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BALKAN VICTORIES MAY LEAD TO SCRAMBLE FOR PARTITION OF TURKEY

Death Knell of Status Quo in Near East—Universal Training in England Urged
Indignation Keen at Ministerial Rebuke of Lord Roberts' Speech—Feverish Activity Manifested at Government Dock Yards—Contract with Marconi Company Severely Condemned—Suspicious Circumstances Connected with Indian Finance.

A SPECIAL CABLE SERVICE.

The Standard publishes today a special cable letter from London, giving the latest news of current events from the Old Country. The service, which has been continued weekly, is designed to supply accurate information on happenings of general interest, and it is hoped will go far to meet the growing demand in Canada for reliable British news.

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Special Cable to the Standard. London, Nov. 1.—The Balkan status quo is dead, killed by the victories of the allies. The hope of the great powers to avoid allocation of the boundaries of southeastern Europe, with resulting complications, was based on the expectation of a Turkish triumph, but this hope is dissipated by the astounding success of the allies. If the allies ultimately prevail, life and treasure already expended for Macedonia reform, will demand a tangible reward for their sacrifices of life and treasure. Already schemes for partitioning Turkey are propounded, and the idea of maintaining the existing order of things is being abandoned.

The prospect of a general scramble for spoils greatly fetters the diplomatic doves. Austria makes little secret of her intention to participate in the division, and to arouse a corresponding resolve on the part of Russia, still smarting under her Bosnian disappointment. Italy has long viewed Austrian ambitions with suspicion, while Germany would disapprove of any arrangements calculated to embarrass her designs for expansion in Asia Minor, which neither France nor England would support unreservedly. The future is therefore dark and pregnant with possibilities. There is a European conflagration. Who will strike the match, and when?

Turks Steadily Losing Vigor.

Political students draw attention to the apparent diminution of the fighting value of the Turks under constitutional government. They declare that Oriental nations are dependent for patriotic inspiration upon their possession of an all-powerful monarch. This line of thought is interesting and important in view of the establishment of the republic in China. If the theory is true that the eastern peoples gain by such changes in domestic prosperity they will lose in warlike efficiency, the thought is comforting for those fearing aggression from the East.

Dockyards Scene of Great Activity.

Another accompaniment of the war, although not wholly due to it, is the feverish activity in the government dockyards. A very significant incident occurred last week. When the Iron Duke was launched the building slip was immediately prepared for the commencement of another vessel. Thus barely a week elapses between the launch and the start of a new construction, instead of months, as was formerly usual. Such facts will enable Canadians to judge of the eagerness with which Britain awaits Mr. Borden's declaration of his naval policy.

Another Important by-election in Tanton Division, Somerset, is caused by the death of Lord Peel, formerly Speaker of the House of Commons, whose son vacates the seat on his accession to the peerage. The Unionist majority at the last election was under 200, so that the contest will be extremely close. The whole country is interested, because a Liberal will be put at his back and

victory would to some extent discount recent defeats, while an increased Unionist majority would prove the spread of anti-war feeling, which would greatly weaken the authority and position of the government. Persons professing to be well-informed, circulate a curious story respecting the genesis of the home rule bill. The story is that it is the outcome of negotiations with the United States government. Obviously such negotiations, if any occurred, were highly confidential, and therefore incapable of proof, but the authors of the rumour adduce plausible arguments for its acceptance. The British government is said to have proposed home rule in order to create closer relations with the United States generally, and particularly in view of the possible trouble with Germany. The United States government on the other hand, desired to win the Irish vote in the presidential election by obtaining the support of the Irish vote. It is pointed out that Ambassador Bryce went straight to the Irish office to Washington, while the Irish-American papers reiterated: "No home rule, no arbitration." However, the British Liberalism toward home rule in the Parliament of 1906 is contrasted with the haste they now show in pressing it by the ruthless use of the clause.

