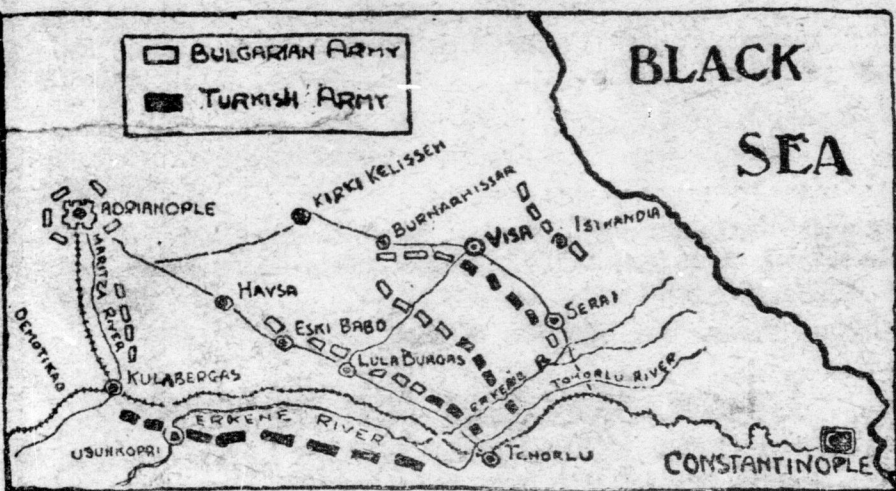


TURKS ARE FALLING BACK TO LAST DEFENCE LINE IN COMPLETE DISORDER

Will Make Final Stand Against the Bulgarians in Forts Twenty-Five Miles From Constantinople.

BULGARS MAY OCCUPY CAPITAL TO PREVENT CHRISTIAN MASSACRE

MAP ILLUSTRATING BULGARIAN VICTORY



Lule Burgaz, the town captured by the Bulgarians in the three-day battle ending Thursday, will readily be found near the centre of the map. The lines between the various towns are the roads used by the opposing armies, but the battle stretched across country to Serai. The Turks have now been driven back to Tchorlu. The losses have not yet been officially estimated, but it is probable at least thirty or forty thousand men fell. It will be noticed that the fighting is getting closer to Constantinople, which is only seventy miles from Tchorlu. Adrianople is still holding out.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Nov. 1.—The Turkish army on which the fate of the Ottoman Empire depended has been outgeneralled and outfought. It has made what is believed to be its last stand, and is now falling back in disorder on its final line of defence at the forts of Tchataltja, 25 miles in a direct line from Constantinople. Grave doubts are expressed in military circles, and repeated even in the Turkish capital as to whether the remnants of the immense army of the Sultan will make any serious attempt to hold this line.

Peril of Christians.

Foreigners in Constantinople are fearful for the safety of the Christian populations of the Turkish towns, and the European powers have taken steps already in this connection by the dispatch of warships to Saloniki, Constantinople and other Turkish ports for the protection of their nationals. Old residents of Constantinople, who know the Turks thoroughly and are not inclined to take an alarmist attitude, say the foreign warships could afford some protection at Saloniki, Constantinople and other ports, but the widely-scattered missions and Christian populations in their opinion are already seriously endangered.

Bulgars Show Dash.

The Bulgarian troops, who have shown much dash since the opening of the campaign, are not likely to give the Turks much time to reorganize. It is said they have hundreds of dead and wounded, both Turkish and Bulgarian, to dispose of, and this must, according to military experts, delay them somewhat. They had, however, similar difficulties to contend against after Kirk-Kiliseh, and around Adrianople, but there was not much lull in the fighting there.

Another Wedge.

News comes today of the Bulgarian occupation of Domotica, thus placing another wedge between Adrianople and any remaining hope that the garrison of that city may have had of deliverance. Other parts of the line of invaders are pulling themselves together for another spring, which they hope will finally and definitely put an end to the Turkish rule in Europe.

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TURK BATTLESHIP SUNK BY DARING GREEK TARs

Torpedo Boat Enters the Gulf of Saloniki, Destroys Warship Feth-J-Bulend and Makes Its Escape Unscathed.

[Canadian Press.]

