

## PEACE OUTLOOK IS BRIGHTER

### A Satisfactory Settlement of the Trouble is Looked For

#### The Turkish Cabinet Said to Favor an Early Conclusion of a Treaty of Peace

London, Jan. 21—The prospects for a satisfactory settlement of the Balkan trouble are considerably brighter today, with the Ottoman cabinet favoring the early conclusion of a treaty of peace. It is quite certain now that Turkey will cede Adrianople to the allies.

London, Jan. 20—The Balkan plenipotentiaries, who are awaiting the Turkish reply, do not conceal their impatience and their firm determination to prevent Turkey from postponing the settlement longer than a week. Meanwhile unofficial conversations have begun among the allies regarding their inter-Balkan delimitations. Dr. Daneff, head of the Bulgarian delegation, and the Greek premier, M. Vezizlos, were engrossed in this task today.

As no agreement has yet been reached concerning Saloniki, the Greeks hope to find no difficulty in retaining the town when the Bulgarians get Adrianople.

Rehad Pasha received long cipher messages from Constantinople this afternoon, and it is asserted that he was instructed to confer with Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign secretary, with the object of obtaining direct intervention in the powers under the form of mediation or in that Turkey might be spared the other way, if more acceptable so humiliation of ceding Adrianople at first hand.

Rehad Pasha, accompanied by Tewfik Pasha and Osman Nizami Pasha, later in the day visited the British foreign secretary, but the nature of Sir Edward Grey's reply has not been disclosed.

The meeting of the National Assembly at Constantinople has been postponed until Wednesday and the Porte's reply to the note of the powers will be presented after this meeting. The general impression is that the Turkish government is weakening with respect to the demands of the allies.

A Bucharest despatch says it is expected that a settlement between Roumania and Bulgaria will be effected before February 1, by an agreement providing for the rectification of the frontier. Roumania, however, will not get as much as she wanted; Bulgaria will cede some of the forts in the neighborhood of Silistria but not the town itself.

London, Jan. 20—A Mustapha Pasha despatch to The Daily Telegraph says that plague has broken out among the garrison at Adrianople.

## PERSONAL

Mrs. George T. Cole of Campbellton, who has been in the Victoria Hospital the past three weeks undergoing treatment, expects to return to her mother's home, Mrs. Harry Osborne, at Marysville, in a few days.

Mrs. Judson Goodspeed of Marysville, who has been in the Victoria Hospital since Christmas, expects to return to her home shortly.

Mr. A. S. Walbridge of Mystic, P. Q., is at the Barker House.

Messrs. D. A. Stewart and D. E. Richards of Campbellton, are in the city.

Mr. George P. Ham of St. John, is at the Barker House.

Mr. Max Bethune of St. John, arrived in the city last night.

Mr. A. E. Trites of Salisbury, is at the Barker House.

Supt. Wm. Downie of the C.P.R., arrived in the city last night. He is at the Queen.

Mr. W. E. Nullaly of St. John, is registered at the Queen.

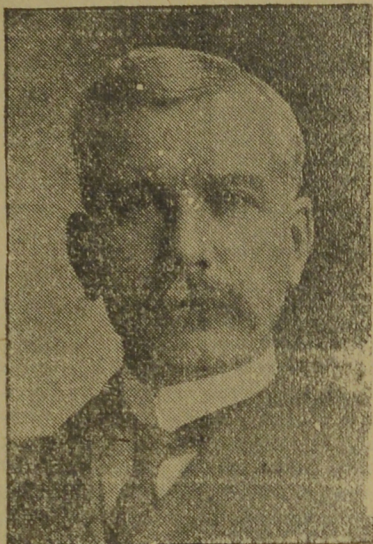
Mr. S. J. Richey of St. John, is in the city.

Mr. L. Smith of Montreal, is registered at the Queen.

Mr. F. P. Doody of St. John is spending a few days with friends here.

