

The Bulgarians Have Fears of a War of Extermination

Unless the Powers Intervene They Will Have to Fight for Self Preservation. The People Bordering on Madness

Sofia, Sept. 15.—Premier Petroff was interviewed today regarding the reasons which induced the Bulgarian government to issue a note to the powers. He said: "It has been from the first plainly evident that the policy of Turkey was to hinder the development of the Bulgarian race in Macedonia, which was the strongest national element there. With this end in view, the Turks proceeded to devastate the country and kill the Bulgarian Christians, driving the survivors into the mountains where they would either perish of hunger or else cross the Bulgarian frontier and become a burden to the Bulgarian nation."

In the meanwhile the powers paid not the slightest attention to the Bulgarian note of June 29, but rather encouraged the Turks, who adopted the most severe measures to suppress the outbreak. The Bulgarian government is now compelled to protect not only Bulgaria itself, but also the Bulgarian element of Macedonia.

"It is further evident that Turkey has directly encouraged the revolution, as with ten times as many guards on the frontier as Bulgaria employed the Turks never stopped a single revolutionary band nor an individual crossing the frontier. The port was only too anxious to have a pretext for continuing the massacres and the extermination of the Bulgarian people."

Turkey has now concentrated 300,000 troops in Macedonia, only about 20,000 of whom are engaged in the suppression of the revolution. The Bulgarian government is forced to perceive in this excessive mobilization a clear sign of Turkey's desire, after she has succeeded in suppressing the outbreak in Macedonia, to attack Bulgaria and exterminate the Bulgarian race.

"All our latest information from Macedonia and Constantinople confirms this view. Hilmil Pasha, the wali of Salonica, has openly declared that war with Bulgaria is the only way of settling the Macedonian question."

"The latest news from Constantinople says the port is mobilizing the Mustafa, or last line of reserves, including men of about 50 years of age."

Reports have also been received of Turkish troops crossing the Bulgarian frontier, carrying off sheep and committing other depredations.

"Confronted by such conditions, Bulgaria is forced to the conviction that Turkey intends to attack her, and the Sofia government has taken this last step of asking the powers to intervene. Otherwise, the Bulgarian government will have to take steps for its own protection."

Sofia, Sept. 15.—News was received here today that Turkish cavalry detachments, which have taken their station along the Bulgarian frontier, are ruthlessly cutting down all refugees attempting to escape from the disturbed district into Bulgaria. Turkish sharpshooters are reported to be amusing themselves by taking shots, not only at men, but even at women and children.

Another dispatch says that Albanians have devastated the villages of Mahle, Dokuzuk and Karaliza, killing many of the inhabitants.

The latest news, especially the report of massacres on the very threshold of Bulgaria, has aroused the people to a state bordering on madness and the powers are today clamoring for a declaration of war against the port.

It now appears more likely than ever that Serbia will be drawn into the fight. Embassies have gone secretly to King Peter to urge him to join Bulgaria in a fight against the Turks, pointing out that this is a way for him to overcome the differences which are at present besetting him.

Russia and Austria Protest London, Sept. 15.—It is stated that Russia and Austria, with the concurrence of the other powers, have made very serious representations to Turkey in regard to the atrocities that are being committed in Macedonia, which, it is said, threaten to transform, the vilayets of Monastir and Adrianople into deserts.

Bulgaria Calls Out Reserves Sofia, Sept. 15.—At the same time that Bulgaria issued her note to the powers in regard to Macedonia and Turkey it was decided to call to the colors six classes of reserves. These men will number about 20,000 and comprise the infantry divisions of Sofia, Philippopolis and Silivo. They are called out with a view of preparing for eventualities and especially for the purpose of guarding the frontier.

