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**Another Version**  
**OF THE HELIOGRAPH**  
LONDON DAILY PAPER  
PUBLISHES DISPATCH  
Hicks-Beach Preparing the People for  
Additional Taxes to Meet War  
Expenditures.

London, Nov. 4.—The Daily Express, on the authority of Dr. Miller Maguire, a famous military coach, gives what it alleges to be the authentic version of the heliograph sent by Gen. Buller to Gen. Buller during the siege of Ladysmith. It is as follows:  
"I have failed. Unable to try again without siege operations taking a month. Can you hold out so long? If not, I suggest your firing away as much ammunition as possible and finally making the best terms if you have any other alternative to suggest. I can remain where I am as long as you like."  
"Further dispatches were exchanged," says the Daily Express, "and learning that Sir George White was able to hold out, Gen. Buller settled down to prepare to meet the Tugela. Dr. Maguire, whose hands half of the British army have passed for study, professes to have acquired the information without seeking for it some months ago."  
Question of Expenses.  
London, Nov. 4.—What is regarded as an important announcement preparing the people of Great Britain for new taxes, was made today by the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, in a speech at Bristol. After alluding to the "enormous increase in the ordinary expenditure of the government, he reviewed the war taxes and said that the ever-increasing demand of the national exchequer gave reasons for careful thought and even anxiety for the future. "The cost of the war in South Africa is enormous," said Sir Michael. "It still drags, and it may be, when next year comes, that I may have to ask the people of this country to contribute to the war, and to make even greater sacrifices."  
Sir Michael announced that the government was communicating with the authorities in South Africa with a view to a change of the situation of the concentration camps, and to an amelioration of their conditions.  
Concentration Camps.  
Paris, Nov. 4.—In the chamber of deputies today M. Berry asked leave to interpellate the government regarding the measures it proposed to take in accordance with other governments to remove the women and children in the South African concentration camps to healthful districts.  
M. Deschanel, president of the chamber, remarked that it would be difficult to interpellate the French government for the acts of the British government.  
After a brief discussion, during which M. Berry was called to order for speaking of Mr. Chamberlain, the British colonial secretary, as a coward and assassin, the chamber decided to de- M. Berry's interpellation at a later date.  
Boers Got Guns.  
London, Nov. 4.—It is now known the Boers got away with the two captured from Col. Benson's column near Swartkops, Eastern Transvaal.  
Artillerymen For Africa.  
Halifax, N. S., Nov. 4.—Four hundred Royal Artillerymen stationed here were ordered to South Africa to-day by the Imperial war office authorities.  
FRENCH FLEET AT SMYRNA.  
Report That Admiral Caillaud Has Seized the Customs.  
London, Nov. 4.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail says he understands that dispatches have been received at the French capital announcing that Admiral Caillaud's division of the French Mediterranean squadron has arrived at Smyrna and seized the customs.  
Wants British Protection.  
Paris, Nov. 4.—The Porte has asked Great Britain, says the Constantinople correspondent of Echo de Paris, "to fulfill the terms of the convention of 1878, whereby in exchange for the island of Cyprus, Great Britain guarantees the integrity of the Sultan's Asiatic possessions. The Porte claims under this convention that Great Britain should protect Asiatic Turkey against attacks by France, and suggests that Great Britain should send a squadron to the Levant for this purpose."  
According to the Athens correspondent of the Journal, a French dispatch book received yesterday at Smyrna, capital of the island of Cyprus (Greece) set out a number of dispatches that were waiting at the Smyrna office.  
Another Question.  
Paris, Nov. 4.—In the chamber of deputies today, speaking on the Turkish question, M. Delcasse, minister of foreign affairs, stated that the appearance of several cruisers off the Turkish coasts several times proved that France had not forgotten the protection she owed to Christians, and the latter understood this. It was true that the Armenians had not been executed, that the Armenians had

**ASKED TO GIVE**  
**DAY LABOR A TRIAL**  
MINISTER'S REPLY TO  
OTTAWA DEPUTATION

Hon. J. L. Tarte Says Generally Speaking He Favors It—Celebration of the King's Birthday.