The turning down of Washington of the Panama agreement seems to give the lie to this story, but it authors explain that when Taft's government found their expedition unavailing to gain the Irish vote, they tried the old plan of twisting the lion's tail. The rumour is given for what it is worth.

Condemnation of Marconi Contract.

A select committee of the House of Commons has been holding a public inquiry into the circumstances attending the contract between the government and the Marconi Company. For several months the government were bombarded with questions on the subject by members of both parties, but without all information. Meanwhile Marconi shares rose enormously from \$4 to \$45, showing that the terms of the bargain were considered advantageous to the company, and that heavy inside buying was going on as a result. Rumours were circulated among the three ministers immediately concerned in the contract—Lloyd George, Foster and Samuel, and Sir George Grey, whose brother is managing director of the Marconi Company. The ministers were indignant at least employing a leading firm of solicitors to watch the papers for anything libellous. When the contract was published, it was strongly condemned by all parties, except the Irish.

Sir Henry Norman and Sir Crodon Marks, Liberals, and Lansbury, Socialists, were especially prominent in denouncing the contract. Ministers to pay a ten per cent. royalty for 20 years, although one patent expires in 1914, and not less than over 14 years left to run. The ministers above named strongly deny any irregularity on their part.

WELLAND CANAL TIED UP.

St. Catharines, Ont., Nov. 1.—The St. Catharines Marshall carried away four gates and a bridge at lock 13 of the Welland Canal this afternoon, which will stop navigation for a day or two. A large fleet of vessels is detained at both ends of the canal.

Means by Which Ships May Be Warned of the Proximity of Icebergs at Sea.

PROFESSOR BARNES MAKES HIS REPORT. Urges Plotting of Isothermal Lines Around Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Nov. 1.—Prof. Howard Barnes, of McGill University, Montreal, has submitted to Hon. J. D. Hazen, minister of marine and fisheries, an interim report on his investigation of means whereby ships may be warned of the nearness of ice or land. The professor regards the results of the last season's work as highly satisfactory and the work will be continued in the coming winter.

The concluding portion of Prof. Barnes' report is as follows: "In conclusion I must report as a result of my study of icebergs and land that very important results have been obtained, indicative of methods which should be developed for equipping ships for avoiding ice and land. The experiments have been so decisive and reliable that I must strongly recommend that attention be devoted by the government and by steamship companies towards adopting accurate temperature recorders on board ship. The fact that ice sends the temperature up and land sends it down is a very important fact. Again I must emphasize that it is a study of the variations of temperature in the sea, and not the temperature itself, which will enable navigators to safely avoid ice and land at night or in time of fog."

"I strongly recommend the government to equip at once a ship to map out the isothermal lines around the coast of Newfoundland, Labrador and the shores of the Gulf of St. Lawrence and Straits of Belle Isle, for in so doing a chart could be prepared which would be of great assistance to navigators. Similar charts should be made all over the world, but this is a matter for international action and not for one government alone. By acting at once our government will be serving a most useful purpose and staving a work of the greatest importance to humanity."

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Need of Span Across Petitcodiac Urged Upon Minister of Railways by Delegation Last Evening—Other Requests.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Nov. 1.—Hon. Frank Cochrane and party reached Moncton by special train from Truro shortly after noon today. After luncheon the ladies of the party were taken for an auto drive about the city while the minister received a delegation from the local board of trade consisting of F. W. Sumner, W. F. Humphrey, R. W. Hewson, Thomas Williams and Capt. Masters. The delegation impressed upon the minister the importance of building a new bridge across the Petitcodiac river.

The minister in his reply stated that he was awaiting Prof. Kirkpatrick's report on branch railways, pending which he could say nothing very definite. He said, however, that a combined railway and highway bridge was required the local government or municipality would in any case be required to bear a part of the cost. Mayor Robinson and Ald. Price repeated upon the minister in regard to local works. Among the matters discussed were the cut-off to the new railway and the proposed subway to obviate shuttling nuisance on Main street. The minister expressed a doubt as to the advisability of building the cut-off as the city was building in that direction and a few years hence the situation at Moncton generally would be completed. He stated that the subway would be erected but thought when they were erected both would be generally satisfactory to their interview.

