

GREECE ADMITTED TO PEACE CONFAB

Turks, With Home War Party Aggressive, Striving to Prevent Delay.

ALBANIA CHIEF TROUBLE

Fear Prevails That Autonomous Country Would Be Unable to Exist Alone—Coast Islands to Return to Turkey.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Belgrade correspondent of the Daily Mail sends the following:

It learns that the Austro-Serbian dispute has been settled. Serbia will recognize an autonomous Albania, receiving the use of a commercial port on the Albanian coast, connected with Serbia by a neutral railway.

The Serbian minister of railways is leaving Belgrade for London for the purpose of giving technical advice to the Serbian peace delegates.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The nature of the decision which the Turkish government arrived at today is not known, but it is believed to be such as to enable the peace conference to resume its deliberations. Considering that under the terms of the armistice Turkey is debarred from re-occupying the besieged fortresses, she has little to gain by undue delay. The growing strength of the military party in Constantinople may have an unfavorable effect on the situation.

The Serbian government is doing its utmost to avoid needlessly provoking Austria. Premier Pachitch, according to a Belgrade dispatch, has written to the editors of the leading newspapers urging them to refrain from publishing articles provocative to Austria and two Belgrade papers have been seized for attacking Austria.

Ambassadors Assume Secrecy.

The Ambassadors of the powers at the meeting today confirmed their decision to maintain impenetrable secrecy concerning their discussions, but one of the delegates observed that the secrecy was only apparent, as on the most important questions the Ambassadors would be compelled to consult with the peace delegates in order to ascertain their intentions and the feelings of their countries.

Besides, the same delegate added, it would be useless to maintain secrecy on secondary matters when what is really at stake is the peace of the world. He instanced the speech of M. Kokovoff, the Russian Premier, who, he said, today spoke before the Duma, but in reality addressed his statement to the whole of Europe in the name of the "great Slavonic and orthodox powers."

Austrians and German Cordial.

It is asserted that the Austrian and German Ambassadors at the meeting today were most cordial, although reserved. When the question of the Dardanelles was raised it is reported Count Benckendorff expressed the desire of Russia that the straits be declared open only to the Russian fleet and not to the fleets of other countries, as his government wished the Black Sea to remain an internal Russian lake.

Concerning the islands along the Turkish Asiatic coast, the opinion prevails that they will remain in Turkish possession, because, owing to their proximity to the Asiatic continent, whatever country possesses them would be a constant menace to Asia Minor. The idea is that these islands must belong to the state ruling Asia Minor.

Albania is Serious Problem.

Albania is the hardest nut to crack, it being foreseen that whatever solution is adopted will still leave a source of trouble. If Ottoman rule is to disappear from Europe, it is out of the question that the Balkans retain any political or administrative power in Albania under any form, according to the views expressed here, but it is much feared that even an autonomous and neutralized Albania, owing to racial, religious, economic and financial reasons, would be unable to stand without direct assistance from the powers.

On the question of the Serbian demand for an outlet on the Adriatic, M. Novakovich, called "the Bismarck of Serbia," observed that his country asked for nothing except what already had been conquered with the blood of her sons. Indeed, Serbia was ready even to evacuate the coast of the Adriatic, where the Serbian flag now waves, on condition that she be allowed to retain a small port communicating with the interior country, which, without an opening to the sea, would suffice.

"With the exception of Switzerland, which can stand it on account of special conditions," said M. Novakovich, "no other European state is without the sea."

GULE DENIED BY RUSSIA

Premier Declares for Solidarity of Action by Powers.

