

THE SULTAN IS COOL.

He Tells the Powers He Will Discuss the Armistice By and By.

Apparently He Feels Pretty Content With a Big Army Behind Him.

ATHENS, May 15.—The Greeks have been bombarding Nikopolis, north of the city of Preveza, on the peninsula of the same name since early this morning.

Five hundred Greek soldiers and twenty officers arrived here to-day from the island of Crete. They received an ovation from the people.

PARIS, May 15.—It is stated that the delay of the Sultan of Turkey in arranging for cessation of hostilities is due to the direct advice of the Emperor William of Germany, who told Abdul Hamid not to grant an armistice until the Greeks have again retreated.

LONDON, May 15.—The Sultan's reply to the note of the ambassadors at Constantinople, offering mediation, saying he would be ready to discuss the matter after the greater bairam festival, which ends on Sunday night, justifies the fears that the powers have drawn a goal of getting him back. Abdul Hamid's answer is cool almost to the point of insolence. It is that of a sovereign who is not in a hurry to get him back, and he is disposed to treat the powers cavalierly.

Articles published in the semi-official press of the continent state that this increase in the prestige of the Sultan is the chief concern of European cabinets, and the prospects of an effective enforcement of general reforms for the Turkish Empire are thereby relegated to the very distant future.

The postponement of the Sultan's reply until after the greater bairam festival is interpreted as meaning that he intends his army to continue in its victorious advance until every strategic point on the Othmanian mountain range is in the hands of the Turks, and that only then will Edhem Pasha give orders to stop fighting. The resumption of hostilities by the Greeks in Epirus is regarded as a foolish move, and only furnishes Turkey with a plausible motive for refusing an armistice negotiations.

DOMOKOS, May 17, 4 p.m., headquarters of the Greek army.—The Turkish attack on the Greek right wing began at 2 o'clock this afternoon, but the flank attacks are considered to be feints, and it is believed the main attack of the Turks will be made upon the Greek centre, where Crown Prince Constantine is in command. Two Greek cannoneers are doing great execution on the principal Turkish column, which is advancing through the hills. The Turkish infantry at several points is in contact with the Greeks. It is believed that the attack on General Smolenski near Almyros is only a strategic operation, and that the Turks will endeavor to cut between the two Greek armies, occupying the road leading to the Othmanian mountains and thus cut off the retreat of the Crown Prince.

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CONSTANTINOPLE, May 17.—Oman Pasha telegraphs to the Sultan, saying that after a desperate battle near Arta on Saturday the Greeks retired to Arta with a loss of 2,000 men killed. The Turks had 240 killed and 700 wounded.

LONDON, May 17.—The Daily Telegraph's special correspondent writes that Turkish forces in Thessaly, telegraphs late last night, saying Edhem Pasha has moved on from point to point and finally occupied Domokos. The Greeks have sustained a crushing defeat.

A despatch to the Daily Mail from Berlin says it is reported there that a plot to murder King George has been discovered at Athens and that many arrests have been made.

LONDON, May 18.—(1 a.m.).—The latest news from the seat of hostilities shows that the battle yesterday ceased about 9 o'clock in the evening, but with the probability it will be resumed this morning. Thus far the account of the fighting has been received from the Turkish side. It is evident from the Greek account that the Greeks have suffered a serious defeat and if the left wing has given way, as appears probable, Edhem Pasha may be able to cut off the Greek retreat and to separate General Smolenski at Sotiroi from the main army. This is Edhem Pasha's reply to the foolish attempt of Col. Mayos to snatch a victory in Epirus. The Greeks had prevented Manos from playing this last card of a gambler, Turkey might have perhaps achieved hostilities. As it is now she is in full possession of Thessaly and the powers will find the task of protecting Greece more difficult than ever.

The dispatch from Athens represents the populace as astounded when the news of the fighting came. They had hoped to the last that the powers would prevent Turkey from going further. One report reports the Greek government threatening to take extreme and desperate steps unless Europe arrests the progress of the invaders.

A despatch to the Times from Athens says that the following telegram has been received from the Crown Prince of Constantinople: "I have just written to Col. Mastrahis, has been compelled to retreat. It still holds Vouni, but may find it necessary to bring up all the reserve in order to repulse the furious attacks of the enemy. Our wounded have been sent to Lamia. The conduct of the army was praiseworthy."

2 o'clock this morning, says: "The Turks having occupied Kifisi, the Greek troops are retreating to the Othrys range, on the old frontier."