Athens, Greece, Nov. 1.—The Turkish battleship Feth-J-Bulend was sunk during last night in the Gulf of Saloniki by a Greek torpedo boat.

The Greek commander's daring enterprise was carried out under the guns of the Turkish forts, without being observed, and the torpedo boat escaped unscathed.

SHELLED A LIGHTHOUSE.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Nov. 1.—The Turkish cruiser Hamidish discharged nine shells yesterday at the Cape Mine lighthouse, between the Bulgarian ports of Burgas and Varna. The lighthouse was damaged. The Bulgarian Government intends to protest against the bombardment of a building devoted solely to peaceful purposes.

CONFIRMED.

Constantinople, Nov. 1.—The sinking of the Turkish battleship Feth-J-Bulend by a Greek torpedo boat in the Gulf of Saloniki, is confirmed in a dispatch from Saloniki. The warship sank in five minutes. Part of the crew was on shore at the time, so that the number of lives lost is not known.

Athens, Nov. 1.—The Greeks today occupied the Turkish island of Samothrace, in the Aegean Sea. Its population numbers about 5,000, most of which are Christians.

GOVERNMENT PREPARED TO GIVE LONDON \$160,000 FOR FEDERAL SQUARE, RECEIVING SPENCER BLOCK AS NEW POSTOFFICE SITE

Ambitious Scheme For City Hall Is Under Way and Ald. Coles Will Go to Ottawa—Enormous Amount Involved in Securing Land and Buildings.

THOSE WHO FAVOR PLAN WOULD MOVE THAT CITY SPEND \$800,000

The possibility of making the block bounded by Dundas, Waterloo, King and Wellington streets a civic square has not been abandoned, and it is probable that a definite announcement will be made within a week regarding the matter.

Ald. Coles is going to Ottawa to interview Hon. Sam Hughes, minister of militia, and Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of public works, on the question, and he is confident that the Government will consent to make a large-sized grant towards the scheme.

The proposition is a large one, involving a great deal of money. The latest offer made by the Government is said to be \$160,000, provided the city will turn over to them the Spencer Block as a site for the postoffice.

Offer a \$115,000 Cash. This would reduce the offer simply to \$115,000 in cash. A portion of the land could be utilized eventually for an extension of the armories, if that were ever considered advisable.

Ald. Coles' trip to Ottawa is to increase the Government's offer. It is hoped that \$150,000 cash, together with \$45,000 for the Spencer property, will be obtained. It is rumored that this amount will be given, but those on the inside declare that it is not at all likely.

The property to be purchased is assessed at \$74,820 on the 1911 assessment, not including the McCormick property. The concern is given a fixed assessment of \$75,000, but the McCormicks are asking \$125,000 for the site occupied by their plant.

At present time they are considering offers to move their factory to Montreal, where they are already said to have a site.

Assessment at \$74,820.

As mentioned above, the rest of the property needed is assessed at \$74,820. All the Dundas street land between McCormick's and the armories can be purchased for \$45,000. The assessment is \$19,240. In other words, the land can be obtained at about two and a half times the assessment.

If that rate were preserved, and in truth it would not vary much, the whole block can be secured for approximately \$130,000. This added to the price for the McCormick site would bring the total cost of the block to about \$300,000, or a little better. Some real estate men figure that it can be secured for that amount of money.

If the Government agree to give \$160,000 and take the Spencer Block, it will mean that the city will have to pay \$185,000 for the remainder. The corporation would have to hand the Government \$45,000 back in the Spencer Block, leaving the amount above mentioned to be raised by the rate-payers.

Pay Only for Location. This would mean that a money by-law would be submitted in January next. The city has available but \$175,000, and this amount will no more than pay for the location.

It might not be sufficient, but assuming for the sake of argument that it would cover the property alone, the money necessary for the building would have to be raised by bylaw.

From information gathered at the city hall the idea of the promoters of the scheme is to erect a hall, costing from \$400,000 to \$600,000. They do not desire to erect a small building, but one that will be outstanding for many years to come.

It is a big proposition, as Ald. Coles points out, but he considers it high time that the city undertook something of this kind, keeping with the progress of London.

October Building Figures

Building Inspector Piper has issued his official figures for the month of October, showing 143 to have been issued for a total of \$91,053. This is an excess over the same month in 1911 of \$10,000.