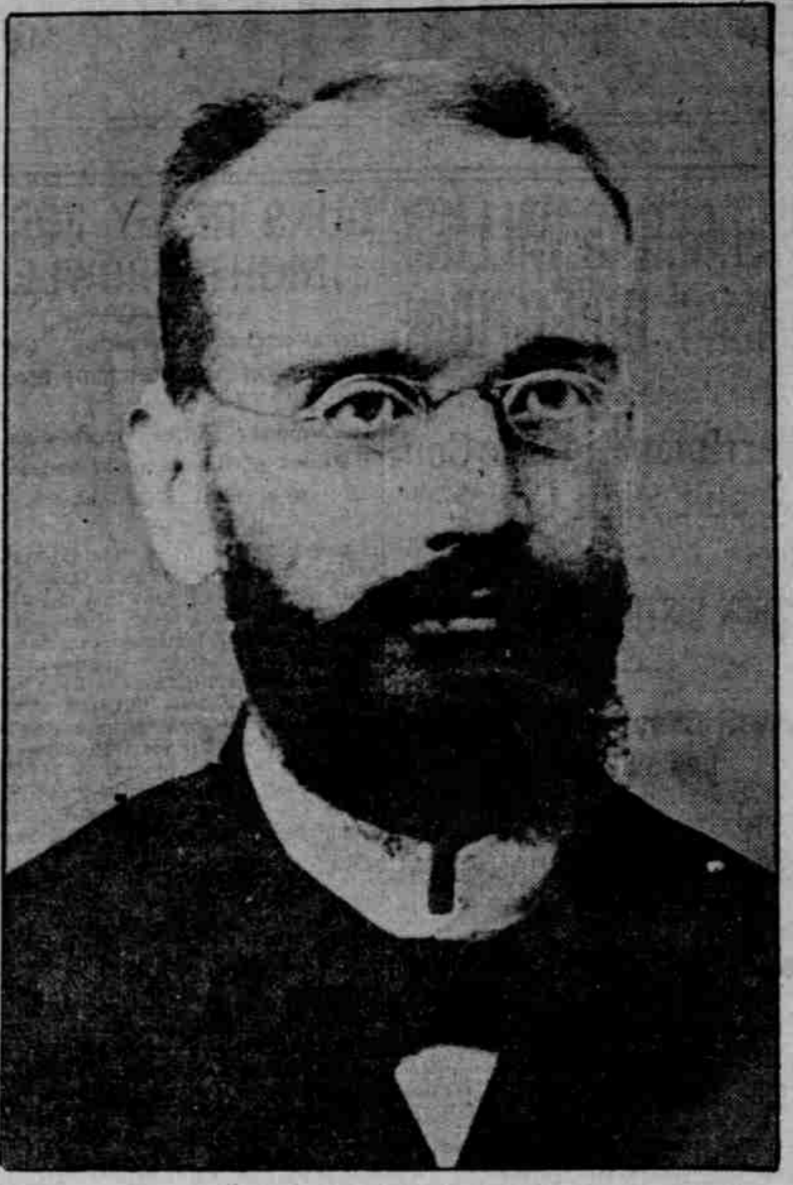
ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.—"There is no ground for suspecting Russia of selfish designs in the Balkans," was the statement of Premier Kokovoff in the Duma today in the course of a speech on the policy of the Russian government.

He said that as the great Slavonic and orthodox power, Russia could not be indifferent as to "whether the Balkan peoples obtain better conditions of existence and thus avert dangerous complications in the future." He continued:

"The Russian government is glad it has not to change its calm attitude. Faithful to her alliance with France and to her friendly agreements with the other great powers and sure of the latter's support, she sees no use in setting up one group of powers against another. The Russian government hopes that the efforts of the powers will be crowned with success and that events in the future will not harmfully affect the interests of Russia, which we are called upon to defend with all our strength in the name of the honor and the dignity of our country."

The Premier prefaced his speech by notifying the Duma of the intention of the Russian government to ask for further credit to enable it to perfect its system of National defense. He concluded by congratulating Great Britain on its initiative in suggesting an Ambassadorial discussion of the points at issue in Europe.

GREEK ENVOY TO PEACE CONFERENCE, WITH WHOM TURKS HAVE FINALLY AGREED TO TREAT.



PREMIER VENIZELOS.

