

### WAR NEWS IS UNCERTAIN.

#### CAPTURE OF ADRIANOPLE ONE OF MANY REPORTS.

Taking of Headquarters of Turkish Commander-in-Chief, His Capitulation and Advance of Bulgarians Within Short Distance of Constantinople, Other Unsupported Intelligence Emphasizing from Scene of Conflict—Fear of Cholera May Keep Allies Out of Ottoman Capital.

London, Nov. 15.—As the censorship permits no news to come from the front of the Turkish-Balkan war, the situation at the scene of the fighting in the Balkans is more perplexing than ever tonight.

Various reports have drifted in, however, among them that Adrianople has fallen, that the Bulgarians had captured Hademkoul, the headquarters of the Turkish commander-in-chief, that Nazim Pasha, the Turkish generalissimo, had capitulated and that the Bulgarians, either by sea or land, had reached the vicinity of Killis, on the Black Sea coast, a short distance from Constantinople. These reports are still without confirmation.

A vague dispatch is published here stating that six ferries along the Tchatalja line, near Constantinople, have been captured after what are described as heavy sacrifices on the part of the Bulgarians.

All the reports previously published through the Vienna Reichspost or emanating from other sources, go to show that the Bulgarians are having no easy task. Nothing is known as to whether the battle continues. The British Government has received no news from the seat of war for some days.

What perhaps is a graver importance than the progress of the hostilities in Southeastern Europe, however, is the revelation of the tremendous ravages cholera is making, not only among the destitute refugees who daily are arriving in thousands at Constantinople, but among the Turkish troops on the Tchatalja lines.

It is supposed that this danger well might suffice to give the Bulgarian commanders a pause and induce the Bulgarian Government to arrange an armistice and negotiate peace, since all the practical objects for which the war was undertaken already have been secured, and, therefore, it is useless to run the risk of an epidemic of cholera in the Bulgarian army for the sake of a formal entry into Constantinople, to avoid which, it is believed, Turkey is ready to agree to almost any terms.

A significant article appears in the Bulgarian Government organ Mir. It declares that peace is imminent and holds out the olive branch to Turkey to enter into a good understanding with the Balkan league.

A Constantinople dispatch to the Cologne Gazette declares that Bulgaria has abandoned her intentions to enter Constantinople, being thus advised by Russia and Great Britain. Although the report that an armistice already has been arranged has not been confirmed, all indications point in that direction, and it may be supposed that the terrible conditions of famine and destitution prevailing among the refugees in the neighborhood of Constantinople, which are calculated to provide a hot bed for the spread of cholera, may have had something to do with Bulgaria's decision.

From other points at the seat of war comes news of the occupation of the peninsula of Mount Athos by the Greeks and the march of the Greek army from Saloniki to join in the Serbian attack on Monastir. This attack, according to a Belgrade dispatch, began yesterday with an encounter between Turkish and Serbian cavalry near the city of Monastir.

A report received at Berlin asserts that disorders are occurring at Saloniki. Bulgarian and Greek soldiers are said to be murdering and maltreating the Mohammedan inhabitants who are besieging the foreign consulates for protection.

The Turkish Government has issued a batch of dispatches signed by war correspondents of the Paris Temps and Journal, Des de Bats, the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger and Tageblatt, the London Daily Mail and other European papers deny reports of atrocities alleged to have been committed by Turkish troops.

### MAKE MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL.

#### Unethical Practice Charged Against Plaintiff's Counsel in Sturgeon Case.

Columbia, Nov. 14.—Charging that W. Boyd Evans, plaintiff's counsel, was guilty of unethical practice in writing personal letters to jurors and enclosing them cards to a social club in which he is an officer, Barron, Moore, Barron & McKay, defendant's attorneys, this morning made a motion in the United States Court before Judge H. A. M. Smith, to set aside the verdict of \$5,000 rendered in favor of W. D. Sturgeon.

### COTTON DURING THE WEEK.

#### LESS DEMAND FOR SPOT PROBABLE CAUSE OF DROP.

#### Heavy Liquidation Here and Abroad and Large Receipts also Considered Factors in Decline of Prices—Despite Bullish Conditions Known to Exist, Arguments of Bears Exert Greater Influence in Market.

New York, Nov. 15.—Cotton has declined owing to a heavy liquidation at home and abroad, large receipts and persistent reports of a falling off in the demand for spot cotton in the South.

