

WARS ARE BOUND TO HARBOUR PEACE

War Over Balkan Situation Would Be Blight Upon Christian Civilization

to the duration of the existing suspension of hostilities tends toward the belief that a peaceful solution of the trouble is approaching.

There were no fresh developments today concerning the proposed conference between the powers on the Balkan situation or concerning the dispute between Austria and Serbia, as to the occupation by the latter country of a port on the Adriatic.

WAR WOULD BE CATASTROPHE

"The only epitaph history could write upon such a catastrophe," said Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, in reference to the possibility of a general war as a result of the Balkan situation, "would be this—that a whole generation of men went mad and tore themselves to pieces."

"Christian civilization," continued Churchill, "looks across the tangle of diplomacy to the sovereigns of those august empires and asks whether Kingfish might not in these modern democratic days win for itself newuster and proclaim to the multitudes of enfranchised toilers, in whose hands power is being increasingly reposed, the fact that the monarchy is the bulwark of European peace."

POWERS MUST BE TRUSTFUL

A great gift, Churchill said, separated the affairs of Russia and Austria from those of the other European powers, and they had only to pursue the policy of trusting one another, which they had been pursuing, and nothing could drive them from the path of sanity and honor.

Diplomats here said today that Serbia fears Austria-Hungary will not wait for all the questions of the Balkans to be considered by a confere of the European powers after the cessation of hostilities.

Although a warlike feeling prevails in Vienna and St. Petersburg, and ministers in Russia and Austria-Hungary continue working to avert a conflict.

The suggestion has been thrown out in one diplomatic quarter that the matter would be quickly settled if Serbia were given the port of San Giovanni di Medua on the same terms as that which Montenegro held Antivari until 1905.

Those conditions were that no forts should be erected and no Montenegrin warships should be admitted to the port, and no foreign warships should be admitted to the port.

CRISIS HURTS VIENNA TRADE

Special dispatches to the London morning papers from Vienna represent the crisis there, growing out of the Balkan situation as having a most serious effect on trade.

The shopkeepers, especially the jewelers, milliners and dress makers, are complaining bitterly that they are suffering heavy losses through the crisis. The theaters and other amusement places and restaurants are declared to be in a similar position.

This state of the dispatches says, tends to engender a warlike feeling, and the people are demanding that the government take a firm grip on the situation in order to prevent a prolonged crisis and a consequent loss of trade.

A dispatch from Athens to a news agency says a message has been received there from the Turkish island of Chios, off the west coast of Asia Minor, that the Greeks have occupied a position at St. Marie, the Turks retreating.

The western Greek squadron today occupied the Turkish island of Saseo, in the Adriatic sea, off the coast near Avlona, according to a dispatch from Athens.

TERMS OF ARMISTICE

A dispatch to the Daily Chronicle from Constantinople says, "I learn on excellent authority that the Balko-Turkish peace conference late this afternoon reached a solid basis of agreement, which augurs well for the early conclusion of negotiations. The delegates are now discussing the following points:

- 1.—Constantinople to remain Turkish territory under certain conditions, including the reduction of the fortifications.
2.—Turkey to enter the Balkan confederation for customs purposes.
3.—The conditions of this partnership, however, are not definitely stated.
4.—Autonomy to Albania.
5.—Macedonian muslimans in any territories annexed by the coalition to receive certain privileges.

The only serious difficulty in the way of instant peace is the demand for a war indemnity of 500,000 francs (\$10,000,000), which Turkey so far refuses to pay, or even consider.

PEACE CONFERENCE MAKING HEADWAY

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 29.—A formal armistice for a fortnight is now within sight, according to an official announcement made tonight.

"The four parlers in Baghiche are proceeding in a satisfactory manner, and there is reason to hope an armistice may be signed in a day or two," the announcement said.

The information was given out after a meeting of the council of ministers, which was in session from 8 until 10 o'clock. It was called to discuss a report submitted to Kiamli Pasha, the grand vizier, by Osman Nizmi Pasha, Senator Damed Ferid, and Mustafa Bey, Mehmed Bey, minister of the interior, who went to Baghiche this morning and conferred with the peace plenipotentiaries and returned to the capital this evening.

Before the meeting of the council of ministers the grand vizier had an audience with the sultan and also visited the British and Russian ambassadors.

Several more unionist deputies were arrested today in connection with the plot against the government.

