

## RUSSIA PLANS A BIG COUP

Something Substantial Behind the Dardanelles Question.

The Sultan of Turkey Also has a Bombshell—Deceptions of Statesmen.

Vienna, Oct. 12.—The report that Turkey is willing to declare the Dardanelles open for Russia and closed for all other powers has excited attention here. It is possible for Turkey to take action in accordance with that policy without making a declaration. The whole situation in Eastern Europe supports the view that Russia is preparing some great coup for the present or near future. But Austria and Germany expect the raising of the Dardanelles question will be part of the scheme. In fact, Austria and Germany with their ally Rumania, are desirous of raising the question themselves in order that Russia will not have an opportunity for springing an arrangement, upon the powers at a time convenient to herself and inconvenient to the others. After Russia had obtained the passage of the Dardanelles for several of her torpedo boats, Rumania acting on the advice of her allies, applied for permission for the passage of the straits on behalf of warships she desired to have permission in foreign dockyards. The assurance has not been granted and is unlikely to be given, as it would clash with Russia's contention. Russia thought possibly to obtain from the form of a secret convention or pledge from the Sultan, that her other so-called unarmed warships should receive permits for the passage of the Dardanelles automatically.

It is certain that Russia has something beyond this in mind, because the result would be out of proportion to her elaborate efforts to bring pressure to bear on Turkey with the assurance of Bulgaria, and the recent autumn rehearsal for a Macedonian rising was the right season to spring her plan.

**TURKEY DENIES DEAL.**  
London, Oct. 12.—The Turkish and Balkan situation continues to develop in a manner calculated to increase European apprehension. It was reported yesterday that Turkey had consented to the free passage of Russian warships through the Dardanelles, while maintaining a prohibition against other powers. This, if true, would be the greatest concession of the expected denial was promptly forthcoming from Turkish sources. The denial, however, finds less credence than the original report.

The larger was probably wrong in going so far as to say that the Turkish concession in Russia would be announced in a circular to the powers. Such an announcement would be tantamount to the abrogation of the Treaty of Berlin, and would create a serious crisis, which Great Britain especially, would regard as of the gravest concern. The whole naval situation in the Mediterranean, aside from the diplomatic consequences, would be altered by such a concession of the Porte. It is known, moreover, that Turkey has permitted two Russian warships to pass the Dardanelles within a few days.

**RIVAL FACTIONS IN MACEDONIA.**  
It is still impossible to obtain trustworthy information as to what is really happening in the Balkans. There are two rival revolutionary factions at work in Macedonia, and they findly contradict each other's statements. The news of the uprising is certainly serious, and the action of Turkey after a council of war at the Yildiz Palace on Thursday was on such a scale that it was evident that a big campaign was under way.

**MUST RAISE CONVENTION.**  
A despatch from Constantinople to the Exchange Telegraph Company says a majority of the foreign ambassadors held an unofficial meeting yesterday, at which they expressed it as their personal opinion that in consequence of recent events the powers must seriously consider the question of the revision of the convention in regard to the passage of the Dardanelles by foreign warships. This probably refers to Russia's request that four unarmed torpedo boats should be allowed to pass up the Dardanelles. It has been declared in several quarters that this was simply a mask for the establishment of a precedent which would constitute an enormous danger to Turkey's inviolability.

### "WHAT WE WANT IS WAR."

Manila, Oct. 12.—The Sultan of Bacolod, Mindanao, has rejected the friendly overtures of Gen. Sumner, commander of the American forces at Mindanao, in a defiant letter. The letter says: "The Sultan of Bacolod desires war forthwith. He wishes to maintain the religion of Mohammed. Cease sending letters. What we want is war; we do not desire your friendship." Friendly Mores report that the Sultan of Bacolod is fortifying his strongholds. He is in possession of many rifles. It is expected that an American column will be sent from Camp Venzar to capture and reduce the Bacolod strongholds. It has not



## "BOBS" PORTRAIT

An Oil Painting by Canadian Artist for the Queen's Own.

