

GREEK REFUSAL PART OF PLAN

Explanation of Her Not
Signing Armistice.

TO HINDER TURKEY

By Stopping Supplies and
Troop Transport.

Athens, Dec. 9.—It is officially announced that Greek plenipotentiaries will participate in the peace negotiations.

A semi-official statement protests against interpreting the fact that Greece did not sign the armistice as proof that disunion exists among the allies, and declares that it was by agreement of the allies that Greece adopted an attitude different from that of the other States.

The explanation is given that Greece's course was due to her anxiety that her naval action should not be interrupted in the Ionian Sea in order to prevent the retreating of the Turkish army in Epirus, and in the Aegean Sea in order to prevent the transport of Turkish troops to Thrace, with respect to which Greece considered the interests of her allies rather than her own. The chance for the conclusion of peace would have suffered from the reinforcement of the Dardanelles and Thessalonian garrisons.

The statement refers to the Turkish Italian treaty recently signed as proof that it is not necessary that peace negotiations shall be preceded by an armistice.

The newspapers print reports that the Greeks have begun a bombardment of the outer forts of Janina.

DIVIDING THE SPOILS.

London, Dec. 9.—A Vienna despatch to the Daily Telegraph says:

"The outlook is improving. Sir Edward Grey's proposal for a conference of the ambassadors of the powers, the conclusion of the armistice and the beginning of the peace negotiations next week are all active in making for good."

"As regards the division of the spoils, it is possible, of course, for the Balkan States to have what is coming to them handed over as a whole and allow them to arrange the partition afterward, or they may have already agreed on the portion which each is to get, which would make things easier and quicker."

"How far unity obtains at present among the Balkan States is a matter of speculation, but I venture that the Balkan league will not exist a year hence, but will be replaced by the United States of Bulgaria, Turkey, Roumania and Albania."

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50C FOR PRIZE BEEF

Canadian Champion Steer
For Christmas Beef.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Glencarnock, the big Angus steer declared the champion of the 1912 International Live Stock Exposition at the Chicago Stock Yards, today sold at 50c a pound, on the hoof—\$706 for 1,412 pounds of steer—to The Fair store.

Glencarnock was reared by J. B. McGregor, a millionaire cattle breeder of Brandon, Manitoba, Canada. The grand champion will probably be slaughtered and sold for Christmas beef.

The grand champion carcass of beef cattle sold for \$14 a hundredweight. This carcass was entered by E. P. Hall, of Mechanicsburg, Ill. These steers were bought by the United Dressed Beef Co., of New York.

Four hundred buyers bid on the prize stock of the show.

UNION IS UNLIKELY

Prominent Methodist Official Gives Views.

Joint Committee Meets
Tuesday In Toronto.

Toronto despatch: Organized union between the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches is highly unlikely for the present at least on account of the great difference of opinion regarding the matter among the Presbyterians of the country, according to a definite statement made yesterday by one of the most prominent officials of the Methodist Church. The statement was based on the fact that although the last General Assembly endorsed the proposal, it gave to every Synod, Presbytery, congregation minister and member the right to submit to the Church Union Committee proposals or suggestions for amendments to the basis of union. The committee in question, which consists of representatives from each of the three churches, will meet in Toronto next Wednesday for the purpose of considering these suggestions, of which, it is understood, a large number have been received.

Both the Methodists and the members of the Congregational Churches approved the idea on the present basis, and it was pointed out that any changes were made by the Presbyterians it would not be fair to finally consummate the union without again placing the question before the members. The last vote cast by the Methodist Church was 85,000.

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HYDRO RATES AGAIN LOWERED

Hon. Adam Beck Announces
Another Cut.

HAMILTON RATE \$16

And Toronto Gets Power
at \$15 Price.

Toronto despatch: Hon. Adam Beck, Chairman of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, announced yesterday a new schedule of rates to be charged to the municipalities on the Niagara system, which means a saving of \$100,000 per year. This new schedule takes the place of the estimated reduction proposed some weeks ago. Nearly every municipality embraced on the Niagara circuit will receive benefit from the new rates.

When interviewed last night Mr. Beck explained the reduction as being due to an increased consumption of power. "The load increased rapidly," he said, "and we concluded that we could make certain reductions. Now the time has arrived that we must adjust our rates for the coming year."

