

BAD BLAZE--Fire in Sackville Did Considerable Damage--Threatened Destruction of Business Section

FEAR WORST--Believed Now War in Balkans is Imminent--Serbian Army Mobilized

LORD MILNER TALKS OF EMPIRE POLICY

No Ground For Fears For Canada, He Says TANGLES UNLIKELY Imperial External Relations Would Not Involve Dominions in Complications Which They Have No Interest--Naval Defence Co-operation

That the policy of a wide flung Ocean Empire must be different from that of a little state in the North Sea, and that consequently the fears entertained in some quarters that with the consolidation of the empire the daughter states would be involved in international tangles in which Canada has no direct interest are largely imaginary was the theme of an interesting address delivered by Lord Milner before a large meeting of members of the Canadian Club last evening.

Measure of insurance. The common answer is that preparation for war is a form of insurance, one's house may never burn down, but it is well to be insured. But this answer overlooks some vital considerations. In the 18th century and earlier wars were frequent, but they did not have very decisive results.

National Benefit. Then there is the internal consideration--the effect of preparation for war upon the character of a nation. My own personal belief is that as a nation the physique and character of a nation is concerned, universal military training is of great benefit.

Then there is the external consideration--the effect of national power upon a nation's position in the international struggle. There is a distinctive strength among nations for a better place under the sun. At present it is time the great percentage of international controversies are settled by diplomacy; but the success of diplomacy depends in the last resort upon the fighting strength behind it.

TENDERS FOR WEST INDIAN S. S. SERVICE

Will Be Opened Today--Proposals Call for Sailings for St. John or Halifax. MUST BUILD FIRST CLASS VESSELS. Contract With Government Will Call for High Grade Service.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 30.--The period for receiving tenders for the proposed new steamship services between Canada and the British West Indies and British Guiana and between Canada and Jamaica, closes at noon tomorrow at the Department of Trade and Commerce.

STATISTICS SHOW MORE PROSPERITY IN FREDERICTON

Customs Receipts at Capital Increased \$19,668.71 in Six Months--Merchants Look for Record Business. Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Sept. 30.--Taking the customs receipts as an index of the state of trade, Fredericton is enjoying more prosperity at present than ever before.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

Ottawa, Sept. 30.--The Cabinet has decided upon October 25th as the date for Thanksgiving.

SERVIA WITHDRAWS HER MINISTER FROM TURKEY AND PREPARES FOR WAR

Belgrade Seething With Excitement MOBILIZATION OF THE ARMY Constantinople Report States Serbia Demands Decision With Reference to Ammunition Hold-up in Two Days, Failing Which Minister Will Leave.

Belgrade, Serbia, Sept. 30.--War preparations are being carried on with feverish haste. General mobilization of the Serbian army has been ordered and it is expected will be well under way within 24 hours.

Constantinople, Sept. 30.--Diplomatic circles here are distinctly nervous, although officials are disposed to be optimistic. This feeling is widely shared in consequence of the tenacity of the Serbians, and the fact that the powers are working in concert in endeavoring to advise the Balkan states to keep the peace.

GREEKS MOBILIZE

Athens, Sept. 30.--The Greek government in agreement with other Balkan states tonight ordered the mobilization of the Greek army. The reason given for this step is apprehension on the part of the government that the mobilization of Turkey might induce the ports to seek a way out of the difficulties in the Balkans.

Berlin, Sept. 30.--The German foreign office is preparing for the worst in the Balkans since the issue of the mobilization orders in Serbia and Bulgaria. The possibility is taken into consideration, however, that the orders have been issued for tactical purposes and in being prepared to meet the situation.

GRAVITY OF THE EASTERN SITUATION

Threatened Eruption of Balkan States Cause of Grave Anxiety in Diplomatic Circles. TURKS AND SERBIANS AT SWORDS POINTS. The Russian Minister in London Confers With Interested Diplomats.

London, Sept. 30.--The near eastern situation is considered in diplomatic circles here as distinctly serious, although officials are disposed to be optimistic. This feeling is widely shared in consequence of the tenacity of the Serbians, and the fact that the powers are working in concert in endeavoring to advise the Balkan states to keep the peace.

