MACEDONIAN REVOLT THREATENED.

and Austria Massing Russia Troops on the Frontier.

Sultan May Lose Throne-War Over Turkey Probable Within the Next I'cw Weeks-Impossible to Belittle the Alarming Nature of the

London. Feb. 9. - The probability of the maintenance of peace in Europe beyond the next few weeks is less, considerably less, than the probability of war.

This grave conclusion is the deliberate judgment of statesmen and observers alike who are acquainted with the latest developments in the crisis in the Near East.

There have been perennial war scares over the Balkan question for many years, until diplomatists as well as the world at large have come to regard the cry of "Wolf!" with in-

It is impossible to ignore or belittle he alarming nature of the present

The Times to-day does not exaggerate when it says: "Every European chancellerie is aware that there is most imminent danger of a revolt in Macedonia on a totally different scale from the usual spring disturbances, and an opening up of questions that may lead to a struggle, the limits and issues of which a wise man will not pretend to forecast."

Extensive Rising Planned.

The preparations of the Macedonian Revolutionary Committee for a gen-eral rising in the spring are so extensive that it is impossible to keep them secret, and it is impossible to offset them except by a large army and campaign arrangements. It is only necessary to point out the main features of the situation in

order to demonstrate the imminence of the pevil. The Sultan's atroclous misgovernment of Macedonia, despite all warnings and protests, has at last aroused both the Christian and Ottoman populations to revolt. The Bulman populations to revoit. The Bulgarian Government has given formal
assurances that it will do everything
in its power to avoid interference in
the coming quarrel. It is quite beyond its power, as all concerned
know, to prevent the Bulgarian
people from crossing the frontier and
making common cause with the
Macedonian revolutionists.
Servia also professes its intention

Servia also professes its intention to stand aloof, but there, also, no Government is strong enough to keep the country long out of the field after the fighting begins.

Too Late to Avert Outbreak. It will naturally be enquired how it happens that the European concert, which especially champions the rights of the Macedonian Christians, has allowed the crisis to reach a point of such danger that now, it is probably too late to avert an outbreak of the much-dreaded conflagration. It would have been much better, as the Times observes, if Europe had taken the whole population under its protection instead of only the Christians, inasmuch as the Ottomans are suffering equally from the atrocious misrule of authorities of those powers how full certainly make for a share in the tile at this late day must be the meature. Turk's spoliation?

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CANADIAN

Fire did serious damage at Sydney.

The Legislature will probably meet on March 3rd or 4th.

North Perth and North Norfolk election petitions have been filed.

It is proposed to extend the Can-da Atlantic Railway to Sault Sto

The Toronto Trades and Labor Council by 77 to 7 voted to reject

The Toronto grand jury endorsed the proposed bill advocated by the

York County Councillors discussed

Dr. J. E. Elliott was elected Chair-

Judge McCrimmon has been nom-mated by the Chancellor to hear the

Mr. Jesse Smith, hardware mer-chant of Wingham, fell on an icy walk and fractured his skull.

voting twice on the referendum.

The strike of the Toronto garment

The Manitoba Government has degiden to build a \$75,000 wing to the

Mr. Carnegie's offer.

Prisoners' Aid Society.

charges of personation.

case of smallpox has developed

sures on which they have agreed. It has been decided to press upon the Sultan certain reforms, the principal being the appointment of a Christian Governor of Mace onia, with pract cally full powers. The concession, it it could be offered to Macedonia as a:

accomplished fact, even at this late day, might avert a revolution. The concert of Europe, as has been many times demonstrated with a palmany times demonstrated with a par-ling consequences, is a useless ma-chine for any emergency requiring prompt action. Moreover, Abdul Hamid nac successfully resisted its efforts more than once, even when it was unanimously in earnest. It is almost hopeless to attempt to wring adequate concessions from him now adequate concessions from him now in time to induce the Macedonians to their revolutionary, pro

