

GIVE UP ADRIANOPLE AND SAVE SALONIKI CITY

Possession of the Turkish Fortress Remains the Stumbling Block to Peace Between Balkan Allies and Turkey—Third Parties May Intervene.

[Canadian Press.] London, Dec. 26.—The possession of the Turkish fortress of Adrianople, which has been the principal bone of contention since the beginning of the war between Turkey and the Balkan allies, still remains at this moment the stumbling block in the way of the attainment of peace. Compensation for Bulgaria, however, in some other part of European Turkey, will probably in the end remove even this difficulty and enable her to consent to the retention by Turkey of the great fortress which the allied troops have been unable to subdue.

Saloniki has been suggested as a possible half to induce the Bulgarians to abandon their claims to the northern city which the Turks refuse to yield.

Perhaps with some such idea in their minds, the Turkish delegates have, it is reported, included in the counter-proposals they have offered to the peace conference the stipulation that Saloniki shall remain in their hands.

On the other hand, the Bulgarians, in a line being drawn from that southern port through Serres and Adrianople to Midia.

The maximum demands of the Turks will thus be before the peace delegates when they assemble again in St. James' Palace on Saturday, and a definite basis for bargaining will have been formulated. If the Turks are successful in retaining Adrianople they will doubtless consent to limit their demands to a western boundary running from Adrianople southward along the railroad to Enos on the Aegean Sea, thus leaving the Dardanelles Straits in their hands.

Diplomatic circles here consider there is certain to be a gradual approximation of the excessive terms put forward by the Balkan allies and the Turks, and when that stage has once been reached, third parties may have a chance to intervene in order to reconcile the remaining differences between the adversaries.

CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY IN NORTH WOODS

A Railway Construction Worker on Way to Sweden With His Savings Found in the Woods Near Chisleau Battered to Death.

[Canadian Press.] North Bay, Ont., Dec. 26.—On Christmas Eve, in the great north woods, a grim tragedy was uncovered which has all the appearance of murder, terrible and sordid. Teamsters engaged in drawing supplies to construction camps of the Canadian Northern Railway from the main line of the Canadian Pacific at Chisleau found the body of a man in the snow frozen stiff. All around were marks of a struggle in the snow, and indicating that the man had fought for his life against odds until at last beaten down by force of superior numbers he had fallen and been left to die in the bitter cold of the northern winter.

Battered to Death.

The body was found to Chisleau, where it was taken possession of by Dr. Sheehan, who thought the man

SEPARATE SCHOOL TRUSTEES ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

At the nomination meeting for the Separate school board of the city, held at noon today the four retiring trustees were re-elected by acclamation.

They are as follows: Ward 1, Dr. Claude Brown; Ward 2, R. M. Burns; Ward 3, Jeremiah Loughlin; Ward 4, William McPhillips.

The four members whose term expires at the end of 1913 are: Ward

TWO MEETINGS WILL BE HELD THIS WEEK

First On Friday Night in East End and Another in St. Peter's Hall.

Mass meetings, to discuss public questions, will be held during the week. Two have been arranged so far. The first will take place on Friday evening in the East End town hall, and the second on Saturday evening in St. Peter's parish hall, Richmond street.

It is not known whether other meetings will be held, but at the present time, this does not appear at all likely.

CHelsea GREEN GIRL WAS TERRIBLY SCALDED

Elsie Bowden Overcome by Fainting Spell as She Carried a Teapot.

Elsie Bowden, a 13-year-old Chelsea green girl, residing at 72 Adelaide street, was severely scalded this morning by boiling water from a teapot. The girl was carrying the pot from the stove when she was overcome by a fainting spell and fell to the floor. Her arms were seemingly paralyzed, and when the teapot fell on her she was unable to throw it off and the water poured over her chest and arms. Dr. W. J. Weeks was summoned. Latest reports state that the little girl will recover.

FATAL FIGHT OVER UNION ELECTION

[Canadian Press.] Chicago, Dec. 26.—James Conway, an official of the First Baptist Church, Fort Huron, Mich., has accepted a call to Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, this city. He will assume his new charge early in February.

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Why London Needs a Board of Control



By Staff Photographer.

LAYING WATER MAINS ON RIDOUT STREET.

Within a few days after the city had repaired this roadway on the Ridout street hill, the water commissioners came along, and in order to put down mains, tore it up again. Not only was the surface of the road spoiled, but the labor involved was practically doubled.

It may not be the fault of the water commissioners that such loose methods prevail; rather, it appears, it is no more their fault than anyone's, but the vital fact to taxpayers is that they do prevail.

The promoters of the board of control idea believe that the city should have a head engineer, so that such overlapping would not occur. A head engineer would have the work of the water commission and the city council in his own hands. When a street was torn up all necessary work, such as laying pipes and conduits, would be done at the same time under his direction. Not only would it be a great advance from the standpoint of economy, but it would bring about a material reduction in expenses.

During the past summer the city has had a number of streets torn up after work had been done by the city.

