

NEGOTIATIONS  
ON NEAR EAST  
ARE OPPOSED

King Constantine Says Direct Dealings Are Impossible—Not Averse to Conversations Between Delegates.

## WANTS RECOGNITION

(By Associated Press)  
ATHENS, Feb. 2.—Direct negotiations for the settlement of the Near Eastern problems between the Greek and Turkish Nationalists are impossible, said King Constantine today. He indicated he was not averse to conversations between Greek representatives and delegates chosen by the Sultan's government, if such procedure was dictated by the interests of Greece.

Whether this attitude on the part of the Greek king would have any bearing on the Near East conference to be held in London late this month was not disclosed by Constantine, but he made it evident his government would refuse to recognize Mustafa Kemal Pasha, head of the Turkish Nationalists, or his delegates.

**Not to Make Overtures**  
Constantine declared he would make no overtures to former Premier Venizelos, who is at present in France, stating M. Venizelos must take the initiative.

While at Paris, Foreign Minister Sforza of Italy suggested direct negotiations between Greece and Turkey for the settlement of their differences, said the king, "but such procedure would be out of the question at the present time. I do not recognize Mustafa Kemal as a person worthy to be dealt with. Why does Europe make all this fuss over an outlaw? Mustafa Kemal is only a big bluff; a big bubble, and we could blow him off the map as we would blow a fly off a table."

**Must Protect People**  
"If it seems wise, after the London conference, for Greece to enter into negotiations with the responsible Turkish government in Constantinople, we will not hesitate to take that step, but any discussion must take cognizance of our right to hold Smyrna and Thrace. This is not an imperialistic policy. It is our national policy. We must protect our people outside the home land."

King Constantine said he did not care to comment on the results of the meeting of the supreme allied council in Paris, because his words might prejudice the case of Greece before the London conference.

**Gounaris Minister.**  
He declared he felt sure that the decision at London would not hinge upon his occupancy of the Greek throne. M. Gounaris, minister of war, will go to London as one of the Greek delegates, as he is leader of the dominant political party and King Constantine asserted he did not see how the allies could refuse to accept the minister if he was the choice of the government and people.

The king declared he was the only one who could sign the credentials of the Greek delegates, but added he would not consider acceptance of his signature by the allies as tantamount to recognition of him. He said that if the allies wanted to recognize him openly, it was their place to send their ministers to him.

**Denies Concave.**  
The king said such a thing as his brother, Prince George, meeting M. Venizelos in Nice, as has been reported by Athens newspapers, was quite impossible, as Prince George and the former premier were never good friends. Commenting upon conferences between M. Venizelos and Premier Lloyd George in Paris, the king said he hoped M. Venizelos would in the interests of Greece, and try to achieve the final consolidation and success of plans already begun by him.

Asked if reconciliation between himself and the former premier was possible in future, Constantine replied: "I have nothing to make up with M. Venizelos. The country has shown what it thought of him and me. It is his place to come to me if he desires to make peace."

**Action Pleases.**  
The king expressed himself as being pleased with the action of parliament in electing M. Lombaris, chief of the body. He thought this would strengthen M. Gounaris, and that he might be the logical candidate for the next premier, although that question, the king added, rested largely with parliament.

Constantine said he had no information that the United States would soon recognize him but added he was naturally hopeful such action would be taken. He said he was glad to see that President-elect Harding had expressed friendly sentiments toward Greece in a communication to a Greek-American republican club.

Reports that the Greek army in Asia Minor had suffered a defeat in recent operations were denied by Constantine who said the Greeks had won a complete victory.

GEN. PERSHING WARNS  
AGAINST PACIFICISM

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—A warning against pacifism and unpreparedness was given the house naval committee today by General Pershing who appeared to discuss world disarmament.

While expressing approval of the proposal for a world disarmament conference, the former commander of the American Expeditionary forces said the United States should go ahead with its present navy and army programs until a definite agreement can be reached by at least the five great world powers.

## New Roumanian Minister Tells Country's Gratitude



Prince Antoine Bibesco and wife, daughter of Herbert H. Asquith.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—"No country knows better than Roumania what the United States did during the war," says Prince Antoine Bibesco of Roumania, who recently arrived in the U. S. to take his post in Washington as minister from his country. His wife, daughter of Herbert H. Asquith, British statesman, accompanied him.

