

The Turkish Government Asks Powers to Stop War

Beaten at Every Point by the Allied Armies The Ottoman Empire is Anxious for Peace--Bulgarians are not Likely to Consent to Mediation--Turkish Troops Retired in Splendid Order After Big Battle--Superiority of Bulgarian Artillery was Most Pronounced

Constantinople, Nov. 3, 10.45 p.m. --The Porte has applied to the powers for mediation with a view to the cessation of hostilities and for the negotiation of peace.

Application has been made to the embassies here and by circular to the Ottoman representatives in the European capitals.

London, Nov. 3--The Turkish army is in full retreat on Constantinople, and the Turkish government has asked the powers to intervene.

An official bulletin was issued by the government at Constantinople tonight admitting defeat at the hands of the Bulgarians in the great battle on the Thracian Plains. Application was made to the embassies in Constantinople tonight for mediation by the powers to end the hostilities and arrange a peace agreement.

The ambassadors, prior to this, have asked the Porte to grant permission to each of the great powers to send one warship through the Dardanelles and this request has been complied with. The only guarantee of safety for the native Christians and perhaps the foreigners in Constantinople is to be found in the presence of the warships of the great powers in the harbor of the Turkish capital.

BULGARIA NOT LIKELY TO AGREE

It is the general belief that Bulgaria will refuse to listen to anything in the way of intervention until the Bulgarian army is at the gates of Constantinople, and will insist that Turkey make an appeal direct to the allies without interference from the powers.

The powers have not been able to agree upon the French premier's formula of "territorial indisinterestedness" which is not acceptable to either Austria or Germany. They are taking steps, however, for the protection of Christians and their own political interests in Turkey. One warship in addition to the vessels already dispatched to Turkish ports will be sent through the Dardanelles by each of the powers.

RETREATING TO LAST DEFENCES

Beyond the statement that the Turkish army is retreating to the last line of fortifications outside Constantinople, there was little news received from the seat of war tonight. Fighting was reported along the line from Tchorlu to Senai, which was the outcome, doubtless, of the defeated Turks to retire within the Tehtalja lines, which the Bulgarians are doing their utmost to prevent.

The besieging forces are tightening their grip around Adrianople, and the bombardment is becoming more vigorous. In directions the allies are consolidating their occupation of Turkish territory. The Greeks have taken Nicopolis and Preveza, and have landed a division at Stavros, which is marching to attack Saloniki. An uncensored despatch from the latter town indicates the likelihood of its surrender without resistance.

In connection with the Serbian occupation of Prishrend, warning from Austria appears in the official Vienna Fremdenblatt, which is the supposition that the Serbians have now attained the object of their operations toward the west, says:

"There are neither military nor national motives for the Serbian army to penetrate the districts beyond Prishrend, which are exclusively inhabited by Albanians, that is therefore into the undeniable territory of another Balkan people!"

PANICKY FEELING IN CONSTANTINOPLE

Constantinople, Nov. 2--(Uncensored) Constantinople is in a fever of excitement over the alarming reports from the field of battle. Foreigners and natives alike are suffering from the tension caused by the series of military disasters, and although the city is in a state of siege, crime in some quarters is unchecked. Many families are leaving the city.

The people fear first an outbreak of Moslem fanaticism by the turbulent elements, the lower classes, and

second a rising of hordes of maddened soldiers who are being driven by the Bulgarians to their last stand a few miles outside of Constantinople and then perhaps to fall back on the capital.

The battle still continues on the plains of Thrace, and if the Turkish soldiers fall back within the gates of the city, it is feared that they may turn their guns and bayonets on those who are awaiting here in rebellion the outcome of this conflict.

There is a large and unruly element of the population which would be glad for any pretext for massacre and pillage. The presence of more than 10,000 Moslem refugees from the war zone who have lost all their possessions, adds to the danger of the situation.

Rumors are current that the Young Turks committee may start rioting with the object of overthrowing the government, but there has been no tangible proof of such a plan. It is doubtful whether a rising would be directed against foreigners as much as native Christians, but the danger to both is very real.

SPLENDID RETREAT

London, Nov. 4--The Times correspondent with Nazim Pasha's army pays tribute to the Turkish retreat after the battle of Luleburgas. He says: "In all my long experience of the miserable scenes of war I have observed nothing finer than the retirement of the Turkish infantry. Just as they sauntered into action, so they sauntered out, beneath a terrific rain from the Bulgarian artillery."