Toronto, Oct. 13.—While in London, during the coronation season, Mr. J. L. Forster, A. R. C. A., executed a commission previously received from the officers of the Queen's Own Rifles, to paint a portrait of Field Marshal Lord Roberts, which is to be the officers' mess room at the Armeries. The picture was finished only the day before the artist left England in August, and was not then fit to be shipped to Canada. It was received a few days ago at his studio in the Manning Building, in King street, where it has been greatly admired both as a work of art, and, by those who have seen the famous general himself, as a life likeness of the distinguished subject. Anyone who has had a good look at the keen and yet kindly eyes and the bronzed features of the British commander-in-chief, dressed in his smart, serviceable khaki uniform, with its cross belt and sword, and the flat German style of cap which is now occasionally worn by the British field officer, will at once recognize the excellence in every detail of the artist's work.

The sketch of the general's head, the left breast, where the ribbons of numerous decorations are shown, and also on the cap, which the general is holding on his knee as he sits on a camp chair facing the spectator, give additional evidence to the artist's work. The sketch of the general's head, the left breast, where the ribbons of numerous decorations are shown, and also on the cap, which the general is holding on his knee as he sits on a camp chair facing the spectator, give additional evidence to the artist's work.

One of the chief merits of the picture is that it is painted from a number of sittings at his private residence in London, in its attitude, dress, etc., exactly as he wished it, and was warmly praised by himself and his family upon its completion. The artist does infinite credit to Mr. Forster, and to the Royal Academy of Canada, of which he is a member.

Lord Roberts is said to have told a friend who was inspecting the portrait at his residence in Paris yesterday, that he hoped before long to see the picture in its proper place in Toronto. It would be a great reception in Canada.

## A MINER SHOT

Glash With the Police in Which Blood is Shed Freely—Assailed Depot.

Paris, Oct. 12.—The situation in the districts where the miners are on strike remains unchanged. Troops are being moved toward the effected sections.

It is reported that the idea of an immense march of the strikers toward Paris is being mooted. The price of coal is advancing.

There was fighting between the striking miners and the gendarmes on Friday night. The strikers, near St. Etienne, Jean Colombet, a miner, was killed.

Crowds of strikers gathered outside the barracks and the gendarmes came out to disperse them. A stone hit a gendarme in the face and he fell. Another gendarme drew his revolver and fired at the man who threw the stone. The bullet missed him, but killed Colombet.

The strikers then assailed the gendarmery depot and smashed the windows. Four other gendarmes were wounded before the strikers were repulsed. The strikers from various coal fields show that the strike is extending.

At a meeting of the non-union committee of the coal fields, held in Paris yesterday, it was decided to offer vigorous resistance to attempts at intimidation by the strikers. The committee gave orders for the purchase of 600 revolvers and 45,000 cartridges.

## WELL, THANK YOU.

A Granton Man is Now able to Make this Answer.

Inquiring Friends Did Not Always Get Such a Cheery Reply Because For Many Years Mr. Fletcher Suffered With Lumbago.

Granton, Ont., Oct. 12.—(Special).—Mr. John Fletcher, a well-known farmer of this place, who suffered for a long time with Lumbago and Kidney Trouble, has at last found a cure.

Now, when his friends inquire as to his health, he cheerfully tells them what he is well, something which he has not been able to do for a long time, till quite recently.

Mr. Fletcher tells the story of his illness and how he was cured, as follows: "I was troubled for a long time with Lumbago and Kidney Trouble. My urine was of a very red color. I tried many medicines but could get nothing to help me. I consulted the best medical doctors in Granton and St. Mary's, but they could do nothing for me. At last one day a druggist in Granton suggested Dodd's Kidney Pills as a cure for my Lumbago. I purchased a box and began to take them right away. The first box helped me and I kept on till at last I was completely cured. I am now as well as ever I was and have not any trace of Lumbago about me. I am perfectly sound and I thank Dodd's Kidney Pills for it. I recommend them to all my friends, and as for myself I never intend that my house shall be without them, for I believe them to be the greatest medicine in the world."

Mr. Fletcher is a man who means every word he says and is prepared to substantiate the truth of every statement above made.

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