

STILL FIGHTING IN BALKANS.

NO ARMISTICE YET BUT TALK OF PEACE.

Present and Prospective Friction Becomes More and More Menacing to Peace of Europe.

TO NEGOTIATE PEACE.

Constantinople, Nov. 19, 11.30 p. m.—The porte tomorrow will appoint plenipotentiaries to meet the Bulgarian plenipotentiary with regard to an armistice.

An official note issued tonight says that the Bulgarian government has replied to the porte's recent communication respecting an armistice and that Bulgaria is ready to enter into relations with a view to the conclusion of the armistice and discuss conditions of peace.

Bulgaria has nominated the commander-in-chief of the army at Tchatalja to negotiate the armistice. The negotiations will be conducted at Hademkeul, where Turkey will send her delegates.

London, Nov. 19.—The reports that an armistice has been agreed to by the Bulgarians and Turks along the Tchatalja lines for the burial of dead have been unfounded. Dispatches from Nazim Pasha, the Turkish commander in chief, show that the artillery duel continued through the day.

The Turks claim successes against the Bulgarians but there is nothing to indicate that the Bulgarians have yet made any serious attempt to penetrate the lines. The battle may be ended at any moment by Turkey's acceptance of the allies' terms, which are said to include the surrender of the Tchatalja lines, Adrianople, Durazzo and Scutari.

There is a possibility, however that Turkey may decline to surrender Tchatalja.

While her western army has been completely defeated, she still possesses, according to correspondents at the front, a homogeneous army behind the Tchatalja fortifications largely composed of some of her best fighting material from the Asiatic provinces which has not yet been in action.

Moreover, the demoralization and disorganization which followed the Kirk-Kilisseh and Luleburgas retreats appear to have been remedied and the army is now well supplied with food and ammunition.

The prospect of European dissensions arising over the settlements of the numerous territorial claims to be arranged after the war becomes daily more menacing. Austria has not presented an actual ultimatum to Serbia setting a time limit for a reply to certain inquiries which she had formulated, but short of that, the relations between the two countries are very much strained and Serbia's evident intention to take Durazzo will be still another defiance of Austria.

Vice Admiral Monte Cuccoli, in the Austrian delegation, today warned the members to be prepared for the rise of powerful Balkan navies in the Aegean sea. This is one of the signs of the rearrangement of southeastern Europe as a result of the war which is likely to keep the European chancelleries in a state of tension for a long time to come.

Both Austria and Russia are taking measures so they will be prepared for any eventuality. It is reported tonight from St. Petersburg that Russia is purchasing several hundred guns abroad.

The Austrian correspondents consider the breach with Serbia over the treatment of the Austrian consuls serious. A Budapest message to The Daily Telegraph says:

"Count von Berchthold is wont to act without filtering when the time for talking is past. The conversations with the Serbian government—there be a government at Belgrade—rapidly are drawing to an unsatisfactory close. Serbia will have it in her power for a couple of days longer to offer apologies and make amends for her breach of international law but after the lapse of that brief delay the Austro-Hungarian government will deliberately proceed to enforce rights which even uncultured peoples respect, and vindicate the national honor from a wanton affront that startled into jealous watchfulness all parties of the Austro-Hungarian nation.

"If, contrary to reasonable expectation, Serbia proves obstinate, the next step will be to dispatch a summary note in the nature of an ultimatum, setting forth the grievance and demanding speedy redress. The belief is current here that the civil government at Belgrade is obliged systematically to capitulate before the military clique, which in return for its

glorious victories over the Turks demands the right of vetoing all measures that in its opinion are calculated to impair the political value of the military successes."

Bennett Burleigh, the noted war correspondent of The Daily Telegraph, wiring Monday says:

"I witnessed the bombardment of the Adrianople forts to east and north of the city. The firing was not heavy, but accurate. The besiegers are not attempting to break or destroy the city, but are devoting their attention solely to the demolition of the Turkish forts.