"There was no mass formation in the retirement. It seemed as if suddenly the whole land had become peopled. The men were in hundreds but they were all shaken out in wonderful extension. They seemed to care nothing for the rain of metal which swept down on them. Nor could I see that the fearful storm of shrapnel did any great execution among these men whose steps it could not even hasten."

INDUSTRIAL FAMINE DUE TO CAR SHORTAGE

Washington, Nov. 4--Shortage of freight cars is the cause of a coal famine and industrial paralysis in some parts of the country, has become so serious that the inter-state commerce commission has proposed to shippers and railroads drastic recommendations for its relief, with a thinly veiled intimation that should they fail to remedy the situation the commission itself would find a way to do so.

"The condition is acute," declared Commissioner Franklin L. Lane who for several weeks has been conducting an inquiry. "If an immediate remedy is not found, people in parts of this country, will be freezing to death because of their inability to get coal."

PROF. DYDE TO BE RECTOR OF QUEENS

(Canadian Press) Kingston, Ont., Nov. 4--Prof. S. W. Dyde, principal of the Presbyterian Theological College, Stratheona, formerly on the staff of Queens, has been elected rector of Queens University.

Prof. Dyde from 1885 to 1891 filled the chair of philosophy at the U.N.B.

WILL EXTERMINATE THE HOUSE FLY

(Canadian Press) St. John, N. B., Nov. 4--A campaign for the extermination of the house fly is one of the activities planned by the Women's Canadian Club here, for next summer.

"Slowly and deliberately with indomitable dignity the Turkish infantry retired and we retired with them. Nor had they to retire far for this country is one long succession of admirable positions from Luleburgas to Tehtalja."

The correspondent of the Chronicle who was with the Turkish command-in-chief during part of the operations calls the battle in Thrace "A terrible and appalling defeat."

Forty thousand of the flower of the Turkish troops have fallen while Abdullah Pasha himself narrowly escaped the fate of 75 per cent. of his artillery who were made captives.

Describing the fighting at Luleburgas, the correspondent says that throughout the superiority of the Bulgarian artillery was very pronounced.

The Turks unable to withstand the murderous fire slowly withdrew. The guns being dead, and the horses killed the guns were left to the enemy.

Berlin, Nov. 4--Germany and Austria will not join in intervention in the Balkan war without a request to take such a step coming directly from one of the belligerents. The German foreign officers have not received any confirmation of the report telegraphed from Constantinople by several newspaper correspondents that Turkey has asked the powers to mediate.

MANY PRISONERS.

Belgrade, Serbia, Nov. 4--A batch of prisoners numbering 1,360, chiefly Arnaut tribesmen and other irregulars, captured by the Servians in Macedonia, arrived here this morning under execution. They presented pitiable sight. All of them were barefooted and in rags, while they were almost starving.

CONFERRED WITH GREY.

London, Nov. 4--Tewfik Pasha, immediately on receiving the communication (Continued on page five)

COLLECTIONS SHOW GRATIFYING INCREASE

Full returns have now been received from the city collectors of the Bible Society, and it is gratifying to the officers of the Society to find their request for an enlarged contribution this year, has been made. In fact for the past five years Fredericton has increased each previous year's amount. Each of the five protestant churches was responsible for the collection for the past two years as here given.

	1911	1912
Wellington Ward, St. Paul's church	\$ 63.65	\$ 79.60
St. Ann's Ward, Brunswick St. Baptist	122.27	163.3
Carleton Ward, George St. Baptist	123.98	132.35
Queen's Ward, Methodist	84.12	107.00
King's Ward, Anglican	64.19	66.50

Total in City \$458.21 \$548.78 In the annual report the names of all the contributors will be published.

Previous to the change in the constitution of the Fredericton Society contributions were sent to the city from all the parishes of the county--now these are sent direct to the N. B. Society in St. John. Miss McAdam has supervised the collections for several years, and the collectors of last year, Misses Annie May Bailey and Pearl McDonald, were at work again last month and as the result of their labors they handed the Fredericton Secretary \$13.40.

PERSONAL

Mr. J. A. Putnam of Woodstock is in the city. Mr. B. Laing of Toronto is registered at the Barker House. Mr. W. W. Lundsby of Galt is in the city.

