



Farm Houses Struck By Nebraska Tornado.

## END OF BALKAN WAR IS IN SIGHT

### Fall of Adrianople and Tchatalja Dishearten Turks.

#### Unless Powers Interfere, Bulgars Will Move on Constantinople—Sultan Weeps at News.

Paris—Now that Adrianople has fallen there is every indication that the powers intend to force an immediate conclusion of the Balkan war.

The plan generally favored is to make the Turkish frontier run along the line from Midia, on the Black Sea, to Enos on the Aegean Sea, to give the Greeks Saloniki and Janina, reserving the question of disposition of the Aegean Islands and to make Albania an autonomous country.

The boundaries of the new state may be settled later at a special convention, but Scutari will probably be given to Albania.

Scutari is the only city where fighting is going on save in the immediate neighborhood of Constantinople. The gallant example of the Serbs and Bulgars at Adrianople is likely to stimulate the Serbs and Montenegrins to make a general assault on Scutari, and if it occurs it will probably be successful.

In the meantime the end of the long siege of Adrianople enables the allies to run the supply trains direct to Tchatalja without a long detour by ox carts that was hitherto necessary. It also liberates 500 cannon and about 100,000 men for use in direct attack on Constantinople.

It was chiefly the lack of cannon which prevented the Bulgars from charging the famous Tchatalja forts and capturing them long ago.

Failure of the Turks' recent campaign on the Gallipoli peninsula implies that unless the powers succeed in completing speedy peace the Bulgars will endeavor to march straight into Constantinople, the fall of which would involve international complications too dangerous for diplomats to contemplate.

London—Railway and telegraph communication with Adrianople is being restored rapidly and some idea of the situation within the city is beginning to reach the outside world. The condition of the population is not so desperate as has been depicted. While the Turks set fire to the grain store they overlooked the flour depot, the contents of which are being distributed among the poor. Only a few buildings were damaged by the bombardment.

The sultan wept bitterly when informed of the general situation. It is reported that the Turkish embassies have been ordered to appeal to the powers to hasten mediation.

#### WOMEN LEAP INTO WATER.

##### Rescuer Tells of Maddening Scenes in Indiana Floods.

Plymouth, Ind.—Graphic description of the horrors of the flood that is believed to have swept 200 or more residents of Peru, Ind., to watery graves and made thousands homeless, was given by Gilbert Kessler, one of the heroes of the calamity. Worn, tired and almost unnerved from the loss of sleep and the sight he had witnessed, young Kessler staggered from the relief train of the stricken city.

Kessler's most vivid picture was the suicide of several fear-crazed women who leaped from the rescue boats. The roaring current and the terrible sights, he declared, had maddened them.

#### Income Tax Plan Revised.

Washington, D. C.—The effect of the revision, including the graduated income tax plan, was completed Friday afternoon by the Democratic majority of the house committee on ways and means, which adjourned sine die. The plan as finally passed upon is understood to provide for raising the income tax revenue on a graduated scale, exempting incomes under \$4000, beginning with a 1 per cent tax on incomes of \$4000 and running as high as 4 per cent on incomes of \$100,000 and upward.

#### T. R. Prophecies "Change."

Albany, N. Y.—Colonel Roosevelt, speaking at a Progressive party dinner in this city Friday evening, announced the intention of that party to strive for the selection of women delegates to the next constitutional convention.

He also predicted a "change is coming which will not permit the old processes that have gone for corruption in political and business life to last long. "If this change doesn't come with wisdom and sanity," he declared, "it will be apt to come in evil fashion."

## OHIO RIVER SWEEPS CITIES

### Citizens of Huntington, W. Va., Rescued By Boats.

#### Militia Called Out—Governor Visits Scene—12 Persons Missing and Damage Immense.

Huntington, W. Va.—This city is in total darkness, is facing both a food and water famine, and 15,000 of the 40,000 inhabitants are homeless.

Twelve persons are reported missing and the property damage, according to close estimates, will amount to nearly \$1,000,000.

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The entire business section is inundated, water being up to the second floors in some buildings.

Governor Hatfield arrived here on a special train from Charleston, bringing supplies, motor boats and skiffs. The boats now are being taken through the different sections of the city to rescue hundreds who are marooned. The local militia has taken charge of the rescue work.

The electric light plant has been forced to shut down, and the gas supply was cut off to prevent fires.

Although supplies have reached here from Charleston, the city is in great need of food and water.

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It is thought that the rescuers will soon be able to get into the heart of the flooded section. Just how many lives have been lost will not be known until conditions permit a thorough investigation.

#### FLOOD CUTS OFF CAIRO, ILL.

##### Refugees From Other Points Are Again in Danger.

Springfield, Ill.—Illinois is fast becoming the center of flood distress. Startling messages telling of danger have been received by Governor Dunne and Adjutant General Dickson, indicating that Shawneetown and Cairo are in immediate danger of being inundated. Other towns are in distress.

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#### Old Pact Now Restored.