Bulgaria Not Prepared for War London, Sept. 15.—With the presentation of the Bulgarian note to the powers in regard to the situation in Macedonia and the relations between Turkey and Bulgaria, the belief has been created in many quarters that war between these countries is a matter of only a few days, perhaps hours. It cannot be said, however, that it appears to be actually any nearer than a few days ago. A dispatch from Vienna to the Standard says it is not surprising that Bulgaria, upon seeing Turkish troops a mile or two from her frontiers, should take precautionary measures. She is not prepared for war, however, and as the Bulgarians are not really anxious to be massacred the war spirit cannot be so high as has been described by correspondents who have been primed by Macedonian agitators or used by M. Petroff, the Bulgarian prime minister, as a means of making the world believe in Bulgaria's determination.

ALFRED DANIELS IN CRAVEN JAIL

Supposed Murderer of F. G. Simmons Taken to New Bern for Safe Keeping

New Bern, N. C., Sept. 15.—Special. Alfred Daniels, the negro whom the evidence points to as guilty of murdering F. G. Simmons, the father of Senator Simmons in Jones county, was brought to New Bern this morning by Sheriff Taylor from Trenton, and was lodged in Craven County jail for safe keeping until the next term of the criminal court. I was told today if he had been left in Trenton jail last night he would have been lynched in spite of Senator Simmons and the ministry of Jones county pleading with them not to be guilty of the awful deed. Sentiment is still at its height as to Daniels, but there is no fear of harm to him while in Craven county jail.

THREE ROADS JOINED

Rock Island and Frisco Trains Will Soon Run to Washington

Washington, Sept. 15.—A dispatch received here announces that the connection between the tracks of the Frisco and Rock Island and the Seaboard at Birmingham, Ala., has been completed, and unless unforeseen delay occurs the trains of the Frisco and Rock Island will be running into Washington not later than December 1.

It was also announced that the first crop from Washington to San Francisco express has been completed, and the national capital this morning. The combination took companies L and M of the third battalion of engineers went on their way to the Philippine islands.

THE CRISIS PASSED

Danger to the Corn Crop Over for the Present

Washington, Sept. 15.—The crisis in the corn belt has passed, according to advices received by the weather bureau, and temperatures will not be lower at present. The following special forecast was issued by the weather bureau at noon today: "Lowest temperatures of the present cold spell in the middle west and northwest have been reached. Somewhat lower temperature indicated for tonight in lower Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys, but cloudiness in that region will prevent serious frost."

other important cases will be tried. Barnard is a negro who is charged with burglary in the first degree, and is suspected of having entered a house on Big Ivy with intent to commit a criminal assault.

"Fooling" Killed a Boy

Winston-Salem, N. C., Sept. 15.—Special.—In Wilkes county yesterday Scott Church was fooling with a Winchester rifle in his store, when it was accidentally discharged. The bullet went through the wall and ranged in the direction of the school house where there were several children. It went through the arm of Nathan Phillips' daughter and entered the breast of his nine year old boy, killing him instantly.

WHAT HARKINS SAYS

He Has Not Tried to Have the Statesville Office Abolished

Asheville, N. C., Sept. 15.—Special. When asked today what truth, if any, there was in the published report that he had tried to have abolished the stamp office at Statesville, Collector Harkins said there was none whatever. Continuing the collector said: "When the Watts law became effective it of course had the effect of causing a big cut in the revenue forces. At the instance of the commissioner of internal revenue I made out and forwarded to Washington a list of offices and officers that I thought their services could be dispensed with. Included in this list was the stamp office at Statesville. The commissioner, however, directed me to retain the Statesville office, and of course that was all right with us. I had no desire to abolish any of the places, and that is all there is to it."

Wilson Graded School

Wilson, N. C., Sept. 15.—Special.—Our superbly equipped graded school opened yesterday with the largest attendance ever known in its history. The sixteen large class rooms were about filled,

and the bright, radiant faces of the well-behaved pupils made indeed a scene of brightest cheer and inspiration. The scholarly Prof. Mangum is perhaps the ablest and best equipped graded school superintendent in the state, and the wholesome fruitage of his fine taste and excellent methods and superb wisdom can be seen in the magnificent array of most excellent teachers he has grouped around him, and of the brilliant record this admirable school is making.

