

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 dissension 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 re-entrance of the Turkish army in Epirus, and in the Aegean Sea in order to prevent the transport of Turkish troops to France, with respect to which Greece considered the interests of her allies rather than her own. The chances for the conclusion of peace would have suffered from the reinforcement of the Dardanelles and Tebatija garrisons.

The statement refers to the Turco-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 signing 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 divided 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 could 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."

"Salonica has already proved to be the cause of the ill-feeling openly shown between Greece and Bulgaria, Greece is also set upon the acquisition of those Aegean islands which are inhabited by Greeks. Austria-Hungary, provided her interests in such matters as Hungary and railway communications are well safeguarded. Neither does she care who retains the Aegean Sea, with the exception of those surrounding the Dardanelles. Any aim to these would have to be referred to the signatories of the Treaty of Berlin."

"The bombardment of Avlona concerns both Austria and Italy. It was wise on the part of Greece, but no result will be made on the ground of the necessities of military operations that no changes in Albania will be recognized until they are reconsidered after peace has been made."

"Montenegro has been similarly warned by Russia that the powers would reserve the right to alter or amend the arrangements of the belligerents with Turkey."

"My information is that Turkey is determined to refuse to give up any part of autonomous Albania, which would make things simpler for Austria, as Albania would be an autonomous State as soon as peace is concluded. If, however, Turkey gives in on this point, which is unlikely, the powers will certainly favor her."

"It seems likely enough that Serbia is now recognized to the voice of Europe. Her share of the spoils will probably be 100,000. Part of the Spoils of North-Siberia and old Serbia. Montenegro will get some territorial compensation, but not Serbia, nor the much-needed war indemnity."

The spoils will be awarded to Southern Macedonia, Epirus, Chamaecia and Crete.

"Turkey will emerge from the peace conference with a European boundary along the Maritza River to the Gulf of Enez. Bulgaria's new boundary will commence on the other bank of the Maritza to Lake Odrin, with an Aegean coast line, including Delvessah, and also a great portion of Adriatic territory, but Adriatic itself will be left to the Turks, Salonica will be dealt with by the powers."

JAPANESE CABINET CRISIS. Seoul, Corea, Dec. 9.—Governor-General Terajima is awaiting the action of Tokio in regard to the Japanese Cabinet crisis. For the present he declined to give any expression of opinion on the subject. The impression prevails here that only an absolute Imperial mandate, coupled with pledges of the support of the conservative party in the Diet, would induce Terajima to attempt to form a cabinet.

SCHOONER SIMMONS SUNK. Monticello, Wis., Dec. 9.—Mtg. evidence to show that the schooner Rouse Simmons lies at the bottom of Lake Michigan, off Two Rivers Point, twelve miles north of this city, was brought here today by fishermen, who found in their nets several parcels of Christmas tree tops. The life-saving crew will try to locate the wreck of the missing boat.

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 carload of beef cattle sold for \$14 a hundredweight. This carload 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: Organic union between the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches is highly unlikely for the present at least on account of the great difference of opinion in regard to 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 amendment to the basis of union. The committee in question, which consists of representative Presbyterians from all over the Dominion, will meet in Toronto next Wednesday for the purpose of considering these suggestions, of which, it is understood, a large number has 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 if 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 the Methodist Church \$3,000, and it was emphatically stated that they would not spend this amount again without some very definite reason. At any rate, he said, union would not be effected until after the next General Assembly, which meets next Summer, and the Methodist General Conference, which convenes in two years. "If the agreement is not consummated within the next five years it will not be effected for a quarter of a century," he said.

Referring to the rumor that the three denominations would be federated by January next, he utterly repudiated the idea. The Methodist Church as a body was definitely and diametrically opposed to anything short of absolute union with the other bodies. The joint committee of the three churches will meet in the board room of the Wesley building on Tuesday next to discuss various phases of the question. It is understood that the opinion among prominent Methodists generally is that organic union will not come to pass for some time.

N. Y. CHILD SLAVERY

Awful Conditions Revealed at Investigation.

New York, Dec. 9.—Testimony of more than a score of investigators brought the evils of child labor in the New York tenements into high relief at a hearing of the State Factory Investigating Committee today. Epitomized reports were that mothers, hearing their children to keep them awake when they fell asleep over their needles after working ten hours a day that it was no uncommon sight to find children of four and five years making artificial flowers that are of three years' growth, that one of three years was found working on carpet covers that nineteen workers were found living in a two-room apartment; that children afflicted with diphtheria and tuberculosis and other diseases were found making cigarettes sold to fashionable clubs, picking nuts with fingers and hairpins for the trade, and doing other work at a pittance for wages.