Now Massing Troops It is clear that this is fully under stood by the powers proposing these reforms, but Russia and Austria have stood by the powers proposing these reforms, but Russia and Austria have already been massing troops on the frontier for a campaign, which they consider inevitable early in the

spring.
The only object, apparently, of the recent announcement of the scheme of reforms by Court Lamsdorff, the Russian Foreign. Minister, is to throw the onus back on us and blame throw the onus back on us and blame for the war upon Turkey. This is rather a flimsy attempt to evade responsibility. There has been ample warning of the present crisis. Why were not the proposed reforms forced upon the Sultan's acceptance months ago, when they would have served to avert the now almost inevitable revolution? Russia will certainly be accused in the present situation of permitting the long dreaded crisis in the Near East to arise in revenge for the temporary check in revenge for the temporary check to her Asiatic ambitions by the Anglo-Japanese alliance. There is no doubt that the Czar will endeavor to divide the spoils of war with Austria alone. Russian troops are now massing along the Roumanian frontier. In all probability they will strike at once for Constantinople. Austria is pouring troops into Boston and the strike at a daylor of the daylor of the daylor. nia, ready to advance at a day's notice, through the Snadjak of Novi Bazar. The Sultan himself is by no means

idle. He is preparing to put down in his usual savage fashion any re-bellion in his dominions. There is no

bellion in his dominions. There is no doubt of the result, however. If, while struggling with the revolting provinces, Abdul Hamid is, confronted by the troops of Russia and Austria, the Turk will at last be driven out of Europe.

But what will be the effect of a Russian seizure of Constantinople? A few years ago it would have been the signal for a general European war. This is less probable to-day, but to again quote the Times, a wise man will not pretend to forecast the limits and issues of the questions which would be opened up. Great Britain might now content herself. be unfair, perhaps, to question the sincerity of the efforts which Russia and Austria, as the powers chiefly concerned, are now making to avert the crisis. None know better than the demands Germany and France would

Brandon Asylum, and a \$75,000 land

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The French torpedo-boat destroyer Espignole is ashore off Cape Lardier, east of Toulon. The London Standard's correspondent at Tientsin cables a rumor that the Empress of China is dead.

At Valladel.d, Spain, unemployed persons looted bread wagons, and were fired upon by the gendarmes. The dispute between Brazil and Bo-livia as to the sovereignty of Acre

is assuming a critical phase. Since the outbreak of cholera in the

Philippines, less than a year ago, 130, 6; cases and 8,955 deaths have been reported. There are now over 200 cases of typhoid fever in Ithaca, N. Y., the epidemic being due to contamination of the drinking water.

It is again asserted that negotia-tions are under way in London for the purchase by the C. P. R. of steamers for an Atlantic freight service It is reported that the United States Senate may not ratify the Al-

Senators. An investigation into the "ragging" of officers by a mock court-martial has resulted in the forced retirement of Colonel Kinlock of the Grenadier

askan treaty, owing to the deter-mined opposition of the northwestern

Guards. Interviewed in London, Mr. Macken-zio denied that his visit in England had anything to do with the report-cd sale of the Canadian Northern to the Grand Trunk Railway.

A Parisian paper says that owing to the possession by the Ministry of War of a document which is expectcd to throw new light on the subject the Dreyfus affair will be re-opened.

THE PLAGUE IN JAPAN.

nfected Rats Found in Tokio-Cooli Torture Them to Death.

Vancouver, Feb. 9.-Mail advices revancouver, reb. 9.—man advices received from the Orient by the steamship Empress of China are to the effect that the pest has broken out in
Tokio with alarming results. Infected
rats are being found in large numbers, and the Japanese coolies are so
enraged at the authors of their troubles that they are tortuping these bles that they are torturing these rats to death by crucifixion and

Among the victims of the pest was Dr. Yokota, who caught the pest while ministering in the infected diswhile ministering in the infected districts. While he was dying the Mikado bestowed upon him the order of exceptional merit, the Sixth Order of the Rising Sun. He was a very distinguished scholar, and was but 45 years old. The Emperor is taking very active steps personally to suppress the pest.

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In one section 2,000 houses of the richer class are surrounded by a metal fence sunk deep in the ground, preventing the post-breeding rats from getting in.

ABOUT OUR HIGH SCHOOLS

Changes in Course of Study to Meet Growing Needs.

SOME FIGURES OF INTEREST

The annual report of the Education Department, contains an interesting reference to the changes that have gradually been made in the curriculum of the Collegiate Institutes and High Schools of the province to meet the requirements of

"When High Schools were first established," the report says, "their primary object was to prepare pupils for the learned professions, and especially for the university. Although their original purpose had not been ignored, the course of study has been enlarged so as to meet Mr. Godfrey, Chairman of the Toronto Public School Board, in his inaugural address, favored the amalgamation of the city's School Boards.

The Toronto Horse Show will be held this year from April 30 to May 2. This later date than usu'al will, it is believed, insure even a very much larger attendance than ever before.

Officers of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association wish to deny the statement that a karge deputation of their association is to visit of tawa next week to demand changes in the tariff.