Seattle, Wash.—E. L. Fairbanks, secretary of the Pacific Coast Shippers' association, has been officially notified that the transit privileges for shingles consigned to Texas points abrogated December 24, 1910, had been restored, effective Monday, with Cheyenne as the common recognition point. This will cause a heavy increase of shingle shipments from Puget Sound and the Northwest, and manufacturers are jubilant over the news. From 7000 to 8000 carloads of shingles are annually shipped.

#### Covington, Ky., Faces Peril.

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## Taft Cordially Welcomed

### 3000 Students, With Band, Receive Back Former Fellow.

New Haven, Conn.—Undergraduate Yale welcomed ex-President Taft back to his alma mater in a manner no less hearty and enthusiastic than was the gossiped given Wilson by the Princeton students when he left a month ago to take up the duties at Washington that Mr. Taft was about to lay down.

Practically the entire student body, 3000 strong, reinforced by a band, was at the station when Mr. Taft and his party arrived. An equally large crowd of citizens also was present. As the Taft party stepped from the train, Captain Spalding, of last year's football team, stepped forward and presented Mrs. Taft with a great bouquet of violets. A moment later Yale's famous "frog chorus" cheered, with nine "Tafts" on the end, roared from 3000 throats.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Taft were deeply moved by the reception. Mr. Taft's famous smile was lacking for a moment and he wore a serious look. As the demonstration grew, however, he smiled broadly and doffed his hat in acknowledgment.

Headed by the "Y" men of the athletic teams and a bulldog standing at its leash, the procession proceeded to the campus.

Mr. and Mrs. Taft with a delegation of the faculty, followed in an automobile. All along the line the ex-president and Mrs. Taft received a continuous ovation. Arriving on the campus, Mr. Taft was escorted to a balcony in Memorial hall. As he started to speak he received another great ovation.

## WILSON IS REPORTED TO FAVOR FREE WOOL

### Washington, D. C.—Western Republicans in Congress, and some of the Democrats, are decidedly uneasy over the rumors that Secretary Bryan has convinced President Wilson that raw wool should be placed on the free list, together with sugar and some other raw materials. It is realized that if the strength of the administration is thrown in favor of free wool, free wool is likely to be written into the Democratic tariff bill.

President Wilson and Representative Underwood were in conference for several hours at the White House Wednesday over features of the proposed tariff revision. The conference was requested by President Wilson, who had been studying the new tariff bill for several days and familiarizing himself with many of the questions about which controversy had been raised.

By ten o'clock I was back again in my rooms, where I loitered, amongst my books and pictures, in restless expectation. It was chiming midnight when there came a discreet tap at my outer door, and Addington Peace walked in. He sat himself down in the easy chair I offered, and permitted me to mix him a whiskey and soda.

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"No."

"Nor the thief?"

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"Five? And how do you make that out?"

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"So you strike out the professor and Sir Andrew?"

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"And this suspected five—who are they?"

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"Who, in short, had the clever brain, the far-sighted judgment, the familiarity with jewels and those who deal in them, all of which would be required in the originator of such a fraud? Not Gunton, nor Craddock, nor Carstairs, nor Field, nor the Rev. Aubrey Power. There is some one who has influence over one of these men, some one pulling the strings behind the curtain. I shall consider it an honor to make that person's arrest, Mr. Phillips."

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## WHAT SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE

### Odd Superstitions That Are Prevalent Among the Inhabitants of European Countries.

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On the marriage eve there is often much good natured rivalry between the groom and the bride in the Slav countries as to who shall blow out the candle, for the person who does will be "first to die." It is impossible to trace the origin of this superstition, yet it prevails in aristocratic society as well as in the peasant's hut, even as like this, that "to insure the life and health of the children" the woman must occupy the right side of the bed. In addition, she must not smoke before her forty-fifth year.

There is a superstition in this country and many others against burning a broom. The bud of birch broom is used in southern Germany as a preventive against erysipelas. These buds, a piece of crystal was and some

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## MR. TAUBERY'S DIAMOND

(Continued.)

"Yet, it is presumable that the guest who came with an imitation diamond in his pocket is the man who started a discussion which resulted in Mr. Taubery producing his latest treasure."

"So it is, by Jove!" cried the colonel; "I never thought of it. Clever work, inspector, eh?"

"Exactly," said Peace, blandly. "And now, as regards the place in which the robbery was committed."

"I locked the door," answered the colonel, smacking his trousers' pocket. "Please let me have the key. Thank you. And now as to the windows. Were they closed and fastened?"

"I saw to it myself."

"After the search in the library, did any of the guests return to the dining room?"

"I am no fool, inspector. I left old Julius there to see to that. No one went back. When I had finished searching I joined Julius, and we locked up together. The butler had called in the policeman on the beat, and I left him sitting in the passage watching the door and drinking beer."

"I must go to Portland place. What is the number?"

"I will drive you there with all the pleasure in the world, inspector," said the colonel, cheerfully. "Come along."

