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WILL THE POWERS BLOCKADE ATHENS

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ANOTHER HITCH IN PROCEEDINGS

Liberal Leaders Demand a Government Statement--Harcourt Plies Balfour--The Turkish Position on the Frontier Said to Be Impregnable

London, April 5.--The Daily Chronicle's Athens correspondent telegraphs: "At 11 o'clock this evening word reached here that a hitch has occurred. France has agreed to the blockade of the Gulf of Athens. Everything was settled in principle on Friday. The admirals were discussing the details to-day and suddenly the whole matter was again adjourned for several days. Mr. Harcourt produces his mysterious plan. The French foreign minister has assured King George that there is no immediate prospect of a blockade and has begged him not to take action. Nobody here has the slightest notion of what the hitch is. All the foreign correspondents concur in praising the splendid physique, discipline and position of the Turkish troops on the Greek frontier. Their only weak position is opposite Arta. The Greek army is exceedingly enthusiastic, but deficient in discipline. Its positions are much weaker than the Turkish. The correspondent of the Morning Post thinks the Turks ought to take Larissa in two days. The Times correspondent had an interview with the Turkish marshal at Ellassos, who made a strong impression upon him as a military tactician. His conclusion is that if war breaks out, it will be in consequence of the raids of irregular bands of Greeks organized in Thessaly. The Turkish army is ready to act according to orders and circumstances. From what the Times correspondent saw, he thinks a rising in Macedonia very improbable. The peasants are quiet and busy with the transportation of the Turkish troops. Greece is evidently relying upon the rapid movements of her field artillery. All the Greek infantry is well drilled. A prominent official of the British foreign office said today: "I have not heard of any hitch in the powers' agreements. They are fully determined to follow the course they have agreed upon. I thought, a fortnight ago, that the matter would blow over, but I must admit that the situation is now so grave that an explosion is possible at any moment. "It is the opinion of military authorities that the Turkish position on the frontier is impregnable, and that any attempt of the Greeks to butt against it will result in disaster to them. I believe this opinion is shared by members of the Greek cabinet, but the king seems to enjoy the difficult position in which the Greek action places the powers."

LIBERALS CONFER.

An important meeting of the leaders of the Liberal party was held at noon today at the residence of Sir William Veron Harcourt, the Liberal leader in the house of commons. The Earl of Kimberley, the Liberal leader in the house of lords; the Marquis of Ripon, who was secretary of state for the colonies in the Rosebery cabinet; Earl Spencer, the first lord of the admiralty of the last Liberal administration, and Mr. John Morley, Lord Rosebery's chief secretary for Ireland, were present. They discussed for an hour the attitude which they would assume in the event of the warships of Great Britain taking part in the projected blockade of the Gulf of Athens. Sir William Veron Harcourt is now restored to health and was able to attend today's session of the house of commons. The parliamentary secretary for the foreign office, Mr. George N. Curzon, was asked several questions today in the house of commons on the subject of Crete. He said that all the powers, excepting Germany, would be represented in Crete by military forces and that all the powers, without exception, would be represented in Crete waters by a naval force. Continuing Mr. Curzon said the government had not received official explanation as to why Germany was not sending troops to Crete, and the secretary explained, her participation in the European concert was testified to by the sending of a German man-of-war to the island. In the opinion of Mr. Curzon Germany was less interested in the Mediterranean than the great naval powers.

MRS. ST. JOHN GOING TO EUROPE.

She Wants Material for Lectures on Economic Topics. Kansas City, Mo., April 5.--Mrs. Eugenie St. John, the woman preacher and suffrage advocate of Kansas, who recently startled the people of Kansas City, Kan., by declaring that a government by men, after centuries of test, was a dismal failure, has completed arrangements for a trip to Europe. She will spend the summer studying the matters pertaining to municipal government in the older cities of the world and secure material for a series of lectures to be delivered on economic topics when she returns.

FUED LEADS TO BLOODSHED.

