

THOUSANDS OF SOLDIERS STRICKEN WITH CHOLERA

Heartrending Scenes of Misery and Suffering at the Camp at San Stefano---Thousands Reported to be Stricken With the Terrible Disease---Balkan Allies and Turks are to Hold Peace Conference and Will Arrange an Armistice

Vienna, Nov. 21.—The terms offered Turkey by the Balkan nations are neither in form nor in substance unpromising, according to information derived from an authoritative source in Sofia. They even leave the door open to eventual modifications by negotiations so that it may be assumed Turkey will accept them and a truce will be brought about.

Berlin, Nov. 21.—Osma Nazim Pasha, Turkish Ambassador to Germany was ordered to Constantinople today to assist in peace negotiations.

Constantinople, Nov. 21.—Heartrending scenes of suffering and misery are enacted daily at the Turkish cholera camp at Stofano. The correspondent of the Associated Press accompanied by the secretary of a foreign embassy, who is here on leave of absence, paid a visit there today.

Much skepticism had prevailed in Pera, the foreign quarters of Constantinople both among members of the diplomatic corps, and foreign residents. No one there believed the figure given by Railroad employees and others in contact with the Turkish army, who declared that the thousands were stricken with the terrible disease. No reliable figures were obtainable from official sources and in the absence of all the reports were regarded as grossly exaggerated. The camp is situated at the side of a railway embankment thirty feet in height. A large open space like a village green, stretches away for some distance. This is surrounded by better class houses high, built in aeroplane style for it is the summer port for the residents of Constantinople.

Two Ottoman soldiers were standing on guard at the entrance to the camp, but they never made a motion. Their duty was to prevent those within the camp from escaping and

not to hinder other people from entering.

A nauseating picture was witnessed at the side of the railroad. The bodies which had been dropped from trains laid as they had fallen. Some had stuck on top of the embankment. Others had rolled part of the way down. Some had reached the bottom. Some of the corpses lay stiffly alone. Others were in groups of three or four.

Around a one story stable at the foot of the embankment was a group of sixty dead and dying, lying close together, apparently for warmth, on the slopes of a pit, which the sick men found softer than the hard ground.

One man on top of the pile was digging with his fingers a sort of a trough in which to lay. The trough soon became his grave.

As the visitors came near on a victim attempted to crawl across the road to the crowded manure heap, but failed and fell in the roadway. Others raised their heads and cried in the hearing of the attendants that they were given no bread on water.

Walking half way across the field, the visitors passed dead and dying men sometimes at intervals of a yard sometimes from twenty to thirty yards apart.

A group of tents stood in the center where four or five Turkish soldiers wearing the ampiees of the Red Crescent stood on guard. Inside the sick and dead lay in groups. The doctor on duty counted twenty two patients in one tent while double that number lay just outside sheltered from the wind to leeward of the canvas. Some of the stricken men found difficulty in getting position for prayer looking towards the east. There were hundreds of dead and

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PARLIAMENT OF CANADA OPENED THIS AFTERNOON

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught Officiated at Brilliant Ceremony---Session Promises to be One of the Most Important Since Confederation---Matters of Great Public Interest Touched Upon in the Speech From the Throne---A Naval Bill, Highways and Changes in the Banking Act are Promised

Ottawa, Ont. Nov. 21.—The Dominion parliament was opened today by his royal highness the Duke of Connaught. The occasion was marked with the usual ceremonial, which included the firing of a royal salute from Nepean Point and a cavalry escort for the Governor General from Rideau Hall to the parliament building and return. The general expectation that the speech from the throne would deal with subject of far more than ordinary interest and importance to the public led to an unusually large attendance of visitors at the opening.

Unless all signs go astray the parliamentary session now begun will be one of the most contentious and bitter in many years. There is every reason to believe that the much discussed naval policy will be one of the first matters brought up. The Government programme involves the voting of an immediate "emergency" contribution of large amount to the British navy, leaving to be negotiated later the terms and conditions of a permanent policy. The Opposition, are preparing to make vigorous protest against imposing a vast naval expenditure on the people without their mandate. The Government however fully expects to get its naval programme through parliament, but only after a determined opposition.