The Daily Chronicle's correspondent at Athens says the following in the official account of the fighting yesterday: "Over fifty thousand Turks simultaneously and continuously attacked our whole line with the greatest fierceness. Our artillery and infantry did splendid work. Twice all the regiments of the enemy wavered and fled, though their attack was soon renewed with fresh forces, which in turn we were able to hurl back. The stubborn resistance and splendid vigor of our troops finally compelled the enemy to give way altogether. All the attacks on our left were similarly repulsed. On our right we did not fare so well. The first attack of the enemy was repulsed but they massed in immense force for a second attack. Our first line wavered and was broken and the wing would have been turned but for the timely arrival of the reserve which it was then impossible to regain, and we therefore fell back on Boudi. The Turks had 50,000 troops with 30,000 reserves. Our force was only 35,000. We have lost heavily, but the enemy must have lost thousands."

YACHTING AND FISHERIES.

LONDON, May 17.—At the conclusion of the levee held by the Prince of Wales in behalf of the Queen, at St. James Palace to-day, the Prince and Princess of Wales drove to the Imperial Institute and opened the yachting and fisheries exhibition, which has been arranged as one of the features of the celebration. The exhibition is a fine display of yachting, which have been loaned by their fortunate possessors. A feature of this exhibition will be the display of yachting, which have been loaned by their fortunate possessors. A feature of this exhibition will be the display of yachting, which have been loaned by their fortunate possessors. A feature of this exhibition will be the display of yachting, which have been loaned by their fortunate possessors.

THE CHAMPION FOUR.

WINNIPEG, May 18.—(Special).—The four-oared racing shell which Winnipeg Club ordered and which was shipped back a few days ago, was to-day shipped back to the maker. It was found that the shell was not seated right and consequently did not trim, the bow being submerged when the men were in their places. In all other respects the shell was satisfactory and the managers of the club were well pleased with it. Orders have been given to have the defect remedied. The ship will be ready for the Henley if possible. If the work cannot be finished in time the old shell will have to be used in England.

TRAINSMEN BROTHERHOOD.

TORONTO, May 17.—(Special).—The grand lodge of the railway trainmen's brotherhood opened its third biennial meeting here to-day. Reports show there are 24,000 members in 523 lodges, an increase in two years of 5,000 and 42 new lodges. There are 47 lodges in Canada. Receipts for two years were \$1,167,594.78, and balance on hand \$58,574.42. The sum of \$850,407.36 was paid out for disabilities and \$912,674 was received by the fund. A public meeting was held in Massey hall this afternoon, when Laurier's address was delivered by Grand Master Morley and Sargent, Railway Commissioner L. T. Coffin of I.O.W., and others. About 600 delegates were present.

THEY ALL COME WEST.

MONTREAL, May 18.—(Special).—Rufus Pope, M.P. for Compton, has arrived from Great Britain, where he had been for some months in connection with mining companies with which he is interested. He expresses himself as more than satisfied with the interest British capitalists are now taking in Canada, especially those of British Columbia. A large number of immigrants are constantly arriving here on their way west. The majority are bound for Manitoba and British Columbia. A number of young Englishmen have passed through during the past few days for British Columbia, chiefly for the purpose of visiting the mines with a view to investment.

SPEIR'S FAREWELL.

TORONTO, May 17.—(Special).—Rev. J. C. Speir, for four years of Broadway Methodist tabernacle, who is going to the Metropolitan church, Victoria, was given a farewell entertainment at the ladies of the church to-night. Numerous gifts were presented, including an illuminated address and a substantial purse by the quarterly board, photographs by the women's missionary society, silver spoons by the ladies' aid society, and group photographs by the young men of the congregation.

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PROHIBITION BILL.

It Will Be Introduced at the End of the Week at Ottawa.

Another Attempt by the Well-Meaning but Mistaken to Stop Sunday Newspapers.

OTTAWA, May 17.—(Special).—Hon. Oliver Mowat has introduced a bill in the Senate preventing the collection of extortionate rates of interest. Several senators objected to the clause of the report which proposes to prohibit the exhibition of kinetoscopic views of prize fights.

Hon. Sydney Fisher will introduce the prohibition bill at the end of the week. The proposal is to submit a complete bill to the people, which if carried would thereby become law, will not be acted on, but the bill will simply empower government to submit two questions: 1. Are you in favor of total prohibition of the liquor traffic? 2. Are you in favor of prohibition, even if it involves direct taxation to meet the needs of the government?