## Government Asked to Acquire I. C. R. Branch Lines

### Hon. H. R. Emmerson Brings an Important Resolution Before Parliament—Premier Borden Reminded of His Pre-election Pledges—Sixteen Months Have Elapsed and Nothing Has Been Done—Minister of Railways Denies That There are Negotiations on for Sale of the People's Road



HON. GEO. P. GRAHAM

Ottawa, Jan. 20—Intercolonial branch lines were discussed all day by parliament. Speakers on both sides wanted them taken over, and excellent reasons were given.

At midnight the government put up a man in the rear, who adjourned the debate with the aid of Hon. Mr. Rogers and Hon. Mr. Cochrane. The matter now goes to the foot of the list and will never come up again this season. In this way the government avoided telling whether it would make good Premier Borden's pledges before election that branch lines would be acquired.

One thing was learned, Hon. Mr. Graham succeeded in making Hon. Mr. Cochrane say that there was no proposal on for the disposal of the Intercolonial.

During the day it was learned that Minister of Customs Reid had dismissed an employee of the canals and given the job to his brother.

HON. MR. EMMERSON

Hon. Mr. Emmerson today got an opportunity to move his branch line resolution. It set forth the desirability of furthering the transportation interests of the Dominion and extending the sphere of influence of the Intercolonial by securing the branch lines of that road as direct and profitable feeders, and declared the principle of taking this action with special consideration of the immediate direct financial results.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson had hardly started his speech when the minister of railways rose.

To head off discussion Mr. Cochrane said he was prepared to state his position at once. "As to the first part of the resolution," he observed, "briefly, I may tell the honorable gentleman that the matter is still under consideration. As to the second part I do not think it in the public interest to give an estimate now. I do not want to give our opinion as to the value of the branch lines."

FAILED TO HEAD HIM OFF.

It was probably the first time in the history of parliament that a member found his resolution replied to before he had argued it. But Mr. Emmerson was not to be denied setting forth the branch lines case and after thanking the minister he proceeded with his speech.

He said that there were constantly recurring reports that the Intercolonial would be sold to one of the great railway corporations of Canada. The government should today give an answer, setting at rest the mind of the east upon this point. The C.P.R. was asking the government for running rights over the Intercolonial from St. John to Halifax and wanted the right to a local business. This would be a good thing for the C.P.R., as it would mean that the Intercolonial would have been acquired to all practical purposes without the expenditure of a dollar of capital. It would work out thus: If the C.P.R. had running rights on the Intercolonial it would at once acquire the branch lines and thus

control, at the point of origin, the coal, lumber and fish freight business and a great deal of freight and passenger business.

In five years the government would not be turning a wheel on the Intercolonial if such a bargain were made.

It must be humiliating for the minister of railways to have to tell parliament today that he had no policy respecting the Intercolonial branch lines when the prime minister, R. L. Borden, in the campaign two years ago, had told the Maritime Province counties interested, time after time, that if given power to form a government he would acquire the Intercolonial branch lines and develop the business of the road and of Eastern Canada. The Conservatives had printed this announcement with big headlines.

The Maritime Provinces had for many years been seeking this railway development, and neither this nor the previous government had dealt properly with it. Other parts of the country had been treated differently. The west had demanded the Hudson Bay Railway, and it is now under construction. That was because there had been a unanimous demand for it from both parties.

The east would never get what it was entitled to until members on both sides got together and stood solidly behind proper demands such as this one. He appealed in the name of the maritime provinces to the Conservative and Liberal members for their support. Other companies were coming in and picking up the lines. The Canadian Pacific had recently acquired the Shore Line in New Brunswick and the Dominion Atlantic in Nova Scotia.

#### BRANCH LINES SOON PROFITABLE

It should not be necessary for a branch line to show a profit to qualify for government acquisition. The Tobique Valley line had not paid until taken over by the C.P.R. and the Canada Eastern had not shown an operating profit until the government acquired it for the Intercolonial. So would it be with other branch lines.