Other important subjects on the agenda include important amendments to the Bank Act, alterations in the law of naturalization, the West Indian trade agreement, legislation respecting the control of western lands, and several questions of party policy, including that of tariff.

The redistribution of parliamentary constituencies made necessary by the last census, which will deprive Conservative Ontario of four seats and give the Liberal west some twenty odd seats, may be allowed to go over to the next session. A postponement will, of course, participate a bitter opposition from the Liberals. From present indications there will not be a particularly heavy list of private bills at the present session. An exception, however, is the divorce cases which number more than 100 and thus exceed all records.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons:—"I have during the past summer spent several months in visiting the principal cities and towns of Canada from coast to coast, and have endeavored to make myself as far as possible acquainted with the conditions prevailing.

"It has been a source of the deepest satisfaction to me to see the almost universal prosperity which reigns throughout the Dominion and witness the energy and enterprise which are shown in developing the rich resources of the land.

"It is most gratifying to observe that the trade of the Dominion is increasing rapidly and steadily, the aggregate trade for the last fiscal year being the largest on record. During the present year, the same steady increase has been noted, and it is anticipated that the total volume of our trade for the present fiscal year will greatly surpass that of any previous year in our history.

REVENUE EXPANDING

"The revenue of the Dominion continues to expand, and in every branch of business and industry there is a remarkable activity which gives assurance of continued progress and prosperity.

"A copious and welcome stream of immigration has poured into our country during the past summer. The volume of immigration during the present year is greater than usual. It has been drawn from the British Island. The labors of the husbandman have been blessed with an ample return and although in some districts the weather has been unpropitious for the harvest, it is expected that the total value of our field crops will be greater than in any previous year.

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Majesties possessions in the West Indies. It is hoped that these arrangements will prove of great advantage not only to those possessions, but to Canada, as well. A bill will be introduced for the purpose of carrying this agreement into effect.

During the past summer four members of the Government conferred in London with His Majesty's Government on question of naval defence. Important discussions took place and conditions have been disclosed which in the opinion of my advisors render it imperative that the effective forces of the empire should be strengthened without delay. My advisors are convinced that it is the duty of Canada at this juncture to afford reasonable and necessary aid for that purpose. A bill will be introduced accordingly.

HUDSON BAY RAILWAY.

"A contract for the construction of the Hudson Bay Railway from Le Pas to Port Nelson has been awarded and the work is being pushed forward with all possible speed.

"It is abundantly evident that the highways of Canada constitute an important part of an efficient scheme of transportation. The necessity for improving our existing facilities in this regard is manifest and a bill will be introduced for the purpose of enabling the Dominion to co-operate with the provinces in the accomplishment of this most desirable purpose.

"It is satisfactory to know that the proposal of my government to co-operate with the governments of the various provinces in permitting the agricultural industry, has met with hearty approval. The appropriations which were made last session in connection therewith, have proved to be of marked benefit to the country.

AID TO HIGHWAYS.

"After a careful study of the whole question my advisors are convinced that co-operation with the provinces on well defined terms and conditions will achieve the best results along the lines of agricultural instructions. Any such policy to be effective, must be continuous. Accordingly, a bill will be introduced by which a substantial amount of money will be set apart from the consolidated revenue fund, for the purpose of assisting the provinces for a term of years in this highly important national work.

"My government has succeeded in securing certain reductions in cable rates and will continue its efforts to obtain still further reductions.

THE BANKING ACT.

"Under existing legislation the charters of the banks will expire on the first day of July next. A bill revising and extending these charters will be submitted for your consideration and approval.

"Several other bills will be submitted, including measures providing for increased representation of the Provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba in the senate.

"Gentlemen of the House of Commons.

The accounts for the last fiscal year will be laid before you, it will be satisfactory to learn that the revenue has been ample to cover both ordinary and capital expenditures.