The recent big rise in cotton was mainly based on the active call for the actual cotton at Southern ports, largely for Europe, but to some extent for American spinners. This business was done, it was generally conceded, at an unusually high basis, especially for good, white cotton, which most reports agree was none too easy to buy.

Exports also have been catching up. Manchester has been doing a good business at firm prices. German mills of other countries of Continental Europe are at last fairly well engaged ahead. In this country an excellent business in cotton goods has been done. The print sales of Fall River last week were of the largest for a long period. Prices of goods have either advanced or else have remained firm or else in some cases discounts have been reduced, something in itself tantamount to a rise in prices.

What is more, it is a fact not generally known that Japanese mills are caught napping. It is not believed that the New England mills are any too well supplied with the raw material either. At the same time they are making money as they have not made money for years past. The crop accounts from Egypt are less favorable. Whereas at one time the crop of that country was estimated at eight million cantars, it is now estimated at 7,500,000.

Yet the foregoing factors have had less influence than the decreased demand for spot cotton, the large receipts at all the ports and interior towns, the disturbed political situation in Europe, the fear at one time of the downfall of the Liberal ministry in England, the fear of serious complications growing out of the settlement or readjustment of political conditions in Southeastern Europe, raised by the Balkan war, heavy liquidation in New York and Liverpool partly on stop orders, the overturning of pyramids here, the frightened selling of eleventh hour bulls, and finally some tendency to increase crop estimates.

Neill, of London, who was supposed recently to favor an estimate of 13,970,000 bales, now, it appears, inclines to adopt as his figures on the crop 14,500,000 bales. Such things have had a chilling effect on bullish sentiment here. Some of the bulls themselves have taken the ground that there might be a temporary decline even though they look for an ultimate advance on the big consumption and a crop which they consider is at least 2,000,000 bales smaller than the last one, while the consumption they believe will fully equal that of last season, when it was approximately 14,500,000 bales.

A tendency to increase crop estimates and a falling off in the spot demand at home and abroad of late—Liverpool's spot sales have dropped to 4,000 bales—have had a depressing effect. The weekly statistics were considered bearish.

### SOUTHERN MEN ELECTED.

#### Seaboard Carrying Out Its New Policy of Control.

Petersburg, Va., Nov. 14.—Stockholders of the Seaboard Air Line at their annual meeting here this afternoon inaugurated the new policy, announced last June, when S. Davis Warfield of Baltimore and associates bought a large block of Seaboard stock. Twelve of the 26 directors elected today are Southern capitalists, as is the president, W. J. Harahan of Norfolk. The directors will meet in Baltimore November 26 for organization and for further carrying out the new policy of Southern control.

The directors elected today are: Milton Ails, Washington; Jas. A. Blair, New York; Franklin Q. Brown, New York; Charles R. Capps, Norfolk, Va.; James C. Colgate, New York; Samuel L. Fuller, New York; W. J. Harahan, Norfolk; Wilson S. Kinnear, New York; Mills B. Lane, Savannah; L. F. Loree, New York; Robert F. Maddox, Atlanta; N. S. Meldrum, New York; J. William Milderdorf, Baltimore; Norman B. Reams, Chicago; Fergus Read, Norfolk; W. T. Rosen, New York; Chas. H. Spain, New York; Townsend Scott, Baltimore; Benj. Strong, New York; J. P. Taliferro, Jacksonville; Frank A. Vanderlip, New York; S. Davies Warfield, Baltimore; George W. Watts, Durham, N. C.; A. H. Wiggins, New York; A. H. Woodward, Birmingham; B. F. Yoakum, New York.

### AN EXTRA SESSION.

#### Democrats Will Begin Work Without Delay; Congress Will be Called to Meet Early in April by President Wilson—Tariff Revision Pledges Will be Redeemed by Democratic Party—President-Elect Goes to Bermuda for Rest.

New York, Nov. 15.—Gov. Wilson announced tonight that immediately after his inauguration as president he would call an extraordinary session of congress to convene not later than April 15 for the purpose of revising the tariff.