RUSSIA SEEKS PEACE

Premier Says Nation Will Defend Vital Interests.

DESIGN HELD UNSELFISH

Determination to Remain Faithful to Alliance With France Is Expressed—Grouping of Powers Held to Be Needless.

Attitude Remains Calm.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.—A desire for the preservation of European peace, combined with the determination to defend with the nation's whole strength Russia's vital interests, was the keynote of a speech on Balkan affairs made by Premier Kokovoff in the Duma today.

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GRANTS PASS TO GIVE \$250,000 TOWARD RAILWAY.

People Amend Charter Permitting Bond Issue by Vote of 1130 to 62 and Citizens Rejoice.

CITY VOTES TO AID ROAD

The raising of \$250,000 is practically assured at the latter place. Large lumbering interests there are interested in the construction of the road, and 12 miles of the already constructed inland road from that point will be made over to the Pacific Interior Railroad, as the new line is to be called.

The line as projected not only furnishes the Rogue River Valley with its long-desired outlet to salt water, but passes through a rich, undeveloped mineral and timber region which will provide an immense tonnage. A spur will tap the famous Blue Ledge copper mine, owned by Charles E. Towne, of New York, on which \$1,500,000 has already been spent in development work.

BRITISH GLORIFY PEACE

ANGLO-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP TO BE CELEBRATED.

MONUMENT TO WASHINGTON, NEW LECTURES AND NEW SCHOOL READERS INCLUDED IN PLAN.

Anglo-American Friendship to Be Celebrated.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The British committee organized for the celebration in 1914 of the centenary of Anglo-American peace has drawn up a comprehensive programme which was made public today. It is proposed that a monument to George Washington be erected in Westminster Abbey or in Westminster Hall, adjoining the House of Commons. It is also proposed that Sulgrave Manor, Northamptonshire, the ancestral home of Washington, be purchased and that an organized effort be made on both sides of the Atlantic

and in the British colonies to promote well-considered educational methods and the growth of the feelings of mutual respect, affection and good will as well as mutual knowledge among the peoples of British and American descent.

Lectureships at the principal universities, prizes for essays on Anglo-American relations and new school readers are to be included in the educational scheme.

It is estimated that for these purposes from \$250,000 to \$300,000 will be necessary and substantial subscriptions have already been received.

The meeting having adopted a resolution of sympathy with the family of the late Ambassador Reid, Earl Grey read a long list of messages of sympathy with the movement, including one written by Mr. Reid.

There also were letters from members of the British Cabinet, including Premier Asquith and a cable dispatch from Theodore Roosevelt. The Premier in his letter promised the support of both himself and the British government.

He pointed out that the proposal to erect monuments in England, America and the British Colonies to commemorate the centenary had met with the approval of the British committee, and he thought that the three proposals mentioned were worthy of adoption.

Emil Braun, burgomaster of Ghent, announced that the municipality of that city intended to assist in the commemorative arrangements for the centenary by restoring to its original state the room in which the Anglo-American treaty was signed and by holding a banquet in the same room in which the peace delegates had dined.

FATAL PLUNGE SEEN

Rancher Tells of Witnessing Hydro-Aeroplane's Fall.

PART OF MACHINE FOUND

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RECEIVER FOR BOXBOARD ASKED.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 18.—A petition for a receiver for the United Boxboard Company was filed in the Federal Court here today by attorneys for the Equitable Trust Company, of New York. The trust company, it was said, holds bonds of the Boxboard Company to the value of \$2,500,000.

LONG'S SHOES

Advertisement for Long's Shoes, featuring a large image of a shoe and the text 'LONG'S SHOES' and '264 WASHINGTON ST.'.

Advertisement for Long's Shoes, featuring the text 'WHY NOT?' and 'All Leather Shoes Guaranteed to Give Service'.

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Advertisement for 'The American Government' book, featuring a coupon for a free copy and the text 'Sold on Merit Although Portland Glazed Cement Sewer Pipe ought to have your support'.