The minister in conversation with the delegation before his departure for Montreal this evening said traffic conditions all over the province were being abandoned. He stated that these troops were being hurried to the front. He stated that the effect of the judgment in the case of the Toronto and Niagara Power Company, in its suit with North Toronto, would be to proceed with just as soon as traffic would be handled. It was, however, possible to have a strike track except possibly at a few points.

Mr. Cochrane had intended meeting delegations at Petitcodiac and Sussex in regard to local matters but was unable to do so on account of illness. Mr. Andrew Dunn, train despatcher at Moncton, has been despatching staff at Sydney and leaving for that city next week.

The run-off of an engine and cars of a special near Dorchester delayed four hours this morning. The train was held up at the station. Frank J. Clark, aged 19, giving his home as Newburyport, Mass., was arrested at Calhoun's Mills this afternoon charged with setting fire to Jacob Trites' barn at Palmec. Clark threatened Trites and was seen about the place shortly before the fire. He was brought to Moncton and locked up.

OFFERING OF NEW ISSUE

Preferred Stock of Humphrey's Unshrinkable Underwear Limited Will Likely be Rapidly Absorbed.

BEATRICE RYAL CONWAY TELLS REVOLTING STORY OF CONDITIONS LEADING TO KILLING OF SOPHIA SINGER IN CHICAGO—CONFESSION WRUNG FROM MURDERER'S WIFE AFTER LENGTHY ORDEAL—NERVE BROKE UNDER AWFUL STRAIN.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 1.—An ordeal of more than 24 hours of questioning broke down the self-possession of Beatrice Ryal Conway and hysterical admissions made by the woman here today are said by the police to clear up the mystery of the bedroom death of Sophia Singer and her husband. Since Mrs. Conway and her husband were turned over to the Chicago police yesterday, in Lima, Ohio, the detectives connected their efforts on the woman, putting Conway through an ordeal of isolation, silence and uncertainty. This afternoon, after a number of outbreaks of weeping and hysteria, Mrs. Conway begged for something to eat and a few hours rest, consenting to make a statement to the police. It was taken down by a stenographer in the presence of Capt. Easton and Lieut. Crofty, of the

WANT CITIES TO CONTROL OWN STREETS. Deputation Asks Government for Legislation to Counteract Powers Granted Some Corporations.

DECISION OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL. Present Question Arises from Finding in North Toronto Case.

Ottawa, Nov. 1.—Alteration of the clause of the Railway Act referring to the rights of telephone, telegraph and power companies, to erect poles on streets of municipalities so that the rights of municipalities to control their own streets is being brought before the Privy Council. The present question arises from the recent decision of the Privy Council which practically gives consent to public utility companies to erect poles and do other work on the streets of municipalities without the consent of the municipal authorities. This was the effect of the judgment in the case of the Toronto and Niagara Power Company, in its suit with North Toronto. The following resolution was submitted to the government: "That the government would see what could be done to protect the power of the municipalities."

Another Judgment. Toronto, Nov. 1.—By a judgment given by Justice Latchford at 10 o'clock this morning, the Toronto and Niagara Power Company are allowed to erect poles for the municipal street, squares or other public place of any municipality without the consent of the municipal council, and that such legislation be made to cover any and every company including those already incorporated.

GRUESOME DETAILS OF WOMAN'S MURDER

Beatrice Ryal Conway Tells Revolting Story of Conditions Leading to Killing of Sophia Singer in Chicago—Confession Wrung from Murderer's Wife After Lengthy Ordeal—Nerve Broke Under Awful Strain.

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MEASURES TO PRESERVE ORDER.

