

BULGARIANS RETREATING TO THE NORTH MAY BE TRAPPED BY THE TROOPS OF KING CONSTANTINE.

The Balkan war having now been regularized by formal declarations, it is understood the Powers will make no attempt to mediate. The agreed neutral zone between the Greeks and Bulgarians was—beginning from the harbor of Eleftheria, extending thence northwest to Pangelin Mountain, thence through Achionis Lake, then following the Strimena River to the village of Meast, thence north to Nigritas, to Nicolian, to the Agona River, following that stream to Geygela, and then to Iskip. The Axios River was to separate the Servians and Bulgarians. Bulgaria should keep faith with the Servians and the Greeks and not order her troops to cross the lines, as it is reported.



THE WAR FIELD IN MACEDONIA

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DRAGGED TO A WATER GRAVE

Ernest Ross Drowned from Dredging Scow Shortly after Noon Yesterday—Dragged off Scow by Hawser.

Ernest Ross, aged 23 years, employed on a dredging scow, was drowned at the mouth of Courtenay Bay about noon yesterday. Ross was alone on the scow and returning from the dump grounds, when the dredge, McMartin, between the island and the red can buoy, at the mouth of Courtenay Bay, he was letting go a hawser to help himself, and although he came to the surface three times, he was not near enough to any person to help him, and sank to his death. There were life belts on the scow from which he fell, but there was no person there to throw him one. It is customary for two men to be on the scow, but for that one trip yesterday Ross was working the scow alone.

BISLEY MEETING OPENED

Bisley Camp, July 14.—The famous Bisley rifle meeting opened this morning. There is a gratifying increase in the entries in a majority of competitions as compared with the starting day last year. This year's entry for the King's prize totals 1,028, which is a drop of five as against last year at this time, but nine days still remain to account for the fifty-five entries necessary to bring the figure to equal the final entry for 1912.

"ST. JOHN CAN NOT DEVELOP ITS HARBOR FACILITIES TOO FAST"

C. C. Ballantyne, formerly of Montreal Harbor Commission, Says Business Will Vastly Increase Here if Facilities can Handle it—Favors Placing Harbor in Commission.

"St. John cannot develop its harbor facilities too fast," said C. C. Ballantyne, formerly of the Montreal Harbor Commission, after making a trip about the harbor yesterday afternoon in company with Senator Dantel, Col. Baxter, F. C. MacNeil and others. "Important works have been started since I last saw the harbor here, but an even greater programme will have to be inaugurated if St. John expects to handle all the traffic that ought to come here, and would come here if the facilities were available. In Montreal harbor development has gone along at a rapid rate, but we have not yet caught up with the requirements of traffic. Mr. Ballantyne takes me through the west about twice a year, and every time I go west it is borne upon me more forcibly that the greatest problem we have to face in Canada is the transportation problem.

"St. John ought to handle a large part of the Canadian grain trade in winter, and the more facilities provided here the better it will be for Montreal and Canada generally.

The Government Alleviate. "The present government is alive to the need of better harbor equipment and so was the old government. While on the Montreal commission we never had any difficulty getting money from either the old or the present government. Of course, we had to pay the interest. The interest charges on the Montreal port are now about half a million a year, but the revenues are about one million.

"When the commission took charge of the port of Montreal we called in an expert harbor engineer from the old country to consult with our own engineer, and told them to draw up a plan of development that would look twenty-five years ahead. Every step we have made since has fitted into that plan. The commission has built two large grain elevators, and with the Grand Trunk elevator the port now has an elevator capacity of 6,500,000 bushels. And another elevator is to be built by the commission as soon as possible. An up-to-date system of grain conveyors has been constructed, and grain is now loaded at 15 berths. There are about ten miles of conveyor belts. Immediately following the construction of the second grain elevator the export of grain from Montreal increased over 5,000,000 bushels. That shows you can get the grain to ship if you have the facilities.