Many of the witnesses urged upon the commission the need of a law to prevent such work in the tenements.

NOVA SCOTIA ENDS LIFE.

Daguid, Man., despatch: Walter Lewis committed suicide by hanging on the farm of the American Land Company here today. He was a young man and came from Nova Scotia, where his people live. He was subject to fits of despondency, and it is believed that this was the cause of his act.

FEDERAL SQUARE TROUBLE SETTLED.

London, Ont., despatch: The Board of Education at a meeting this afternoon decided to accept the Strathcona Trust medals, and at the conclusion of the session forwarded a telegram to Ottawa giving Hon. Sam Hughes information to that effect. Londoners are now satisfied that the matter has been satisfactorily straightened out and that the offer of \$150,000 will be sustained by the Minister of Militia.

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. It was agreed that these estimates 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, and sinking fund. It was agreed that the sinking fund and depreciation charges would not take effect until 1914.

HAS A SURPLUS. "After we had been in operation for about nine months of the year we found that the charges were excessive and that a considerable surplus over and above the cost of power based on these charges, was accruing. It was agreed that the provincial fiscal year, ending Oct. 31, last, we found that we had a surplus to 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 definite means for arriving at the price of power for the ensuing year, subject, of course, to any further reduction on account of increased consumption. The prices that we are now charging the municipalities for the months of November and December 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 here will be sufficient margin provided by the 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 account, and the regular payments commencing in 1914, which can be used for further adjustment of rates based on increased consumption of power, these payments can be applied back in proportion to their participation.

The commission is now securing 54,000 horsepower out of 100,000 available. One municipality suffers an increase in the rate. Norwich contracted for 150 horsepower, but has only been using about fifty. Until 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 \$30. For similar reasons Tillsonburg, Baden, New Hamburg and Weston will not get reduced rates at once.

THE NEW SCHEDULE.

Following is the new schedule of rates:

Municipalities	Present rate.	New rate
Toronto	\$15.50	\$15.00
London	28.00	27.00
Guelph	25.00	24.00
Stratford	32.00	30.00
Mitchell	28.00	27.00
St. Thomas	32.00	29.00
Woodstock	26.00	25.00
Ingersoll	28.00	25.00
Bresleville	32.80	31.00
Tillsonburg	32.00	32.00
Norwich	33.00	32.00
Baden	25.00	22.00
Waterloo	26.00	25.00
New Hamburg	32.00	32.00
Predeford	37.00	37.00
Gallop	25.00	21.00
Hespeler	26.00	22.00
St. Mary's	38.00	36.00
Dundas	17.00	16.00
Hamilton	37.50	35.50
Waterloo	37.00	34.00
Port Credit	36.70	34.00
Weston	30.00	30.00
Brantford	29.00	25.00
Milton	30.74	30.00

FATAL OPIUM RAID.

New York, Dec. 6.—A large quantity of opium, valued at between \$2,000 and \$30,000, was seized in a raid in Chinatown by Federal officers early today. A Chinese laundryman was probably fatally injured when he fell three stories from the window of his room as the officers burst in the door. Two other Chinamen were arrested.

CARE OF FEEBLE-MINDED.

Kingston despatch: "That this society desires respectfully to represent to the Hon. Provincial Secretary the pressing need of legislation to protect society against the increase of feeble-minded, by taking care of them as wards of the State and caring for them as such." This resolution was passed at a special meeting of the Kingston Children's Aid Society.

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 \$50,000 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, but they have either been lost or stolen, as no trace of them can be discovered. The continental police believe that they were certainly intercepted by the same gang which planned and carried out the original robbery.

The police were anxious here to ascertain whether the original robbery was effected by a substitution of cases or by the abstraction of the gold and the re-sealing of the cases with specially indicated seals of the Bank of England and the Credit Lyonnais. For this reason a diagram code was sent to Alexandria to have the boxes sent right back in the condition in which they were received. They were sent by steamer from Egypt to France, whence they were despatched by train to Bremen. They should have arrived in London by steamer from the latter place on Tuesday, but all trace of them has been lost.

THE ROYAL GEORGE

Evidence In Stranding Inquiry is Concluded.

Quebec despatch: The investigation into the cause which led to the stranding of the steamer Royal George was concluded at 5:30 o'clock this morning before the Wreck Commission by Mr. Montreal, spoke counsel. Mr. Belcher, of Montreal, spoke for some time for the owners of the ship, claiming that the absence of the light on St. Lawrence Island was the primary cause of the accident. Messrs. Pettibone and A. H. Cook, of Quebec, on behalf of Pilot Royal, followed, taking a similar line of argument.