Farmer's Son Killed and Two Men Injured, One Fatally. Birmingham, April 5.--A feud between the families of Bud Harville and Jack McCombs resulted on Saturday in a battle between Harville and one of his farm tenants, John Atwell, on one side and McCombs and his eighteen-year-old son on the other. Atwell was killed, young McCombs was fatally wounded and the elder McCombs was about in the big and badly. Harville and he being pursued by enraged friends of McCombs.

SCORING THE BRADLEY MARTINS.

London Newspapers Giving Unfavorable Attention. London, April 5.--Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Martin, who have arrived here and are receiving plenty of attention from the London newspapers, generally favorable. One paper says: "The Bradley Martins feel it is necessary to live up to their recent expensive reputation in New York. Royalties have

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One lot Muslin Gowns, Cambric Ruffle..... 60c
One lot Gowns, Tucked Yoke, Embroidered Collars and Cuffs..... 85c
One lot Grecian Gowns..... \$1.00
One lot Gowns, V and Square Neck Sailor Collars..... 1.85

SPECIAL ATTENTION IS CALLED TO OUR HOME-MADE GOWNS.

- FIVE SPECIAL NUMBERS IN SKIRTS.
One lot Muslin Skirts, Cambric Ruffle..... 75c
One lot Muslin Skirts, Embroidered Ruffle..... \$1.10
One lot Cambric Skirts, Lawn Ruffle..... 1.50
One lot Lawn Skirts, Embroidered Ruffle..... 2.00
One lot \$3.50 up to \$5.50 each.

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- Lot Muslin Drawers, Plain and Tucked..... 50c
Lot Muslin Drawers, Embroidered Wide Ruffle..... 50c
Lot Cambric Drawers, Embroidered Ruffle..... 60c
Lot "Lolo Fuller" and special extra sizes.
Full line of Corset Covers, 25 cents to \$3.00, including extra sizes.

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Don't fool your feet. Mind your feet. Put your mind on our shoes. We will fit our shoes on your feet. Your mind will be easy. So will your feet in our shoes. Always Busy Shoe Stores. Wholesale and retail, 114 and 116 Wyoming avenue.

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MRS. TILTON NEARLY BLIND.

Obligated to Make Her Mark When Fitting a Deed at Brooklyn. New York, April 5.--Mrs. Elizabeth R. Tilton, who became blind through the Tilton-Hoover case, is nearly blind and paralyzed. The fact that she has been ill several weeks became known through the filing of a deed in the Brooklyn register's office. The deed conveyed a piece of Brooklyn property. It was signed by Theodore Tilton in Paris and attested by the United States consul. Mrs. Tilton was unable to write her name, and so had to make her mark. She is living with her niece, a music teacher, in Pacific street, Brooklyn. Beside suffering from the paralytic stroke, she has been almost blind for some time. She is advanced in years, and her friends despair of her surviving the present shock.

STATE NOTES.

The Columbia county Republican primaries were carried by Quay. Taylor's planing mill at Canton has burned, loss, \$1,000 insurance \$2,000. The Bloomsburg Banking company will pay 25 cents on the dollar on the first distribution. The abandonment of the Merriam colony by the Reading company will result in the depopulation of Locust Summit. With one exception the present is the largest spring term in the history of the East Stroudsburg State Normal school, almost 800 pupils being enrolled. While working in the cab of his engine near Glenwood, on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad Edward C. Helm, an engineer, put his head out of the window and was struck by a passenger train which whizzed by at the moment. He died owing to ruptured blood vessels in the brain. Mrs. W. D. Heiser, of Millburg, lost a valuable watch. Recently Mrs. Heiser dreamed that if she would look from a certain window of her house she would discover her treasure. Upon awaking she put no faith in her vision, but falling asleep again she experienced the same dream. She followed the command, and on looking through the window discovered the watch in an adjoining lot.

100 Ladies' Fly Front Reefer Suits, Made From Fine Broad Cloths and Finished in the Very Best Manner Possible. Shades Include New Tans, Green and Navy Blue. As to Styles, We Can Only Say That Fashion, So Far, Has Produced Nothing That Is Newer Or More Desirable For Present Season's Wear. They'd be Cheap at \$6.00, But We Say While They Last, \$4.29. Each.

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