

Desperate Attempt to Hold This Remnant From Invaders Seems Likely to Fail at Any Minute.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Vienna; Nov. 2 .- Once among the mightiest of the world's potentates, the sultan could claim actual jurisdiction tonight over the European dominion of barely 1000 square milds, or a triffe less than the state of Rhode Island boasts. A Bulgarian army was hammering at the defenses even of this tiny patch and it seemed a question of no more than hours, or a few days at most, before the enemy would be in control of the Turkish capital itself. That the Ottoman government had asked the Balkan allies for an armistice was rumored. The report lacked confirmation here but it was considered more than likely, and if an armistice had been asked it was agreed that its only purpose could be a discussion of the best terms of surrender the sultan could make,

The rectangle of European territory which the Ottoman ruler is still controlling is bounded on the north by the Black sea, on the east by the Bosphorus, on the south by the sea of Marmora and on the west by a chain of forts extending from the town of Kara Burun, on the Black sea coast, to Silivri, on the sea of Marmora

Behind these fortifications the shattered remnant of Turkey's army was making its last stand. There were reports that fighting was in progress be-tween the defenders of Constantinople and the Bulgarian invaders all day long.

#### Fighting Outside Capital.

Outside the Ottoman capital's defenses there was fighting, at any rate. The Bulgarians were trying to wipe out a Turkish army of many thousands of men, which, beaten at Lule Burgas, was striving to save itself behind the shel-tering line of forts. That the harassed Mohammedans would succeed in effecting even this temporary success seemed doubtful. The Bulgarians completely surrounded them and their only hope was in cutting a way through the enemy's ranks. Just how many of the disorganized Turkish troops reached the fortifications safely and how many were striving to reach them tonight was not known here.

Except for Constantinople and its immediate environs, eastern Turkey has failen completely into Bulgarian hands. The Servians and Greeks hold the west. Between the Bulgarian east and the Servian and Greek west there is a strip 15 miles long and 50 or 60 miles broad, which is a kind of "no man's land." The sultan has lost it but it has not yet been occupied by the allies. too busy elsewhere to have given it their attention as yet. Roving through it are a few small detachments of Turkish troops, cut off from headquarters, lead-

ership, pay, supplies or ammunition, and dependent wholly on what they can seize from the helpless noncombatants who look upon them as so many bandits and who are treated by them as not even



Observe in this map how the allies of the Balkan states in the form of a crescent (the holy sign of the Turks) are closing in on Constantinople. The Greeks at Salonika, the Montenegrins at Scutarl, the Servians at Uskub and Monastir and the Bulgarians at Adrianople, form a net from which there is little chance of escape for the Ottoman forces. Below are two of the Balkan queens who are devoting their time solely to the organization of hospital corps and the collection of funds with which to care for the wounded and to take care of the wives and of soldiers and the men fighting at the front. They are from left to right: Queen Eleanor of Bulgaria and Queen Milena of Montenegro.

Advice Unheeded.

By Phillip Everett.

(By the International News Service.)

the minds of all thinking Englishmen

the fact that a great English states-

man, Mr. Gladstone, years ago clearly

pointed out to his countrymen the path

to follow in regard to Turkey. English

men realize that their failure to sup

port him and back him up has led to a

series of events which will forever re-

ference Turkey would have been re

moved from Europe then and there and

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do not count, and diplomats represent-

assert that status quo must be main

Hyenas.

to remain on European soil,

EMPT TO PUT Former Sultan Moved to Asiatic Side of Bosphorus; Approaches to Foreign Quarter of Capital Guarded. (United Press Leased Wire.) Constanta, Roumania, Nov. 2.-Except highest quality. for the cavalry patrols which clattered constantly through the streets, Constantinople was sealed up like a tomb tonight, it was stated in messages from

the Turkish capital. The authorities were in deadly fear of an outbreak of violence as a result of the final leaking out of the news which they have tried so hard to con-ceal, of the continual reverses which the sultan's troops have met at the front.

The people were hustled unceremoniously into their houses shortly before 10 o'clock with a peremptory warning that any one found abroad after that hour would be summarily shot.

Guards Are Posted.

The "draw" in the bridge across the Golden Horn, which separates the native city of Stamboul, was opened from the foreign business and residence sections of Galata and Pers, and armed guards were stationed on both shores to shoot down any one who attempted to close it. The cafes which usually run day and night, were closed. The shops in the aristocratic Grand avenue de Pera were not only locked, but defended by heavy iron shutters. Kavasses, with rifles over their shoulders, swords hanging at their sides and pistols in their belts, guarded the foreign embassies and consulates.

Over the sultan's palace a heavy de-tachment of troops kept watch. An-other surrounded the ministries where lights still blazed. Occasionally a mounted couriar dashed up, or a closed carriage with armed men encircling it on every side, rolled heavily by.