Ottawa, Nov. 5.—A committee from the Allied Trades and Labor Association of Ottawa waited on the Minister of Public Works to-day and asked that an experiment of day labor be tried on new buildings, such as the mint and geological museum, which are about to be erected in Ottawa. They argued that the best work was done by day labor.  
Hon. J. L. Tarte pointed out that he had always been in favor of day labor, and had done a good deal of work in this way, but there was the government and House of Commons to be dealt with. He was but a very humble member of the administration. "There were parts of the country where he would not recommend day labor, but generally speaking he favored it. He would do what he could for them."  
The King's Birthday.  
A militia general order says that a Royal salute will be fired on the King's Birthday and on the birthday of Her Majesty, Queen Alexandra, on December 1st. No other ceremonies are to be observed.

**ANOTHER FILIPINO**  
**CONSPIRACY REVEALED**  
Plans Were Laid to Massacre United States Soldiers at Moncada—Several Arrests Were Made.

Manila, Nov. 5.—A plot to massacre the American garrison at Moncada, province of Tarlac, island of Luzon, has been revealed by the wife of one of the conspirators. Several of the town officials are implicated in the murderous scheme.  
The woman, who revealed the plot, hid a detective beneath a house in which the leaders of the conspiracy were meeting. Arrests followed, and many incriminating papers were seized. The plan was to set fire, after dark, to a house close to the barracks, and when the soldiers came out to assist in extinguishing the flames, 150 conspirators, armed with bolts, were to rush on them, capture their arms and proceed to massacre the garrison.  
The United States Philippine commission to-day passed the treason laws with slight alterations. Several Filipinos spoke against them.  
The United States Warren, owing to an accident in the inland sea, will be docked at Nagasaki, Japan, where the United States transport Sheridan is being repaired.  
FULL COURT SITTING.  
McKelvie vs. Le Roi Appeal is Being Heard—Steam Launch Wrecked.  
Vancouver, Nov. 5.—The heavy gale which this morning resulted in the wreck of a scow in English Bay with the Thomas logging outfit aboard. The loss is several hundred dollars. A steam launch also broke from its moorings and was wrecked.  
The Full Court opened this morning, five judges presiding. An appeal from the decision of Chief Justice in McKelvie vs. Le Roi was now being heard.  
Frank Rogers was granted bail this morning in \$2,000 personal and \$2,000 each of two other sureties.  
WILL BE EXECUTED.  
Toronto, Nov. 5.—A Pittsburg special says two Biddle brothers, Canadians, convicted of murdering a policeman, must suffer the penalty of their crime unless the technical blunder by the government is allowed by the courts to intervene.

**VICTORIANS HAVE**  
**ARRIVED AT APIA**  
NEWS RECEIVED OF  
VOSS AND LUXTON

Both Men in Best of Health and Are Now on the Way to Sydney.

Apia, Oct. 12.—Capt. J. C. Voss and N. K. Luxton, the adventurous Canadians who sailed from Victoria early in May in an Indian war canoe for a voyage around the world in her, are now here safe and sound on October 10th, having traveled in that time a distance of 6,400 miles.  
After leaving Victoria, B. C., they sailed for 56 days without seeing land or sail of any description, and on August 31st they landed at Penryn island, from there they cruised to Apia, arriving on October 10th. The venturesome travelers remained but a few hours in Apia, only long enough to secure a supply of water and provisions and then set sail for Sydney by way of Fiji.  
Both men were in good health and expressed themselves as satisfied that they would be able to complete their undertaking.  
The Pelican with her pair of venturesome mariners left here at 7 o'clock on the morning of May 21st, and although everybody professed admiration for their audacity, few imagined that they would reach so distant a port as Samoa. The destination as outlined in their itinerary was London, England, making the trip by circuitous route, somewhat after the style of Capt. Slocum, or the more historic navigator, Magellan.  
The first port of call they announced was Pilepila island, where Mr. Luxton hoped to collect a valuable quantity of historic relics as well as data for a book to be published upon the conclusion of their voyage. Leaving Pilepila they were headed for Cooco island, where a search would be conducted for the buried treasure, the recovery of which an expedition is now being organized in this city. As will be remembered, this expedition had had luck, and was compelled to put in at Callao. Since then McCord has been all over the world, following the sea for a while and then eventually taking a hand in the campaigning in South Africa. He will shortly leave for his old home in Australia, and it would be a remarkable coincidence if Voss and he should meet.  
Messrs. Voss and Luxton intend visiting South Africa after leaving Australia. This accomplished they would then go to St. Helena, where a newspaper man hoped to interview Cronje on the great questions of the day.  
While there he will gather together a batch of unwritten stories from the old-timers about the great Napoleon who spent six years' holidays on this same island.  
They will then sail up the Atlantic, spending a few days rolling about in the Bay of Biscay, eventually resuming their way to the Old Land. They will probably put in at the French ports en route, and may even astonish the inhabitants of gay Paris by their appearance up the Seine.  
They have still a few thousand miles to go, and if the Pelican and the grub hold out, and the mariners avoid water spots, hurricanes, whirlpools, sea serpents and nautical disturbances of similar character, they will one day be in the world's metropolis. Capt. Slocum will be out-sailed, and the circum-navigators of antiquity will turn in their dusty vaults in envy. It will be Drake, Magellan, Froberisher, Columbus, Nellie Gray, and Voss and Luxton.  
It took the Pelican several weeks to get away from the coast owing to adverse circumstances. Bad weather detained her at San Juan, while another and more serious cause for delay was the damage sustained in a gale encountered a short distance off Cape Flattery, necessitating her return to the coast for repairs.  
The Pelican was formerly a war canoe. When purchased by Messrs. Voss and Luxton she was strengthened and improved in all particulars. A keel eight inches in width was securely bolted to the bottom, to which was attached about four hundred pounds of lead. She was ribbed throughout with oak and braced thoroughly with iron. She was almost entirely holed in, and fitted with air tight compartments. Beneath the flooring was stowed about two tons of ballast. She was schooner rigged, and of four tons.