WORSE FOR COTTON

Crop Reports Are Generally of Unfavorable Tone

Washington, Sept. 15.—The weekly crop report issued today by the weather bureau says: "The week ending September 14 was exceedingly wet in the Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys and upper lake region, while drouth conditions over the greater part of the Southern States and the Ohio valley have become more serious. The temperature conditions in the central valleys and Atlantic coast districts were highly favorable, but abnormally cool weather prevailed in the central and northern Rocky Mountain districts and upper Missouri valley."

Further deterioration in the condition of cotton is very generally reported throughout the cotton belt. Shedding and rust are extensive and quite general complaints of premature opening are received from the central and eastern districts. The greater part of the cotton belt is now suffering from drouth, and boll worms are destructive in localities. Boll weevil continues to destroy nearly all the new forms in southwestern, central and eastern portions of the cotton area in Texas. Cotton is opening fast in all districts and picking is progressing rapidly.

Tobacco harvest has made favorable progress, except in Wisconsin, where it has been delayed by rains. In Kentucky, considerable is being cut green on account of drouth. In Tennessee late tobacco is in need of rain. Flooding and fall seeding have made favorable progress except in the lower Mississippi valley and Southern States, where the soil is too dry.

Restraining Order Against Levy and Collection of Taxes

A BIG BLAZE IN BROADWAY

Firemen Fight Flames in a Seven Story Building in the Dead of Night

New York, Sept. 15.—2.15 a. m.—What promises to be a disastrous fire has just broken out on one of the upper floors of the Broadway National Bank Broadway and Park Place, opposite the city post office. The flames have already extended to the roof of the structure and are burning fiercely. Within a few minutes from the sounding of the alarm a loud explosion occurred in the basement, but the nature and extent of it cannot be learned.

Many engines are already upon the scene and the firemen are making heroic efforts to check the progress of the conflagration, but so far have been unable to make but little headway toward that end.

The janitor and his wife, who were asleep in their rooms on the top story, were not aroused until the fire had made considerable progress up the elevator shaft, but they succeeded in gaining the roof without much difficulty. The firemen warned not to jump and directed them to endeavor to reach the top of an adjoining building whence they were finally removed in safety.

The first floor of the bank building has been vacant since the Broadway National Bank moved its quarters elsewhere a short time ago.

The building is seven stories in height and will probably be a total loss.

At 2.45 a. m. the fire was thought to be under control.

ferred considerably, but no reports are in as yet. More interest is centered in the orange, pineapple, grape fruit and other fruit industries, as they are important money crops. The crop is damaged fully 50 per cent. A peculiar feature of the storm is that while it was raging about Miami and Tampa, Egmont Key, in lower Tampa harbor, was quiet with not a trace of storm, and Key West had little or no blow. The storm was general through the interior, going as far north from Tampa as Orlando, and reaching many points far below Tampa. It is feared that towns on the west coast below Tampa have fared badly, as no word has been received from them for days.

STATE NORMAL IS OVERFLOWING

Opening Day Attendance Was Larger Than Ever Before. Recent Improvements

Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 15.—Special. The State Normal and Industrial College began its eleventh annual session this morning with an enrollment of 497, which is over one hundred more than ever before on the first day. The opening exercises were held in the college chapel and were conducted by Rev. Dr. H. W. Battle, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and Rev. Dr. L. W. Crayford, pastor of the Spring Garden Street M. E. Church, both of whom made appropriate addresses. President Charles D. McIver also made an address to the students telling what had been done in the way of improvements at the college during the summer and what the college authorities hoped to accomplish this session.