The total for the ten months ending Thursday was \$997,241, as against \$822,785 last year for the same period.

UNION STAGE CREW, NON-UNION MAN, HANDLE SCENERY

Unusual Situation Develops in Connection With Strike at Grand.

STRIKERS MAY SEEK TO TAKE AWAY ORCHESTRA

Boy Who Advised Citizens Not to Enter Theatre Detained by Manager.

A strike of stage hands at the Grand Opera House, involving the crew in the operation of everything back of the footlights, did not serve to prevent the theatre from producing its attraction in the usual order on Thursday night.

The stage was manned by one non-union man and the union crew carried by "The Three Twins." Citizens wondered that the travelling crew, all union men, should have worked with a non-union man. This was explained by the statement that the "Three Twins" crew had received no notification from union headquarters to cease work.

It is stated today that the London stagehands will make an effort to have the orchestra quit work in sympathy with the strikers. Another effort will be made to prevent the union crew to appear tonight, for which is billed to appear tonight, from operating the show while a strike is on.

Stage Carpenter Dismissed. The trouble, it is admitted by both sides, arose over the dismissal by Manager Minihnick of A. J. Wilson, stage carpenter, whose duties place him in charge of the stage.

Mr. Minihnick claims that Mr. Wilson practically tendered his resignation, that it was accepted, and that he refused to accept the men the union proposed to work in Mr. Wilson's place. The local manager offered to bring a union man to the city from Winnipeg, and place him in the position, but this man was not acceptable to the union.

For some time there has been friction between the "front" and the "back" of the house. It is said that Mr. Minihnick had demanded that expenses be cut down, claiming that it was costing more for help in London than in Hamilton and other places.

Ended in Argument. The matter came to a head when there was an argument between the manager and the stage carpenter. Thursday night a boy posted himself in front of the theatre and called out to those who were about to enter the theatre: "There's a strike on! Don't go in!" He was detained in Manager Minihnick's office, and did not repeat the statement.

It was denied that he had been posted by the union men, who state that they believe trouble should be settled on its merits.

The theatre has been in communication with the international headquarters of the Stagehands' Union, and it is likely that a representative will be in the city shortly. The real cause of the strike, it is stated, was the refusal of the management to accept the men recommended for Mr. Wilson's position.

Officers Will Decide. The orchestra will act under instructions from the union officers in the city, and so far no decision has been made. The orchestra members have no grievance against the theatre.

Mr. A. J. Small, owner of the Grand Opera House, will be in the city in connection with the dispute.

TEMPERANCE UNION IS FOR "BANISH THE BAR"

Renfrew Convention Passes a Resolution Expressing Organization's Hearty Sympathy in the Policy of the Liberal Leader.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Nov. 1.—In the Canadian Press report from Renfrew Thursday, the following reference to Mr. N. W. Rowell's policy on the liquor question was inadvertently omitted:

"Resolved, That we, the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Ontario, are in hearty sympathy with the "Banish the Bar" policy of the Liberal party, and while because of our disfranchisement we are unable to actively assist in placing the party where its pledges can be implemented, we will endeavor to use our influence in its behalf."

C. O. KNOWLES.

HOCHELAGA FIGHT TO BE BITTER ONE

Prime Minister and Several Colleagues to Take Part in Campaign.

BOURASSA MAY RUN

Cohan, K.C., Denies That He Is To Be Candidate For The Nationalist Party.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, Nov. 1.—Elaborate plans are being made for the appearance here on the night of the nominations in the Hochelaga by-election of the Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden; the minister of finance, Hon. W. T. White; and the minister of justice, Hon. J. B. Hertz. The Premier is to speak in St. Henri, the Finance Minister in Westmount and the Minister of Justice in Point St. Charles in support of the candidature of Hon. Louis Coderre, the new secretary of state.

The Liberals so far have not been successful in securing a candidate, though they all agree that a fight against Mr. Coderre's re-election should be made. Both Major Stephens and Mayor Rutherford, of Westmount, who are the choices of Liberals for the position, have intimated that they have no desire to enter political life just now.