In the case of the Beltona, which ran aground on the Upper Traverse on the 23rd October last, Pilot A. Lawrence, Jr., of St. Lawrence, Island of Canada, Pilot J. A. Duple, of Montreal, and Captain J. J. Duple, of Montreal, were called as witnesses.

In the case of the Grandmar, which was stranded on the 10th November at St. Lawrence, Island of Canada, Pilot J. A. Duple, of Montreal, and Captain J. J. Duple, of Montreal, were called as witnesses.

PASSENGERS SAFE

But Stranded Easton Is In Bad Position.

Duluth, Min., Dec. 9.—A wireless message received at 9:15 a.m. by the Associated Press from the operator aboard the steamer Easton, which went ashore early yesterday, says: "All aboard safe. Steam pipes not damaged and everybody warm. Could reach shore easily if necessary."

The Easton, of the Booth Line, with forty people on board, lies on the rocks on Inquois reef, thirty miles west of Port Arthur, Ont., exposed to the fury of one of the worst blizzards that he swept Lake Superior in years. She was reported by wireless last night with her stern out of water, but holding together.

A wireless message from Port Arthur early today states that two tugs and a lighter are beside the vessel, and that the passengers and crew are being removed.

The storm on Lake Superior endangers more than a score of ships up and down the coast. None of them was picked up by the local wireless call up to midnight, although persistent calls were sent out.

NEW G. T. R. ISSUE.

London, Dec. 9.—The Times says it understands under the provisions of the new act, the Government will issue a 2 per cent. debenture stock of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, the price of issue to be \$100. The Times says the issue will be made in April, the Times says.

KAMLOOPS CASE GOES TO TRIAL

Fleak and Lowe Committed On Murder Charge

TO ASSIZES IN MAY

Evidence Characterized As Weak by Counsel.

Kamloops, B. C., Dec. 9.—Upon the conclusion of the preliminary hearing of the murder charges against Rex Fleak, the former Hamilton young man, and his companion, Claude Lowe, the Magistrate yesterday committed both men for trial at the assizes to be held next May.

The evidence that was submitted yesterday disclosed nothing new. Counsel for the accused, McIntyre for Fleak and Archibald for Lowe, addressed the court, setting out that in their opinion a prima facie case had not been made out. Mr. McIntyre said that the case was purely one of suspicion. The identification was ridiculously weak, he said, and every moment of the time, as far as Fleak's movements were concerned, had been accounted for. Nothing had been brought out to connect him with the crime, and it was inconceivable that a man guilty of such an offense should spend hours in a public pool room after it had been committed. All his subsequent course was that of an innocent man, he said.

Crown Counsel Fulton argued that the movements of the men between 9 and 10 o'clock on the night of the murder were not accounted for. Magistrate Scott thought there was at least enough evidence to place the accused on trial.

CHILDREN BURN

While Helpless Mothers Hear Their Screams.

Pennsylvania Tots Locked Selves In Barn.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 6.—Trapped in a burning barn at Universal, near Turtle Creek, a borough, three small children were slowly burned to death late yesterday, while their mothers listened to the children's screams and tore frantically at the weather boarding of the barn in a futile attempt at rescue.

The dead are: Elizabeth Sophan, 5; John Chasley, 4, and Mary Randa, 8 years of age.

They had visited the barn to play, and are thought to have had matches. A large quantity of hay became ignited, and the barn was transformed into a furnace. To shut out the dampness of a rainy day the children had closed and fastened the barn door.

The flames were discovered by Mrs. Sophan. She knew the children were in the barn, and they cried brought Mrs. Chasley and Mrs. Randa. With agonizing cries the three mothers tried to break down the barn door, and, failing, attempted to pull boards off the side of the building. When help arrived the three women were raising the machine. They were carried to their homes and resuscitated a hole into the barn. Before they succeeded in entering the building the children were burned to a crisp.

A NICE GOVERNOR

South Carolina's Head Disgraces His State.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 9.—Many women in attendance at the governors' conference yesterday hurriedly left the hall when Governor Cole L. Blease, of South Carolina, for the second time detailing his doctrine of handling negroes as a criminal assault, without a trial, shouted, "I'll hell with the constitution!"

This scolding was in response to a question by Governor Joseph N. Carey, of Wyoming, who desired to know if Governor Blease had not taken an oath to uphold the constitution and laws of his State, and if these laws did not protect colored men as well as white men.