If the government intends to dispose of the Intercolonial to the C.P.R. or O.N.R. it should not acquire the branch lines. The company would

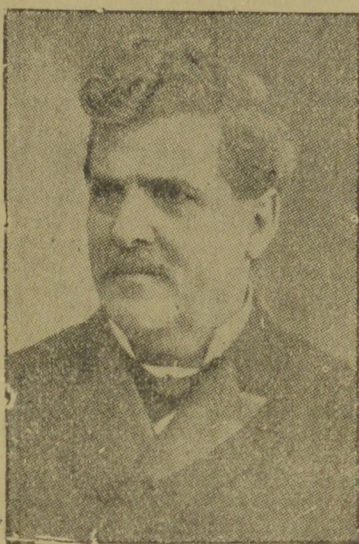
#### NO LOCAL BRANCH S. P. C. A. IN EXISTENCE

#### As Result Cases of Cruelty to Animals Have not Been Taken up—Efforts to Reorganize

The Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals which for many years was active in this city and did some excellent work has gone out of existence and the result has been that cases of cruelty to horses which have been reported from railroad construction camps in this vicinity have not been taken up. For many years Mr. Charles A. Sampson was the moving spirit in local S.P.C.A. work and in recent years City Marshal Roberts continued his work. Both worked at the expense of their own time and money however, and without the support of any society finally were compelled to abandon the efforts.

Mr. Merritt Wetmore of St. John who takes an important part in S.P.C.A. work in that city has corresponded with persons residing here with a view toward recognizing the local branch of the society and Mr. J. King Kelley of St. John who acts as counsel for the St. John, S.P.C.A. has also interested himself in the matter but so far nothing has been done.

There are 93 towns in the United Kingdom, including London as one district which have a population exceeding 50,000



HON. H. R. EMMERSON

do so immediately after the transfer if it did not intend to part with the Intercolonial, there should be no further time lost in getting the branches secured.

Mr. Jameson, of Digby, Conservative, following said that in the short time the Conservative government had been in office it had signed the contract for the Valley Railway in New Brunswick. It had decided to undertake a great railway terminal development work at Halifax, and had let the contract for the construction of the Prince Edward Island car ferry. Something had therefore been done for each of the provinces and he thought a good deal for each of them.

Mr. Turgeon, Liberal of Gloucester said the late government had been unable to follow its inclinations and acquire the branch lines, because opinion in other parts of Canada had not been educated to support it. Great credit was due Mr. Emmerson for promoting a sentiment for the branch line to the present point, and for making a start in the branch line addition by acquiring the Canada Eastern.

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## IMPORTANT GATHERING

### The National Chamber of Commerce Opened at Washington, D. C.

#### Many Matters of Importance Down on the Programme for Discussion

Washington, D. C., Jan. 21—The Chamber of Commerce of the United States, which grow out of the national commercial conference which met in this city in April of last year, opened its first annual meeting here today with a large attendance of delegates and visiting representatives of commercial and industrial interests in all parts of the United States. The Chamber of Commerce of the United States will remain in session until Thursday inclusive and interesting programs have been prepared for every day of the convention.

This being the opening day of the session, the delegates were welcomed to Washington by Charles Nagel, Secretary of Commerce and Labor. The list of speakers at the session of the opening day included, in addition to Secretary Nagel, Senator James A. O'Gorman of New York, Representative Henry D. Clayton of Alabama, Carter Glass of Virginia, Chairman of the House of sub-Committee on Banking and Currency; Wilbur J. Carr, Director of the Consular Service; Frank W. Noxon of the Railway Business Association; President M. B. Trezevant of the American Association of Commercial executives and E. A. Filene, Vice President of the International Congress of Chambers of Commerce.

Many important subjects will come up for consideration and discussion during this convention, among them the creation of a permanent tariff commission, suggested by the Merchants' Association of New York, the Manufacturers' Association of Beaver County, Pa., and the National Association of Tanners; the recognition of the Republic of China, endorsed by various State organizations; the maintenance and extension of the civil service law; a bill providing for co-operation of the States in encouraging instruction in agriculture, the trades and industries, and home economics in secondary schools, etc.

#### THIS DATE IN HISTORY

JANUARY 21

1793—King Louis XVI. of France died by the guillotine.