The day has been occupied in registering students and classification. Regular recitations will be held tomorrow. The \$20,000 Students' building is nearing completion and much work is being done on the college campus and in Peabody Park, where \$5,000 will be expended. A large cold storage plant will be completed shortly and a heating system, costing \$15,000, will be installed. During vacation two stories were added to the main dormitory, furnishing room for fifty more students, yet over one hundred young ladies are now compelled to secure board and lodging with families living near the college. An unusually large number of Greensboro girls will be students at the State Normal College this year.

PROFITS CUT OUT

Express Companies About to Quit Business in Texas

Austin, Tex., Sept. 15.—It is reported on apparently trustworthy authority that the four express companies now operating on Texas railroads are considering the matter of withdrawing entirely from Texas and that such action has practically been decided upon. It is asserted that the new tariff of express rates promulgated by the railroad commission, being a reduction of ten per cent as compared with existing rates, would obliterate nearly all the profits obtained by the express companies on the Texas business and that there is no inducement for them to continue to operate on Texas roads. The companies affected are the Wells-Fargo, the Pacific, the United States and the American. According to the report current here today the notice of their withdrawal from Texas will be issued in a few days.

Enjoined the Dog

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 15.—A dog belonging to R. H. Bell, a liveryman of this city, has been enjoined from barking and disturbing the members of W. H. Tepell's family.

Mr. Tepell, who is a well-to-do citizen, living near Knoxville, filed a bill in the chancery court against Bell, seeking an injunction restraining Bell's dog from barking and further disturbing Tepell's wife who, it is alleged, has been driven to nervous prostration. Judge Speed granted the injunction, which Tepell seeks to have made permanent.

Conspiracy Cases Continued

Frankfort, Ky., Sept. 15.—The cases of ex-Governor W. S. Taylor, ex-Secretary of State Charles Finley, Capt. John L. Powers, a brother of Caleb Powers, and others charged with complicity in the Goebel murder conspiracy, were called in the Franklin circuit court today and continued. There will be no further investigation at present in the Goebel case and no indictments by the grand jury for the present term.

THE FLORIDA STORM

The Orange and Other Fruit Crops Have Suffered Severely

Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 15.—News of the storm devastated sections of this state is still meagre and inaccurate. Wires are not working as yet to western portions nor to the extreme southern section or the west or east coast. There are many towns on the west coast that have not been heard from, and much interest is felt in their fate. In west Florida cotton and corn suf-

Authorities of City of Raleigh and Wake County Must Show Cause Why They Shall Not Be Enjoined—Hearing at Henderson October 5th.

The recent assessment of property for taxation in the city of Raleigh and Wake county has reached a point beyond mere objections to high assessment and is to be fought out in the courts.

The legal battle begins with a restraining order issued yesterday by Judge R. B. Peebles. The order requires the board of county commissioners of Wake to show cause why each of them shall not be enjoined. The order is made returnable before Judge Ferguson at Henderson October 5th. In the meantime the register of deeds, J. J. Bernard, is restrained from certifying to the sheriff the tax list for Raleigh township based upon the 1903 assessment. The board of aldermen are also restrained from levying and collecting any tax upon said assessment. Sheriff Page is included, too, and cannot collect any taxes for this year in Raleigh township pending the hearing before Judge Ferguson October 5th.

The complaint is made by F. H. Wilson and Catherine F. Wilson, his wife; W. J. Ellington, W. J. Hicks, E. F. Montague, Mrs. Annie S. Bailey and C. B. Edwards.

Messrs E. P. Maynard and Perrin Busbee, attorneys for the complainants, went to Goldsboro yesterday and secured the restraining order from Judge Peebles who is holding court there. They returned to this city in the afternoon and the order was placed in the hands of the sheriff to be served at once upon the county commissioners and the authorities of the city of Raleigh.

The restraining order and the complaint upon which it was issued are given in full herewith.