The original charges for power to the municipalities were based entirely on estimates of a contemplated consumption for the year. On account of these estimates prices were fixed to meet the obligations of the municipalities to pay all of the following charges:—Cost of power at Niagara Falls, cost of operation, cost of administration, maintenance charges, interest charges at four per cent, on the sinking fund, and depreciation charges would not take effect until 1914.

"After we had been in operation for about nine months of the year we found that the charges were excessive and that the considerable surplus over and above the cost of power based on these charges, was accruing. At the end of the Provincial fiscal year, ending Oct. 31, last, we found that we had a surplus of the credit of the various municipalities of \$62,000, which can be applied on account of retirement of debt or depreciation."

"The commission," continued Mr. Beck, "have now drafted means of arriving at the price of power for the coming year, subject, of course, to any further reduction on account of increased consumption. The prices for the year ending November 1, 1913, are based on the actual consumption of power."

"The surplus of \$62,000, which the Hydro-Electric Power Commission now holds at the credit of the municipalities, is within \$10,000 of meeting the sinking fund charges for the year, and the co-operation of the municipalities continues there will be no further surplus provided by the new rates to provide for a similar surplus in 1913, a year ahead of the time when this payment must be met."

This further fund may also be held at the credit of the municipalities without being applied on sinking fund and account, and when the regular payment is made in 1914, which can be met by a further adjustment of rates based on increased consumption of power, these rates can be adjusted back in proportion to their participation."

The commission is now securing \$4,000,000 of bonds out of \$10,000,000 available. One municipality suffers an increase in the rate. Norwich contracted for 150,000 kilowatts, but has only been using 100,000 kilowatts. There is an increased consumption of power there to come up to the quantity on which the estimate was based the price will be \$32 instead of \$20. For similar reasons Tillsonburg, Baden, New Hamburg and Wrentham will not get reduced rates at all.

Following is the new schedule of rates:

Municipalities	Present rate	New rate
Toronto	\$15.50	\$15.00
London	28.00	24.00
Guelph	25.00	22.00
St. Catharines	32.00	30.00
Mississauga	28.00	26.00
St. Thomas	32.00	30.00
Woodstock	26.00	25.00
Ingersoll	28.00	25.00
Brantford	32.00	31.00
Tillsonburg	32.00	32.00
Norwich	32.00	32.00
Bedford	25.00	25.00
Waterloo	26.00	25.00
New Hamburg	32.00	32.00
Baden	37.00	37.00
Frederickton	25.00	25.00
Orillia	25.00	22.00
Hespeler	26.00	25.00
St. Marys	38.00	36.00
Dundas	17.00	16.00
Hamilton	17.00	16.00
Waterdown	37.50	35.50
Port Hope	26.00	24.00
Weston	29.00	30.00
Brantford	29.00	25.00
Minden	30.75	30.00

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THIEL MAN HELD

Detective In Porcupine
Held For Shooting.

South Porcupine despatch: On testimony given by Mayor Wilson, of Timmins, Chief of Police Alfred Courtemanche and others, Magistrate Torrance committed F. D. Luke, one of the Thiel operatives, alleged to have taken part in the trouble with the strikers last Monday, for trial at Sudbury, and revoked the commissions of two others, Peter Charles and Edward Drage, in court today.

P. Marion, who was arrested by the provincial police yesterday, was given the maximum penalty of \$20 and costs in court today.

Inspectors Greer and Boyd, of the provincial police, are in camp with a large force of men, and Mayor Wilson considers it unlikely that the militia will be required.

It is stated unofficially today that the union men had practically decided to send deputations to the mines to arrange terms for a settlement, and would have done so had it not been for the trouble on Monday.

CASES STOLEN, TOO

Novel Development In British Gold Robbery.

Boxes Containing Lead
Missing on Return.

London, Dec. 9.—There was a remarkable development today in the investigation into the robbery of \$30,000 worth of sovereigns contained in two cases of a consignment of one million shipped by the Bank of England to the Credit Lyonnais at Alexandria, Egypt, about three weeks ago. The two cases of the consignment which were found to contain lead instead of gold on their arrival at Alexandria were sent back to England for expert examination. Extra precautions were taken to guard these two cases on their way back, and they have either been lost or stolen, as no trace of them can be discovered. The consignment police believe that they were certainly intercepted by the same gang which planned and carried out the original robbery.

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