British Columbia newspaper proprietors had better bet themselves or they will find their business restricted and hampered by the proposed law. One of older Canada. This afternoon a crowd of well-meaning gentlemen interviewed Laurier and Mowat to ask support for their respective proposals. Laurier, who is in the bill, has provided that everyone guilty of the offense is liable to a fine not exceeding \$50 and costs for the first offense, and \$100 and costs for each subsequent offense, for printing, publishing or selling a newspaper on Sunday. The bill will be further considered on Wednesday.

The report of the Kingston penitentiary, presented to parliament to-day, makes sweeping recommendations, among them that J. H. Metcalf, warden, William Sullivan, deputy, and N. P. Wood, assistant, be dispensed with, and that Jas. Devlin, engineer, and J. C. Weir, steward, be summarily dismissed.

Mr. Mulock told Col. Prior that the contract for mails between Ashcroft and Barkerville was not awarded to Ryan & Shields, as he tendered more money in his judgment too high, and he was endeavoring to arrange an efficient service at a great saving to the country.

OTTAWA, May 18.—(Special).—Prospects for prorogation early in June are very slim. At a conference between Tupper and Laurier yesterday the latter professed to drop everything save the tariff, estimates and prohibition plebiscite. Now it appears the Liberals are kicking against the arrangement as they want a full government programme carried out. The tariff discussion will be resumed next Tuesday.

The British Yukon Chartered Company's bill was raised in the railway committee but held over. Morrison and Maxwell vigorously opposed it. Tupper and Blair supported it. The company is dropping its request for administrative powers.

The petition to incorporate the Yukon Trading and Transportation Company was presented to-day. Toronto University is asking permission to organize a regiment of four companies.

ANOTHER IRISH ROW.

LONDON, May 15.—There is a chorus of denunciation from the Liberal and Nationalist press at the announcement made yesterday evening by the chief secretary for Ireland, Mr. Balfour, that a royal commission will be appointed to inquire into the working of the Irish land commission. The members of the opposition accuse the government of making an attempt to intimidate the sub-commissioners against reducing rents and the new commission is appointed solely in the landlord's interest and that it will be expected to recommend relief for the landlord.

WINNIPEG AND DULUTH.

MONTREAL, May 18.—(Special).—The Winnipeg and Duluth railway is as good as an accomplished fact. Premier Greenway reached here yesterday from New York, where he will return to complete certain details of the transaction, after taking a trip up to Ottawa. The middleman between the Manitoba Premier and the Duluth railway is James McLaughlin, who engineered Greenway's deal with the Northern Pacific, when that road went into Winnipeg some years ago.

ROME APPOINTS COADJUTORS.

WINNIPEG, May 17.—(Special).—A letter from Rome announces that coadjutors have been granted with future succession, to Mr. Grandin, bishop of St. Albert, and Mr. Durien, bishop of St. Westminister. The names of the new prelates have not yet been given for publication. Both Mrs. Granin and Durien are now guests of Archbishop Langevin of St. Boniface.

GREAT RUSSIAN FIRE.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 15.—Seventy houses in the best part of Dorogobush in the province of Smolensk, two churches and the government buildings have been destroyed by fire.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an Indian missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Cough, Asthma, and all throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has decided to publish it to the world. This recipe in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using, sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. Noves, 820 Powers' Block, Rochester, N.Y.

GRAND FORKS FUTURE.

A Washington State Political Light Speaks With Admiration of the District.

Rival Railways Are Sure to Race for the Trade That Will Come.

GRAND FORKS, May 12.—A gentleman who has been very prominent in politics in the state of Washington, and who was a recent visitor to Grand Forks was asked: "What do you think of this country?"

"As we say in the states, 'it is a great country.' I can understand now what we lost when President James K. Polk agreed to the present boundary line on the 49th parallel. 'Fifty-four-forty or fight,' the campaign cry of 1844 elected Polk, but it did not enlarge our territory on the north. Even if Mr. Polk had compromised upon parallel 51, all of this famous area south of Revelstoke would have been United States soil. An imaginary line, however, should not interfere with the growth and development of the country. The absence of commercial union may handicap both sides, but I believe there is so much wealth in the mountains between Crow's Nest and Selkirk and Okanagan lake on the west, Revelstoke on the north and Grand Forks on the south, that no artificial handicap can defeat it. Within the limits of the comparatively narrow section described you have almost unrivaled climate, unlimited mineral resources, an abundance of fine merchantable timber, and some of the most beautiful agricultural valleys on the continent. Your mineral wealth is typified in the Le Roi and Slocan Star. Many's magnificent ranch, and your climate in these fair days."