The authorities were in more fear of the Turkish troops which maintain' their own fortifications 20 miles west of the city, than of the Constantinople rabble which is not, indeed, very formidable since every able bodied man has been drafted for service in the field.

Bevolution Is Feared.

But it was not alone of a massacre and looting that the government leaders were afraid. There were hints of revolution in the sir.

The older elements of the Turks are convinced that 'Turkey's misfortunes date from the deposition of Abdul Hamid and his successor's life and the lives of all the men connected with his government, were considered in danger. Abdul, the e-sultan, brought to Constantinople today on the German gunboat, Lorelei, from his former prison house in Salonika, where it was feared he might fall into the Greeks' hands, was safely shut up tonight in a palace

on the Asiatic side of the Bosphorus. It was said guards had strict orders to shoot him at the first indication of any attempt by any one to rescue him or on his own part to escape.



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Servians Join Greeks.

The Servians advancing from the northward upon the important western Turkish city of Monastir, and the Greeks, marching from the southward, with the same point as their objective. were reported today to have effected a junction and to be preparing for an investment of Monastir itself.

The Greeks, it was said, met and defeated a Turkish force, leaving 1200 Turks dead on the field.

In disposing of eastern Turkey as already occupied by the Bulgarians, and the west as having fallen before the Servians and Greeks, exceptions should be made in favor of two towns-Adrianople in the east and Monastir in the west. Adrianople was still resisting desperately at latest accounts and Monastir had not yet been attacked, so far as could be learned tonight.

In the extreme north, Scutari was still holding out against the Montenegrins and in the extreme west of "no man's land" between east and west, it was said the Greeks were meeting with vigorous opposition in their advance Salonika

# FEAR MASSACRE OF CHRISTIANS IN

(Continued From Page One.)

on the intervention proposals. Any agreement they may be able to reach now can hardly become effective before the Bulgarlans take Constantinople, and their efforts therefore can only on the territorial division of the continent from which the Turks have been forever banished.

The details of the fighting between Adrianople and Constantinople filtering through the censored telegraph and cable offices, late today bring the first realization of the magnitude of the bat-

From the time the Bulgarlans instituted their advance from the Roumanian border to the capital more than 500,000 men have been engaged in the conflict and at least 75,000, probably 100,000 are dead or wounded. Two-thirds of the losses fell upon the Turks.

Sofia and Constantinople report the arrival in the respective countries of gars, but they are disorganized and thousands of wounded soldiers, indicat-demoralized. ing the part played in the struggle by the sabre and bayonet, a majority of the wounded bearing gashes from sharp blades instead of bullet wounds.

On Monday the Bulgarians shelled the Turkish left with six batteries, following with an unsuccessful infantry at-tack. Tuesday morning was devoted to an artillery duel in which neither side gained any advantage.

Late Tuesday Bulgarian reinforcements began to arrive from the direction of Adrianople and they were rushed to the firing line. The onslaught by the

Dawn on Wednesday disclosed a death grapple that extended along the entire sattle line of 20 miles. For the most battle line of 20 miles. For the most part the fighting was hand to hand. During these brief hours of combat thousands were killed, pierced by bayo-thousands were killed, pierced by bayo-Wednesday the Bulgarian artillery was rushed from the rear and placed directly in front of the Turkish center. A devus-taling shrapnel fire followed. Although the Turkish infantry suffered heavily breadth of vision on public questions several times was at the point of actual rout, still the Bulgarians were sit in the state senate. unable to scatter the bravely-defended line. A desultory fire was kept up by ides Wednesday night, and Thursday daybreak found the two armies

**Balkan** Developments Reported Turks want armistice. Persistent rumors Adrianople has fallen. Turks, penned on peninsula 30 miles square, last of sultan's European possessions, in final stand against Bulgarians. British Statesman Saw Bal British admiralty orders battleships and destroyers to sea, prekan Situation in True Light; sumably in fear of Balkan momplications Terrible slaughter and frightful suffering of wounded on Tukish battlefields. Sophia mosque again a Christian Bulgarian ruler vows to make St. church. London, Nov. 2-It is with a deep feel-Ottoman troops kill and burn as ng of shame that the best part of the hey retreat. people of England look upon the war Servians and Greeks still advance. now raging in the Balkans. Recent No surrender at Scutari.

Powers distracted by fear of Balkan war spread, still deadlocked concerning intervention.

again grappling. The Turkish lines seemed much thinner and the troops found with less vigor than the day before. All their forces were concen-CONSTANTINOPLE trated on their left wing. General Savoff main a blot upon the escutcheon of then executed his daring detour, luring Great Britain's honor. Had Mr. Gladaway the best part of the Turkish army stone had his way in the Berlin conto the latter's right.

Bulgars Defeat Turk.

