

FEARS TURKISH WAR MAY UNDO ENTIRELY ALL MISSIONARY WORK

Miss Claribel Platt, B.A., of the Foreign Mission Office of the Presbyterian Church, a Returned Missionary Among the Turks, Says if War Continues Disaster Will Follow to Christian Faith in Turkey.

That the outcome of the present Turkish war may be disastrous to Christian effort in the mission fields there is the fear entertained by local mission workers. The thousands of dollars and years of faithful service that have been spent in carrying the gospel into Turkey, if the war progresses in the manner in which it has been started, may prove just that much sacrifice wasted. Such are the views, at any rate, of Miss Platt, of the Foreign Mission Office of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and recently of Narsovan, Turkey, who addressed the scholars of Bonar Church yesterday afternoon.

Miss Platt's talk to the children consisted entirely of an account of her journey as a missionary to Turkey and interesting descriptions of the heathen habits of the Turks. She did not touch upon the danger overhanging the country at present, owing, no doubt, to the fact that her audience was composed of very young scholars, although there is probably no one in the room qualified to speak on the significance of the crisis.

In an interview with The World at the close of the service she expressed her views on the matter and the grave fear that she personally holds for the welfare of the interests she identified herself with for many years.

Serious Outcome.
"It is hard to say how serious the outcome will be," said Miss Platt, "for if that war continues it will be almost sure to undo the work of the Christian missionaries in European Turkey. The Turks I learned are easily turned against Christianity when they become possessed of suspicions. The effect of the invasion of the Greeks and their Balkan allies will be to prejudice more than ever the Turkish people against the Christian faith. They will regard the attacks of these Christian nations as positively significant and a timely warning against the religion."

"Among the greatest assets of the missionaries in Turkey are the young men who have been converted and are established in the faith, with the Christian institutions. There is a strong likelihood of their being called to the active service. This will cripple the present organization and render it less able to counteract the prejudice raised by the conflict."

Miss Platt stated that her association with the Turks had made her particularly fearful on this occasion that the native acting entirely on the defensive in the war will be further than ever from an acceptance of the Christian faith. With another people this danger might not be so great, but the Turks are easily influenced against a new religion. Their hatred of the nations attacking them may set up a bar of enmity that will take generations to upset.

Intimate Knowledge.
Miss Platt is a graduate of Toronto University and a keen student of men and affairs. She was able to discuss the various features of the present struggle as one who was thoroughly conversant with all the facts. Her address before the scholars of the Sunday school was more than usually interesting because of her intimate knowledge of the Turkish people and her power of description. She spoke to more than 400 children, the largest Presbyterian Sunday school in Toronto, and one of the most active in Canada.

Rev. Dr. Alexander MacGillivray, pastor of Bonar Church, acted as chairman. The superintendent, John McClelland, also spoke briefly.

Carlisle Indians Arrive For Today's Big Rugby Game

Visitors Were Welcomed by Large Crowd of Enthusiasts—Mayor Hocken Will Throw Ball Into Play at 2.30.

Big Chief Thorpe and his brave men, in town fresh from a victory over Georgetown University at Washington on Saturday. They are all in fighting spirits and claim they can duplicate Saturday's performance this afternoon. Rugby is an expensive luxury on the coast side of the world. Carlisle, the famous coach, carries twenty-five men with him, as well as several trainers and newspaper writers from all parts of the eastern states. There was great excitement at the station as the C. P. R. train from Washington drew in with a special car attached containing the Rugby team of the United States Indian University in full regalia of the United States army. They represent a splendid type of manhood with their bronze complexions, square shoulders and great physique. James Thorpe, the captain, and the champion athlete of the world, stands over six feet and weighs one hundred and ninety pounds. He is in the pink of condition, and as all the Carlisle players will drive to the grounds before two o'clock, and as the American papers say that to see the Indians in practice is a treat in itself it will be well to be early.

The team, picked by Hugh Gall, the captain of the Old Boys, is confident they are going to take the scalp of the Redskins. They have planned the method of attack and defence, and along with the plucking of Lawson and the punting of Gall, the students can see nothing but a sure victory.

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MR. TYRRELL RETURNS

J. B. Tyrrell, who was appointed by the Ontario Government to survey the district of Patricia, returned here Saturday after having been two months in the wilds of the north. He reports that the newly-acquired territory is rich in minerals, and will be a great asset to the province. At this point Mr. Tyrrell, with one companion and Indian guides, went into the district to look for gold. He will soon submit his report to the government.

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The Catholic Faith

The Catholic Faith, as expounded by the Rev. Father, Conway and the Rev. Father, Conway, in a series of sermons explanatory of Catholic faith before two crowded congregations in St. Peter's Church yesterday. At the high mass the sermon dealt with the "Necessity of Prayer" and in the evening the subject of the discourse was "Why I Am a Catholic."