"The U. S. entered the war when Roumania was in its most critical stage," he adds. "Roumania feels particularly grateful to the U. S. because her territory has been doubled. For the first

time in her history my country obtained justice."

The prince served in the Roumanian legion in London sixteen years. His intimate contact with Americans during the war will aid him in his new duties.

His country's most pressing need, the prince said, is transportation, as the Germans completely disrupted its system.

"When Roumania is once more on her feet, she is certain to be one of the most forward and democratic European nations," the prince said.

HARDING TURNS BACK  
TODAY ON HIS TRIP;  
WIFE BUSY SHOPPING

(By Associated Press)  
MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 2.—President-elect Harding turned northward today on his Florida vacation trip, leaving early in the forenoon for Fort Lauderdale, the first stop on his way back to St. Augustine. Most of the return trip will be made aboard Senator Frelinghusen's house boat Victoria, on which Mr. Harding and his party cruised from St. Augustine to Miami. They traveled by automobile, however, to Fort Lauderdale, where they were to board the Victoria some time this afternoon after a game of golf on the Lauderdale links. On the way up the coast the president-elect expects to stop for golf at Palm Beach, Ormond and possibly one or two other points. He probably will reach St. Augustine Sunday or Monday. Senator A. B. Fall, of New Mexico, and Harry M. Daugherty, of Columbus, O., who were among Harding's companions during his cruise to Miami and his fishing trip off the Florida Keys, left the party today and started north by rail to attend to business affairs.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Business before the legislature continued to be the program of Mrs. Warren G. Harding today, the wife of the president-elect remaining within her hotel, where she resumed inspection of the designs and finished frocks and millinery offered by New York modish shops. Throughout the morning designers followed one another into the hotel, each almost hidden beneath boxes and bundles. The ladies' "first look" was expected to break her seclusion this afternoon with an automobile ride, her first daytime appearance on the street since arriving here last Sunday.

Soon after dawn camera men posted their machines at every doorway leading from the hotel, and began another long vigil.

POLITICAL STRUGGLE  
DEVELOPS IN FIUME

(By Associated Press)  
TRIESTE, Feb. 2.—A bitter political struggle is developing in Fiume, eight parties having placed themselves in the field for the constitutional assembly elections. These include the old adherents of annexation, the Nationalists, autonomists, croats, Socialists and communists. The elections are to be held about the middle of March.

The various annexationist groups are expected to form a coalition, but the strength of the autonomists is conceded to be the most formidable.

Business at the port of Fiume still is at a standstill and the city is burdened with a large debt. The present provisional government is making efforts to have Italy reestablish the city's credit.

CLOTURE FOR TARIFF  
BILL IS DEFEATED

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The Republican attempt to enforce cloture for the consideration of the emergency tariff bill was defeated today in the senate.

The vote was 36 for the adoption of cloture to 35 against, far less than the necessary two-thirds majority.

The cloture petition was supported by 7 Republicans and nine Democrats, and was opposed by seven Republicans and 28 Democrats. Many of the members were paired.

Proponents of the bill promised to fight for its passage even with the rejection of cloture, while others had announced that the cloture vote would be the signal for a movement to set aside the tariff measure in favor of appropriation bills. One solution suggested was to lay aside the tariff bill from time to time for consideration of the money bills, and debate the tariff measure when no appropriation measure was in readiness.

OFFICERS OF FLEET  
ARE BANQUETED BY  
PRESIDENT OF CHILE

(By Associated Press)  
SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 2.—Admiral Hugh Rodman and the higher officers of the United States Pacific fleet, which is at anchor at Valparaiso, were guests of honor at a banquet given in this city last night by President Alexandri of Chile. The function marked the close of a busy day of receptions and calls of ceremony by the American officers. During the dinner toasts to President Wilson and President-elect Harding were proposed, and there was an exchange of felicitations between government officials and the visitors.

