnson in bringing a diamond necklace into this country from England without paying duty.

Carolina Veterans at Aiken.

Aiken, S. C., April 23.—The battle-scarred flags of the old Confederacy, festooning the portraits of Gen. Robert E. Lee and other leaders, were freely in evidence here today for the annual reunion of the South Carolina division of the United Confederate Veterans.

After Godwin's Seat.

Fayetteville, April 22.—J. B. Underwood, of this city, announced tonight his candidacy for Representative Godwin's seat in Congress.

Bryan and World Peace.

Washington, April 23.—Secretary Bryan conferred with the foreign relations committee, and said the committee had his support for the plan for the advancement of world peace by arbitration treaties.

MISSIONARY CONVENTION TO CONVENE TOMORROW.

First Session Will Be Held at Central Church Tomorrow Evening at 8 O'clock.

Everything is in readiness for the opening of the Missionary Convention of the Western North Carolina Conference, which will convene at Central Church tomorrow. The various committees of the local society have completed their work of assigning homes and making other arrangements for the convention and are ready for the delegates to arrive.

The first meeting of the convention will be held tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock at Central Church. In the afternoon at 4 o'clock a meeting of the executive committee will be held.

Commission Appoints Committees.

Raleigh, N. C., April 22.—The Constitutional Commission adjourned yesterday about noon, setting Wednesday, June 4, for the second meeting and completing the organization.

Article 1.—Declaration of Rights.

Article 2.—Legislative Department. Devin, Haymore, Alexander, Ivie, Justice.

Article 3.—Executive Department. Doughton, Cooper, Stubbs, Connor.

Article 4.—Judicial Department. Bailey, Connor, Doughton, Ward and Wooten.

Article 5.—Revenue and Taxation. Justice, Page, Rouse, Williams, and Grant.

Article 6.—Eligibility to Office. Stubbs, Washington, Rouse.

Article 7.—Municipal Corporation. Cooper, Wallace, Ivie.

Article 8.—Corporations Other Than Municipal. Rouse, Cooper, Page.

Article 9.—Education. Alexander, Haymore, Williams.

Article 10.—Homestead and Exemptions. Wooten, Grant, Washington.

Article 11.—Punishments, Penal Institutions and Public Charities. Ivie, Wood, Haymore.

Article 12.—Militia. Washington, Devin, Stubbs.

Article 13.—Amendments. Wallace, Bailey, Wooten.

Article 14.—Miscellaneous. Williams, Page, Grant.

Mr. Avery M. Hartsell Dead.

Mr. A. M. Hartsell, who once resided here, and a brother of Mr. M. B. Hartsell, died yesterday at a Richmond hospital, following an operation for appendicitis.

Patronize Home Industries.

Raleigh, April 23.—"Patronize Home State Building and Loan concerns with the assurance that the State guarantees them safe," is the text of a statement issued by Insurance Commissioner Young today.

Pope Slightly Weaker.

Rome, April 23.—Though the bronchial intentional condition continued to improve, the Pope is slightly weaker today. Fearing that the Pope might again disobey orders to remain quiet and not exert his strength, his physicians have arranged with his sister, Anna Staro, to remain at his bedside all day.

Jack Johnson Fined \$1,000.

Chicago, April 23.—Jack Johnson, the pugilist, was fined one thousand dollars on two indictments on the charge of smuggling a pearl necklace for his first wife. The necklace was confiscated.