Grain Facilities Not Good. "Here in St. John you are not very well equipped for handling grain. The I. C. R. elevator and the old C. P. R. elevator are small and somewhat out of date. The new C. P. R. elevator will be modern in structure and equipment, but it only has a capacity of 1,000,000 bushels. The next elevator to be built here should have a capacity of at least 2,000,000 bushels, and it should be possible to build an addition on it, as is now being done with one of the elevators in Montreal. Of course with two harbors you won't be able to have such a system of grain conveyors as we have in Montreal. An elevator will be needed at Courtenay Bay.

Urges Harbor Commission. Mr. Ballantyne, who is vice-president and managing director of the Shawin Williams Co., and identified with several other important enterprises, is making a business trip to the Maritime Provinces. "I had a look around the harbor here because the last time I saw Mr. Hazen he asked me to look over the situation the first time I came to St. John, and let him know what I thought of the requirements. Mr. Hazen has been much interested in the work of the commission of Montreal, and I think he will do all he can for the port of St. John. But your business men can afford to be interested in the work of the commission of Montreal, and I think they should be interested in the work of the commission of the country that the harbor development cannot be proceeded with too rapidly.

NEW MEMBERS ELECTED BY SCHOOL BOARD

Dr. Manning Attends His First Meeting—Geo. E. Day also Commences New Term of Service.

Dr. Manning, who was recently appointed to the Board of School Trustees in place of J. V. Russell, who resigned, was tendered a warm welcome by the board at the regular monthly meeting held last evening. Dr. Manning, the chairman, presided and in opening the meeting congratulated the board on the appointment of Dr. Manning and said he was sure the new member would prove his worth. Dr. Manning thanked the board for their kind reception in a few well-chosen words.

The re-appointment of George E. Day, whose term had expired, was also warmly commented upon, Mr. Emerson stating that he was pleased with the action of the city council in the matter. In reply Mr. Day assured the board he was always glad to do anything in his power to forward the work.

Besides Mr. Emerson, Mr. Day and Dr. Manning there were present Secretary A. Gordon Leavitt, C. B. Lockhart, Commissioner A. E. Azar, Dr. Bridges, Mrs. Dever, Mrs. Skinner, Michael Coll and T. H. Bullock.

The first business to come before the meeting was the applications for positions on the teaching staff. Applications were received from H. Babbitt, Miss Beatrice S. Carleton, Miss Rita M. Allingham, of Campbell, Miss Emma M. Fairweather, Hampton, and Miss Jessie B. Kelly.

A communication was received from Miss Elsie Murdoch asking for six months' leave of absence on the ground of ill health. The resignations of Miss Ethel Brown and Miss Ida Whipple were received. Miss Julia Machum applied for a six months' leave of absence on the ground of ill health.

Letters acknowledging their appointment to the reserve staff were received from Miss Helen L. Bailey, Miss Isabelle E. Foster, Miss Grace Young and Miss Gladys W. Smith acknowledged her appointment to the regular teaching staff.

"THE LITTLE SHAVER" VERITABLE RIOT OF FUN

Opera House Reopened Last Night—Tabloid Performance Draws Big Audiences and Proves Hit.

After being closed for a couple of weeks, during which considerable renovating and decorating has been done, the Opera House reopened last night for a midsummer season. The attraction which the management provided for the reopening was another tabloid production, "The Little Shaver" being the title of the piece, with a cast of sixteen players, of which twelve are girls. The reception of the company was given at the first performance sets at rest any doubt as to the success which the piece is bound to meet with, during the remainder of the engagement. A good sized audience, remarkably good considering the season, was on hand for the first performance, and the piece which is of something over an hour's duration. Not more than an hour and a quarter it lasts, but every minute is replete with fun and enjoyment. A pretty and musical chorus, good work by the principals, meteoric flashes of fun, good singing and excellent dancing by the leading and acting lady of the group, Miss Minerva Courtney, such in brief describes the production. For the blues, or any sort of mental depression, the piece will be found a panacea. A stampedie of laughs it undoubtedly is, and an instantaneous hit with the audiences last night.

The fun riot centers around the antics of lady barbers to do with town, and the coming of the lady tonorial artist sets things moving. The Bulgarian further retreated to Dkumbala, close to the famous pass. The Greek commanders anticipate that the next big fight will take place on Bulgarian territory.