An unexpected outbreak of smallpox has been reported from Hallotters in the tariff.

reached 833.
"The following table regarding the

 Commercial
 5,981

 Mechanical
 5,862

 Professional
 2,144

 Without occupation
 4,786

Total Cost of the Schools.

Agriculture...

1901 the number had increased to 1,300. In 1872, 300 pupils left the High Schools for Agricultural pur-suits, and the number in 1901 had

well Township, in Prince Edward County. A case is also reported from the Township of North Easthope, Perth County.

occupation of parents of High School pupils will be of interest, and will show the classes of our population receiving most advantages from those institutions: added to the asylum in London is expected to be completed in another the establishment of intelligence bureaus for farm laborers. week. It will accommodate about 60 and will relieve the pressure he available accommodation throughout the Province to a small Rev. Dr. Langford, of Owen Sound, has been called by Stratford Central Methodist Church.

Dr. P. H. Bryce has received a number of letters from various points of the Province, telling of the provalence of scarlet fever. In one or two counties it is particularly provalent and it is of an unusually fatal character.

Mrs. Richard Schrieber, of Queen's avenue, London, fell on the icy sidewalk and broke her hip.

was sel, which he proposes bringing to Canadian waters.

James Nourvay, a G. T. R. brakemin, whose home is in St. Thomas, was bed'r lejired at Brantford, on year (73166. For teachers' salar-

Mr. Godfrey, Chairman of the To-ronto Public School Board, in his in-augural address, favored the amal-

pox has been reported from Hallo-

The new infirmary which is being

Judge Deacon, at Ottawa, sentenced Onesime Lefebvre to six months' mprisonment and a fine of \$100 for workers has been practically settled by Mr. Robert Glockling's interven-North York Conservatives nominated Mr. T. Herbert Lennox for the Legislature in opposition to Hon. E.

Lething with the question of centralized runal schools, the report sys that during the last five or six years much attention has been given to the question. In the United States it is claimed that the centralization of township rehools have been advantageous, and steps have already been taken in Ontario to test its applicability and value. Sir William M edonald has undertaken to erect, equip, and assist in maintaining for three years a consolidated school, and the experim ut will be watched with great interest.

The continuation class work in the Public Schools, carried on in districts where there are no High Schools, has been very successful.

tricts where there are no High Schools, has been very successful. The studies of form one and two are taken up and last year there were 4,933 pupils taking the course, which is considerably more than in 1900. The report also states that there are now 477 libraries in the Province. Of this number 415 sent returns to the department, and they contain 1,066,175 volumes as compared with 989 070 in 1900. The receipts amounted to \$225,796,29, and the assets ed to \$225,796.29, and the assets were \$1,080,601.71.

SOME JAPANESE TRAGEDIES

Forty-five Lives Lost by Capsizing of a Launch.

SIXTY MET DEATH IN MINE

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 9.-News was victoria, B. C., Feb. 3.—News was brought by the Empress of China, which arrived last night, of a disaster in Kobo harbor, on Jan. 19, as a result of which between 40 and 50 lives were lost. The steamers Yokohama, Maru, and Genkai Maru were being repaired, and the steam launch Havabusa was sent to take launch Hayabusa was sent to take

were being repaired, and the steam launch Hayabusa was sent to take their workmen from one steamer to the other. When the launch was near the stern of the Genkal Maru, a strong northwest squall swept over the harvor and capsized the launch, which foundered in a few minutes. Some of the men swam to the Genkal Maru, others were rescued by the Sampansante launch, but between 40 and ,50 were drowned. Twenty-eight nodies were recovered. The scenes in the dockyards when the relatives of the dead struggled around the company's office are described as pitiable.

Fire occurred on January 17 in the Urushin colliery, Fukuonka Ken, Japan, and 64 miners were burned to death. Two hundred and twenty miners were working in the mines, when a miner accidentally ignited a dynamite fuse, and an explosion followed. Many escaped, but gas formed rapidly, and a cave-in at the pit's mouth blocked up the mine, imprisoning 64 men, who all lost their lives. As a result of a combat between one hundred fishing smacks off the Japanese coast, a heav loss of life has resulted. It was reported that 45 have been killed. The fishermen belonged to villages in Nagasaki prefecture.

WHY BRITAIN LOSES TRADE WILL BLOCKADE BE RAISED?

Liverpool Ship Owners Demand Im perial Control of Vessels.