C. H. Cahan, K.C., who it was rumored yesterday would run on the Nationalist ticket, denies that he has made any such decision, and this morning it was stated that Henri Bourassa himself may run. It is understood that if he does enter the fight he will do so without committee rooms, relying simply upon his appeals to the electorate through his paper, Le Devoir, and from the platform. The campaign has begun to develop bitterness. Le Canada yesterday drawing an analogy between the position of Mr. Coderre on the naval question and St. Peter when he denied the Saviour, Mr. Bourassa being compared to the cock that crowed thrice.

GALT TO HAVE LOCAL OPTION FIGHT

Galt, Nov. 1.—Those trying to repeal local option here have secured more than the necessary number of signatures to put a bylaw before the people. The matter will be up at the next council meeting. Galt expects to have one of the hottest repeal fights in the province.

WARRANT FOR TODD

Man Charged With Abusive Language Scorns Summons.

A warrant for William Todd, who should have responded to a summons Thursday to answer a charge of having used abusive language toward Martha Todd, was ordered by Police Magistrate Judd this morning and was placed in the hands of the police.

Todd is said to be not living with his wife at present, but is accused of having visited her home, where he is alleged to have poured forth his grievances in a string of profanity and blasphemy.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.

Forecasts.

Toronto, Nov. 1—8 a.m.

Today—Strong winds and gales, westerly to northwesterly; occasional rain or snow, clearing tonight.

Saturday—Fresh northwest and west winds; fair and cold.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
LONDON	48	35.5	Rain
Victoria	54	48	Cloudy
Calgary	52	24	Clear
Winnipeg	32	22	Cloudy
Port Arthur	36	32	Cloudy
Parry Sound	42	32	Snow
Toronto	47	44	Rain
Ottawa	44	34	Cloudy
Quebec	38	30	Cloudy
Father Point	36	28	Cloudy

POTATOES BY CARLOAD IMPORTED FROM OHIO

London grocers, despairing of getting sufficient supplies of potatoes from this district to fill their orders, are importing "spuds" by the carload from Ohio.

Already several carloads of fine tubers have been stored away, and many more are either on the way or have been ordered. Those who have seen the potatoes say that they are a fine sample.

One man stated to The Advertiser today that he did not think prices would be very much higher than they are now. Most of the farmers have enough for their own use and here and there some will have a few bags for sale.

Those, with the large quantities that are being imported, will it is thought, keep everybody supplied at much better prices than was expected a short time ago.

LONG-AWAITED REPORT ON ELECTRIFICATION, PUTS COST AT NEAR \$900,000

Hon. Adam Beck Now Announces Himself in Favor of Operation of Line as a Municipal Enterprise.

YEARLY OPERATION WOULD BE \$220,000 LAST YEAR'S RECEIPTS WERE \$131,000

Yet Mr. Beck's Engineers Claim That Road Can Be Operated at a Profit—The Total Cost Figures Are Brought Down.

The long-expected report secured by Hon. Adam Beck on the cost of electrifying the London and Port Stanley Railway, was presented to Acting Mayor W. G. Coles at noon today, and given out for publication.

According to the figures submitted, it would cost \$890,573 to electrify the road, double-tracking it from London to St. Thomas. The total yearly operating expenses, including interest and sinking fund, on the money needed to electrify the line, and also on the expenditure already made, would amount to \$220,545. The hydro-electric engineer who made the report thinks that even with this expenditure the line could be made to produce a revenue of \$17,500, or more.

Months Taken to Report. The report is the work of a staff of engineers employed by the hydro-electric commission, who for months have been studying the situation. They were engaged by Mr. Beck.

The document contains a preamble by Mr. Beck, who states that he is in favor of electrification. When in 1902 he agreed to give a lease of the line for 20 years, because he believed that London should electrify the line for 20 years, because he believed that at that time has been confirmed by recent developments, and he is confident that the road, electrified, could be made a paying investment.

Road Is in Bad Shape. The engineers' statement contains a general review of the conditions of the line. It is explained that the road at the present time is in a bad condition. The rails and ties would have to be scrapped, and little else could be made of them. The road is 23.66 miles long, and the city has 33.63 miles of track, including switches. The buildings are in fairly good condition.

The total earnings of the line for 1911 were \$141,264, and it is expected that the amount would be increased this year. The operating expenses in 1910 were \$133,131. In 1911, they were \$153,060, which did not include fixed charges. The sum of \$50,000 was expended for fuel, repairs to engines, etc.