Admiral Rodman, with his staff, arrived here yesterday noon in time to attend a luncheon given by the North American Society of Chile. Joseph H. Shea, American ambassador, introduced Admiral Rodman as the "bearer of a message of friendship to Chile." Admiral Rodman, after expressing appreciation of the reception extended the Pacific fleet and its personnel, said he "spoke on high authority in asserting it was hoped that Chilean warships would visit North American waters, where they would be received with hospitality such as was shown the Pacific fleet at Valparaiso."

LIMA, Peru, Feb. 2.—President Leguia, of Peru, accompanied by the minister of marine, called upon Admiral Henry B. Wilson, commander of the United States Atlantic fleet, here today. This was a return of the call paid the president by Admiral Wilson yesterday. Shortly after noon the minister of marine was host to Admiral Wilson and his staff.

During the afternoon the program of entertainment included a ball fight and a reception at the National club. In the evening Admiral Wilson was to be guest of honor at a banquet given by Lieut. Commander Paul Fitzsimons, member of the United States naval mission to Peru, and his wife, who formerly was Elsie French Vanderbilt. Later the higher officers of the fleet planned to attend a ball given by the ministry of foreign affairs at Union club.

JOHNSON PROPOSES  
A SIBERIAN PROBE

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Investigation of the participation of Americans, "either civilians or members of the military or naval establishments in the government affairs of the republics of Nicaragua, Haiti, and Santo Domingo" is proposed in a resolution by Senator Johnson, Republican, of California, ordered favorably reported today by the senate foreign relations committee.

The committee also ordered a favorable report on another resolution by Senator Johnson proposing an investigation into "the sending of United States soldiers to Siberia, the purposes of their presence there; their activities and accomplishments if any; and also the condition and situation of the citizens of the United States and the interests of citizens of the United States in Siberia."

Senator Johnson asked immediate consideration for his resolutions in the senate, but they went over on objections of Senator Hitchcock.

McCray Wants Highway  
by Lincoln's Mother's Grave

(By Associated Press)  
INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 2.—Governor McCray declared today that he favored the re-routing of the proposed Evansville-French Lick market highway so that it would pass through Lincoln City, past the burial ground of the mother of Abraham Lincoln.

"I have not talked with the director of the highway commission," said the governor, "but I believe this road should go through Lincoln City, and I believe my opinion will have some weight."

RICHMOND CITIZENS  
TO ATTEND HEARING  
ON HOME RULE BILL

Representatives of the several civic organizations of Richmond will be present at the hearing on the home rule bill before the house committee of the state legislature in the Indiana chamber Thursday evening in Indianapolis. At least eight people will attend and others are expected to be present who have not announced themselves to the committee in charge here.

Byram Robbins has been selected as the spokesman for the local delegation, and he will present the reasons why Richmond desires this kind of a measure to be passed. Other people who will attend are Benjamin Johnson, Jr., T. B. Jenkins, Lee Dykeman, Miss Ruth James, Mrs. Byram Robbins, Verne Pentecost and Fred Lemon.

**Expect Conference**  
Efforts to arrange a conference with Governor McCray have been made and it is expected that he will meet the local delegation Thursday afternoon for an exchange of ideas. The governor is thought to be in favor of the proposed measure, according to letters received by local people from him.

The home rule bill which was introduced in the house during the past week by Representative Knapp, from Hagerstown, Wayne county's representative, has been referred to the committee on cities and towns. Representative Miltnerberger, of Muncie, is chairman of this committee and Mr. Knapp is a member. The majority of the committee are said to favor the measure, according to Mr. Knapp.

**Time Divided.**  
A hearing was arranged for by the committee so that they would be able to hear both sides of the question and measure the agitation for the bill. The time will be equally divided between those for and those opposed to the bill, Representative Knapp states.

Several other cities of the state are expected to have representatives at the meeting. The only concerted action that has been taken is that the citizens of Richmond have made it to announce they will have representatives at the meeting, it is stated.

WILSON ATTENDS PLAY;  
HAS NO ILL-EFFECTS

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—So far as had been learned at the white house today President Wilson was suffering no ill-effects from his attendance at the theater last night, his first since the illness which interrupted his league of nations speaking tour in September, 1919.

With Mrs. Wilson and his brother-in-law, John Randolph Bolling, the president witnessed a performance of John Drinkwater's "Abraham Lincoln," surprising a large audience when he appeared in a lower box shortly before the curtain rose. A round of applause and cheers greeted the president when recognized by the audience, which rose in unison and stood until he was seated.

