

BALKAN WAR--Adrianople Threatened and Important Engagement is Looked For ALLIED BALKAN FORCES MAY CLASH WITH TURKS IN DECISIVE BATTLE

First Heavy Engagement of War is Imminent Near Adrianople Servians Said to Be Steadily Advancing While Reports of Successes of Other Allies Continue--Greek Vessels Commandeered to Do Naval Service--Powers Hope to Make Successful Intervention After Impending Battle.

London, Oct. 21.--The war news is still the story of comparatively unimportant small engagements involved in manoeuvring for position, while the Turkish and Balkan forces are assembling and preparing for big operations. When the allied states declared war, it may be assumed that Turkey had no means concentrated her troops to meet the falling of the confederation. Her failure to do this undoubtedly necessitated some message in the telegraphic plans, and she still needed time to transport her troops to the required positions, hence the falling of numerous frontier posts is of no great significance. The Servian army is steadily advancing and now has its headquarters at Vranja in the movement against Uskub. The Greeks have captured Disakata, from which position the Turks retired on the town of Servia, where a big battle is expected shortly.

FIRE IN TIURO--Flames Last Evening Wrecked Part of Business Section of Town

Damage Estimated at Forty Thousand Dollars PARTLY INSURED Flames Spread Rapidly From Millinery Establishment to Adjoining Buildings--Fire Department Got Upper Hand After Stiff Fight

Tiuro, Oct. 21.--Tiuro had a \$40,000 fire this evening when the McKay block in the heart of the town was wiped out. The blaze began with the upsetting of a lamp in the millinery establishment of Madam Lunn. The flames seemed to break out into the street in a moment. The stone building of the Bank of Nova Scotia on the north stopped the progress of the fire in that direction, but it extended southward, destroying the premises of half a dozen firms. The fire department had a hard fight but by 11 o'clock they had the conflagration under control.

Special to The Standard. The following are the losses as far as can be estimated tonight, and the insurance: The McKay block gutted and almost total loss; no insurance. \$40,000; insurance \$2,000. E. G. Motson, \$4,000; insurance \$1,000. Rogers' barber shop, loss \$1,500; insurance \$400. Hithavich and Co., \$200; no insurance. G. H. Vernon, barber, library and fittings almost total loss; no insurance. The State of Insurance commission, probable loss \$500. D. A. Tatire, tail of, loss about \$1,000; insurance \$500. General Insurance, loss about \$200. Madam Lunn loses her books and papers and so quickly did the fire clear that she was unable to save her bandbag containing a considerable sum of money, although it was close to hand when the explosion occurred.

MR. MONK'S LETTER OF RESIGNATION HAS BEEN WRITTEN Incident Will Be Closed Today--Premier Drives to Station With Minister of Public Works. Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Oct. 21.--Hon. F. D. Monk has written his letter of resignation and has handed it to the Prime Minister. Tomorrow Mr. Borden will communicate to H. R. H. the Governor General the withdrawal of the Minister of Public Works and the incident will have been completed. Mr. Monk did not attend today's cabinet meeting, but spent the afternoon in his office making final preparations for vacating. This evening he participated in the reception to H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, it being noticed that he and Mr. Borden drove to the station in the same carriage. After reverting to the position of private ministerial member of parliament Mr. Monk will go for a three weeks holiday to Atlantic City.

ONTARIO FARMERS FEAR POTATOES MAY SUFFER FROM ROT Four Nominations in North Waterloo. Toronto, Oct. 21.--District representatives of the provincial department of agriculture report that Ontario farmers are preparing to rush their potatoes to market, as they fear they will develop in the remainder of the year's crop. The damage by rot is general throughout the province, in some parts sixty per cent. of the crop being lost. Where the fields are saved, however, the potatoes are most entirely escaped rot and blight.

TRIBUTE TO THE CANADIANS Duke of Connaught Found Them the Most Patriotic People in the British Empire. NO DISSENSION OF EAST FROM WEST. His Royal Highness Speaks at Toronto Canadian Club Meeting.

Toronto, Oct. 21.--The Duke of Connaught today spent an hour in Toronto as the guest of the Canadian Club at a luncheon given at the King Edward Hotel. Referring to his tour of Canada, the Duke said he had covered about 10,000 miles and had learned many things.

WHAT SCHEPPS TOLD FRIENDS OF CRIME. Herman Rosenthal Was "Of No Account" Said the Gunman.