I left them at the foot of the stairs, obtaining a whispered promise from the detective that he would give me a call that night if it was not too late when he returned.

I spent a disconsolate evening at the club. Never did I play a more degraded hand at bridge, though I should certainly have taken exception to the remarks of my partner under more ordinary circumstances. There is a point at which fair criticism ends and deliberate insult begins.

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mond. I have made the closest investigation without result. As Colonel Gunton told us, Mr. Taubery remained in the dining room to see that none of the guests returned after they had been searched. The door was subsequently locked and a policeman stationed in the passage outside; the windows were fastened. Therefore the thief could not come back to re-cover what he had temporarily hidden. All of which might seem to prove that, though Colonel Gunton affirms that he went through the guests with an expert hand, one of them managed to keep the diamond about him and carry it away. Yet such an achievement suggests rather the professional than the amateur criminal. And, if for that reason alone, I believe that the stone is still in the house. We ought to be able to decide that point within a week."

"I can't see why, Peace," I said.

"No? Then, pray don't trouble about it. And really, Mr. Phillips, as I have a long day's work before me, it is time I was off to bed. Do you know it is one o'clock?"

I knew how useless it was to question the little man when he thought he had told enough. So I bade him good night with the best grace that disappointment would permit. It had been kind of him to trouble about me, after all.

Three days went by, and I had not had the chance of seeing Peace for news. For two nights, as I discovered by inquiry, he slept out, only appearing for an hour about noon to change his linen; for he was most careful of his appearance and as cleanly as a cat. Indeed, I had a secret belief that his nails were regularly manicured in Bond street. When I did see him it was by accident, and, to be frank, nothing he had done gave me greater surprise.

I was walking through Kensington gardens about eleven o'clock on a visit to a friend whose studio lay to the north of the park. It was charming weather. The fresh leaves on the smoke-black boughs, the flower beds rich in variegated coloring, the deep-throated coo of the pigeons, the chatter of innumerable sparrows, all told that winter had passed and spring was calling a welcome to summer. I had just turned from a long shrub-walled walk into an open space when I came upon the amazing spectacle of Addington Peace flirting with a very pretty nursemaid.

Whatever the little inspector had been, whatever he was, there was nothing of the Don Juan in his composition. I had already noticed that he took pains to avoid the opposite sex, with that uneasy consciousness of their presence which marks the bachelor with principles. Yet there he sat, sharing the same bench and talking earnestly into her ear, while before them a little boy pedaled industriously up and down upon a tricycle-horse, a long-maned, long-tailed toy set on three wheels and propelled by indifferent pedals. It was idyllic, domestic, but distinctly surprising.

As I passed the bench, Peace stared at me without a glimmer of recognition in his keen gray eyes.

I had just finished my breakfast next morning when the little inspector called. I laughed; indeed I could not help it; and he answered me with a quick glance, half annoyance, half reproach.

"Something is going to happen today in the matter of the diamond," he said. "But I warn you, Mr. Phillips, that if you intend to make fun of me you shan't know a word about it."

"You entirely misjudge me," I said, sticking my nose into my coffee cup to hide a grin.

"Very well. There is a sale of furniture today at the house of Mr. Julius Taubery, No. 204 Portland place, the property of a gentleman going abroad for the benefit of his health, as the catalogue has it. I should advise you to be there."

"I had no idea what the cost of such toys might be; but the price, second-hand, seemed high. Several of the dealers gathered about the chair on which the auctioneer was standing looked back at us over their shoulders."

"Confound those dealers!" cried the colonel. "If an outside buyer wants anything they try to squeeze him out. They're all in league. It ought to be stopped. It's a monstrous shame. It's iniquitous. Twenty-five shillings to you, sir."

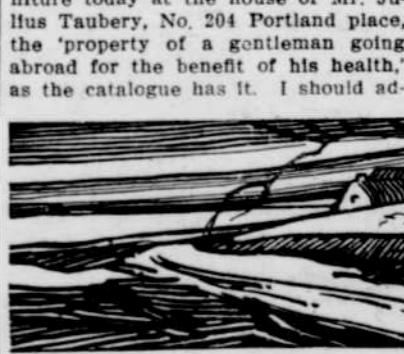
"Thirty," said the gray-haired man. "Two pounds."

As the bids increased the temper of the colonel grew worse and worse. Those who were well out of his reach began to chuckle, and finally to laugh outright. At four pounds ten he hesitated. With a supreme effort he made it five.

"Guinea," said the gray-haired man. "I am sorry to say that the colonel swore. In one stupendous oath he denounced all who dealt in second-hand goods of any description whatsoever. Then, with the little boy sobbing on his shoulder, he surged through the crowd like a battleship in a head sea, and disappeared amid a burst of disrespectful laughter. It was before the auctioneer had sufficiently recovered from his surprise that I felt a gentle touch on my arm. It was Addington Peace.

"There is a four-wheeled cab waiting about thirty yards up the street," he whispered. "Go and get into it. I will join you presently."

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