**FRUIT INSPECTOR.**  
Nanaimo, Nov. 6.—A. C. Wilson has been appointed local inspector for fruit and fruits entered at this port. He has been appointed under R. M. Palmer to succeed Mr. Pannell, who died a few months ago.

**ALIVE AND WELL.**  
Miss Stone and Her Companion Were Seen Two Days Ago.

New York, Nov. 5.—A dispatch to the World from Samakof, Bulgaria, says: "Miss Ellen M. Stone and Mrs. Tilda have been seen within the last two days by emissaries sent by American Diplomatic Agent Dickinson from Sofia to treat with the brigands who abducted the missionaries, about a ransom for the American woman. Both captives are safe and well. It is expected that their release will be arranged soon."  
No News of Negotiations.  
Washington, Nov. 5.—The state department has received telegraphic advices from its agents in Turkey and Bulgaria, in the course of which they express their conviction that both Miss Stone and Madame Tilda are alive and well, or at least were so several days ago. It requires several days for news to be transmitted through the wild country where the women are held captives.  
Nothing can be obtained for publication respecting the progress of the negotiations for the ransom of the women.

**BOERS ILL-TREATED**  
**BRITISH WOUNDED**  
Kitchener Sends Further Particulars of Recent Fight—How Burglers Carried Off Two Guns.

London, Nov. 5.—Lord Kitchener, in a report to the war office, under the date of November 4th, giving further details of the recent engagement near Brakenlaer, eastern Transvaal, between Col. Benson's column and the Boers, says: "The Boers were unable to remove the guns they captured until a British ambulance went out, under cover of the ambulance, the burglers carried them off."  
The Boer losses were undoubtedly heavy, but no correct estimate of them is obtainable. Commandant Opperman was killed and Chris Botha was wounded. The Boers are reported to have behaved badly to the British wounded."  
Lord Kitchener further reports that Cape Colony to the eastward of the western railway is cleared of Boers with the exception of the Fouches-Myburg-Wesels commando, of 400 men, with which General French is dealing.

**SHIPMENT OF HORSES.**  
St. John Council Want Them Sent From Canadian Port.

St. John, N. B., Nov. 5.—The city council last night decided to protest against the shipment of Canadian horses for South Africa via Boston, Maine, and at once wired Hon. A. G. Blair and Sir Wilfrid Laurier to request the shipment via a Canadian port.