Among the measures the government already has in mind to insure order in the capital in the event of further Turkish reverses is the despatch of an army division to stop all

OPPOSING ARMIES NOW LOCKED IN THROES OF THE FINAL STRUGGLE. Constantinople Reports Indicate Some Measure of Success has Attended Ottoman Arms—Enemy's Troops Practically Cut Off, According to Latest Despatches—Powers of Triple Alliance Balk at Proposed Agreement on Turkey's Future.

Constantinople, Nov. 1 (Midnight). Whatever the issue of the terrible battle now raging on the western front in Thrace, it undoubtedly will be reckoned among the world's great struggles. Almost uninterruptedly for four days and three nights the battle has proceeded, the warring moon having afforded sufficient light for a grapple which will be broken only by the decisive defeat of one or the other.

The complete death of news from the front Wednesday and Thursday had given rise to a feeling of despondency and sensational rumors. Turkish reverses, however, were reported today official reports proved these rumors to be unfounded. Telegrams from various sources gave favorable accounts of the military situation, and the troops commanded by Mahmud Mukhtar in the vicinity of Vias were especially commended. The Turkish forces were reported not merely to have been holding their own, but to have effected an important advance, which was threatening the Bulgarian army. If this Turkish column joins hands with the garrison of Saloniki, the Bulgarian army at Adrianople the Bulgarians will be practically surrounded and its position very desperate.

It is alleged that realizing the gravity of the situation, the Bulgarian commanders have withdrawn the army from the front, and their forces before Adrianople and their forces before Saloniki. The Bulgarian army is reported to have been ordered to support the main Bulgarian army's centre. Some idea of the desperate nature of the fighting is gathered from the fact that over 5,000 wounded soldiers arrived in Constantinople tonight from the front, fortunate to escape the bullets drilling clean holes in their victims and their heads. A batch of deserters arrived with the wounded.

Much indignation and surprise was expressed here today over the fact that a Greek torpedo boat had succeeded in entering the Gulf of Saloniki last night, despite the mine and heavily armed forts and blown up the Turkish battleship Fethi-Buled. The commandant of the forts will be called to account for permitting this Greek incursion.

The movement of troops to the front continues. A battalion of Kurdish and Albanian volunteers marched through the streets of Pera this evening on the way to the railway station. They were frequently cheered and appeared to be in the best of spirits.

As a result of a meeting Thursday of the heads of the diplomatic missions to consider the situation in Constantinople, the Marquis de Pallavicini, the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador and dean of the diplomatic corps, today visited Noradunghia Effendi, the foreign minister, and called his attention to the necessity that adequate measures be taken to maintain order in the city.

NEW NICKLE INDUSTRY.

Toronto, Nov. 1.—Another big nickle smelting industry is to be established near Sudbury. A new company has secured from the Ontario government lands, forests and mines, a tract of lands in Spiller township as a site for its mills. An order to make the lands public has been passed, and the company is withdrawing the bid from mining or prospecting.

BOURASSA MAY GET LIBERAL SUPPORT

Nationalist Leader May Oppose Hon. Louis Coderre in Hochelaga with Sanction of the Opposition—Clandestine Alliance Indicated—Grits Still Hope to Find Candidate of Their Own—Ministers to Take Part in Campaign.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Nov. 1.—The Hon. Louis Coderre, minister of the interior, is expected to be a candidate in the Hochelaga constituency at the next election. It is taken to mean as predicted by your correspondent, that a clandestine alliance has been arranged between the Liberals and the Nationalists in Quebec to fight the Conservatives on the navy emergency contribution.

If the Liberals put a man in the field, Bourassa will not run, and will throw his support to the Laurier candidate. If the Liberals cannot find a straight candidate willing to be a Nationalist, Bourassa will support the Nationalist candidate of his own.

The Liberals will not open the door to Bourassa, but all the strength, nerve and strenuousness, because a Liberal will be put at his back and