In the midst of such an environment cities will grow. You have one already in Roseland. You will have another one in Grand Forks. My reason for believing that your town will be a city is a railroad from the east, the Columbia & Western, Helme's road, or the proposed Northern, Corbin's road, must pass through this place. The topography of the country favors the road this way. You occupy the pass."

"Where do you think we will get a railroad?"

"Conditions favor it this year. I would not be surprised to see a race between Corbin and Helme. The first road that reaches Chateau and Kettle river will have the advantage. From Northfield up Sheep creek is the route of Corbin's route, and Helme's is from Robson, down the east side of Christina lake to Kettle river. Corbin's route is the shorter, but Helme's is probably the swifter man of the two. You are doing so much here and projecting so much more that the sagacious railroad man must see that there is business for a road. Corbin's recent experience with his Spokane Northern must convince him that a mining country is a dividend payer. He must be familiar with Grand Forks, the gateway of the great Boundary district, and the source of the wealth of the country. The fertility of your valleys and the splendid location of their commercial centre. The name is true of Helme. It is a great surprise if he does not start west as soon as his road to Robson is built. He has a land grant of 20,000 acres, nearly as much per mile as the great grant of the Northern Pacific, and with a cash subsidy beside, it looks as if he would not be slow to accept any move by Corbin. In American slang and a single phrase, 'Grand Forks is all right.'"

This visitor simply expresses in substance the opinion of all who come to this locality. They are undivided in the assurance that Grand Forks is the hub of the Boundary and the natural distributing point for an immensely rich mining territory.

YUKON MAIL SERVICE.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—The post office department is devoting special attention to the postal needs of the interior districts of Alaska, and has just completed an arrangement for steamboat mail service, which, together with the overland service recently contracted for from Juneau to Circle City, 900 miles up the Yukon river, will prove a vast improvement in the communication between that territory and the rest of the United States. The steamboat service contract has just been let to F. B. Weare, of Chicago, at \$5,000 for five round trips. The overland contract applies to letters only, but the one now entered into provides for carrying all kinds of mail, with an outside limit of five tons on each steamer.

Two rival companies are brought together in this scheme, the Alaska Commercial Company, with sailings from San Francisco, and the North American Transportation and Trading Company, from Seattle. The route will be around Unalakleet to the mouth of the Yukon, with a transfer there to the river steamer for Circle City. Trips will be made from San Francisco about the 5th of June, of August and of September, while steamers will leave Seattle about June 10 and August 10.

QUEBEC TREASURERSHIP.

MONTREAL, May 17.—(Special).—Mr. Marchand is having considerable trouble in selecting a man for the treasurership. For this important position in the cabinet there are three aspirants, G. W. Stephens and Robert Bickerdike, of Montreal, and Joseph Sheynin, of Quebec. Mr. Stephens would make a good treasurer, but unfortunately he is not persona grata with French-Canadian members of the legislature. Sheynin is a man of great energy and ability, but did not make a great success with the province's finances. Bickerdike appears to be the most likely person to fill the position. He is one of Montreal's leading business men and ex-president of the board of trade.

There is little doubt that Robidoux, who was attorney-general in the Mercier administration, will occupy a similar position in Marchand's. Duffy, of Brome, is to be taken in as a representative of the Eastern Townships Liberals.

SILVERTON MINES.

Frank Watson, of the Fisher Maiden, near Silverton, B.C., will leave in a day or two to take personal charge of his property. Over 1,000 feet of work has been done, showing, it is said, a continuous ore chute 300 feet long, and they are still on the lead. "Fifty men are at work on a government road," said Mr. Watson, "from Silverton to the Maiden, and it will be completed in 40 days. The cost of the road will be \$8,000, of which the government bears half the cost. The Maiden will be a regular shipper after the road is completed, and will average three carloads a week. The Thompson group will be able to ship a car a day."

The new Canadian Pacific boat, to run between Roseberry and Slocan City, will be ready to begin operations May 23," said Mr. Watson. "It is 10 feet longer than the steamers on Kootenay lake, with a larger beam and heavier machinery. It will make two round trips a day, connecting with the Canadian Pacific. When the line from Slocan Crossing, 32 miles, to Slocan City is completed, travelers can leave Spokane in the morning and be in Slocan City the same evening, a saving of a day and a half."