"The estimates for the next fiscal year, will be submitted at an early date. They have prepared with due regard on the one hand for economy and on the other side for the necessary development of the resources of the Dominion.

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PLANS COMPLETE FOR THE FLIGHT ACROSS ATLANTIC

London, Nov. 21.—Following a flight which Claude Grahame-White yesterday took with Otto Kahn, as a passenger, the aviator today gave one particulars as to his plans to fly across the Atlantic.

"I have completed plans for the machine and commenced to build it," he said. "It will be of 1,000 horsepower, with four engines and six propellers. Each engine will be of 250 horse power and they will be so arranged as to be independent each of the others, that is to say, if two engines break down, the other two will be quite sufficient to drive them. We expect to do the journey from land to land in something between twenty and thirty hours, the machine being built so as to remain in the air thirty hours. All depends on the weather and the course we take. At present we are undecided whether to go by way of the Azores or across Newfoundland, but I expect the latter route would be chosen.

"The trip is arranged to take place in the summer, although it is just on the cards that we may not make it until the autumn. The weather then probably be more favorable but whenever we start, I am reasonably sure of success."

FIRE PATROL SYSTEM FOR RAILWAY LINES

Official of Railway Commission Here
Today to Confer With Provincial
Authorities Concerning Matter

Mr. Clyde Leavitt of Ottawa, chief fire inspector of the Railway Commission and forester of the Commission of Conservation, is registered at the Queen, having arrived today from Quebec City. Mr. Leavitt is here for the purpose of obtaining information concerning the extent of assistance and co-operation which the provincial authorities will lend toward placing in operation a system of fire-patrols along the railways for the purpose of protecting the forests. Mr. Leavitt expected to meet Hon. J. K. Flemming, surveyor general, here today. This afternoon he visited the office of the surveyor general, and conferred with Lt.-Col. T. G. Loggie, deputy surveyor general, and with Mr. W. H. Berry, superintendent of scalars.

SYSTEM IN OPERATION.

Speaking with a reporter of The Mail Mr. Leavitt said that the Railway Commission already had efficient fire-patrols established on practically all railways in the western provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba and was laying plans for the extension of such a system in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. Yesterday he interviewed the minister of lands of the Province of Quebec and from him received the assurance that his department would co-operate with the Railway Commission in the matter and would make use of some of its own officials for the purpose. Mr. Leavitt intends to leave tonight for Halifax, where he will consult with the Nova Scotia authorities with regard to the same matter.

The Canadian Pacific Railway is the chief line in this province which comes under the jurisdiction of the Railway Commission, the Intercolonial and National Transcontinental being governed by bodies of their own. Mr. Leavitt says that so far the patrol-system has been found to be practicable and has been taken up by the railways themselves because they have found that their own property is protected and their own interests served. The aim is to have the employees of the railways as well as other officials become connected with the patrol-system. After the information has been secured and the intentions of the various eastern provinces have been ascertained, the Railway Commission will formulate its plans for the introduction of the system.

THEFT CASE TRIED IN QUEEN'S COUNTY COURT

Peter Murray and Alexander Anderson were tried before Judge Wilson in Queens county court at Gagetown yesterday on a charge of theft.

Murray was charged with stealing from the Coeser farm at Gagetown a gun, two blankets, an overcoat and lantern. Anderson was charged with being accessory before the fact. Both pleaded guilty having elected to be tried under the speedy trial act.

Murray was sentenced to four months in Queen's county jail. Anderson was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary but was allowed to go on suspended sentence, pending good behavior.

No other case was before the court

SAM SCHEPPS HAS BEEN DISCHARGED

New York, Nov. 21.—Sam Schepps, one of the four informers whose testimony resulted in the conviction of Charles Becker and the four gunmen for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, was discharged from custody today. He had been held on a technical charge of vagrancy.

Schepps refused to divulge his plans for the future. The time for the release of Webber, Vallon and Rose, the other informers has not been made public by the District Attorneys office, but all three it was expected would be given their freedom today.