CZAR MAKES EFFORT TO PACIFY AUSTRIA

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 29.—The chances for a peaceful settlement of the Balkan crisis are increasing, it is believed, as a result of the Russian diplomacy, supported by that of France and Great Britain, expected to tide over the Austro-Serbian conflict regarding the Adriatic and drive a bargain with Austria and Italy based

SCUTARI AT MERCY OF MONTENEGRINS

RIEKA, Montenegro, Nov. 29.—King Nicholas today had a conference with the Austrian minister and other members of the diplomatic corps. It is believed at Montenegro army headquarters that the Austro-Serbian difficulty will be settled amicably.

The Austro-Hungarian has established the Montenegro executive government in San Giovanni di Medua. The troops operating against Scutari have been reinforced and now number 56,000. King Nicholas today visited only the headquarters to Bruda near Scutari, and personally will begin vigorous operations against the beleaguered fortress.

Practically the entire army has been concentrated in an attempt to force the Turks to surrender. The latter have made several attempts at sorties, but all have been repulsed.

A Turkish deserter from Scutari says the distress among the besieged is terrible.

BALKAN SENTIMENT STRONG IN RUSSIA

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 29.—An attempt was made by a body of students to organize a demonstration outside the Austro-Hungarian embassy in St. Petersburg today, but was frustrated by the authorities.

The Austro-Hungarian reservists residing in the Baltic provinces have been summoned to return to their homes in Austria and Hungary, according to a dispatch from Riga, to the Reich. The German reservists living in those provinces number 8,000, and these also have been warned to hold themselves in readiness to be called upon to join their regiments at any moment.

The Austrian and German consulates at Kiev are guarded by strong forces of police.

An enthusiastic scene was witnessed last evening at the Imperial Marinsky theater during a performance given in behalf of the Servians and Bulgarians, at which most of the Russian ministers, including the premier, were present.

When the national anthems of Bulgaria and Serbia were played by the orchestra, the audience arose and cheered to the echo.

BULGARS CAPTURE BIG ISLAM FORCE

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Nov. 29.—Two entire divisions of Turkish reserves surrendered today to the Bulgarian troops near the village of Marhamli, between the port of Dedegatch and Demolica, according to an announcement made by the official news agency here.

The lines of investment drawn by the Bulgarian troops around the beleaguered Turkish stronghold of Adrianopele are being tightened daily. The attackers' trenches have approached within 1,100 yards of the city itself and the foreign consuls have hoisted flags over their offices so as to prevent the Bulgarians firing shells in their direction.

A Dutch Red Cross contingent has been sent by its members, especially are equipped to deal with cholera, against which all have been inoculated. They are amply provisioned with serum and will proceed to Tchatalja.

Beyond the mere statement that the negotiations are proceeding no information is obtainable here regarding the progress of the deliberations. It is understood that the delegates are engaged in the discussion of both peace and an armistice. Opinion as to the ultimate outcome of the negotiations is divided. No definite result is expected for some days.

SERVIANS CAPTURE DIBRA STRONGHOLD

BELGRADE, Serbia, Nov. 29.—The Serbian troops captured the town of Dibra, in Albania, only after a desperate encounter with the Turkish troops, who had rallied there after their retreat from Monastir and had been joined by contingents of Malissori and Arnaut tribesmen. With the capture of Dibra the whole of Macedonia has been subdued. Two of the Turkish regiments which had been routed at Monastir surrendered yesterday to the Serbians.

The entrance of the Serbians into Dibra has been greeted with enthusiasm by the populace.

The general opinion here is that the tension between Serbia and Austria is growing less and that a peaceful settlement between them is in prospect.

PEACE IS PROMOTED BY UNITED STATES

PARIS, Nov. 29.—It is generally understood the United States has taken a quiet but important part in exercising a soothing influence upon Europe—an influence for which France in particular is appreciative.

France, it was learned today, has accepted in principle the suggestion of the British foreign secretary, Sir Edward Grey, that a meeting of the ambassadors of the great powers should be connected in one of the European capitals for the discussion of questions arising out of the Balkan war.

The favorable manner in which the idea has been received by the powers, and especially by Berlin, is regarded here as a very hopeful sign.

A telegram addressed to "His Majesty, the French Republic," announcing the proclamation of the independence of Albania, was received at the foreign office tonight from Ismail Kemal, the Albanian leader.