At present the reins of direction are in the hands of half a dozen different bodies or commissions. The head engineer idea is a part of Ald. Richter's program for municipal advancement. A vote for the board of control system, which the citizens on two occasions favored, will mean the centralization of authority and better business methods.

ALL IN THE PLOT SAYS PROSECUTOR

Officials of Ironworkers Charged With Part in Dynamiting Conspiracy.

McNAMARA IS ITS HEAD

Jury Is Expected to Take the Case Some Time This Afternoon or Evening.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 26.—At the dynamite conspiracy trial today District Attorney Miller continued to review to the jury the evidence against the defendants. He pointed out that the conspiracy was a plot to blow up the city of Indianapolis. He said that the conspiracy was a plot to blow up the city of Indianapolis. He said that the conspiracy was a plot to blow up the city of Indianapolis.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION IN HIS OWN BARN.

Farmer at Carlisle, Ont., Was at Work on a New Explosive.

Hamilton, Dec. 26.—Frank Wiley, a well-known farmer, was killed by an explosion in his barn near Carlisle, yesterday. Mr. Wiley for the past three years had been working on a new explosive which he intended having patented. He had just entered his barn when the explosion occurred, which was caused by a fire in the barn.

EX-MANAGER BARRETT IS TO MARRY SHORTLY

Announcement of Engagement of Well-Known Ball Player Received Here.

The announcement of the engagement of Mr. Albert V. Barrett, of the University of Niagara Falls, N. Y., formerly manager of the London baseball team, to Miss Anna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Hill, Paterson, N. J., has been received in this city.

MR. JOHN BROADFOOT IS BEING SOUGHT

Toronto Man's Father Is Dying in That City.

Chief of Police W. T. Williams has received a letter from Mr. Samuel Gibson, of 586 College street, Toronto, asking the assistance of the newspapers in locating Mr. Gibson's nephew, John Broadfoot.

Mr. Broadfoot is earnestly sought as his father is dying in Toronto, and desires to see him without delay. He is possibly employed in some of the local cigar factories, as it is believed that he came to London a few weeks ago.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD.

Forecasts.

Toronto, Dec. 26—8 a.m. Moderate southwest and south winds; fair and mild today and on Friday.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
LONDON	35	20	Cloudy
Calgary	30	20	Cloudy
Winnipeg	22	6	Snow
Port Arthur	30	20	Cloudy
Parry Sound	34	20	Cloudy
Toronto	38	30	Fair
Ottawa	34	16	Fair
Montreal	24	22	Fair
Quebec	18	12	Cloudy
Father Point	18	12	Cloudy

CHRISTMAS DRY IN LONDON NOT A DRUNK ARRESTED

Holiday Was the Quietest This City Has Ever Known—Fewer Drunks Were Taken in on Christmas Eve Than Was the Case a Year Ago.

The abolition of the bar in London yesterday for the first time under an amendment to the liquor license act, whereby it is made illegal to sell intoxicants on Christmas Day, had a marked effect, and as a result of the change not a drunk was arrested on the streets of the city on the holiday.

One year ago eight men were taken into custody for drunkenness on Christmas Day.

Yesterday morning seven men, arrested on Christmas Eve, were brought before the police magistrate charged with drunkenness, but against this number there were seventeen Christmas eve bibulants last year.

"The law was very strictly adhered to," License Inspector R. G. Galpin told The Advertiser. "I was around a lot during the day and saw only one drunken man on the streets. This was certainly a marked difference."

Christmas is essentially a day of reunions and family happiness, and different places of amusement were all well attended.

The weather was rather mild and as the roads were in fairly good shape many motorists who had laid up for the winter brought out their cars for the day.

The bars will also be closed on New Year's Day, which is election day.

ARTHUR JOHNSTON DIED FROM TERRIBLE SCALDING

Was Trying to Help His Shopmates and Turned On Valve By Mistake—Shower of Boiling Water Struck Him Full in the Face.

Arthur Johnston, aged 36, of 62 Alton street, West London, who was scalded recently at the Greene-Swift factory when he turned on a valve by mistake while trying to assist some of his comrades in their work, died in Victoria Hospital shortly before noon today.

When Johnston turned on the valve he was struck full in the face by a shower of scalding water and steam. He was taken to the hospital in the most terrible pain, and everything possible was done to alleviate his sufferings. From the first the attending physicians were fearful of the results of the scalding. Yesterday complications developed which resulted in his death.

CHRISTMAS MAIL BREAKS ALL RECORDS IN THIS CITY

Augmented Staff Will Be Retained Until After New Year's.

Christmas of 1912 will live long in the memory of local postoffice officials. Never in the history of the London office was so much mail handled as in the past three days. The Christmas mail this year has broken all records. Bundles of it have been carried in and out, and although there is still a tremendous amount of gift to handle yet, the postoffice people breathed a sigh of relief this morning because Christmas was over.

People who received cards and letters this morning that they believed they should have received yesterday, will now understand the reason. Although a larger staff than ever before had been put on at the local office, and the mail carriers used several handbells and the assistance of several small boys to deliver all the parcels and letters on their routes, it was found necessary to put on six delivery rigs. These rigs were kept busy all day yesterday, while the mail carriers had hardly time to snare a bite to eat.