"The Turks have artfully concealed their gun positions and most of their fire is delivered from batteries securely hidden far behind the front.

"The Turks again attempted a sortie today to the eastward. Fighting desperately they strove to pass out by the Turkish cemetery roadway but the Bulgarian gunners and infantry beat them back into Adrianople. They left rows of dead. The Bulgarians were able to follow the enemy up and move their lines of attack still closer to the ponderous masses of ramparts, bastions and trenches.

"I thought that the Russians at Port Arthur and Liao Yang were great and tireless in improving on their own tattered, but I have seen the desperate Turk go better and pile work upon and behind work with an inventiveness and unweariness that is devilish."

The Saloniki correspondent of The Times says that the relations between Greeks and Bulgarians are far from amicable.

"The fact that more serious developments have not occurred is due to the intervention of the Bulgarian minister to France, Dr. Stancieff, who is now attached to the staff of Crown Prince Boris.

The Austrian cabinet is disposed to await Serbia's reply until King Peter has returned to Belgrade from Uskup, according to Vienna dispatch to The Mail. The king, who caught a cold, is ill and his return to the capital may be postponed indefinitely. The attending physicians think he may be confined to bed for several weeks.

BALKAN ALLIES DEMAND MUCH.

Paris, Nov. 19.—The conditions of the Balkan allies with respect to an armistice, according to information received here include the unconditional surrender of important ports such as Adrianople, the Tchatalja lines and Durazzo on the Adriatic sea. Bulgaria will renounce entirely entry into Constantinople.

Many persons believe Turkey will yield most points in the hope that Europe eventually will undertake to reduce the claims of the allies when peace is concluded.

Numerous difficulties remain, however, including the status of the

Aegean islands, the matter of a Serbian port on the Adriatic, the delimitation of an autonomous Albania, the partition of territories; the claims of Roumania and the Serbian customs administration.

Nevertheless it is considered that the situation has become clearer.

LOSSES VERY HEAVY.

London, Nov. 20.—A Belgrade dispatch to The Standard says that in the three days' fighting at Monastir the losses numbered 20,000, of which 5,000 were Turks. The war spoils were enormous and are estimated to be worth \$10,000,000.

King Peter, says the dispatch, may make a triumphal entry into Monastir, as the Serbians wish to emphasize their occupation. The question as to which State was to possess this city was not included in the allies' convention. Bulgaria may claim it, because it is situated predominantly in the Bulgarian district.

The Greeks point out that the leading part of the population is of Greek nationality. Crown Prince Constantine, with the Greek army, will enter the town.

HOLDING OUT.

New York, Nov. 19.—Constantinople is being successfully defended against the Balkan allies, according to the Turkish grand vizier, Kiamil Pasha, who has sent a cablegram to Oscar S. Straus, former American ambassador to Turkey, thanking those in this country who have expressed a desire to help suffering resulting from the war. Under date of November 17, the grand vizier cabled:

"Enemies conquered most of Rumelia. Defending successfully Constantinople at Tchatalja. Allies reported massacres; obliged thousands of Mohammedans to emigrate. Cholera doing more harm than enemies. Thousand thanks for endeavoring to help sufferers."

Constantinople, Nov. 19.—Fighting continued along the Tchatalja line today. Nazim Pasha, Turkish command-in-chief, telegraphed to the war office under today's date:

"The enemy, who yesterday attempted to advance on our right wing, was repulsed and compelled to withdraw, sustaining heavy losses. This morning again the enemy's infantry advancing on our left wing, suffered heavily and was driven back."

TO PROCLAIM VICTORY.

Vienna, Nov. 19.—Ismil Kemal Bey, the Albanian leader, left Trieste by steamer today for Durazzo, where the Albanians intend to proclaim independence and establish a provisional government before the entry of the Serbia troops.

Mr. W. L. Saunders of Stateburg in the city Tuesday.

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