Speaking of other properties there, Mr. Watson said the Arlington, on Spring creek, has five feet of the richest silver in slabs. The two friends, on the same creek, paid a dividend of 2½ cents last winter, the ore being taken out on rawhides. The Howard Fraction, recently sold to Toronto parties for \$50,000, has been a regular shipper for three years. Machinery for the Arlington, the hoist and boiler, are now in Slocan City. —Spokesman-Review.

HONEST BOTTOMLEY.

Devotes a Fortune to Clearing Off the Debts of the Hansard Union.

Though Legally Not Obligated, He Hands Over Two Millions and a Quarter.

LONDON, May 17.—The commercial world has been startled by a remarkable occurrence in which Horatio Bottomley, for many years president of the Hansard union, is the central figure. The business of the union was the publication of verbatim reports for the proceedings of parliament. Several years ago the union combined with a large number of large printing establishments more stock and bonds were issued than the amalgamated concern could stand, and as a finale there was a crash in which the stock and bondholders lost hundreds of thousands of dollars. The indignation of unfortunates was visited in the main upon President Bottomley, although the legal investigation which followed developed the fact that he was more of a victim than a wrecker.

In the few years which elapsed since the crash he has managed to accumulate a large fortune in speculation, and having traced out all of the stockholders of the old concern, who were ruined, or tantamount thereto by the failure, he has placed in the hands of trustees two million and a quarter dollars to be divided among the stockholders in proportion to their losses. The action is the more noteworthy from the fact that he existed neither legal nor moral obligation on Bottomley's part to meet any liabilities of the defunct concern.

LE ROI SMELTER.

ROSSLAND, May 18.—(Special).—The principal members of Le Roi, including two of the three managing directors, are here from Spokane this evening, and it is said the site for the smelter will be decided on before they leave Rossland. Shipments of ore from Rossland mines last week totaled 1,248 tons, made up as follows: Le Roi, 855; War Eagle, 270; Iron Mask, 143. The shipments from the latter were the largest in the history of the mines. This makes the total of the shipments from Rossland since June 1, 22,550 tons, and of ore milled 2,261 tons.

Several mines will resume shipments this week. The Josie has made a contract to ship 20 tons a day. The Kootenai and Columbia will ship 35 tons per day to the Trail smelter. The Monte Cristo is to make a trial shipment and the Cliff is to begin sending out ore regularly.

A GERMAN TRAITOR.

BERLIN, May 15.—A high treason trial in the imperial court at Leipzig, this week, brought out a number of startling revelations. Depot Master Meinecke, of the artillery at Metz, was shown to have been for years past in close connection with French spies, and especially with the French commissioner Lamert, and a coal dealer named Hanne, of Montigny, to whom Meinecke supplied a large quantity of valuable material such as new types of shells, fuses, bullets used with the new rifles and lists of the plans for equipment and ammunition. Meinecke made money enough by this means to retire recently from the army and live on the interest of the proceeds of his rascality. He was sentenced to six years and four months hard labor with loss of civic honors for ten years.

VANCOUVER ASSIZE.

VANCOUVER, May 18.—(Special).—This was the first day of the Vancouver assizes. Owing to many boys being arrested for burglary, the grand jury strongly advised the establishment of a reformatory. In the case of Hill shooting his wife, J. W. Bower, counsel for the accused, said he was willing to admit aggravated assault. J. H. Senkler, for the crown, consented. McKay and Dueber were acquitted on the charge of having stolen property, and a true bill was brought in against Bruce Creighton for bringing stolen goods into Canada.

CANADA'S JUBILEE REGIMENT.

QUEBEC, May 17.—(Special).—Preparations have been made at the citadel for a reception to the Queen's Jubilee contingent, which will be quartered here for practical battalion exercises. It is thought Lieut. Col. Vanture will replace Lieut. Col. White, who was to accompany Mr. Laurier to England.

TO ROW OUR JAKE.

SARATOGA, May 18.—Ernest D. Rogers, oarsman, of Worcester, Mass., who for weeks has been in training at Saratoga lake, left yesterday for Orillia, Ont., where on May 25 he will row Gandau for the championship of the world over a two mile course. The stakes are \$500 a side. Rogers is in good condition.

HAGUE TO RETIRE.

MONTREAL, May 17.—(Special).—It is rumored that General Manager Hague of the Merchants bank will retire in June.

KIDNEY WAR.

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