"I will answer that question," replied the South Carolinian, "and I hope the newspaper men will get it right, for in my campaign in South Carolina they found that I am a fighter and a cold-blooded fighter. When the constitution steps between me and the defense of the virtue of the white women of my State, I will resign my commission and tear it to shreds as I do the negroes. I have heretofore said, 'I'll hell with the constitution!'"

When women, some of them wives and daughters of Governors, left the hall on hearing this, Governor Blease subsided.

BOBS COMING TO AMERICA.

New York, Dec. 9.—Announcement was made today of the election of Joseph H. Choate to the Presidency of the Pillsbury of the United States. The vice president is Joseph L. P. Morgan, General Counsel, and Woodford and Lord Charles Bessborough.

Field Marshal Lord Roberts, President of the Pillsbury of Great Britain, will probably visit America in February to attend the annual banquet of the organization.

THE CZAREVITCH

Will Completely Recover, Says Latest Report.

London, Dec. 9.—The Morning Post gives extraordinary prominence to the following despatch from its St. Petersburg correspondent, printing it immediately beneath its Court Circular:

"I am enabled to give the following information from a well-informed source as to the health of the Czarevitch, about which groundless rumors are again being circulated: There is no trace of tuberculosis. The official statement of a month ago told the exact truth. The disease is an unusual one, and the experts hesitated before they agreed as to its true nature. It is technically known as haematoma retroperitoneale. The convalescence of the patient at present is entirely satisfactory. The great loss of blood and consequent weakness makes his full restoration to health a matter of time."

"My informant saw the Czarevitch recently and found him in high spirits and as lively as usual. The only notable change is the pallor of his face, caused by the loss of blood."

CHARGES OF GRAFT

Guelph Civic Affairs Cause Warm Meeting.

Accusations Made Against Police Department.

Guelph despatch: To-night's public meeting, called to hear the Majority candidates, proved to be one of the hottest ever held in Guelph. Mayor Thorpe called the meeting, but on a vote being taken to make him chairman it was turned down flat, and Sheriff Allan was elected.

Chairman Samuel Carter, of the Light and Heat Commission, created the sensation of the evening. After dealing with electric light and gas matters, promising a further reduction by January next, as they have \$11,000 in the bank, he ridiculed the city borrowing money from the bank at 4 1/2 per cent, when the Commissions were getting only 3 per cent, for the same money.

"One department of the city is especially wicked—we have not had justice in Guelph," he charged, and he read letters which accused the police of retaining jewelry for seven years; of taking money, allowing it to be taken from three Bulgarians arrested for firing off a revolver without giving them a trial; of supplying an Indian with liquor; of compromising five theft cases in one store in one week, making the owner take less than one-quarter of the value; of persecuting the co-operatives in selling meat, and preventing them from erecting a coal shed, when they had a permit for it; of refusing to issue a summons for a G. T. R. porter who insulted and struck a resident of Ayr; and he complained of the police not being able to enforce the prosecutions because two of the force were not on speaking terms.

He appealed to the electors not to allow the Police Commission to conduct an investigation, but to get a man from Toronto. He announced further that the Light Commission was going to install gas stoves in houses where the landlord would not put in gas, and let them pay for them on the quiet.

Mayor Thorpe endeavored to speak at the conclusion, but the gathering refused to wait for him, breaking up after chess for Carter.

News Notes

Bulgaria have been busy in Deseronto, as well as expert thieves.

The International Moulders and Carpenters threatened to withdraw from the Trades Council.

Owen Sound Canadian Club held its first supper, the speaker being President Belmonte of the University of Toronto.

Six new cases of smallpox were discovered yesterday and the total number of patients in the Toronto Civic Isolation Hospital at the present time is 25.

On a charge of forging thirteen different checks for amounts varying from \$7.50 to \$125.00, Fred Morrison, alias G. A. Davis, alias John Smith, was arrested last evening in Toronto.

Damage to the extent of about \$7,000 was done to the building at 20 and 22 Wellington street west, Toronto, by fire. The chief officer was the Hartwick Fur Company, whose loss is \$4,000.

Col. Archibald Grant, a retired army officer, one of the two men who actually went down in the vortex when the Titanic sank last April, and who ascribed his escape from death to a miracle, died yesterday in New York.

MAILS TO CANADA

British Returns Show a Heavy Traffic.

London, Dec. 9. The Postmaster-General's report today shows over two thousand tons of newspapers and magazines sent to Canada direct last year, three hundred tons of letters and postcards, three thousand tons of printed papers and samples, and half a million parcels, as against sixty-six thousand sent ten years ago. Money orders sent from the United Kingdom to British North America were valued at £333,000. Over two and a quarter million pounds came here in money orders from Canada.