

PRINCIPAL POINT IN BALKAN DISPUTE STILL UNSETTLED

Possession of the Turkish Fortress of Adrianople Remains Real Stumbling Block in the Way of Peace Negotiations — But Turkey May Yet Overcome This Difficulty

(By Leased Wire to The Sun) London, Dec. 26.—The possession of the Turkish fortress of Adrianople, which has been the principal bone of contention since the beginning of the war between Turkey and the Balkan Allies, still remains at this moment the real stumbling block in the way of peace. Compensation for Bulgaria, however, in some other part of European Turkey probably will in the end remove even this difficulty and enable her to consent to the retention by Turkey of the great fortress which the allied troops have been unable to subdue. Saloniki has been suggested as a possible bait to induce the Bulgarians to abandon their claims to the northern city which the Turks refuse to yield. Perhaps with some such idea in their minds, the Turkish delegates have, it is reported, included in the counter proposals they have offered to the peace conference the stipulation that Saloniki remain in their hands, a line being drawn from that southern port through Serres and Adrianople to Midda. The maximum demands of the Balkan allies and the minimum offer of the Turks will thus be before the peace delegates when they assemble again in St. James palace on Saturday and a definite basis for bargaining will have been formulated. If the Turks are successful in retaining Adrianople they will doubtless consent to limit their demands to a western boundary running from Adrianople southward along the railroad to Enos on the Aegean Sea, thus leaving the Dardanelles straits in their hands. Diplomatic circles here consider there is certain to be gradual approximation of the excessive terms put forward by the Balkan allies and the Turks and when that stage has once been reached third parties may have a chance to intervene in order to reconcile the remaining differences between the adversaries.



ST. JAMES PALACE, London, where the Turkish-Balkan peace negotiations are in progress. The palace which is at the south end of St. James street, was built in 1532 by Henry the Eighth on the site of a hospital for lepers. Charles I. slept here the night before his execution, and next morning walked across St. James Park to Whitehall. In 1691 Whitehall was burned down, and St. James became the chief residence of the English kings from William III to George the Fourth. Though it is no longer the residence of the sovereign, the British court is still officially styled the "Court of St. James." Queen Victoria was married there and until the death of the Prince Consort held her levees there.

NOTED EXPLORER RETURNS FROM INTERESTING TRIP TO PEACE RIVER COUNTRY

Captain H. T. Munn Tells of His Inspection of the District Which He Says Will Be The Last Great West—A Word of Warning to Investors

(By Leased Wire to The Sun) Grand Prairie City and Atabasca Landing, which, he said, were being mer Brandon oil timer and well boomed almost unmercifully and it would go anywhere near for an years. Peace River Country A glance at the map would give the stranger an impression that the Peace River country was a cold, desolate stretch but the fact of the matter is that this part of the world is delightful and much milder than the middle west prairie province. Large tracts of fertile land can be seen and the country is rich with coal and other minerals. Capt. Munn actually saw several homesteaders acting as their own colonies, digging up the coal right at their own doors. The fish up there are also magnificent. The explorer predicts a wonderful future for this country, especially when it is opened up by the railway. He says it will be the last great west. Capt. Munn leaves for Toronto in a few days.

PRESIDENT DENIES THAT HIS COMPANY WILL BUILD CAR SHOPS AT SASKATOON

Sir William MacKenzie Writes Commissioner Griffin Here To The Effect That the Canadian Northern Buys Cars From Private Companies —Would Assist Company Formed in Brandon

(By Leased Wire to The Sun) Toronto, Dec. 26.—The Board of Control recommended to the city council that E. G. E. McConkey be allowed to erect a 17 storey hotel of 500 rooms on King street west. The bylaws forbid a building higher than ten stories, but the controllers are of the opinion that more hotel accommodation is needed in the city. The total cost will amount to over three millions. SEARCHERS NOW TRYING TO FIND FISHING PARTY LEFT ON FRIDAY IN LAUNCH TO GO ON FISHING TRIP AND ARE PROBABLY LOST IN GALE. (By Leased Wire to The Sun) Mobile, Ala., Dec. 26.—Numerous searching parties are engaged in a hunt for Wm. Wheeler, John Barnes and Miss Elsie Barnes, who left Coden last Friday afternoon in a launch for a fishing trip to the western end of Dauphin Island. It is feared they were lost in the gale Saturday.

