

JUDGE KING MAY BE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

Oregon Man Being Urged for Cabinet Place—Declares That Wilson Will Make Great President.

Judge Will R. King of Oregon, who had charge of the western campaign of Woodrow Wilson, is being strongly mentioned for secretary of the interior by Washington papers. The Washington Post in a recent issue makes mention of this probable appointment at the same time it publishes an interview with Judge King. It says:

"There will be no dictatorship in the next administration. President-elect Wilson will be president in fact as well as in name."

The foregoing was the emphatic assertion of Judge William R. King, Democratic national committeeman from Oregon, and a member of the campaign executive committee, who is at the Raleigh.

Judge King, who gained prominence by rendering a decision upholding the constitutionality of the initiative and referendum, which later was affirmed by the United States supreme court, may be the next secretary of the interior. If the interior portfolio is to go to a western man, Judge King's friends argue that inasmuch as Oregon was the only state that went for Governor Wilson in the presidential primaries, he should be the logical selection of Governor Wilson, particularly as the judge is one of the foremost advocates of reclamation. Judge King has been in New York and at Trenton, where he had several conferences with the president-elect. The subject of appointments was not discussed, Judge King said.

"In my opinion Governor Wilson has an open mind regarding the men he will select as members of his cabinet," said Judge King. "I do not think the president-elect has made up his mind as to whom he will appoint. I am sure, however, that his appointments will receive the approval of the nation."

"Governor Wilson is going to make one of the greatest presidents we have ever had. He will bring to the office of chief executive of the nation the learning of the political economist who has made a life study of that subject. I think it fortunate that at this stage of our country's history such a man as Woodrow Wilson, scholar and historian as he is, should have been chosen. Not only is Governor Wilson learned in political economy, but he is a man of practical wisdom, new enough in politics to be of extraordinary service to the country. He will not assume the position of dictator, nor will he be dictated to, in my judgment."

Turkey in the Light of Prophecy

(By A. G. Daniels)

From the press reports and editorials in the newspapers and magazines it is evident that the terrible conflict of the last fortnight between Turkey and the Balkan allies is commanding the serious attention of the civilized world.

Turkey as a nation occupies a prominent place with other nations in the prophecies of the scriptures. Its rise and marvelous triumphs as a world power are clearly foretold in the ninth chapter of the book of Revelations. Its character and its methods of procedure are also outlined. And in that great chain of prophecy recorded in the eleventh chapter of Daniel, which gives an outline of the world's history from the Medo-Persian empire to the end of time, Turkey holds an important place. This prophecy foretells the overthrow of Persia by Greece. It tells of the division of Greece into four parts at first, and later of the two kings, which are described as the king of the north and the king of the south. The kingdom of the south was that of Ptolemy in Egypt, south of Palestine. The kingdom of the north was that of Seleucus, extending from Persia in the east, through Asia Minor, to Greece and Macedonia, north and west to Palestine.

As far as we are able to understand the specifications of this great line of prophecy, it appears that to the close of the prophecy the king of the north and the king of the south must be those nations which in the course of the time covered by the prophecy may at any time occupy these territories north and south of Palestine.

After years of wars, revolutions and changes, the Turks came into possession of nearly all that territory originally occupied by the king of the north. It was during the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries that the Ottoman Turks extended their conquests over Asia Minor and eastern Europe. At the close of the fifteenth century Turkey rules from Persia to Austria, and from the Black sea to Upper Egypt, and as far west as Algeria, with a territorial area of 2,000,000 square miles, and a population of 50,000,000 of people.

It is at or near the zenith of its power and glory that Turkey comes into the prophecy of Daniel as the king of the north. The prophecy of Revelation foretells the rise and development of the Turkish empire, and the prophecy of Daniel its downfall and extinction.

The king of the north and the king of the south are both reintroduced in Daniel's prophecy at the close of the French revolution. They are said to be in conflict with that power which represents France, and by the help of other powers they are both represented as holding their ground. After this the king of the south is not mentioned, but of the king of the north it is said: "And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him." Daniel 11:45.

This foretells the fall and extinction

of the king of the north. At the time this specification of the prophecy has its application, the king of the north is Turkey. According to this, what have we to look for in the career of Turkey after the revolution that occurred in France a little more than 100 years ago?—Her disintegration and fall.

The history of Turkey shows that she began to lose her power, prestige, and possessions about the time of the French revolution. As early as 1782 Russia took from Turkey the Crimea and all the country eastward to the Caspian Sea. In 1878 Turkey took up arms against Russia to recover this territory, but failed. Speaking of this event, the Standard Encyclopedia says:

"The eastern question, as far as concerns Turkey, was now fairly begun." From that time on to the present Turkey has been steadily losing her possessions. Greece was lost by the establishment of their independence in 1828. Algeria, with her 5,000,000 people, was taken by France in 1830. Egypt, with 6,000,000 became independent in 1867. In the same year Servia and Bosnia, with a population of 3,500,000, were lost. In 1878 the treaty of Berlin recognized the independence of Bulgaria and Roumelia, with 3,000,000; Roumania, with 5,000,000; Montenegro, with 250,000; and only one year ago Tripoli, with 2,000,000, was taken by Italy.