**THE EPIDEMIC OF**  
**SUICIDES AT WINNIPEG**  
An American From South Bend, Ind., the Last to Try to End His Life.

Winnipeg, Nov. 5.—The following suicides and attempts at suicide have taken place in this city within the past three weeks: October 18th, N. F. Davin; October 19th, Robert Nichol; October 20th, Robt. Nichol (second attempt); October 28th, Mrs. Hamilton; November 3rd, Albert Miller; November 4th, John McDonald.  
The last name is that of an American who registered a week ago last Saturday at the Exchange hotel from South Bend, Ind. He was accompanied by Frank Tracy, who registered from Buffalo, N. Y. Both McDonald and Tracy appeared to have plenty of money and seemed to wish to become acquainted with the country. About half-past seven o'clock last evening the hotel porter looked into McDonald's room and found him lying on the floor in a pool of blood. Another look showed that the man's throat was cut and that the bed was also saturated with blood. Dr. Baird was called in and found the man still alive. Constable Weir took McDonald to the hospital, where he was placed in a ward adjacent to Albert Miller, who lies between life and death from an act committed under similar circumstances.  
The razor which McDonald cut his throat was found on the floor of the room. It was a new one and had apparently been procured for the purpose. No reason beyond a fit of despondency is assigned by his friends for McDonald's act. The gash in his throat was very deep, but no vital point was touched. The doctors say he has a good chance of recovery.

**CAUGHT IN SHAFTING.**  
Stratford, Ont., Nov. 5.—Michael Jants, proprietor of the planing mill at Newton, 20 miles from here, got entangled in the shafting while oiling the engine yesterday and was badly injured. Death ensued ten minutes afterwards.

**EARL LI DYING.**  
Pekin, Nov. 6.—12-40 p.m.—It is announced that Li Hung Chang is dying.

**HOW TARIFF WILL**  
**AFFECT DOMINION**  
LARKER'S COMMENTS ON COMMONWEALTH BILL

The Duty on Flour Will Be Seriously Felt By Canadian Exporters—Other Lines Affected.

Ottawa, Nov. 6.—The department of trade and commerce received to-day a report from J. S. Larker, the agent of the department in Sydney, New South Wales, along with a copy of the Commonwealth tariff which is now awaiting the sanction of the Australian parliament.  
Mr. Larker, in his comments on the tariff, says that one item, that of flour imported from Canada, would be seriously hit. The duty of £2.10 per ton, so long as Australia produces a surplus of wheat, will, in Mr. Larker's opinion, be prohibitory. Cotton goods bear a duty of 10 and 15 per cent, but these duties on importations are of small effect. Reapers and binders are for the present free, but a duty may be placed upon them when the government deems it advisable. Other implements bear a little lower average duty than the old tariff. New South Wales' course excepted.  
Boots and shoes are shortly to be affected for the worse, and in this trade Canada was doing something that promised to be better in the future. The duties being mixed, specific and ad valorem, will tell heavily against the cheaper line, and will diminish importations. Apparel being 20 to 25 per cent, will be more largely made at home. Printing paper, 20 by 25 inches, is taxed one shilling per hundred, and other kinds 15 per cent. Pulp for manufacturing paper is free. The duty of 25 per cent upon rubber boots and shoes in time will diminish importation, and Canada will suffer.  
There is a long free list. Of £34,000,000 in value, 100,000,000,000 will be free goods. Canadian trade embraces some lines in the free goods, but not many. Among these are carriages, saws, chains, typewriting machines, typewriters, discs for blow pumps, and harrows, lock traps, canvases, sewing silk, etc.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CASE.**  
Man Charged With Manslaughter at Toronto—Dominion News.