Liverpool, Feb. 9.—The Ship-owners' Association here yesterday adopted a report strongly condemning the antiquated shipping laws, which are said to be gradually forcing the carrying trade of the world into the bands of forcings. carrying trade of the world into the hands of foreigners. The report de-mands Imperial control of the mer-cantile marine and the lighthouse service, instead of the present col-onial regulation, and also holds that foreign vessels within the jurisdic-tion of the British courts should be held answerable for claims in which held answerable for claims in which British subjects are interested.

Transforming Social Life in England.

DENOUNCED FROM THE PULPIT

London, Feb. 9.—A satire on the society chase for "Bridge," lately written by George Russell, has initiated a crusade, which is gradually developing. Clergymen in the west end are beginning to denounce from their pulpits the evils of the game as generating a gambling game as generating a gambling spirit, especially among society women. Many stories are current of heavy sums won and lost by members of society. In an interview Mr. Russell declared that it was impos-Russeil declared that it was impossible to exaggerate the evil influence of the game. It was transforming social life, and destroying the taste for healthful outdoor games. Week-end visits to country houses now resolve themselves into organical Week-end visits to country houses now resolve themselves into orgies of bridge. Play goes on day and night, Sunday included. The game seems to have taken a firmer hold upon women than men, and as it is not a game of chance, but of skill, the more experienced win. Mr. Russell suspects some individuals in exalted society of living on their winnings.

FARMERS' GOOD YEAR.

Annual Report of the Ontario Agrireal Department.

For 1901 the total receipts of the Public Schools, including legislative grants, municipal school grants, municipal school grants, and assessments, amounted to \$5.600 for a compared with \$5.509, and assessments, amounted to \$5.600 for a compared with \$5.509, and assessments, amounted to \$5.600 for a compared with \$5.509, and assessments, amounted to \$5.600 for a compared with \$5.509, and assessments, amounted to \$5.600 for a compared with \$5.509, and assessments, amounted to \$5.600 for a compared with \$5.509, and assessments, amounted to \$5.600 for a compared with \$5.509, and assessments, amounted to \$5.600, and assessments, amounted to \$5.600 for the province and sufficient part in \$5.600, and assessments, amounted to \$5.600, and associations of the to the province. Of this sum about \$7.5000, and the province of the provin ers, dairymen, live stock and other associations of that nature. The department is pleused with the results and a marked improvement over the preceding year in almost every line of agriculture is reported.

Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, said yesterday that the past year had been a very successful

Thesday night. He was rear brakeman on a freight train running from rilsonburg to Harrisburg, and slipped off the caboose when the train was hacking up to the station. He was jacked up by the train crew and taken to the hospital. His injuries consist of a badly fractured head and four broken clbs. The distribute of the was rear brakeman on a freight train running from manber of pupils in attendance was number of pupils in attendanc KILL KING EDWARD.

Trial of Italian Anarchist Who Shot at King Leopold.

Would-be Assassin Glories in His Crime and Ralls at Society-Says He Contemplated Murder of King Edward-Justified Assassination of Castillo-Unionist Elected for South Antrim-Land Question Figured in the Campaign.

nairo Rubino, the Italian anarchist, on the charge of attempting to assassinate King Leopold Nov. 15, by sassinate King Leopold Nov. 15, by firing three shots at His Majesty while the latter was returning from the Cathedral here, after attending a stands accused before me and the To Deum in memory of the late Queen Henriette, was op-ned to-day in the Assize Court. Large crowds gathered in the vicinity of the court, to which only the witnesses, lawyers and reporters were admitted. A detachment of police of considerable strength

Rubino replied volubly to all interrogations, and whenever he uttered the word "anarchy" he raised his voice as though exulting in his connection therewith. The prisoner bitterly assailed modern society as the cause of all evil, declaring he only attempted to take the life of the King because the latter was the highest representative of society. Rubino added that he had intended going to Italy for the purpose of making an attempt on the life of the Italian monarch, but he did not have sufficient funds, During the course of the prisoner's examination it developed

Brussels despatch: The trial of Gen-his officers persecuted him. Rubino in the charge of attempting to as-in the charge of attempting to aserime, and in the course of his denun-

anarchist party, and we condemn you to death."

The prosecution included in the indictment a letter from Rubino to a socialist newspaper published in London, justifying the murder of Senor Canovas del Castillo, the Spanish Canovas del Castillo, the Spanish Premier, who was assasinated at Santa Agueda, Spain, Aug. 8, 1897, by an Italian anarchist, and stating that he, Rubino, had contemplated killing King Edward on Nov. 25. A Unionist Chose

A Unionist Chosen.