WARSHIPS ON THE MOVE

British Naval Dockyards are the scene of Great Activity

British Ships in the Mediterranean are off for Turkish Ports--To Protect British Subjects

London, Nov. 4--The bluejackets at the Portsmouth and other dockyards who on Saturday were recalled to their ships, were given a further extension of leave until today. Naval officials insist that the orders were not issued preparatory to sailing for the east. The British ships in the Mediterranean will proceed to Turkish ports to protect British subjects if necessary.

Chatham, Nov. 2--Great excitement was caused here today by the receipts of urgent admiralty telegrams recalling officers and men to their ships. Messengers on bicycles were sent in all directions. The authorities are reticent, but it is believed that the orders relate to the battleships Russell and Duncan, now in the midway.

Gibraltar, Nov. 2--The British cruiser Dartmouth passed here today bound for the Levant. The third battleship squadron will arrive from England early tomorrow morning and will proceed eastward after a stay of only one hour.

Portsmouth, Eng., Nov. 2--Unusual activity in the Portsmouth dockyard is reported in a special edition of The Evening News, which says that preparations are being made to make the sixth destroyer flotilla ready for sea.

"The official explanation," says The News, "is that this is being done merely to be in readiness for the quarterly mobilizations on Monday but we understand that the preparations are of a much more warlike nature."

"The active service ratings have been recalled by notice and special messenger since two o'clock in the morning and the men have been directed to proceed aboard ship by 8.15 this evening."

MAY SAIL AT ONCE.

The News adds that it's rumored that the flotilla will sail tonight under sealed orders. Notices have been posted ordering all submarine men to return to their boats at once. The paper also states that men on leave have been recalled by wire to other naval ports.

GIBSON NEWS

Personal Notes of Interest--Railway Work Still Going on--Hunting Parties Going and Coming

Gibson, Nov. 4--Mr. Richard Flowers, who has been in Gagetown the past few weeks has returned to Gibson, he is the guest of his sister, Mrs. E. G. Merritt.

Mr. John Flowers and Mr. Sewell left for Carlow this morning on a ten days hunting trip. Mr. Manford Youmans, who has been on a hunting trip the past few weeks returned home Saturday night looking well and hearty after his outing.

The rails for the Minto & Gibson Railway are being unloaded at the Gibson end of the line for the present, where they will remain until the temporary bridge is repaired, after which they will be distributed to different parts of the line.

Messrs. Bruce and Walter Peppers are coming home from the west to settle up their father's business. In the meantime Mrs. Peppers is staying with her sister, Mrs. Reuben Flowers.

The water in the Nashwaak is falling fast and a crew of men are working on the temporary railway bridge, which is being pushed along rapidly.

Mr. W. L. Stoneburn of Montreal is a guest the Barker House.

Mr. Fred Condon of Moncton, of the I.O.R. passenger department, arrived in the city Saturday night, registering at the Queen.

Mr. L. S. Landers of Sussex, is registered at the Queen.

FIVE THOUSAND C. P. R. EMPLOYEES OUT ON STRIKE

All Parts of the Company's Great System Throughout Canada Will be Affected Hon. T. W. Crothers, Ministers of Railways Failed in His Efforts to Arrange a Settlement of the Difficulty--Conciliation Board Refused

Ottawa, Nov. 4--In an official statement issued here at 9.30 a.m. President Mosher of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees announced that its members would be on strike on the C.P.R. lines throughout the Dominion by noon today. From telegrams received he said that the men at nearly all the small stations were already out and that the strike would be general in the larger towns and cities within a few hours.

A number of the Brotherhood men are already out here. About 5,000 will be affected throughout Canada.

AT FORT WILLIAM

Fort William, Nov. 4--Three hundred members of the Brotherhood of Railway Employees went on strike Sunday night on receipt of word from Montreal. At midnight the night gang failed to report. Peaceful picketing began this morning. Fort William is regarded as one of the strategic points of the entire system. During the summer wages were raised at this point to hold the men but they determined to stay with their Union. The strike means the tying up of grain shipments and also of freight brought up the lakes for furtherance to the west, either immediately or after the grain rush is over.