IN CANADA ON ODD MISSION

Sir George McRae Looking for Scotchmen Who Have Deserted Their Wives in the Old Country. Ottawa, Sept. 30.--Sir George McRae, chairman of the Local Government Board of Scotland, arrived in Ottawa today. He is touring Canada looking into cases wherein old wives and come to this country. There are said to be thousands of such cases in the Dominion.

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 30.--The delegates to the convention of the International Union Game Warden, in session today, voted not to grant to the executive committee the power to declare strikes. This power will be decided on each case by a referendum vote of all other members.

GOOD PRICES FOR POTATOES IN PROVINCE

Tubers Command As Good a Figure in New Brunswick As Across the Border. TELEGRAPH YARN DISTORTS FACTS. Organ Either Misrepresents Situation or is Grossly Ignorant of Facts.

Special to The Standard. Florenceville, Sept. 30.--Much amusement has been created here by a statement in the St. John Telegraph today that potatoes are selling at 50 and 60 cents a barrel in this section of the province against \$1.00 and \$1.10 a barrel in Hamilton. "The Maine potatoes," it says, "are no better, if as good, as our own, and the Standard ought to tell the New Brunswick farmers just why they should be deprived of the opportunity to sell their potatoes in the American market."

BULGARIAN ARMY MAKES A COUNTER MOVE TO THE TURKS

Government Orders Mobilization of Forces on Frontier in View of Strength of Ottomans There. Sofia, Bulgaria, Sept. 30.--The mobilization of the Bulgarian army was proclaimed by the government today. The action was taken in consequence of alarming news received here as to the concentration of considerable forces of Turkish troops in the neighborhood of Adrianople and along the Bulgarian frontier.

Somerset, Ger., Sept. 30.--The death of another German army aviator, Lieut. Willy Hefter, occurred today. He was injured during the last aerial manoeuvres in Saxony when his aeroplane collided with a tree while he was making a reconnoitering flight. It was at first believed he was not seriously hurt, but his body was so shaken in the accident that he never rallied and expired today.

SACKVILLE SWEPT BY FIERCE BLAZE

PARTITION OF PERSIA NOT CONSIDERED

Not Even Proposed at the Anglo-Russian Conferences According to Official Statement. PLAN WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS. Government's Hands Will Be Strengthened With This In View.

London, Sept. 30.--That the partition of Persia had been proposed during the recent Anglo-Russian conferences was denied by the British foreign office today. The statement, however, throws no light on the plans of the two governments.

CALL STRIKE AS PROTEST

Lawrence Textile Workers Institute Brief "Demonstration Strike" as Answer to Impressionment of Their Leaders. Lawrence, Mass., Sept. 30.--A demonstration strike against the imprisonment of labor leaders took place here today. After hours of hot clashes between rioters and police from the opening of the textile mill on the ground floor and a sleeping quarters for the help upstairs. The riot above the Sackville Bakers was occupied by Abel Allen as a residence and the two flats above Fawcett Bros. store were occupied respectively by James Briggs and Albert Knappert.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Sept. 30.--Hon. Jas. A. Murray, President of the Executive Council, arrived here tonight from Ottawa for the meeting of the provincial government to be held tomorrow. W. B. Dickson, M. P. for Albert, and Chas. L. Cyr, ex-M. P. for and Max Corry, of Madawaska, are very ready for the flames. Murray Continued on page two.

Entire Business Section Threatened AMHERST TO RESCUE

Contingent from Neighboring Town, With Apparatus, Did Good Work in Extinguishing Blaze--Heavy Loss Partly Covered by Insurance.

Special to The Standard. Sackville, Sept. 30.--At ten minutes past two o'clock the city of "Iron" was heard simultaneously with the outbreak of flames from the rear window on the third story of the Doull building owned by George S. Wray as a furniture repair and paint shop. Workmen had fixed the stove with dry柴柴 or something of the kind, and gas was generated which burst from the stove with sufficient force to send blazing shavings all over the floor about which was dry excelsior shavings, dust and other inflammable material. The flames spread to paints and varnishes with which the room was filled. So sudden was the outbreak that workmen scarcely had time to escape with their lives and as it was well burned more or less severely.

PROMINENT MANUFACTURER DIES

Somerset, Ger., Sept. 30.--Geo. W. Wells, president of the American Optical Company, died of neuritis at his home here today. Mr. Wells was one of the best known Massachusetts manufacturers and capitalists. He was born in Woodstock, Conn., in 1846.

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