The flood of light on the president's box gave the assembled hundreds their first clear view of the man whose whitened hair and more deeply lined countenance bore evidence of the effect of the long illness from which he is now said to be making rapid recovery.

President Wilson, using a cane, made his entrance into the box on the arm of his brother-in-law, who also aided him in rising and leaving the theater after the performance. The president used one of the rear stage doors on entering and leaving the theater, disappointing a throng which had gathered at the front entrance to see him leave after the performance.

VOLUNTARY TRAINING  
FAVORED BY HARDING

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—President-elect Harding favors enactment of legislation to provide for voluntary military training of 150,000 men annually. Chairman Kahn, of the house military committee, announced today on the floor of the house, launching his fight to prevent reduction of the regular army below 175,000 men.

Chairman Kahn declared that the president-elect had told him at Marion, O., recently that he favored an army of 175,000 men, but that he hoped that "some day" it would be cut to 150,000.

Why Richmond is the  
Best Place in Which  
to Live

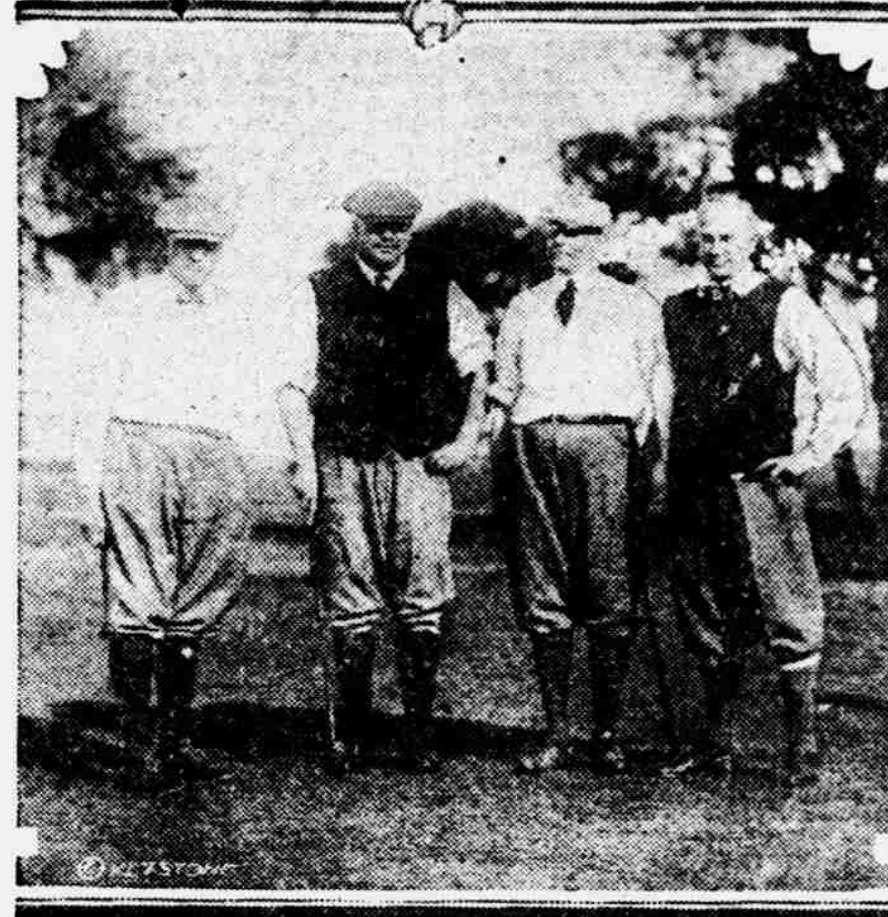
Each day a Palladium reporter will interview persons at random to find out why they like to live here.

Friendliness of Richmond citizens was emphasized by a local shoe dealer Wednesday morning.

"After living in a city not as important as Richmond the greater part of seven years, it was put at me several times that the city I lived in was a good one with the exception of a would-be aristocracy."

Personally, I never could appreciate this to be the fact, until after spending a short time in Richmond in the same kind of business. I can clearly see and thoroughly understand why this certain town had this name when I go up and down the street here, for the friendly feeling every one seems to have for you makes you feel you are one of the crowd."