Judge Peebles' Order

The order issued by Judge Peebles is in full as follows: "Upon the verified complaint filed in this cause, treated as an affidavit, it is ordered that the defendants above named and each of them, show cause why they shall not be enjoined from levying and collecting any tax upon the assessment of 1903 and that the said W. M. Dake, sheriff, be restrained from collecting any tax in said Raleigh township based upon said assessment and that the said city of Raleigh and said aldermen of said city be restrained from levying or collecting any tax upon the said assessment."

"It is further ordered that, in the meantime, the said A. H. Green and others, constituting the board of commissioners of said county, and J. J. Bernard, register of deeds, be restrained from certifying to the sheriff of said county any tax list for Raleigh township, based upon the assessment of 1903; and that the said W. M. Dake, sheriff, be restrained from collecting any tax in said Raleigh township based upon said assessment and that the said city of Raleigh and said aldermen of said city be restrained from levying or collecting any tax upon the said assessment."

"It is further ordered that, upon the plaintiffs executing a sufficient undertaking, with sufficient security in the sum of two thousand dollars, to be approved by the clerk of said court, that this order be issued and served upon the defendants."

"It is further ordered that the plaintiffs have leave to take the depositions of the defendants herein and of E. M. Martin, C. D. Arthur and A. E. Glenn, upon five days' notice; and the plaintiffs have leave to make the aldermen of the city of Raleigh defendants."

Full Text of Complaint

The complaint upon which the foregoing order was issued is in full as follows, after naming the plaintiffs: "The plaintiffs above named, on behalf of themselves and of all others who shall come in and make themselves parties to this action, complain and allege:

"1. That they are citizens and residents of the township of Raleigh, of the county and state aforesaid, and are owners of real property located in said township and tax-payers thereon.

"2. That under the provisions of section 12 of chapter 251 of the laws of 1903, the defendants Green, Bernard, Powers, Peggam, Allen and Ellington, constituting the board of commissioners of said county, were required, at their session held in the month of April, 1903, to appoint three disinterested freeholders in said township, who should be known as the board of assessors and assessors in said township, whose duty it should be to assess the real and personal property in said township for taxation.

"3. That the said board of commissioners, at their said meeting in April, 1903, failed and refused to appoint three disinterested freeholders in said township for the purpose aforesaid, as they were required by law to do, but on the contrary, they appointed C. D. Arthur, A. E. Glenn and E. M. Martin as such assessors. (Continued on 5th page.)

The Universal Tobacco Company Gets an Airing

Argument Heard on the Order to Produce the Books of the Company for Inspection by Minority Stockholders

Trenton, N. J., Sept. 15.—The affairs of the Universal Tobacco Company were given an airing before Chancellor Magie today when argument was heard on a motion by which the company seeks to stay the order of Vice Chancellor Pitney, requiring it to produce its books for inspection in the proceedings brought by Edwin A. McAlpin and others to oust President William H. Butler and his brother, George P. Butler, from the management of the corporation.

The argument consumed the entire day, and then at the suggestion of the chancellor and with the consent of counsel, it was agreed that the present proceedings should act as a stay to the enforcement of the order for the production of the books until next Monday, when the chancellor promised to announce his decision on the motion.

Counsel for the defendants who appeared today in support of the motion were Attorney General Robert H. McCarter, Wheeler H. Peckham, Bourke Cockran and James W. Osborne. The opposing counsel were Gilbert Collins of Jersey City, Herbert Barry of New York and J. Rufus of Hoboken.

Mr. McCarter spoke first for the motion and indulged in several flights at Vice Chancellor Pitney for what he regarded as arbitrary rulings in the prior consideration. Mr. McCarter contended that the production of the books for the inspection of the complainants was not germane to any of the subject matter contained in the bill of complaint,

Special Court for Buncombe

Asheville, N. C., Sept. 15.—Special. Governor Aycock has advised Solicitor Brown that a special term of superior court will be held here in October, when the case of John Barnard and

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