WAR MINISTER SAYS GERMANY IS READY

BERLIN, Nov. 29.—The German minister of war, Josias von Herting, said today in the imperial parliament:

"I can give the positive assurance that everything necessary for the eventuality of war has been done. He made this statement in answering an inquiry as to whether the 114 new machine gun companies provided for in the law of 1912 could be organized without delay.

TENNESSEE LEAVES MALTA FOR SMYRNA

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—The armored cruiser Tennessee, en route to Smyrna to protect American interests, left the island of Malta today on the last lap of its journey to the Syrian coast.

The subsequent movements of the Tennessee, as well as those of its sister ship, Montana, now heading for Turkish waters, will be left to the judgment of the American Ambassador Rockhill in Constantinople.

Loaded to the capacity with Virginia coal, the naval collier Brutus sailed today from Norfolk for Gibraltar, en route to Smyrna, to replenish the bunkers of the Tennessee and Montana.

The American Red Cross today cabled \$1,000 each to the Bulgarian and Serbian Red Cross societies, and the position amount to Ambassador Rockhill in Constantinople, as well as \$500 to the Greek Red Cross. These contributions bring the American total up to \$53,855.

CRUISER SAILS FOR SYRIA

MALTA, Nov. 29.—The United States cruiser Tennessee, after calling here today for supplies, sailed for Smyrna to protect American interests, and the protection of American lives and property there.

NORWAY HAS WAR FEVER

CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—A dispatch today to the Chicago Daily News from Christiania, Norway, says:

Warlike preparations are still going on in Norway. The importation of coal during the last month, both by the military authorities and private citizens, has been enormous. Orders for the mobilization of the military and naval forces of the kingdom have been issued in readiness for a possible war.

The army has been supplied with grain for about a year, and large quantities of provisions have been stored everywhere.

SPRING VALLEY CARRIES POLES GROW RESTIVE UNDER RUSSIAN YOKE

LONDON, Nov. 29.—Pamphlets have been distributed in the streets of Warsaw calling upon the people to celebrate the anniversary of the Polish revolution of 1830 by declaring that the Polish nation must take active measures against Russia.

A special dispatch from Warsaw. Troops patrol the city, the dispatch continues, and there have been numerous arrests of students and workmen. The managers of the Polish schools have been informed that their institutions will be closed if the students and workmen do not commemorate the revolution, commemorating the revolution.

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stalled, which, in his opinion, was utterly unreliable as giving information regarding the flow.

REPORT "TRASH," HE SAYS

M. O. Leighton, chief hydrographer of the geological survey, supported Freeman by stating that it would be impractical to construct an adequate reservoir on the McCloud river.

Freeman objected to all the northern sources of supply on the ground that it would not be feasible to cross the Carquinez straits by laying a long line of pipe.

This was denied by Freeman, who countered with declaring that Professor Leconte's report was "trash." He added that a lot of data had been compiled by Charles Gilman Hyde, assisted by C. D. Marx and C. E. Grunsky, who had occupied a room kindly placed at their disposal by the Spring Valley Water company. Freeman said that he noticed several young men in the room making a lot of drawings of curvatures, etc.

CLASH IN SESSION

A page or two of data had been submitted to him, he said, which he returned as being superfluous. McCutchen took exceptions to Freeman's remarks regarding the ground of the Spring Valley rooms by Professor Hyde and his associates.

"I did not cast any reflections," retorted Freeman. "If said the rooms were kindly donated by Spring Valley."

"But I didn't take the tone in which you said it," said McCutchen. The reply elicited a smile, but Secretary Fisher interposed and suggested that honors were even and that the hearing should go ahead.

There was considerable discussion of northern California projects, including the McCloud river and Indian valley. Engineer Freeman objected strongly to any further inquiry into the McCloud project, on the ground that preliminary examination had shown conclusively that the cost of such a system would be prohibitive.

Indian valley, in Plumas county, was discussed as a possible source of supply, but the San Franciscans pointed out that this would flood 20,000 acres of fine agricultural land, together with the town of Greenville.

Secretary McCutchen declared that the California legislature would have to pass on this subject, and that it would never consent to the destruction of this land and the loss of the riparian rights along Pescadero creek and that this, together with San Gregorio creek, would furnish about 50,000,000 gallons daily of water to the present supply.