Halifax, N.S., Nov. 4.—The Rev. Monsignor Murphy, D.D., vicar general of Halifax, died at 6 o'clock this morning, aged 58 years. He had been hovering between life and death for the past week.  
Rt. Swan Dead.  
Toronto, Ont., Nov. 4.—Robert Swan, former president of the Caledonian society in this city, is dead, aged 70 years.  
The Rice Trial.  
The reserved case granted to Fred Lee Rice, convicted of murder, will come before the Court of Appeal, which begins its sittings to-morrow.  
Charge of Manslaughter.  
At the assizes to-day the Christian Science case of King v. Lewis was resumed. Accused is charged with manslaughter in not having a doctor for a sick child. The judge announced he would allow the case to proceed, and in case of conviction, the court of appeal could decide upon it. The defence outlined the principles of Christian Science and said its adherents had been persecuted by doctors and church. The accused was called and testified that his son had been cured of previous illness by Christian Science methods.  
Grand Trunk Railway.  
Montreal, Nov. 4.—Reliable authority says Frank W. Morse, third vice-president, will become second vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk railway on January 1st, 1902, that Mr. Keeve, the present occupant of that office, will go to England for three months next summer, and upon his return will prepare to lay down the reins of office and retire to his California farm for the remainder of his days.  
Returned Unopposed.  
Ridgetown, Ont., Nov. 4.—John Lee, of Highgate, a Liberal member of parliament by acclamation to succeed the late Robert Ferguson as member of the Ontario legislature for East Kent.  
Premier Ross Nominated.  
Mount West, Ont., Nov. 4.—The Liberals of West Middlesex to-day again nominated Gen. W. Ross, grandee of the province, to represent them in the legislature.  
Run Over by a Wagon.  
Thamesville, Ont., Nov. 4.—Mr. McKeegan, of Kent Bridge, was instantly killed on Saturday by falling from a load of shingles and the wagon passing over his head.  
Shot Himself.  
Moose Jaw, N.W.T., Nov. 4.—Peter Law, a man about 25 years of age, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself in the mouth. He worked in a livery stable in town, and up to the time of his death was apparently in good health and spirits. His relatives are in Edinburgh, Scotland. No reason can be given for the man's rash act.

**TURKEY AND FRANCE.**  
The Porte Has Forwarded Monthly Drafts on Customs in Payment of Claims.

Constantinople, Nov. 6.—The Porte has sent a note to M. Bapst, councillor of the French legation, enclosing monthly drafts on the customs in payment of the Lorando and Tubini claims and embodying certain decisions of the Turkish government regarding the difficulties. M. Bapst has forwarded the communication to Paris.

**BANK MANAGER ARRESTED.**  
Consul-General at Barcelona Says He is Wanted for Crimes in Germany.

Barcelona, Nov. 6.—At the request of the German consul-general here the police have taken into custody a man named Esstermeyer, who, the consul-general says, is a notorious swindler and has long been wanted for numerous crimes in Germany. The prisoner is known here by the name of Billerbeck. He claims to be a citizen of the United States. He was manager of the securities guarantee bank.

**GEN. BULLER MAY**  
**MAKE EXPOSURES**  
THINKS THAT HE IS  
**VICTIM OF CONSPIRACY**  
Friends Say He Will Tell Secret History of Jameson Raid and Other Operations.

New York, Nov. 6.—General Buller, says the London correspondent of the Tribune, considers himself the victim of a South African conspiracy, and threatens to unmask his assailants. Unlike General Roberts, who rallied the political as well as the military forces in South Africa, and did not make an enemy except when compelled to criticize subordinate generals and officers, General Buller lacked flexibility in dealing with men and excited much opposition. At Westminster Buller's friends now assert that he will vindicate his reputation by exposing the machinations of the conspirators who have been tracing him and by telling the secret history of the Jameson raid and other operations.

**FAILED.**  
Toronto, Nov. 6.—M. J. Crotter, large retail drygoods merchant, has suspended. The liabilities are about \$20,000.

**ARBITRATION TREATY**  
**PROPOSED BY MEXICO**  
How Mexicans Would Deal With Nations Which Did Not Live Up to Agreement.

Mexico City, Nov. 6.—The prospectus for a treaty of arbitration and court of arbitration, which will be submitted to-day by the Mexican delegation, is largely framed on lines raised by The Hague peace conference. However, it proposes an increased number of obligatory subjects for arbitration and has in view coercion or punishment of nations which, after signing a treaty, fail to live up to it.  
The aggrieved nation and any other nation sympathizing with it may terminate their treaties with the offending power before the proper date for their expiration. Members of the offending power on the court of arbitration may be expelled therefrom, and if the majority of the nations signing the treaty approve, a note of censure may be addressed to the said power. In extreme cases the disaffected powers may suspend diplomatic relations with the recalcitrant government.  
The reception by Madame Diaz to the delegates and their families at Chapultepec castle last night was the most brilliant yet of the social functions in honor of the visitors.  
A. MCGREGOR RESIGNS.  
George Thompson is Now Government Agent at Ladysmith.

Nanaimo, Nov. 5.—Arch. McGregor, government agent at Ladysmith, has resigned. George Thompson, assistant in the Nanaimo office, succeeds him. Mr. Thompson has been ten years in the service, and is regarded as a very able officer. He entered upon his duties this morning.