## Harding Can't Ignore Links



Left to right: President-elect Harding, Senator Frelinghusen, Mr. Fletcher and Dr. Ely on the links at St. Augustine.

President-elect Harding's vacation on Indian river, near St. Augustine, Florida, was to be devoted mainly to fishing, but this photograph shows him with several of the members of his party on the golf links. Much as Harding likes to fish, he could not resist the lure of such links. With him in the picture are Senator Frelinghusen, Mr. Fletcher, who was ambassador to Mexico, and Dr. Ely.

CARE OF CHARITY PATIENTS, LACK OF ROOM  
EMPHASIZED IN ANNUAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Care of charity patients, and the lack of sufficient room to accommodate patients who need and wish to avail themselves of hospital attention are both emphasized in the annual report of Reid Memorial hospital for the year ending Dec. 31, 1920. The report was submitted to the Common Council by John L. Rupe, president of the board of trustees of the hospital.

Total disbursements for the year just ended were \$26,875.74, leaving a balance on hand Jan. 1, 1921, of \$48,484.24. The report shows that 141 absolute charity cases were cared for at an expenditure of \$3.55 a day for each person, and that as ward patients are cared for at \$2 per day, and that it costs \$3.55 a day for each, that the hospital has lost \$1.55 on each of the 566 ward patients during the year.

**Report to Council.**  
Mr. Rupe's report to the council follows:

To the Common Council of the City of Richmond:

I am pleased to submit to you the annual report of Reid Memorial Hospital for the year 1920. I desire on behalf of the Board of Trustees and management, to express our very cordial thanks for the kindly interest in the hospital manifested by your valuable assistance during the past year.

You will notice from the report that we have furnished our citizens hospital care during the year, which is wholly charity 1167 days which has cost us \$14,128.88. In addition to this we receive for our ward patients \$2.90 per day and this is \$1.55 per day less than it actually costs us.

No hospital can do the work it ought to do, if taking care of worthy people.

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FIRST LINE AIRCRAFT  
DEFENSE FOR COAST  
RECOMMENDED HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Virtually advocating the complete abandonment of fixed coast defenses for ports like Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and San Francisco and giving warning that navies are not any more than first line of defense for the United States, Brigadier-General William Mitchell, of the United States air craft service, has recommended to the house appropriations committee the establishment of a first line air craft defense for the American coast.

In the hearings on the army bill, General Mitchell said that for \$45,000,000, the cost of building only a single super-dreadnaught, the United States could build and maintain, in three years, a force of 3,202 airplanes that virtually would make the United States airtight from attack from land, sea or air, and would give the greatest measure of protection for the sea coasts at the least possible expense.

**Air Appropriation Cut**  
Although he gave testimony of a rather startling nature to show that aircraft was in every way superior, for defensive purposes, to either the navy or coast defenses, the committee refused to allow the \$60,000,000 that had been estimated for the air service for the year beginning July 1, 1921, and cut the appropriation to \$19,200,000.

General Mitchell was positive that the whole present system of defending the seacoasts of the United States was wrong and obsolete and he agreed with members of the committee that Great Britain was at this time considering a complete reversal of her naval policy because of the possibility of attack from the air. The advantage of the capital ship of the navy, General Mitchell agreed, was almost a thing of the past because of the development of the air service and he asserted also that "dollar for dollar spent, you will get more from an air force than from submarines."

## Weather Forecast

Weatherman Moore makes the following statement on ground-hog day: "Ground-hog day has nothing whatever to do with the future weather conditions. It would be impossible to have six weeks of winter weather in Richmond and at the same time have spring weather in Indianapolis as the ground-hog could see his shadow in Indianapolis today as the sun was shining there."