He insisted that the Spring Valley company could furnish plenty of water for the city for many years to come.

Attorney McCutchen asked that the Yuba be investigated as a possible source of supply.

PARDEE FREES GLAVIS OF LUMBER SCANDAL

"Nothing to Charge," Says Former Governor, "but Case Rests With Board of Control"

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 29.—Louis R. Glavis, secretary of the reclamation commission, who was charged with working to the interests of timber barons and whose salary has been held up by the board of control for several months, was today freed by former Governor Pardee, chairman of the commission.

"The commission is satisfied with Mr. Glavis's actions. There is nothing to charge and never was. What the board of control will do, I can not say; it is up to them," was Pardee's comment. It is understood the control board will institute its own investigation before giving Glavis his salary.

A state fire patrol, fire districts and strict forestry laws are recommended by the report filed by the commission with Governor Johnson today.

BASEBALL MAGNATES AT FUNERAL OF J. T. BRUSH

Fifty Owners and Managers Attend Services for Late President of New York Nationals

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 29.—Hundreds of friends of John T. Brush, including 50 baseball owners and managers from out of the city, attended the funeral of the late president of the New York Nationals here today. Clubs in New York City and Indianapolis, of which Brush was a member, also attended. The funeral services at St. Paul's Episcopal church were in charge of the Rev. Dr. J. W. Brown.

Dr. Lewis Brown, who preached the sermon, recalled incidents of Brush's early life that indicated his thrift. "Unobtrusive generosity, business originality, and unceasing energy were secrets of his unusual success," said Dr. Brown.

The pallbearers were officials of the National league.

SHOESTRING STRIP LOSES

Move to Annex Land Through Agnew to Alviso Rejected

SAN JOSE, Nov. 29.—At an election held today in Santa Clara and adjacent territory the proposition to annex a narrow strip of territory extending through Agnew to Alviso was defeated. The only outside precinct voting was Agnew, in which 11 votes were cast against annexation and 9 for it. In Santa Clara four precincts gave the following vote: For, 343; against, 81.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC GAINS

Increase of \$1,990,585 in Gross Earnings For October

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—The report of the Southern Pacific for October shows gross earnings of \$13,915,714, an increase of \$1,990,585. Net earnings were \$7,749,628, an increase of \$725,571. The gross increase for the four months ending October 31 was \$50,845,185, an increase of \$5,029,210. The net for the four months was \$21,069,480, an increase of \$2,933,955.

Tracy-Los Banos Motor Car Service

Effective Sunday, Nov. 17, and continuing until further notice, Southern Pacific motor cars will be operated at 8:50 a. m. Sunday only; returning, leave Los Banos 2:15 p. m., arriving at Tracy to connect with train No. 10, and leaving hunters to reach San Francisco at 7:30 p. m.—Adv.

Mrs. Leonore Niccoli, beautiful 18 year old bride, victim of tragedy, and Silvio Niccoli, her husband, who shot himself.



BRIDE IS KILLED, APPARENTLY BY HUSBAND, WHO IS DYING

shortly after 6 o'clock and that he upbraided her for her conduct with the Mission street vegetable market. He said his wife denied being unfaithful and that she said she intended to leave him.

Niccoli further said that his wife went into the bedroom and wrote a note to her father, who lives in Santa Rosa, and her aunt, saying that her husband had accused her of a great fault, which, she said, was a mistake on his part, and that she was going away. The husband said he came into the bedroom just as his wife took a revolver from a drawer of a dresser and that, before he could prevent her, she placed the muzzle of the weapon against her left breast and discharged it.

Following the shooting of Mrs. Niccoli, her husband opened a window and called to Ernest Connelly, who lives with his parents at 61 Lundy lane, and asked him to call a policeman, saying that two people had been murdered. A few seconds later a second shot was heard. Niccoli said he shot himself. The bullet entered his right ear and lodged in the brain. Doctor Harrison, at the central emergency hospital, where the injured man was taken after being treated at the Mission emergency, said last night that his condition was critical and that he had only a slight chance of recovery.

STATE BOARD APPROVES NEW WHARFAGE SYSTEM

Harbor Facilities Are to Be Doubled at Cost of \$3,500,000, in Accordance With Plan

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 29.—The advisory board of the state engineering department today approved the \$3,500,000 wharf system that the San Francisco harbor commission had outlined for the North Beach section. President J. J. Dwyer of the harbor board and State Engineer McClure met with the governor at a special meeting to consider the plans.

