

egy has probably brought to a close one of the shortest and most remarkable wars on record.

A great Turkish army, estimated at more than 200,000 men, has been defeated and is in retreat. Constantinople is believed to be at the mercy of the victorious Bulgarian army and a council, sitting at the porte, is discussing the advisability of suing for peace. Such is the news which comes from Constantinople.

It is only a fortnight since Turkey declared war. The first week of the campaign closed with the dramatic fall of Kirk-Kilisseh, fully revealing for the first time the disorganization, bad morale and inefficient commissariat of the Turkish army. Today that army is defeated, routed within one hundred miles from Constantinople and possibly its retreat within the capital's line of defenses is cut off.

Generally the briefest and vaguest accounts of the great battle have been received, for the war has been especially remarkable in that not a single war correspondent has been allowed at the front, except in the case of the little Montenegrin campaign against Scutari.

General Mario Menocal was elected president of Cuba at the presidential election on that island. Absolute order prevailed throughout the entire country during the balloting.

General Homer Lee, the American who acted as advisor to the leaders of the late Chinese rebellion, died at his home in Los Angeles.

A cablegram from Constantinople, dated November 3, says that the Turkish Porte has appealed to the powers for mediation with a view to the cessation of hostilities and for the negotiation of peace. Application has been made to the embassies and by circular to the Ottoman representatives in European capitals.

An Associated Press dispatch from Utica, N. Y., dated November 2, says: In the presence of the president of the United States, members of the cabinet, representatives of the diplomatic corps, and women and men of every walk of life, final honors were paid today to James Schoolcraft Sherman, vice president of the United States.

In deference to the wishes of Mrs. Sherman, the funeral was without display. Simple services were held in the First Presbyterian church, and the offer of the president of a guard of regulars to escort the body from the church to the cemetery was refused. As far as possible the funeral was as simple as the dead man would have liked, and the public services were made as brief as possible under the circumstances.

The services in the church were conducted by Rev. Dr. Holden, assisted by Rev. Dana Bigelow. The funeral oration was delivered by Rev. M. W. Stryker, president of Hamilton college, of which institution Mr. Sherman had been for many years a trustee. Dr. Stryker's oration was a forceful appreciation of Mr. Sherman. He spoke of the latter's youthful days in the college, of his rise in public life, of his unselfishness, faithfulness of duty. The minister dwelt at great length on the perfect home life of the dead man which, he said, was an inspiration to all.

There was special music by a double quartet of male singers and by the choir of Christ church.

The public services were comparatively brief. At their conclusion the president and his party left the church by a side entrance going into Columbia street so that the enormous crowd in front of the edifice might be avoided. The casket was then removed to the waiting hearse, and the cortege passed out past the Sherman

home to Forest Hill cemetery. At the cemetery the body was deposited in a crypt in the beautiful Babcock mausoleum recently completed by the late Mrs. Carrie Babcock, mother-in-law of the vice president, whose body was placed in it only three weeks ago.

A Berlin cablegram dated Nov. 4, says: The Turkish ambassador presented to the foreign office this afternoon a communication from his government asking the powers' good offices to bring about an armistice. Germany immediately put itself into

communication with the other five powers, with a view to carrying out the request.

A New York dispatch says: The United States Express company passed its semi-annual dividend of \$3 a share. The establishment of the parcels post and a decrease in the company's earnings during the last fiscal year were among the reasons given by directors for the failure to declare the dividend.

Radio waves flashed by the station at the American naval base at Guan-

tanamo, came "strong" to the new naval station at Arlington, Va., during the testing period recently. This is the farthest point yet heard from since the big station has been working.

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