New York, Oct. 21.--What Sam Schepps told his friends in Hot Springs, Ark., about the murder of Herman Rosenthal was read into the records today at the trial of Police Lieutenant Charles Becker, who is charged with instigating the crime. "I don't want you fellows to think we killed a man who was to be any use," Schepps told Postmaster Johnson's testimony before the commission sent to Hot Springs to examine him and other persons. "That fellow Rosenthal" was a dirty cut, he should have been killed. I don't want you fellows to think of me as a common murderer.

NEW INDUSTRY FOR CAPITAL Willis McPherson Will Conduct Machine Shop and Automobile Business in Fredericton--King's Daughters.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 21.--Word received here today that John Bodkin, formerly of this city, and now of Ireland, is to be married in Fredericton. He is a large estate on which is situated a castle. Miss Bodkin is to return to Fredericton to reside with relatives in the west.

CHILD VICTIM OF POISON INTENDED TO DESTROY HENS Two Year Old Infant Suffering From Effects of Poisoned Dough--Seventy-six Fowl Killed. Special to The Standard. Montreal, Oct. 21.--The two year old child of Edwin Thatcher, High street, was taken violently ill this afternoon and when a doctor was summoned, he pronounced it a case of poisoning. An investigation showed that the child had eaten a quantity of poisoned dough, evidently for the purpose of poisoning hens.

SAVETOR IN CENTRE OF THE MOB. Policeman Who Arrested Him Asserts He Was Present When Lawrence Outrage Occurred. MOB INTERFERED WITH THE OFFICERS. Held at Bay at Revolver Point While Arrests Were Made.

Salem, Mass., Oct. 21.--Fred B. Flynn, of the Massachusetts district police, testified today in the trial of Joseph Ertor, Arturo Giovannitti and Joseph Caruso, for the murder of Anna Lopizzo during the Lawrence textile strike, described the assault of a young girl in the streets of Lawrence on Jan. 28th last, by rioters. Flynn declared that the defendant Ertor was in the centre of the mob. "I had followed the mob from a street car riot," said Flynn. "When I saw a number of them run upon a young girl who was carrying a lunch box. They took the box away and threw it into the air. Then they came on her and tore off part of her clothing. While this was going on I saw Ertor pass by to the centre of the mob."

Turks in Confusion. The Bulgarian troops are advancing in all directions while the Turkish forces are retreating, abandoning their rifles, howitzers, ammunition and provisions. "The Turkish people are leaving their homes and in certain villages small Turkish children whose parents have disappeared have been found wandering and are now being cared for by the Bulgarian soldiers."

ASTRONOMER SEES NEW COMET IN EASTERN HEAVENS. Geneva, N. Y., Oct. 21.--Dr. William R. Brooks, director of Smith Observatory and professor of astronomy of Hobart College, discovered a comet about four o'clock this morning in the eastern sky. Its position was right ascension 10 hours 51 minutes, declination south 1 degree 57 minutes. The comet is in constellation Sextans with moderate eastward motion and visible through small telescopes. This is the twenty-seventh comet discovered by Prof. Brooks.

UNUSUAL CASE WAS APPEALED Suits Against Insolvent Insurance Company Heard in Supreme Court--Judgment Reserved in Both Cases. Ottawa, Oct. 21.--In the supreme court today the first cases taken up were the appeals in Fitch's versus Smith versus China Mutual Insurance Company, which were argued together as one case. The insurance company issued time policies on ships of the respective appellants who gave notice for the premiums. Before the policies expired and before the notes came due the affairs of the company at the instance of the insurance commissioner of Massachusetts, were placed in the hands of a receiver. In an action on the notes, the defendants paid into court the amount of the premiums for the time they were insured, namely, up to the date of the appointment of the receiver, which, they alleged, cancelled the policies, but, alternatively they claimed that they were not liable for anything as the company was insolvent when the policies were issued and was fraudulently carrying on its business.

CHAMPION PUGILIST CASE AGAINST THE AUTHORITIES OPEN. Chicago, Oct. 21.--Federal investigation against Jack Johnson moved slowly today. Twenty-five subpoenas were served on the pugilist associates, ordering them to appear before the federal jury tomorrow. The government seeks to show that Johnson violated the Mann White Slave Act. Prosecution was also started against Johnson for alleged violation of the 2 o'clock saloon closing law. This case was set for hearing Oct. 28.