FARMER KILLED BY EXPLOSIVE OF HIS OWN MAKE

HAD BEEN WORKING FOR THREE YEARS TO PATENT NEW DEVICE WHICH ENDED FATALLY FOR HIMSELF. (By Leased Wire to The Sun) Hamilton, Dec. 26.—Frank Riley, a farmer near Carlisle yesterday, was killed by an explosion in his barn when he had just finished eating his Christmas dinner and entered the barn when his wife and five children heard a terrific explosion which nearly demolished the barn. Riley lived only a few minutes.

LABOR OFFICIAL WAS SHOT DEAD BY SECRETARY

SEQUEL TO QUARREL WHICH AROSE FROM ELECTION OF OFFICERS IN CHICAGO UNION. (By Leased Wire to The Sun) Chicago, Ill., Dec. 26.—James Conroy, an official of the United Steam Fitters and Helpers Union, local No. 820, was shot and killed today by Thomas Freer, secretary of the organization. A quarrel growing out of an election of officers held a week ago which led to a dispute over the possession of an automobile owned by the union is said to have caused the shooting.

MEMBERS OF CREW SAFE

St. Pierre, Miquelon, Dec. 26.—The six members of the crew of the three masted British schooner Alde, who were thought to have been lost when the vessel was wrecked on the north coast of St. Pierre roads, reached here today.

BRANDON SHERIFF NOTED ADDITION TO BENEDICTS

SHERIFF HENDERSON MARRIED TORONTO LADY AT WETASKIWIN LAST NIGHT—A BRILLIANT FUNCTION. (By Leased Wire to The Sun) Wetaskiwin, Dec. 25.—The wedding of Sheriff Wm. Henderson of Brandon, to Mrs. Robert West, of Toronto, took place tonight at the home of Mrs. John West, a sister of the bride. The function was a brilliant one, and over three hundred guests were invited. Following the wedding ceremony a dinner was given the couple by Mrs. John West and afterwards they left for a trip to the Atlantic seaboard. Upon their return Mr. and Mrs. Henderson will reside at Brandon. J. G. Donaldson, of Brandon, was one of the ushers.

TORONTO BOARD WANTS BIG HOTEL DESPITE BYLAWS

RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL TO ALLOW ERECTION OF SKYSCRAPER WHICH WILL COST OVER THREE MILLIONS. (By Leased Wire to The Sun) Toronto, Dec. 26.—The Board of Control recommended to the city council that E. G. E. McConkey be allowed to erect a 17 storey hotel of 500 rooms on King street west. The bylaws forbid a building higher than ten stories, but the controllers are of the opinion that more hotel accommodation is needed in the city. The total cost will amount to over three millions.

KING GEORGE WAS INDISPOSED ON CHRISTMAS DAY

COULD NOT ATTEND CHURCH AND ALSO PREVENTED FROM TAKING DINNER WITH QUEEN MOTHER ALEXANDRA—QUITE RECOVERED TODAY. (By Leased Wire to The Sun) London, Dec. 26.—King George, who is staying at his country house at Sandringham was unable on account of a chill to attend church on Christmas day and was also prevented from being present at the Christmas dinner given by Queen Mother Alexandra. It was officially stated today that His Majesty had quite recovered.



SHERIFF WM. HENDERSON Who was married yesterday to a Toronto lady, at Wetaskiwin.

FAMILY WIPED OUT RETURNING FROM CHRISTMAS PARTY

Cutter Containing Five Was Dashed Into By An Express Train Near Champaign This Morning —Had Been Visiting Neighbor and Were on Their Way Home

(By Leased Wire to The Sun.) Champaign, Ill., Dec. 26.—The whole four members of the family of Edward H. Miller and another girl, making a total of five, were killed today by their cutter being struck by the Illinois Central Panama limited four miles south of Champaign. The dead are: Edward H. Miller, 34 years old. Mrs. Maud Miller, 33 years old. Ruth Miller, 8 years old. Wayne Miller, 4 years old. Opal Scott, the eleven year old child of a neighbor, was fatally hurt. The Millers were driving home from a Christmas celebration at the home of a neighbor and were taking the Scott girl home with them.

DRIVING CLUB MEET WAS PRODUCTIVE OF RECORD DESPITE NO PRIZE LIST

Mild Weather Drew Out Large Crowd on River Including Many Old Time Sportsmen—Full List of Results. A record was created yesterday at the meeting of the Brandon Driving Club, it being the first time that the Christmas day races were run just for "sport," no prizes being given. The turn out on the ice was most encouraging, the attendance being very good, and the faces of many old timers were noted out driving that have not been on the speed way for several years. Continued on Page Three

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