And now the reports come to us that Albania and Macedonia, with a population of about 6,000,000, have been wrested from Turkey in the fearful struggle that is still going on.

Thus during the last century Turkey has lost all her possessions in Africa and Europe, save Constantinople, the capital. This has reduced both territory and population to only one-third of what they were when Turkey came into the prophecy of Daniel as the king of the north. The prophecy foretold her decline and fall. The century has fulfilled much of the prophecy.

And now what next? "He shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain." This we understand means the transfer of the capital of the empire.

And what else could be looked for? The capital is in Europe. But all her former territory and subjects in Europe, save the capital, are gone. All in Africa is gone. What remains is in Asia. The natural thing to do would be to transfer the capital to a safer and more suitable place within the empire.

This we understand the prophecy declares will be done, and it points to the place to which it will eventually be transferred—"between the seas in the glorious holy mountain." That we understand is Mount Zion, where Jerusalem, the city of David, was built. Palestine belongs to Turkey. It is not at all incredible that under the conditions in which Turkey now finds herself she should make Jerusalem her headquarters. If we rightly understand the prophecy, this will be done. How soon this step may be taken no one can tell. It looks as if that must be the next move.

But "he shall come to his end, and none shall help him." The prophet saw not only the disintegration that has taken place, but the extinction of the empire. "He shall come to his end." This will be fulfilled as surely as every line of the prophecy up to this hour has been fulfilled.

One of the reasons given by the prophet why he shall come to his end is because "none shall help him." All kingdoms that have risen have had more or less support from others. This has been true of Turkey. During the century that she has been going down she has been receiving help all along from the different powers of Europe. At different times England, France, Austria, and Russia have stood by her. Had it not been for this, she would have come to her end long ago. But the time will come when this help will be withdrawn. "None shall help him." Then he will come to his end.

In the fierce struggle now going on, no help has thus far been given Turkey to stand against her victorious foes. She has appealed to the European powers for help, but up to the present none has been given.

But the most important feature of the prophecy relating to the fall of the kingdom of the north is that great event which is to take place in close connection with it. Daniel says:

"And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him. And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time; and at that time they shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." Daniel 11:4; 12:1-3.

Here the standing up of Michael, the time of trouble, the resurrection of the dead, and the rewarding of the righteous are all closely connected with the coming to his end of the king of the north. It is this that gives such great meaning to the disintegration and final ruin of the king of the north. Michael is Christ. His standing up is the beginning of his reign. That will be the greatest event in the history of the world. It will bring the battle of Armageddon. It will close human history, and bring to an end the long, cruel reign of sin.

Viewed from the standpoint of the world, the events that have been taking place in the Turkish empire during the last century are full of interest and serious import to the nations. But in the light of the Scriptures the meaning of these events is greatly magnified. The fulfillment of the Word of God is the most important matter in the world. All through the ages events have been transpiring that have fulfilled the inspired prophecies of the Bible. And it is even so today. Of prophecies now being fulfilled before

us, we may say, as did the Saviour to the people of his day, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." Luke 4:21.

SOUTH BOISE.

The grade from the end of Chamberlain avenue to the bench is now practically completed, and is ready for the laying of the rails. Forces of men have been working day and night on the grade for several weeks in order to have it finished in time. According to the franchise granted to the company by the village board, the road must be completed by Jan. 1, 1913.

It is understood that beginning with the first of January the Boise Valley Railway company will grant half fares to school children.

John Andrewartha passed away Saturday morning in a Boise hospital. He was found unconscious near his home on Bruce avenue a short time ago by one of his neighbors, who sent for an ambulance in which he was taken to the hospital.

The services at the South Boise Presbyterian church Sunday evening will be presided over by Dr. Taylor and Mr. Easterbrook.

Mrs. Stephens of Nampa was the guest of Mrs. F. C. Brown and family during the latter part of the week.

The W. C. T. U. has offered prizes to the pupils of Garfield for the best essay submitted on the subject of alcohol and its effect upon the human body. A great number have been sent in, and it is certain that the judges will have their hands full when it comes to deciding on the best ones. The decision will be given Tuesday, three uninterested persons from town acting as judges.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bruce left Saturday afternoon for Warsaw, Ind., where they will meet their son and daughter who are attending school in the east.

The Thanksgiving services at the Baptist church in town will be conducted by Rev. Quoikenden of the South Boise Presbyterian church.

Mr. Hall, who was formerly a missionary in Korea, will speak at the Presbyterian church Monday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock on the subject of the missionary work.

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