Mr. Karl Lunoberg of Nordin, arrived in the city this morning, registering at the Queen.

Mr. Clyde Leavitt of the Dominion Forestry Service, Ottawa, is a guest at the Queen.

Mr. A. A. McCaskey of St. John, is among the commercial men in the city.

SIR WILFRED LAURIER ENTERS ON 72 ND YEAR

Ottawa, Nov. 20.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier was today congratulated by his assembling followers in parliament on being seventy-one years young. The "old chiefs" desk in his office in the commons building was decorated with bouquets of red roses presented with the birthday congratulations of the Liberal party and of his hosts of friends in the capital.

At seventy-one he is in as good if not better health and spirits than at any time in his life. He enters the session in splendid fighting trim, and is apparently good for many years of active public service.

CHINA AND RUSSIA MAY GO TO WAR

Despatches have been received here by Yow Gook Ha, secretary to Fung Yi Yuan, secretary of state of Yuan Shi Kai's cabinet, to the effect that an army of 60,000 has been mobilized in Peking and that General Wong Hing, hero of the revolution, has been appointed its leader. According to a report, General Wong Hing already has ordered his army north to Mongolia with instructions to establish military rule and drive Russian soldiers out.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 21.—Cablegrams received from China by local Chinese announce that the republic is preparing to go to war with Russia for the possession of Mongolia. The big secret societies, which fostered the revolution, have been exchanging despatches with President Yuan Shi Kai. The young China association has opened subscription lists and the agents have spoken at every Chinatown corner explaining the encroachment of the Russian troops in the ancient Chinese territory.

IMPORTANT EVIDENCE AT DYNAMITER'S TRIAL

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 20.—Miss Mary C. Dye, a stenographer, who witnesses had said was marked for murder by James B. McNamara, the Los Angeles Times dynamiter, because she worked for the Iron Workers' Union and "knew too much," testified at the dynamite conspiracy trial today. She asserted she had been followed by detectives and on one occasion one of the McNamara brothers had forced an entrance to her room at a hotel to search for papers which he desired to destroy.

Miss Dye identified hundreds of papers introduced by the government to sustain its contention that Frank M. Ryan of the union, and forty-four other defendants, conspired to transport explosives illegally in furtherance of dynamite plots against non-union firms. The letters were written by John J. McNamara, secretary of the union. The witness testified she quit the employ of the iron workers before the Los Angeles explosion, but she had written many letters when the government charges were in furtherance of earlier explosions.

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Mr. J. Grice of Toronto, is registered at the Queen.

MRS HETTIE GREEN CELEBRATED BIRTHDAY

New York, N. Y., Nov. 21.—Mrs. Hettie Green, "the richest woman in the world," was seventy-eight years old today.

"It's no holiday though," she declares at her square little rosewood desk at the head of Wall Street. "Why should I take a holiday and waste a whole day just because I happened to be born on Nov. 21st, 1834."

Mrs. Green consented to dictate a search of "don'ts" for girls. They are:

Don't envy.
Don't fail to go to church.
Don't eat anything but good wholesome food.

Don't cheat in your business dealings.

Don't forget to be charitable.

Don't forget to take a lot of exercise.

Don't forget to obey the laws of God.

SITUATION SERIOUS

The situation in St. John in regard to soft coal is causing quite a bit of anxious interest just now to parties immediately concerned. Contractors, it is said, are having a hard time getting enough from the Nova Scotia mines to keep their customers going. The operators in the neighboring province seem to have been taking advantage of the present shortage in the coal market with praiseworthy unanimity since it is alleged that since September 1 they have been advancing quotations ten or fifteen cents every week. There also seems to be a disposition among them to chance the selling basis at the mine from the long ton of 2,240 pounds to the short ton of 2,000 pounds. If they succeed in making this change in the Nova Scotia mines it is likely the Queens County operators will follow suit. It is to be assumed however, that the contemplated change in weight would only apply to new contracts.