**For Indiana, by the United States Weather Bureau:** Fair tonight and Thursday; not much change in temperature.

**Temperatures for Today**  
Maximum ..... 28  
Minimum ..... 25  
Today .....

**For Wayne County, by W. E. Moore:** Partly cloudy but mostly fair tonight and Thursday.

**Weather Conditions:** The weather continues cloudy and unsettled with light snows in the North and Central States due to a modern storm over the Great Lakes. The skies are clearing over the middle Mississippi valley. Temperatures during the past 24 hours have changed but little except in the Rocky Mountains; Zero to 10 below in North Dakota, and western Canada, and 20 below in Ontario. It stays cold in the south. Another snow storm Tuesday night at Raleigh, North Carolina. Following figures show the lowest and highest temperatures at the respective places: Alabama, Montgomery, 40-46; Mobile, 44-46; New Orleans, La., 48-54; Atlanta, Ga., 34-42.

SIMONS SEEKS  
TO GAIN TIME  
ON INDEMNITY

Address of Foreign Minister Viewed as Cautious Statement—Declares Terms Are Impossible.

## CABINET IS TO STICK

(By Associated Press)  
BERLIN, Feb. 2.—Germany cannot consider the terms of reparations decided upon by the supreme allied council at Paris last week as being the final settlement of the indemnity question, but the basis of future negotiations. This was indicated by Dr. Walter Simons, foreign minister, who spoke on the reparations question before the reichstag yesterday.

His address was viewed as a cautious statement by party leaders who were willing to informally discuss it in the lounging room of the reichstag after the session had adjourned. The prevalent opinion was that Dr. Simons had not burned his bridges behind him, and that his presentation of the German attitude might enable him to gain important time, both in anticipating the attitude of the new American administration and in reaching a definite settlement of the fate of Upper Silesia.

**Cabinet to Stay**  
Rumors have been current that the present German cabinet would resign, but they have been given little credence, as no other coalition government would be conceivable under the present unanimity of political parties in Germany. Only the communists stand out as the opposition.

The opinion was also quite universally expressed that the independent socialists could adopt no other attitude than one of stern opposition to the reparations conditions under which the proletariat would be the greatest sufferers. This view was promptly subscribed to by majority socialists who have made it known they would stand by the present government.

**Socialist Speaks.**  
"The reparations demands are, above all, a blow at the German working man," Dr. Eduard David, majority Socialist leader and former member of the ministry, declared in talking with The Associated Press. "The agrarian classes might be able to survive such economic impositions as they are able to feed themselves. The wealthy class would probably not suffer under such a burden, but the German laboring people would have to shoulder the burden of such terms. No German government is possibly conceivable which would dare to assume such responsibility toward German posterity as acceptance would produce internal chaos and lure Bolshevism to the eastern frontier of Germany."

"We are quite willing to have an entire coalition government comprised of English, French, Belgian, Italians and Japanese take over the government of Germany and demonstrate the feasibility of the terms now imposed upon us."

WALSH URGES BAN  
ON FOREIGN LOANS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—A resolution by Senator Walsh, Democrat, of Massachusetts to prohibit further loans to foreign governments without the approval of congress was reported out today by the senate foreign relations committee. At the time another senate committee was considering a similar resolution by Senator Reed, Democrat, of Missouri.

Another resolution, by Senator Walsh, which was approved by the foreign relations committee, directed the treasury department to transmit to the senate all information and correspondence relating to interest payments on loan refunding of foreign loans.

PALMER HANDS DOWN  
LIQUOR PERMIT RULE

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The authority of the government to issue permits for the withdrawal of liquor from bonded warehouses is limited to manufacturers and wholesale druggists, Attorney General Palmer ruled in an opinion made public today in a letter to Commissioner of Internal Revenue Williams. Issuance of permits for the disposition of liquor by wholesale also is limited to manufacturers and wholesale druggists, the attorney general ruled.

There are now 3,888 wholesale liquor dealers holding permits to deal in liquor, according to the records of the bureau of internal revenue. Officials said, however, that the amount of liquor in bond owned by these wholesalers could not be estimated as the bureau's record only showed the total quantities in storage.

Indian Riots Call  
For Reinforcements

(By Associated Press)  
ALLAHABAD, India, Feb. 2.—Further reinforcements have been sent to the Rai Bareilly district, where there is a recrudescence of last week's rioting. Several persons have been wounded by police fire at Fyzabad.

Rioters, estimated to number 10,000, were said in Allahabad dispatches to London last week, to be pouring into the Fyzabad district with the intention of annihilating the police. The situation was described as serious and troops were proceeding there from Lucknow.