**EIGHT HOUSES BURNED.**  
Destructive Fire at Dorionville—Fortunately No Lives Were Lost.

Montreal, Nov. 5.—A telephone message from Dorionville, about 30 miles west of this city, says eight houses were burned there this morning. No lives were lost. The houses were principally frame. A portion of the Montreal fire brigade was sent and subdued the flames.

**EASY FOR SULTAN**  
**TO MAKE PROMISES**  
ABDUL HAMID ACCEPTS THE LORANDO CLAIM

Turkish Territory to Be Occupied in Order to Enforce Respect for the French Treaties.

Paris, Nov. 5.—Admiral Caillaud's squadron arrived off the island of Syra (Grecian Archipelago) yesterday. A dispatch boat entered the port of Syra and took from the telegraph station a batch of dispatches containing definite instructions from the French government directing Admiral Caillaud to proceed to the island of Mitylene (a Turkish island of the Aegean sea), where he will seize the customs at Mithylli (a port on that island) and at another port.  
The squadron is now on its way to Mitylene, and will probably arrive at its destination to-morrow.  
The foreign office here has not yet received the Sultan's reply to the note which M. Bapst, councillor of the French legation at Constantinople, presented to the Turkish government, asking how Turkey proposed to pay the Lorando claim and requesting satisfaction regarding France's rights.  
The correspondent here of the Associated Press is enabled to make the following statement: When the French government decided to send a squadron to Turkish waters, it debated whether to seize the customs at Salonica, Beyrut or Smyrna, as it was realized that only the receipts of one of these three big ports could produce a sufficient sum to pay off the French claims without a heavy occupation, which was considered inadvisable. The choice of M. Delcasse fell on Smyrna, which offers advantages equal to the other ports without having their political drawbacks. On Saturday, M. Bapst, announcing the dispatch from the Sultan's trade, accepting the Lorando claim in its entirety as France had demanded. The necessity for seizing big customs therefore became less pressing. But the necessity for occupying Turkish territory in order to exercise pressure, and in order to compel Turkey to concede to the demands respecting Turkey's regard of French treaty rights still remained urgent. The government therefore decided that Admiral Caillaud should occupy a couple of ports on the island of Mitylene, which is conveniently close to Smyrna. The French government, however, trusts that the whole difficulty will very shortly be arranged to its satisfaction.  
Squadron at Mitylene.  
Paris, Nov. 5.—An official dispatch announces the arrival of Admiral Caillaud's squadron this morning at the island of Mitylene.  
Admiral Caillaud has occupied the three principal ports of the island of Mitylene.  
Unfounded Report.  
London, Nov. 5.—According to a dispatch to a news agency from Paris the French squadron has arrived at Smyrna and has seized three ports on the island of Mitylene.  
The British foreign office has had no request from Turkey, which announced by the Constantinople correspondent of the Echo de Paris, to fulfill the terms of the constitution of 1878, by which, in exchange for the island of Cyprus, Great Britain guarantees the integrity of the Sultan's Asiatic domains.

**SAN JOSE SCALE.**  
It Is Reported to Be Working Haven in Ontario.

Toronto, Nov. 5.—Fruit men from various parts of the province, who are in the city preparing for the annual meeting of their association at Cobourg from December 1st to 6th, declare that the San Jose scale is making much greater ravages in Ontario than was at first thought. Many trees were dead before the ravages of the insect were detected.

**MANUFACTURERS'**  
Annual Meeting Is Being Held at Montreal—Welcomed by the Mayor.

Montreal, Nov. 5.—The annual meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association met here at ten this morning, when the delegates were received and welcomed by Mayor Prefontaine, and afterwards entertained to a drive around the city and luncheon by the city council. The weather was chilly, but the drive was enjoyed.

**IMPERIAL CABINET.**  
Prolonged Sessions Yesterday and To-day—Turkish Question Discussed.

London, March 6.—The prolonged sittings of the British cabinet yesterday and to-day caused much conjecture. Mr. Chamberlain's organ, the Birmingham Post, states that one of the principal subjects discussed was the threatening relations between France and Turkey, which might be a prelude to grave international complications.

**DECLINED HONOR.**  
London, Nov. 6.—The Exchange Telegraph Company to-day says that Andrew Carnegie, prior to leaving Scotland for the United States, was offered a baronetcy which he declined.

**Twice-a-Week.**

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