Ottawa, Nov. 3--Tomorrow the ultimatum issued by the officers of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees to the C.P.R. expires and the 3,000 members, if they obey orders, will walk out. However, it is not believed at Ottawa that more than a small percentage of the brotherhood will go on strike. Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor, has, during the past couple of weeks, been endeavoring to settle the differences between the men and the company and already material concessions have been made by the C.P.R.

Mr. Crothers, however, has refused to establish an industrial board and as a result has been subject to considerable criticism. The minister has taken the stand that while he was engaged in trying to bring about a settlement, it would not be wise to enter into a controversy and has made no reply to the criticisms.

The Brotherhood is an organization embracing practically all of the employees of the railway not belonging to any other union. It includes all classes from clerks, stenographers and employees engaged in confidential and official and semi-official positions, to watchmen and policemen. In all some thirty-six different classes are members. An application for a board was first made in August last and was refused on the general grounds that it did not disclose circumstances and conditions on which the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act should be invoked.

Recently the application was again made and was again refused. Mr. Crothers felt it was utterly impossible for any one board to make a thorough investigation of the grievances and complaints of the thirty-six classes working under various conditions from Halifax to Vancouver and to enquire into questions concerning wages, hours of labor, overtime, seniority, promotion, etc., of each class. The Brotherhood refused to limit the application in any respect.

THE SECOND REFUSAL.

The following extract from a letter sent to the officers of the Brotherhood by Mr. Crothers explains briefly his stand:

"While the grounds of this application include some not existing when the previous one was made having regard to the extent of the enquiry sought, the nature of the various services and of the questions involved, and the refusal to limit the application in any respect, the reasons given for the previous refusal apply with equal force to this application, and it is therefore thought that the decision previously reached should not be reversed."

Montreal, Q., Nov. 4--That the C.P.R. was not going to agree to the demands of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, whose officers called a strike for today, was the contention of George Hodge, superintendent of the lines of the company, in the course of a statement issued here this morning. It was said that no Montreal employees had (Continued from page one)

GOVERNOR OF MISSOURI MAY SUCCEED SHERMAN

New York, Nov. 4--The name of Governor Hadley of Missouri is understood to have figured prominently in the brief conference which Republican leaders had with President Taft here late last night over the vacancy on the Republican ticket, caused by the death of Vice-president Sherman. The President arrived here at 10.45 from Washington and spent the night at the Manhattan Hotel. He left this morning for Utica to attend Mr. Sherman's funeral.

ST. MARY'S GOSSIP

St. Mary's, Nov. 4--Mrs. George Howland on Friday presented her husband with a fourteen-pound boy.

The sidewalks of the village are in a disgraceful condition and many people are blaming the commissioner for showing partiality to his own neighborhood.

Mrs. Thomas Blair is seriously ill at her home here.

Mrs. Alex. Allen has returned from a visit to Somerville, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Allen of Somerville, Mass., are being congratulated over the birth of a son. Mrs. Allen was formerly Miss Lulu Fletcher of this place.

Dr. W. L. Turner left this morning for Meductic to resume the practice of his profession. Mrs. Turner will follow him in the course of a few days. There three sons are attending school in the city.

RESCUED FROM THE JAWS OF DEATH

Windsor, Ont., Nov. 4--Ed McQueen eldest son of D. J. McQueen, local agent for the Michigan Central Railway here, has experienced all the sensations of death by electrocution and he is still alive to tell of it.

For the fractions of a second, a current of 2500 volts of electricity passed through McQueen's body, 700 more than is used in the death chamber at Sing-Sing. Then the circuit was forcibly broken as the young man fell from the ladder on which he was perched, to the concrete floor, a distance of fifteen feet. It was the fall which saved him from swift and certain death. This morning young McQueen, looking wan and pale, and exhibiting traces of the fearful experience he had undergone, left his bed for the first time since he was carried there in a death like trance on Oct. 23rd. His right arm has turned quite black from the shoulder to the wrist, while just below the right knee, where the deadly current emerged from his body there is a round hole in the flesh as large as a twenty-five cent piece.

Mr. W. Buchanan of Brockville is in the city today.

Rev. A. Lindsay Skerry and Mrs. Skerry of Stanley are in the city.

Mr. H. S. Estrabrooks of St. John is among those registered at the Queen.

1908--Dr. Charles W. Elliot, resigned the presidency of Harvard University