SIR JAMES DODGES REFUSES TO REPLY TO LATEST CRITICISM OF OTTAWA CITIZEN.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Sir James Whitney does not feel disposed to add much fuel to the flame of controversy over the Ottawa Citizen's attack charging him with being "the big boss of the Ontario Government." When shown Mr. Southam's reply to his answer to the charge, Ontario's Premier replied: "I am too busy to have any regard for such matters at the present time."

UNDERTAKER WAS SENT TO HOUSE OF TRUSTEE

Some Person Played a Practical Joke Upon Mr. E. R. Dennis, of the Board of Education—Effort at Humor Was Rather Ghastly.

Mr. E. R. Dennis, a member of the board of education, is not dead, nor yet a dead one. Some practical joker tried to prove that he was, but the "corpse" entered serious objections.

The other evening, Mr. Dennis had retired to bed, and was dreaming of pleasant things. Mr. Dennis heard a noise at the front of the house, and after some difficulty succeeded in rousing her husband. She informed him that burglars or some other desperate doers were prowling about the porch.

Mr. Dennis armed himself with a big club, and proceeded down the stairs to give the intruders the time of their lives.

When he got to the front of the house, he saw an undertaker's wagon on the street, with two assistants coming up the walk. He immediately inquired what the trouble was, and he was informed that Mr. Dennis was dead, and they had come to prepare him for burial.

Now, Mr. Dennis dislikes to be thrown into the discard so unceremoniously and politely, but firmly informed the gentleman that the reports of his death were like the forecasts of T. Roosevelt's vote—much out of joint with the facts.

After straightening the matter out, Mr. Dennis retired to his couch, and



MR. E. R. DENNIS.

he has been busy ever since explaining to his friends how some person took him for a dead one.

UNBUSINESSLIKE TREATMENT OF LONDON STREET RY. CO.

Company Wanted Hydro, But Price Was Too High—Then Price Was Dropped After Company Had Ordered Steam Plant.

How the city hydro-electric officials lost the opportunity to sell 1,000-horsepower to the London Street Railway, by what seems to be unbusinesslike methods, is being talked about generally in municipal circles.

About five weeks ago Superintendent Glauzib quoted \$28 a horsepower as the lowest price at which the hydro-electric commission could sell 1,000-horsepower to the street railway. It was stated at the time that no better price could be quoted, and as the street railway directors, though anxious to come to an arrangement with the commission, would not agree to pay this figure, negotiations were dropped completely.

The street railway company ordered a new engine for its powerhouse, which will arrive in a few days, and prepared the buildings and foundations for the reception of the engine.

A Sudden Change.

Then to the amazement of the street railway people, the price of power for London was dropped to \$24. It is said that the company was willing to pay this price, and would even have accepted it at the time of the reduction.

It is expected that the new machinery will arrive in London in a few days.

BOARD OF EDUCATION IS BUYING LAND FOR NEW SCHOOL

Several Houses Purchased on Grey St. Between William and Adelaide Sts.

The lots purchased are: 558 Grey street, belonging to N. Tait; 562 Grey street, belonging to A. J. Pour; 566 Grey street, owned by C. L. Ferguson, and 570 Grey street, by R. J. E. Brown.

The other three parcels are the following: 556 Grey street, E. D. McCann; 572 Wm. Brown, and 574, Mr. J. P. Macdonald.

It is the intention of the board of education to erect a school to replace the present structure next spring. It will be constructed on the site of the old Aberdeen School, which will be left standing until the new building is ready for occupancy. It is estimated that it will cost \$50,000.

NEW THEATRE RUMOR IS ONCE AGAIN RIPE

Mr. A. Paul Keith, who is said to be a member of the firm of Keith & Proctor, New York, is in the city, and those who have seen him say that he has stated that it is his intention to build a vaudeville theatre, and that he had secured property on Richmond street, between King and Dundas streets.

The advertisement attempted to get in touch with Mr. Keith, who has been staying at the Tecumseh House, but was unable to locate him. It was said that he stated his intention of securing apartments in the city and residing here until such time as the deal for building the theatre might be consummated.

Confirmation of the theatre deal could not be secured among any of those citizens owning property on Richmond street. The theatre rumor has not been ripe for some time, but this one appears to have been more definite than the usual order.

In denial of the story it was stated that a local theatre has an agreement with the Keith & Proctor interests, whereby the latter are bound to refrain from opening a theatre in London in opposition to the people here.

TRAIN HITS A RIG; WIPES OUT FAMILY

Champaign, Ill., Dec. 26.—The four members of the family of Edward H. Miller were killed early today by being struck by an Illinois Central train four miles south of Champaign. The dead, Edward H. Miller, 34 years of age; Mrs. Maud Miller, 33 years of age; Ruth, 8 years old, and Wayne, aged 4, Opal Scott, the 11-year-old child of a neighbor, was fatally hurt.

The Millers were returning from a Christmas celebration, and were taking the Scott girl home.