PUT CLOCK BACK 20 CENTURIES

J. G. Butland Says If Father Conway's Remarks Were Correct He Is Turning Things Backward

Montreal, Oct. 27.—(Special.)—Le Pays, Godfrey Langlois, has an article today of a "quite a different nature" from the usual ones, in which he criticizes the remarks of Father Conway, a French-Canadian priest, in his sermon on the "Necessity of Prayer" yesterday. The article, while blaming the Ontario Government, declares that the first change with the Province of Quebec.

"Fifteen years ago, with the increase of the French-Canadian population in Ontario, our compatriots gave their schools for the most part teachers without diplomas, who had little or no knowledge of English, the result being that the day arrived when every one was obliged to limit the schools to the French-Canadian population. The French-Canadian population, however, was not content with this, and they began to demand that the schools should be put back to the time when the French-Canadian population was the only one in the Province of Quebec."

"The Province of Quebec is responsible for the greater part of our misfortunes. Not being able to send us teachers with diplomas, they sent a great number of incompetent people, the result being that we were given a system of instruction equal to that in many Quebec schools, which is absolutely of no value."

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AN INVESTIGATION TO USE WIRELESS IN BIG SHAM BATTLE

Messages Will Be Transmitted Over Long Distances by Troops, Who Will Take Part in Today's Manoeuvres—More Than 3000 Men Will Be in the Field.

Rev. T. T. Shields Says if System is Wrong it Should Be Cleaned Up, and, if Right, Police Department Should Be Vindicated—An Odious Subject.

Two special trains will leave Toronto this morning for Milton, carrying over 1000 soldiers of the local militia. This is the day of the great annual bloodless, blank ammunition battle, when the "Grey" and "Blue" forces will line up against each other. The centre of hostilities will be the Town of Milton, Toronto and Hamilton regiments are united this year and defending "Blue" and "Grey" the section of the country from Hamilton east to Toronto against the "Grey" forces, whose country is known as "Greyland," the territory lying west of Milton. This is the first year that Hamilton and Toronto forces have fought together.

The war trains leave Toronto at 8.15 and 8.30 respectively, from the foot of York street. The trains leave Milton for the return journey at 10 o'clock. So the militia war will only occupy about five hours, the "cease fire" sounding before 4 o'clock. Col. J. H. U. Crow of Kingston, is chief umpire.

It is expected that over 3000 soldiers will take part in the sham fight, comprising all the militia from Toronto, Hamilton, Brantford and other places west of the Ambitious City.

This year's battle will be somewhat different from those of other years by the fact that wireless will be used by the blue forces—Hamilton and Toronto—and also, probably, by the other side. Wireless has never been used before in transmitting and receiving messages from the front, and will be a great aid.

"We can never hope for a perfect city, because the only city which will ever fulfil the whole idea of the word perfect will be the New Jerusalem. The enforcement of the best laws imaginable will not prevent persons from sleeping through the law, if they are bent on it. The best that the law can do is to make it as hard as possible for a man to do wrong, and as easy as possible to do the right thing. Law only serves to keep the outside clean. The gospel is the only thing which will change the inside of a man, and that is what our Christian churches are here for."

Thus spoke Rev. Thomas T. Shields last evening in a special sermon on "Toronto the Good."

"Those who attend this church know that this is only the second or third time that I have taken up the question of the morals of a city. It is an odious subject to converse upon, but I have had a request to make an address on public morals, and while I do not always comply with such requests, I consider that recent events in our city justify the subject."

Respect Policemen.
"We should learn to respect a Toronto policeman for what he stands for," he said. "Behind him is represented the whole power of the British empire. There have, recently, been some developments which might serve to lessen the respect of citizens towards the representatives of the law. It is impossible to hold the respect for people if they are made to doubt the honesty of the police system. Therefore, a thorough investigation should be made, and if the system is wrong there should be a clean-up, and if it is right the police department should be vindicated."

"The courts of justice should not be placed in contempt in a burlesque house. We have the anomalous circumstance of a crown attorney admitting to a crown prosecutor that the policemen will not do their duty, and further, if the chief constable's recent report is true, every man who has any love for the morals of this city must see that matters are rectified. These recent disclosures would justify citizens in a suspicion, not a conclusion, that the police system is not right, and that persons in places of authority are not above using such authority for selfish ends."

He Attended.
"We have the circumstance of a clergyman of this city being convicted in a court of justice for publishing what took place in a certain burlesque house. Now, it is certain that this theatre must either be closed, or that the police must be put in operation still in the face of overwhelming evidence of its obscenity. I was, by request, at one of the performances, and I have no hesitancy in declaring that the management should be put in the penitentiary. Why are the doors left open?"

particularly to the west and north. He is strengthening his positions with earthworks. The Bulgarian heavy artillery is now bombarding the northern front of the fortress.

"Another sortie by the Turks in the direction of Amantia today was repulsed by the Bulgarians with great losses to the Turks. Gen. Ivanoff will complete