Comparison With Traction Line. A comparison is made with the London and Lake Erie Traction Line. The receipts from this line was \$122,988.82, and the operating expenses were \$77,699.78. This left a good balance for the directors of the line, with which to meet fixed charges.

The engineers then recommend that the line be double-tracked from London to St. Thomas. This, they say, would enable the city to give a half-hour service between the two cities, with a 54-minute service to the Port. A faster train might be put on during the summer months. They would recommend that four freight locomotives, 60 to 75 tons in weight, should be purchased, with six passenger cars of the combination baggage, express and passenger type. Six trailers were to be purchased, together with six trailers.

The Total Cost. The total cost of electrification is then tabulated as follows:

Reconstruction of the present track, and new track	\$442,573
Overhead construction and binding	129,000
Passenger cars and locomotives	235,000
Substation and feeder equipment	84,000
The engineers then follow with an estimate of the operating expenses, which have to be met annually. They Superintendence, labor, operation, etc.	70,000
General expenses	30,000
Power	30,000
Interest and sinking fund at 6.5 per cent on \$890,000	55,106
Interest at 4 1/2 per cent on present investment, \$763,311	34,429
Total	\$220,545

Then is given a rather lengthy statement of the possible receipts. The freight business could be increased, and the passenger traffic, based on the fact that the Lake Erie Traction Line carried over 300,000 passengers, as compared with 168,000 on the London and Port Stanley, could be made to more than double.

"The road, if electrified, can be made to give a good profit to the city, as well as pay interest on the money invested," is the conclusion of the article.

The report contains a mass of detail, that it would be impossible to decipher in a few hours, giving a detail of the possible freight and passenger traffic to be carried.

"The report speaks for itself," said Mr. Beck to The Advertiser. "It will require some study, but I think the conclusions are logical and beyond dispute."

BOARD OF MISSIONS SEEKS TO SECURE KENT BEQUEST

Presbyterian Church in Canada Would Take Control of Funds From New St. James'.

EXECUTORS WANT COURT TO MAKE DECISION

Wish To Be Cleared of Responsibility in What Promises To Be Long Litigation.

A motion for construction of the will of the late Thomas Kent, the founder of the London Loan Company, who died here some months ago leaving the residue of his estate—about \$75,000—to the moderator and session of New St. James' Presbyterian Church for home and foreign mission work, is to be heard in the weekly high court at the court house tomorrow morning.

A new phase has entered the case, as well as the contest of the heirs to obtain the money for the mission board of the Presbyterian Church in Canada is endeavoring to show that the intention of the testator was not to have the money disbursed by the New St. James' church, but that it was at the head of the denomination in the Dominion.

Motion by Executors. The moderator and session of New St. James' assert that the wording is perfectly clear, and that under the will the control of the mission fund is left with them absolutely to spend anywhere they may deem proper. This is strenuously disputed, and the court will be called upon to decide the question. The motion is brought before the court by the executors of the will, who desire to be relieved of all responsibility they might incur should the funds be improperly disposed of.

Dr. J. A. MacArthur, one of the executors, is of the opinion that Mr. Kent intended that the money be under the control of the Dominion body, but it is possible that the court will decide to the contrary, and leave the money as the will apparently directs to the moderator and session of New St. James'.

Relatives Deny It's Charity. While the suit of the relatives of Mr. Kent to nullify the will, asserting that the residuary bequest is not regular in that it is not in accord with the provisions of the law relating to perpetuities, was abandoned some time ago, it is again being pursued, although in a different form. The relatives contend that under the law relating to perpetuities, no legator is permitted to tie up his estate indefinitely, excepting for charitable purposes, and in this connection they deny that missions are charities.

The hearing of the motion in high court tomorrow should prove interesting.

Catholics May Eat Meat Today; First Time Indulgence Is Granted

Under a recent decree of Pope Pius, Roman Catholics the world over are today permitted to eat meat, this being the first Friday (excepting when Christmas falls on a Friday), in history on which such an indulgence was granted.

Pope Pius has ruled that when a feast day falls upon any day of abstinence, Catholics shall abstain on the previous day and celebrate the feast. Today is the feast of All Saints, and meat may accordingly be eaten.