Dublin, Feb. 9.—C. G. Craig, Unionist, has been elected to represent South Antrim in the House of Commons by a majority of 949 over Dr. Keightley, the farmers' and laborers' candidate. The Irish Nationalists supported Dr. Keightley, who was assisted by Thomas W. Russell, Liberal Unionist member of Parliament for the south division of Tyrone.

The campaign was fought on the land question, Dr. Keightley supporting compulsory sale. The vacancy was caused by the appointment of William G. MacArtney, the retiring member for South Antrim, as Deputy Master of the Mint.,

THE VENEZUELA TROUBLE SETTLED

An Agreement Said to Have Been Reached.

Recourse to Hague Has Been Abandoned-Britain to Drop Her Anti-Venezuelan Alliance With Ger-

Washington despatch: Everything earned here to-day in regard to the Venezuelan negotiations indicate that an amicable settlement will be effected within the next week or ten days. Minister Bowen has expressed a willingness to extend the period of preferential treatment to the allies from one to three months, and the Italian and British Ambassadors and the German Minister are trying with much hope of success to induce their governments to assent to this proposal. The only cloud on the diplomatic horizon is a disposition manifested in England to accept Mr. Bowen's alternate suggestion, treatment be referred to The Hague tribunal for a decision, to which Germany is strongly inclined to those from this district are: dissent, for the reason that she

direct negotiation in Washington. England's attitude is, however, not regarded as unchangeable, and the opinion prevailing here is that she will yield to the wishes of Germany, whose view is endorsed by Italy. But while these developments are important, they are not as interesting as the fact that assurances were given to the administration by the British Ambassador to-day, that his Government had no intention of maintaining the anti-Venezuelan alliance with Germany and Italy after an agreement providing for a settlement of the pending questions had been made. There is some evidence that similar assurances were given in behalf of Germany and Italy, but substantial confirmation is lacking. A trustworthy official gave out a cautious statement, which conveyed the impression out did not say directly that all three of the allies had accomplished their common object of coercing Venezuela into paying her debts. The statement was furnished with the understanding that its source would not be disclosed, nished with the understanding that its source would not be disclosed, and a request for an explanation of its significance, and whether it of its significance, and whether it applied to all the allied powers was refused. The statement follows: "Advices were received here to-day to the effect that great sur-prise was manifested at the capi-tals of the allied powers that their

ed here with a great deal of plea-

Alliance to be Dissolved.

Interpreted, this means that when Interpreted, this means that when Minister Bowen told the representatives of Great Britain, Germany and Italy on Monday night that the acceptance of the proposal that they be given two-thirds of the customs collections to be set aside for the payment of Venezuela's obligations to all her foreign creditors, would mean that the European alliance would continue for six years, or as much longer time as would be necessary to pay the claims of the allies, he made a home thrust. The statement quoted above indicates that what he said was not relished in London. said was not relished in London, Berlin and Rome. It is known that it was not in London. But the broad intimation of Ma Bowen that the alliance was regarded as a menace to the United States, and his flat assertion that great sur-prise and regret would be created presumably in this country, when it became known that England was it became known that England was willing to continue her partnership with Germany and Italy for a moment longer than was necessary, obviously had a greater effect in bringing from the British Government renewed assurances of friendship and distinguished consideration for America and Americans.

Baron Speck von Sternburg's activity in seeking to readiust the

tivity in seeking to readjust the Venezuelan controversy in the shortest possible time has created a very pleasing impression nere, and has done much to produce a kindlier feeling for Germany. In fact, the energetic Imperial envoy has nearly succeeded in driving the bugaboo out of Washington.

SCIENTIFIC FARMERS

Young Men of This Locality Passing Agricultural Exams.

The results of the Christmas examinations at the Ontario Agriculthat the guestion of preferential tural Coilege on the work on the fall term have been issued. Arranged in the order of general proficiency,

First year-13, J. F. Munroe, Southwants the dispute disposed of by end, Welland, Ont.; 26, C. C. Nixon, direct negotiation in Washington. St. George, Brant; 29, A. Robertson, England's attitude is, however, not Brantford; 31, A. F. Kitchen,

Washington Feb. 9.—Dr. D. E. Salmon, chief of the bureau of animal industry, who has returned here from Boston, where he superintended the fight against the foot and mouth epidemic, said that and mouth epidemic, said about 3,000 animals have slaughtered in Massachusetts, Ver-mont, Rhode Island and New Hamp-shire, and that the indemnity the government has paid the owners tals of the allied powers that their proposition implied an alliance for six years or more. Assurances were given that such was not their intention. The statement that there have been removed in about 60 or was no such intention was received of days.