The Turkish wing thus weakened, the not only would the present war have Bulgars dealt their final, crushing blow. been avoided but thousands of lives In less than an hour the Turks were taken by the Turks in cold blood butchfleeing in disorder, their line broken in ery would have been saved. Gladstone concern proposals to the Balkan allies 20 places, leaving great gaps through would have saved the 30,000 Christian which the Bulgarians rushed to the Armenians which the now deposed Abdul chase. The scene was one of indescrib-Hamid caused to be murdered and driven able confusion, the retreating Turks utout of Constantinople 16 years ago, a tering their Mohammedan yells and the crime which civilized Europe has never victors wildly shouting as they gave seen fit to punish. pursuit. Here and there a Turkish de-The years that have passed have tachment, feeling more loyal to their taught Europe nothing, the powers again commanders than their comrades, stood

hold their protecting hands over the their ground and were cut down. assassins at Bosphorus and mobs at Yesterday and today the fighting has Constantinople, whose hands are red een mainly between the Bulgarians and the Turkish rear guards. Occasionally the Turkish officerb would be able to with Christian blood, have been cheering outside the British ministers' house in Stamboul. muster a sizeable force to make a stand, but no engagement ended otherwise than

justice done is placed before the people in Bulgarian victory. of England, once more we have a chance The Turks, despite their losses, are still numerically stronger than the Bulof following Gladstone's advice, but even now we know what will happen. In diplomacy there is no feeling, sympathies

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### **Balkan** Paragraphs (United Press Leased Wire.) Constantinople, Nov. 2.-In order

to avoid a bread famine, the government has released from military duty all the bakers who had been called up with the reserves.

Paris, Nov. 2 .- The Bulgarian le gation has been left in charge of the first secretary, the minister, Dr. Stanoloff, having joined Czar Ferdinand's life guards, in which corps he is an officer.

Athens, Nov. 2-Five Greek princes. are at the front-the Crown Prince Constantine, in command of the army; Prince George, in dommand of the navy, and the Princes Andrew, Nicholas and George (son of Crown Prince Constantine).

events have brought forcibly home to Constantinople, Nov. 2 .- Although Turkish women are busily engaged, preparing lint, bandages, clothing and medical comforts for the Red Crescent brigade, only one woman has so far defied Moslem rules as to female privacy by going to the front with a field hospital.

> Sofia, Nov. 2 .- The National Bank of Bulgaria has guaranteed the life insurance premiums payable to reservists who have joined the colors.

Belgrade, Nov. 2 .- Prince Alexis, cousin of King Peter, is fighting as private in a cavalry regiment.

Constantinople, Nov. 2.-Horses are now practically unobtainable here, \$250 being asked for lame ponies, and from \$400 to \$600 for anything that can carry a real load.

London, Nov. 2 .- It is understood that Prince Arthur of Connaught is thirsting to see active service, and is wroth at King George because he will not allow him to fight for his uncle, the king of Greece.

Cettinje, Nov. 2 .- Fired by the doings of their elders, boys of 14 and less are taking their places in the ranks, while even septuagenarians insist on joining the colors.

Vienna, Nov. 2 .- Eight aeroplanes ordered by the Bulgarian war office have been dispatched from here. ing countries all jealous of each other Austrian aviators will fly them until sufficient Bulgarian pilots are availtained and no matter what happens in able, this way, the Turks will be permitted

> ten an eloquent article on their behalf, which is published here.

The famous writer recalls that in 1870 the Arabs of Algeria, who had reasonable complaints against France, decided to revolt. But war broken out between France and Germany, and they contanted themselves by warning the French. was only when peace was signed that they rose against the French. Pierre Loti regrets that what he describes as Defends the Moslems Against this noble example has not been followed by the Balkan peoples. Whatever may What He Terms Pack of be their complaints against Turkey, he considers that it is cowardly on their part to take advantage of this country's misfortunes, and to attack her from behind. He compares the Balkan states

By George Dufresne, to hyenas, who approach their prey (By the International News Service.) iris, Nov. 2.—The people of France knowing that the latter is already wounded, and declares that without them Italy would never have triumphed as a whole, of course, are in full symover the "sublime obstinacy" of Turkey, pathy with the gallant and heroic Montenegrins in their uneven fight with notwithstanding her formidable naval the Turks, but the latter are not with-out their admirers, Pierre Loti has write guns. For the honor of Italy Plerre Loti

considers that Christian Europe should Multnomah Pure Rye and Hilwood Bourbon, full gt. \$1.00 have intervened, if only out of respect for the admirable heroism of the Turks, and declares that the inaction of Europe will remain a blemish on her history.

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#### Voters are advised to vote No."

The League's recommendations are made over the signatures of R. L. Glisan, President, 612 Spalding building, and L. J. Goldsmith, secretary, 321 Corbett building, Portland, Oregon.

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