The president-elect will sail for the Bermuda islands at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon for a vacation and will return December 15. To set at rest in the meantime speculation as to what he would do with regard to tariff revision, he has issued this statement: "I shall call congress together in extraordinary session not later than April 15. I shall do this not only because I think the pledges of the party ought to be redeemed as promptly as possible, but also because I know it to be in the interest of business that all uncertainty as to what the particular items of tariff revision are to be should be removed as soon as possible."

Beyond this brief announcement the governor said he had nothing further to say. Most of the opinion he had received from public men seemed to be in favor of an extra session, he declared. The governor did not intend to express himself about an extra session so soon after his election. Although he has favored the idea of an extra session because the present arrangement would not bring the new congress into session until 13 months after its election he had expected to spend more time in ascertaining public opinion. With the time to be consumed in discussion the governor felt that if an extra session were not called the benefits of tariff revision would be postponed for practically two years.

Throughout the campaign the governor reiterated that he desired an immediate revision of the tariff and that the Democratic leaders knew perfectly well how to proceed about it. The governor was impressed by argument also that with an early announcement as to an extra session Democratic leaders in congress could begin to take counsel at an early date so that much of the preliminary detail could be worked out before congress convened April 15. The governor was prompted, incidentally in making his early announcement by the fact that many members of congress were desirous of arranging for accommodations in Washington for the extra session if there was to be one.

Though the president-elect means to rest while in Bermuda, he really expects to give a good deal of time to quiet thought about the problems that face him. He will sketch his annual message to the New Jersey legislature and will do some extensive reading on data on the tariff monopolies, banking and currency reforms, and other issues. The governor came to New York tonight to attend the dinner given in his honor by his classmates, Princeton '79. He expected to have no political conferences while in the metropolis and seemed fully confident that he would not be disturbed by any political callers while resting in Bermuda. All the prominent men in the campaign just closed, the governor said, know his intention of postponing the consideration of political subjects until his return.

"I'll feel like dancing a jig when I get aboard that boat," said the president-elect as he left Princeton today. Mrs. Wilson and her three daughters accompanied him. Oddly enough there was a special car in the same train, en route from Philadelphia to New York, carrying 16 business men, one of whose number was paying a bet of \$5,000 which he wagered that Democratic president would not be elected this year. Charles B. Prettyman, a real estate man of Philadelphia, who won the bet was, however, according to one of the conditions, to spend \$1,500 for a dinner in New York for a party of 16 business friends.

The governor smiled when he learned of the affair.

The president-elect will sail on the steamship Bermuda, one of the regular boats plying between New York and Hamilton, Bermuda. Besides the Wilson family, a stenographer and three servants, there will be 10 newspaper correspondents along. The party will arrive in Bermuda Monday. The president-elect has leased a cottage in a remote part of one of the islands, where for several years he has spent his vacation. Immediately upon his arrival in Bermuda he will call upon the governor of the island and request him to consider his presence in Bermuda entirely informal and unofficial.

"I'm going to try to be 'incog,'" said Gov. Wilson tonight, "so that I may have no functions of any kind while there."

Mr. Robert McKay left Friday morning for a visit to relatives at Charlotte.

### KILLED BY TRAIN.

#### BODY OF L. V. BROWN HORRIBLY MUTILATED WHEN HIT BY TRAIN.

#### Was Waiting for Florence-Columbia Train at Time—Others Had Very Narrow Escape from Death—Leaves Wife and Three Children.

News reached Sumter Friday morning when the Florence-Columbia train came in of the killing at Lynchburg of Mr. Lemuel V. Brown at that place just as the train arrived there. Mr. Brown, with others, was waiting for the Florence-Columbia train, which was just coming in, when a shifting engine backed cars on the track on which they were standing. Mr. Brown was knocked down a 1 the car wheels passed over his body, while the others who were standing beside him had a very narrow escape from death.

Mr. Brown's body, it is stated, was horribly mutilated by the car wheels which passed over his body and practically cut it in two.

Mr. Brown is survived by a wife and three children, who have the heart-felt sympathy of the whole community in their sudden and terrible bereavement. He was magistrate at Lynchburg, a broker, insurance agent and connected with other business in the community. He had many friends throughout Lee and Sumter counties who heard of his death with sorrow. At one time Mr. Brown ran for Superintendent of Education of Sumter county, but was defeated. He afterwards was elected to the same office in Lee County, but the county was thrown out by the court at that time. He was a native of the Spring Hill section of what is now Lee County, but was formerly in this county.

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