Ivanoff's Movement Successful. Sofia, July 14.—It is confirmed that General Ivanoff has effected a splendid retreat. Semi-official statements have been issued, accusing the Greeks of setting fire to the town of Seres and declaring that the Bulgarians attempted vainly to get the fire under control. Other statements charge the Greeks with wholesale massacres and atrocities at Seres and elsewhere.

Little Fighting Yesterday. Belgrade, July 14.—Only outpost engagements along the frontier occurred today. It is reported that Bulgaria has made direct overtures to Serbia for an armistice.

Turkey's Activities. Constantinople, July 14.—The Turkish delegates to the Balkan financial commission at Paris have been recalled. The Turkish armies are continuing their advance and have arrived at the Stryi-Belgrade forest line. Enver Bey's forces have occupied Porosko. It is understood a Servo-Turkish agreement has been reported, but is awaiting ratification from Belgrade before being signed.

MUTUAL EXHAUSTION WILL FORCE PEACE IN BALKANS

Continued from page one. British View of Situation. London, July 14.—In the House of Commons tonight, Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary, replying to a suggestion that an armistice should be forced on the Balkan States, said that it was impossible to exaggerate the horror of the war, but more words were not likely to affect the situation and it would be difficult for the concert of Europe to resort to force to impose peace. Bulgaria had asked Russia to aid her in securing peace, and Serbia and Greece had agreed to cease hostilities upon certain conditions. As to Turkey, no exception could be taken to her action, so long as she adhered to the Enos-Midia line.

The essential thing for the powers, said the Foreign Secretary, was to perfect and maintain an agreement. The war was so exhaustive that it could not be of long duration, and no complications ought to arise endangering the European concert. There was every reason to believe, he concluded, that matters would be brought to a satisfactory termination.

Russians Disarm Ships. St. Petersburg, July 14.—A Bulgarian gunboat and several torpedo boats lying in the harbor of Sebastopol where they had taken refuge from the Roumanian fleet, were disarmed today by the Russian authorities. The twenty-four hour's grace allowed to belligerents having expired, Greek Successes. Saloniki, July 14.—Greek troops today occupied the town of Melnik, 55 miles northeast of Saloniki, and are advancing toward the Bulgarian frontier. The Bulgarians further retreated to Dkumbala, close to the famous pass. The Greek commanders anticipate that the next big fight will take place on Bulgarian territory.

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The Twelfth at Lorneville. The newspapers were in error yesterday in omitting to state that Saturday's observance of July 12th at Lorneville was held under the auspices of St. John County West L. O. The lodges participating included Numbers 5, 29, 70, 121 and 240, while No. 11 of St. John West were the guests of the occasion. The Sons of England Band and St. John Pipe Band carried the musical programme, and speeches were delivered by prominent members of the order.

TEN MILLION ACRES SOWN WITH WHEAT

Continued from page 1. and 47,800 acres for barley, or 491,700 acres for the three crops. During June the crops throughout Canada maintained generally the favorable average of a month ago. On June 30th the condition, expressed in percentage of the usual standard of 100, taken as representing the promise of a full crop, was as follows: Fall wheat, 81.46; spring wheat, 87.80; oats, 87.71; barley, 88.29; rye, 85.95; peas, 87.43; mixed grains, 87.12; hay and clover, 71.53; alfalfa, 77.23, and pasture, 82.31.

By provinces the condition is between 80 and 90 for the Maritime provinces, Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba. In Saskatchewan and Alberta the outlook at the end of June appeared to be especially promising, as the condition was above 90 in all cases except fall wheat, the condition of which in Alberta was 78.27. Estimates of the number of farm live stock in Canada at June 30 are given as follows: Horses, 235,000; milch cows, 3,064,900; other cattle, 2,330,400; sheep, 24,180,000; and swine, 3,224,400. These represent increases over the estimates published last year for all descriptions except "other cattle."

The estimates are based upon the final figures of the census of 1911 for all the provinces and British Columbia, Alberta and British Columbia, and that the totals are still subject to final revision upon completion of the census results. The condition of all classes of livestock was reported as especially favorable on June 30, being 100 or over for horses, milch cows, sheep and swine, and 97 for cattle other than milch cows.

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