The board particularly approved the first wharf of a set of seven to be built. This wharf is to be 1,200 by 200 feet of reinforced concrete, and is to be built on the beach near the foot of Kearny street. It will cost \$500,000. As the other wharves are similar the board approved them all, or \$2,500,000 worth of wharfage.

President Dwyer announced that the three wharves in the course of construction, and these with the set of seven, would give San Francisco's water front twelve wharves in all, or double the present wharfage. Dwyer says the entire work will be completed within a year.

The board authorized State Engineer McClure to build a farm cottage at Mendocino state hospital to cost \$14,000. An expenditure of \$1,250,000 on the levee at Paradise bend on the San Joaquin river was also approved.

UNCONSCIOUS ON FLOOR

When Policeman Jones entered the house by forcing open a front window, Niccoli was unconscious on the floor and his wife was dead, her body lying beside him. The policeman resuscitated Niccoli by pouring cold water over him and while waiting for the Mission emergency hospital ambulance took his statement of the affair.

At the central emergency hospital last night Niccoli told Detective Sergeants Macphee and Wright that his wife shot herself and that he tried to end his own life. Despite this statement, the two detectives said that they believed Niccoli shot his wife because he was jealous of her, and that he tried to take his own life when he learned that she was dead. The police said that Niccoli's attitude in times past, so far as his wife being admired by other men is concerned, and

the threats he is known to have made to several of his wife's friends, point to the murder theory.

Niccoli was a concrete contractor and has lived in San Francisco for several years. He is a prominent member of the local Italian military organization.

Deputy Coroner Thomas Gavin, after an exhaustive search, found the note said to have been written by Mrs. Niccoli. The note was in Italian, but it was not positively learned last night whether the handwriting was that of Mrs. Niccoli or that of her husband.

SUBTREASURY BERTH MAY GO TO DEMOCRATS

If Senator Works Can Not Find Satisfactory Successor to Ralston No Nomination Will Be Made

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ments until the last days of Wilson's term.

R. F. Hammers of Vacaville is mentioned as a candidate for United States marshal for the northern California district. If Hammers enters the race for the appointment it is believed that he will have the support of the Solano county democratic organization.

DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE IS LAUNCHED TODAY

The California Democratic league, which has been the subject of a heated long distance debate between J. O. Davis, chairman of the democratic state central committee, and Theodore A. Bell, will be launched this afternoon at the Hotel Manx.

Thanks to the absence of Davis and the unwillingness of Bell to do more than reply to Davis' criticisms of the league movement, yesterday was unmarked by an exchange of literary fireworks by the contending democratic chieftains.

The meeting today would be well attended was indicated by the letters received by the advance guard boursbons who put in an appearance yesterday. Among them were R. H. de Witt of Siskiyou, former chairman of the state central committee; former Assemblyman W. R. Odum, who is now city clerk of Coalinga, and Fred Hall of Bakersfield.

The tentative scheme of organization includes an executive committee, upon which every county in the state will be represented and under the direction of which branch leagues will be formed in each county.

Among those mentioned for president of the new league are Charles Barlow of Eureka, Mayor J. C. Owens of Richmond, who will be a member of the next state senate; W. S. Killingsworth, assemblyman elect of Vacaville; R. H. de Witt of Siskiyou, former chairman of the state central committee; Ed Leake, editor of the Woodland Mail; George Catts of Stockton and former State Senator C. L. La Rue of San Francisco.

F. R. Starke of Vallejo seems to have no opposition for the secretaryship.

COLLEGE WOMEN HUSTLE

Conditional Gift of \$10,000 Starts Students Out to Raise \$170,000

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL

JACKSONVILLE, Ill., Nov. 29.—Julius G. Strawn of this city today made a gift of \$10,000 to the Illinois Woman's college provided \$170,000 is raised in the ten year campaign for funds that has just been begun. Altogether \$30,000 has been pledged.

AGENT FOUND DYING IN ROOM

STOCKTON, Nov. 29.—Robert Knight, 50 years old, an advertising man representing a Los Angeles house, was found in a dying condition in his room in a Stockton lodging house today. He was taken to the emergency hospital, where he died from hemorrhages. His home was at 1167 1/2 West Twenty-fifth street, Los Angeles.

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