1813—John C. Fremont, soldier, explorer and first Republican candidate for President, born in Savannah, Ga. Died in New York City, July 13, 1890.

1830—James G. Blaine, the famous statesman, born in West Brownsville, Pa. Died in Washington, D. C., Jan. 27, 1893.

1854—The emigrant ship Tylour wrecked off the coast of Ireland, with the loss of nearly 400 lives.

1861—Jefferson Davis resigned his seat in the United States senate.

1871—The legislature of British Columbia resolved in favor of joining the Dominion.

1887—Interstate Commerce Bill became a law.

1906—King Christian IX. of Denmark died. Born April 8, 1818.

1907—The water in Niagara River reached the highest point on record.

#### ENTERTAINED LAST NIGHT.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Theodore Roberts entertained about twenty of their friends at bridge at the Queen Hotel last evening. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

must be kept open. The premier who seemed to be greatly worked up over the question, assured them that their demand would be complied with. They also made strong representations to the premier on another subject and received a promise which they regard as satisfactory.

Discussing the matter with a friend afterwards Mr. Pinder is credited with having made the observation "that the mills of the gods grind slowly but they get there just the same."

## THE GOULD WEDDING

### There Will be an Absence of Display at Tomorrow's Ceremony

#### Daughter of Late Wizard of Financial Will be Married to Finley J. Shepherd at Lyndhurst

New York, Jan. 21—In striking distinction from the previous weddings in the Gould family, which invariably have been marked by the most lavish display—second marriages excepted—will be tomorrow's ceremony uniting in marriage (Miss Helen M. Gould, the third child and eldest daughter of the late "wizard of finance," and Finley J. Shepherd. That wedding, as already announced, will take place at Lyndhurst, Miss Gould's country seat in Tarrytown.

Despite the desire of both parties that the wedding should attract as little public attention as possible, it is doubtful if any event of its kind in recent years has attracted more attention. The immense fortune possessed by Miss Gould, the prominence into which she has been brought by her many philanthropies, and the generally accepted belief that she preferred a life of single blessedness—all have helped to make her wedding a topic of lively discussion among all classes.

The party of invited guests who will go from the city to Tarrytown by special train to attend the wedding will be a small but distinguished one. It will include several members of the Gould family who are not already at Lyndhurst. Mrs. Russell Sage will be a member of the party as will also several well known clergymen and educators who have been closely associated with Miss Gould in her work of charity and philanthropy.

An orchestra of forty pieces has been engaged to provide an elaborate musical program. But otherwise the wedding will be simple in details. It is understood that the invited guests number between fifty and sixty, all of them relatives or intimate friends of Miss Gould on Mr. Shepherd. The ceremony which is to take place shortly after the hour of noon will be followed by a breakfast. George Gould will give his sister in marriage and her little nieces, daughters of Frank J. Gould, will be flower girls.

## THE WORLD'S NEWS IN SHORT METRE

New York, N.Y., Jan. 21—Bills introduced in the New Jersey senate with Wilson's approval, provide for the restriction of corporations and barring future organization of holding companies, directors and officials to be held personally responsible for violations of law, existing corporations not to be disturbed but must avoid prohibited practices.

Wickersham has dropped proposed proceedings against American Telephone and Telegraph Co., and recommends that the Interstate Commerce Commission investigate, with the view of regulation by the government.

Chairman Wilson of the Public Service Commission, announces that changes will be made in at least three of the provisions of the contract with the Interboro Railway for operation of the new subways.

New York Central officials say the Verner attack is not important as the equipment issue is valid.

It is reported that James J. Hill will be called to testify before the Pujo Committee on Friday.

Americans in London quiet and steady.

12 industrials declined .20; 20 active railroads declined .57.

#### HON. MR. McLEOD HOME

Hon. H. F. McLeod, Provincial Secretary and Mrs. McLeod have arrived home from Bermuda, where they have been spending the past month. The trip south was made for the benefit of the Provincial Secretary's health, which seems to have improved somewhat by the change. Mr. and Mrs. McLeod are being heartily welcomed home by their friends.