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PEACE OR WAR NOW BUT BANK STOCK MATTER OF A FEW DAYS

Turkey Will Not Cede Adrianople, but Allies Declare She Must or Struggle Will be Resumed.

MONTENEGRO APPARENTLY SHOWING SIGNS OF WEAKENING TO AUSTRIA

Deserting Soldiers Bring to Allies Headquarters Gruesome Tales of Dire Straits to which Besieged Adrianople is Reduced -- Commander Declares all will Die Before He will Surrender.

London, Jan. 9.—Official news received by the Bulgarian delegation describes the situation at Adrianople as desperate. Several soldiers, who had succeeded in reaching the headquarters of the Allies, say that the town is in its last gasp. Provisions are so scarce that the military authorities have requisitioned all the food possessed even by private individuals and are making only one distribution, comprising a half-ration daily.

Secretary, Sir Edward Grey, in his capacity as honorary president of the conference, might take the necessary initiative thereby obviating the necessity of either of the parties appearing to make the first advances. This could be accomplished only if the allies were assured that Turkey was prepared to give up Adrianople.

Turkey's Last Word.

Constantinople, Jan. 9.—The Porte, according to official announcement, has sent a circular to the Turkish Ambassadors abroad, intimating that unless the Allies accept Turkey's peace proposals by the end of the week the Ottoman delegates will be invited to return to Constantinople immediately.

Demand Understanding.

It is understood that Constantinople has accepted the view of Rechad Pasha, who recently asked to be authorized to reconvene the conference. The difficulty now lies in the determination of the Allies not to participate in the conference unless they are notified beforehand what Turkey's terms to propose. They do not wish to revive the discussion of unacceptable terms, but desire to have it as a certainty that Turkey is ready to cede what has been announced as the irreducible minimum of the Allies.

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Turks and Bulgarians Clash.

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BOILER EXPLODES ON STEAMSHIP ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER

Captain and Probably Four Others Killed and Eighty Severely Injured in Accident Yesterday.

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 9.—The river steamer James Staples was wrecked, her captain and perhaps four others killed and 80 persons severely injured when one of the boat's boilers exploded near Bladen, Alabama, late today. It is believed that bodies of the four missing persons may be found in the ruins of the hull which floated down the river in flames. River men note a coincidence in that the explosion occurred at the point most nearly accessible by boat to the grave of the boat's late owner, Capt. Norman A. Staples, who killed himself a week ago today.

SECRETARY OF NAVY SCORES FALSE NEWS OF NAVAL DISASTER

Naval Department Flooded With Inquiries from Relatives of Sailors Wrongly Reported to be Drowned.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The U. S. S. Panther has proceeded to Cape Vruiser on the southern coast of Cuba, and will be on duty for torpedo practice to be held in the Gulf of Guacanabo, as a part of the winter manoeuvres of the Atlantic fleet. Unfounded reports to the effect that the Panther was lost had caused scores of inquiries to be made at the Navy Department by relatives of the officers and 174 men aboard her.

CONVENTIONS UNCHANGED

Latest Word Regarding Duchess of Connaught

First National Bank of New York Paid a Wonderful Dividend.

George F. Baker, Chairman of Bank's Directorate, Tells Money Trust Probers of Marvellous Institution.

Washington, N. Y., Jan. 9.—Enormous profits by the First National Bank of New York City were told tonight by George F. Baker, chairman of the board of directors of the bank, as a witness before the house money trust committee. Mr. Baker furnished the committee with records showing that since its organization in 1863 with a capital of \$500,000, the bank had made profits amounting to more than \$80,000,000.

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Paris, Jan. 9.—The likelihood of the premier, Poincare, being elected to the presidency of the Republic creates a political situation for which there is no precedent and parliamentarians are looking for a procedure to what procedure should be adopted.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 9.—The cabinet has issued an order prohibiting forgers of the money and aviators from crossing the western frontier for six months. Anyone violating this order, it is announced, is liable to be shot down.

Liverpool, Jan. 9.—The Booth Line steamer Ambrose while proceeding in the Mersey today, collided with a fishing smack and lighter, sinking both of them. Ten men lost their lives.

ROYAL PATIENT SLEEPS WELL AND KEEPS UP STRENGTH.

THE DUCHESS' CONDITION.

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ROOSEVELT WILL PLAY ONE HAND

He Refuses Munsey's Proposal to Merge Bull Moose Party With Republicans.

New York, Jan. 9.—Theodore Roosevelt replied today to a proposal advanced by Frank A. Munsey yesterday to bring the Progressive and the Republican parties together. He said: "I am simply speaking as one of the men in the ranks of the Progressive party. Personally, I strongly feel that we should no more enter into a combination with the Republican machine than with the Democratic machine. I firmly believe that all good Progressives who may happen yet to adhere to either the Republican party or the Democratic party will in the end see that the chance for honest government and for the practical achievement of social and industrial justice lies in the Progressive party and only in the Progressive party."

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FEAR RECENT GALE DID GREAT DAMAGE AT SEA

Pacific Especially was Centre of Heavy Winds And Seas and Many Vessels Are In Grave Danger.

Despatches received last evening tell of the havoc to shipping wrought by the recent gale. On the Pacific the storm was particularly severe, and the damage done there, can not, at yet, be estimated.

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DID THE STEAMER SNOWDEN RANGE GO DOWN WITH 40 MEN ON BOARD?

Captain of Swedish Vessel Brings Meagre Tidings to Philadelphia which Indicate Another Tragedy in Mid-ocean -- Steamer Forced to Halifax for Coal -- Smaller Vessels Feel Weight of Storm.

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PITTSBURG SUFFERS HEAVY LOSS THROUGH GREAT RIVER FLOOD

Water Rose 31.3 Feet—Business District, Factories and Residences Completely Inundated—Water Receding.

Pittsburg, Jan. 9.—The crest of the river flood was reached here today with a stage of 31.3 feet, eleven feet over the danger mark. Tonight the water is receding. A large area, including the business district, is inundated and the loss is heavy.

READY BUYERS FOR CANADA SOUTHERN RY. GUARANTEED BONDS

Advance Offering of \$16,500,000 of These Bonds Have Been Sold Since January 1.

New York, Jan. 9.—It was stated at the office of Landenberg, Mann & Company today that the advance offering of the Canada Southern Railway Company, consolidated guaranteed bonds, had been terminated. The \$16,500,000 worth of these bonds which were available for distribution on January 1 have been sold. The remaining \$6,000,000 of the present issue of \$22,500,000 are reserved under offer of exchange to the holders of the Canada Southern second mortgage five per cent. bonds until the close of business today, January 9.

ENGLISH TEXTILE WORKERS STRIKE FOR MORE MONEY.

London, Jan. 9.—The textile trade in Yorkshire is in danger of coming to a standstill through a strike of dyers for higher wages. Six thousand dyers quit work in the Bradford district; 5,000 more have given notice that they will quit in a week. The employers are willing to grant the increase demanded but they want to impose a system of piece work, to which the dyers are opposed.