War Clouds Gathering

Situation in Macedonia Now Assumes Grave Aspect And War Expected.

Russia And Austria Understanding For Joint Occupancy of Bulgaria.

Report That Bulgarian Troops
Have Already Crossed the,
Frontier.

London, Sept. 5.—So threatening is the Macedonian situation that the Powers are being forced to take action sooner than it had heretofore thought it would be necessary. Before adopting any definite scheme for the pacification of the Balkans it was intended to wait until the Czar's visit to vienna, when the matter was to be discussed fully. The Amperor, Francis Josepa, it is now learned, has, by a recent exchange of views, brought the Powers to a stage where a decision is shoot to be reached exarding the character of the intervention contemplates the occupation of Macedonia by Bussia and Austria.

It is equally certain that the Powers have no intention of acting so as to is any way declare war. "You may reterate," said a diplomar, who is participating in the negotiations, to a representative of the Associated Press, "that the Powers continue to act in harmony. King Edward has given proof of the attitude of Great Britain by his declaration at Vienna that she will support the Russo-Austrian policy. It is not true that Russia has entered into a secret alliance with Bulgaria. She is acting entirely above board and a perfect harmony with Austria, her desire being to maintain peace. Rouman in quiescent, but there is an elemen of doubt in Servia, in consequence of the predominance of the military in that country. Only after quiet is restored in Macedonia can reforms be instituted that decelonia can reform be instituted in Macedonia can reforms be instituted and macedonia can reforms be instituted that the powers of the predominance of the military in that country. Only after quiet is restored in Macedonia can reforms be instituted that the entire of the Bulgarian army, which have been in circulation here, are delication of the Bulgarian army, which and the proposal and the revolutionaries, and that the powers continue to act in harmony. King Edward has given proof the predominance of the military in that country. Only after quiet is restored in Macedonia of doubt in Servia, in consequence of the predominance of the military in that country. Only after quiet is restored in Macedonia can reforms be instituted. Consequently the negotiations between the Powers are being directed toward the restoration of order. All the diplomatic advices available here agree in the statement that order prevails at Constantinople. The few marines landed there from the guardships were merely bands of insurgents numpering 1,500 are occupying strong positions in the mountains. The numerous rumors of the Bulgarian army, which lave been in circulation here, are declared to be absolutely false.

Berliu, Sept. 5.—The Cologne Gazette publishes the report of an interview with one of the Macedonian leaders, who is quoted as saying that the Macedonian committee controls an enormous amount of dynamite, many guns—and

D. G. M. Taxask, the Greek minister. to the Court of St. James, explained today the undertsanding arrived at between Turkey and Greece with reference to Macedonia, and outlined the Greek view of the situation. He said: "The attitude of Greece is entirely misunder-stood. That my government desires the in that province is subjected to arrocities to the Balgarian revolutionian and Fernius. But they really a season as positive to Balgarian revolutionian and Fernius. But they really a season as illustrations and formation and f stood. That my government desires the re-e-tablishment of peace in Macedonia is a fact." The big Greek population in that province is subjected to atroctites by the Bulgarian revolutionists. The Bulgarian are worse than the Bazouks. They pose as liberators but they really at the Driard Hotel. Mr. Jaffray is the

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sidered a naval debarkation in its serious sense or a preiminary war measure. By agreement with Turkey each of the powers maintain two guardships at Constantinople, France having two small gunboats. It is said here that if the United States government desires the gunboat Machias to go to Constantinople for guard duty it will be wholly a question between Turkey and the United States, as certainly France and probably the other Powers will interpose no objection to the Machias passing the Dardanelles.

The Patria asserts that private plans

there from the guardships were merely for the purpose of placing sentinels at for the purpose of placing sentinels at the embassies as an extra precaution of the Porte's warnings against insurgent plots. It is emphatically stated that the marines were not landed for the purpose of impressing the Sultan. that the marines were not landed for the purpose of impressing the Sultan, and it is asserted here that the Portecan be relied upon to protect the embassies in case of riots in Constantinople, the guardships will quietly land additional men to protect foreigners from harm.

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CROW'S NEST WAGNATES

Leading Men of the Great Coal Com-pany Are Now in Victoria.

: His Worship ELECTIONS ON OCTOBER THIRD

The Provincial Government Changes the Date From 31st to 3rd of October.

HOUSE MEETS 26th. NOVEMBER

Premier McBride In Interview With The Colonist States His Reasons for Alteration.

A special edition of the British Columbia Gazette, issued yesterday afternoon, announces that the date of the General Provincial Elections has been changed from the 31st of October to the 3rd of October. As the announcement will be in the nature of a surprise, the Colonist terviewed the Hon. R. McBri de last evening as to the reason for the

"Well," the Premier said, "there are two very good reasons, either which is sufficient.

"It has been a sort of political tradition in British Columbia in the past to postpone the meeting of the House as long as possible, and when an election was necessary to put the election as far in the future as could be done within the letter of the law. I propose to hold the elecions and meet the House with the least possible delay.

"At the closing of the House, after the defeat of the late government, I promised that the election would be brought on as soon as practicable. When the date was first fixed it was thought that the 31st of October would be the earliest date practicable. However, it has been liscovered to be possible to hold the elections much sooner. The voters' lists are now in order, there being practically no appeals to delay matters and, therefore, no difficulty presents itself toward holding the elections on the date last chosen. We have been taunted with being a government on suffrance and without any mandate from the electors, and we do not propose to be subject to the suspicion that we desire to hold office one day longer than the electors will sustain us in that position.

"Secondly, that the government consider it necessary to have the endorsement of the electorate and to submit to the House at as early a date as possible certain reforms that are deemed necessary to be immediately introduced in the best interests of the province. Our policy is largely based upon the determination to thoroughly reorganize the fiscal system, and by that and other practical reforms to restore confidence in the financial and political administration of the province.

"I am fully aware that the opponents of the government will in all probability seriously criticize the course we have adopted, and accuse us of having taken an undue advantage of the situation. We must, of course, be prepared for that kind of thing and trust to the good sense of the people to acquit us of even the semblance of sharp practice. No political use whatever has been made of the change of dates, not a single person outside the members of the executive having any knowledge of what was proposed; and the members of the executive had only considered the question since the Court of Revision sat on the 31st. Both political parties are, therefore, on exactly the same footing.

"In taking the present course the government is placing the interests of the country before partizan considerations. The government and its supporters will be placed at a disadvantage rather than at an advantage by the change. Much organization that was contemplated, and an extensive political itinerary mapped out, will have to be fore-

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"Now as to the privileges granted by the city to the company, I may say that last year it was proposed to give considerably more land than they are now to get. In fact, it was then proposed to turn over the whole area of the James Bay flats to the company, as a consideration, now they are to have only five acres, free water and exemption of taxation for fifteen years. Last year it was proposed to make the exemption of taxation for fifteen years. So you can see the city's interests have been form taxation twenty years. So you can see the city's interests have been carefully conserved, while at the same time the attractiveness of the proposition to the company has not been injured at all.

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sition to the company has not been injured at all.

"To revert once more to the matter of indirect benefit to accrue to Victoria from the erection of this splendid hotel, II look upon it in this way: Here is one of the most powerful corporations in the world, with its agents scattered everywhere throughout the civilized Tuesday morning, when the improvement improvements as also of his trial and demantion, as these are common dents of political offences in China. Work of filling up the flats. Every effort will be made to complete the work of month before a special commission of filling up the space as soon as possible.

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