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## TURKS AND BULGARIANS SUFFERED HEAVY LOSSES

**Newspaper Despatches Tell of Desperate Hand to Hand Fighting--The Bayonet Freely Used by Both Sides--Turkey has an Enormous Force in the Field--Servians had Severe Reverse--Lost a Battery and General's Flag**

Constantinople, Oct. 25--Stories of desperate hand to hand fighting between the Bulgarians and the Turks are told in newspaper despatches reaching here and Adrianople. Great losses were sustained by both armies in the battles around that city Tuesday and Wednesday. Bayonets were used freely in the fight for the possession of the banks of the Tuna River and hundreds were killed and wounded. Eight battalions of Bulgarian troops attacked the village of Marsh yesterday and were repulsed by the Turkish troops with heavy losses. The Turks have 150,000 of their finest troops on a line stretching from Kiliessch to Adrianople which later city is garrisoned by another 60,000 men. Still another 60,000 men guard the line from Adrianople to Abdullah Pasha. The remainder in chief of the Turkish forces sometime ago declared that the troops at his disposal were sufficient and since then the great stream of fresh troops has been directed towards Saloniki.

Communication with Adrianople is still working normally and no serious attacks on the defence of that town is reported by the Turkish commander. Fugitives from Kirk Kiliessch most of them Christians are being brought to Constantinople by train.

### THE SERVIAN ROUTED

Constantinople, Oct. 25--On the other side of the Peninsula Sulu Pashua, with an army of 30,000 Turks, is reported to have attacked the Servian army north of Kumanova just as a large force of Bulgarian was about to take a junction with it. The Servians found four divisions of their troops broken up and they fled in confusion back across the frontier, leaving a battery of artillery and a general's flag behind them. The Turks took many prisoners and found a large number of dead and wounded on the field. Hekaki Pasha then turned his attention to the Bulgarians whom he attacked and routed driving them also back across the frontier with a loss of four of their field guns. A despatch from Uskup says that civilians also are able to leave that town are departing toward the south.

It is announced today that the foreign military attaches here are to be permitted to leave for the front tomorrow. The Ottoman Government has notified the various embassies that the reports of their military attaches should be made in France and a request has been made in the case of the war correspondents but it is doubtful whether this can be carried out.

London, Oct. 24--A three days' battle and a Bulgarian turning movement has resulted, according to Sofia accounts, in the fall of Kirk-Kiliessch and the capture of the Turkish garrison, numbering 50,000 men. That so many Turks have been taken in is regarded as improbable and the more likely report is that the Turks retreated in the direction of Bunarhisar to the southeast.

The capture of this stronghold, to which the Turks attached almost the same importance as to Adrianople, was confirmed tonight from Constantinople in an official communication explaining that the Turkish army of Kirk-Kiliessch in attempting to split the enemy's forces discovered that they were in greater force than expected.

The Turks therefore retired to the south to await reinforcements. The news of the Bulgarian victory has caused great rejoicing in Sofia where it is expected that the fall of Adrianople will soon follow. It is as generally assumed, Abdullah Pasha is still engaged in bringing up his main army to Adrianople, the position of that town is critical.

An interesting situation will develop should the Turks be compelled to evacuate Adrianople. It is supposed that the next stand of the Turks will be made at Demotica, twenty-five miles south of Adrianople an important strategic position on the road to Constantinople.

In other directions both the Servians and the Turks claim great victories at Kumanof the Servians declaring they have captured the town and the Turks claiming that they repulsed the enemy. Late reports indicate that heavy fighting is still proceeding in this district.

The Greeks are operating from Arta towards Janina Metchevo and the neighborhood of Grimbovo.

### SERVIAN WIN THREE-DAYS' BATTLE

Belgrade, Oct. 24--Official announcement was made here tonight that the Servian forces have occupied Novipazar, Ristina, Kumanova, Kratovo and Kotschana.

Detachments of the Servian army entered Kumanova this afternoon after annihilating Turkish batteries. The fighting around that town lasted

### ANOTHER DEFEAT FOR TURKS

Sofia, Oct. 24--In an engagement today at Marashat the junction of the Miritza and Arda rivers, close to Adrianople, the Bulgarians were attacked by 8,000 Turks. After an hour of heavy artillery and rifle fire, the Turks were defeated and fled in disorder, leaving the field strewn with dead and wounded. The Bulgarians captured 300 prisoners, a dozen quick-firers, and quantities of ammunition.

Many Turks drowned themselves in the river because they believed the Bulgarians massacred their prisoners.

### GRECIAN KING OFF TO CAPTURED TOWN

Athens, Oct. 24--The king and queen left yesterday aboard the royal yacht for Volo, Thessaly, and from there will go to Larissa. The king, which has just been taken by the Greek forces.

### TURKS ADMIT DEFEAT

Constantinople, Oct. 24--A Turkish defeat east of Tundja, in the Kirk-Kiliessch district, is now admitted here. An attempt is made, however, to minimize its importance by representing it as an unsuccessful Turkish movement, which owed its failure to the detachment having encountered the main body of the Bulgarian army. The Bulgarians apparently left a covering force in front of Adrianople and attempted to work to the rear to menace the communication with Constantinople. An advance Turkish column, commanded by Mahmoud Mukhtar Hacha, son of the grand vizier, attempted a surprise attack, but as the enemy was superior in strength the attack was not pushed home, and the Turkish troops retired in good order to positions further south. It is not clear where the next Bulgarian attack will be delivered, but the next two days should witness a decisive battle.

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## COL. ROOSEVELT IN HARNESS AGAIN

Oyster Bay, Oct. 25--Col. Roosevelt took up the active work of the campaign today for the first time since he was shot. John McGrath his secretary came from New York last night to be at Sagamore early in the day, and as soon as Col. Roosevelt had breakfast began work.

He dictated a number of letters to progressive leaders then took up the preparation of the speech which he expects to deliver in New York next week.

### PERSONAL

Premier Flemming arrived in the city today, registering at the Barker House.

Hon. John Morrissey, chief commissioner of public works, returned to the city last night. He is at the Barker House.

Mr. W. B. Fraser of Winnipeg, is registered at the Queen.

## U. S. FAKIR IN CANADA

**Get Rich Quick men Operating on This Side of the Line**

**U. S. Postmaster General Will Co-operate With Canadian Authorities in Rounding Them Up**

Washington, Oct. 25--"Get rich quick" men who have been driven out of New York, Chicago and other American cities by the activities of the post office department, have transferred their operations to Canada, according to advices received by the post office department officials. These advices came from the postal inspection service of the Dominion government. Many concerns put out of business in this country are operating in Canada from American cities through the mail and Postmaster General Hitchcock is endeavoring to use a means of prosecuting them. He has promised the Canadian government that he will co-operate heartily in the effort to protect citizens of the Dominion from these fraudulent concerns.

Since "get rich quick" concerns in the United States were practically wiped out through the efforts of the department of justice, the agent of the inspection service have not relaxed their efforts to ascertain whether further attempts were being made to violate the postal laws. A few such efforts have been uncovered, but the "get rich quick" men were wary and have taken to cover at the first sign that the post office department was looking into their affairs. Postmaster General Hitchcock said yesterday that he would be glad to place at the disposal of the Canadian postal authorities all the information that had been gathered about particular fraudulent operators and concerns who had been convicted in this country of using the mails illegally to obtain money from credulous people.

## PRESIDENT FARRELL BEING CONGRATULATED

**Fredericton Alderman Now Head of N. B. Municipalities--Convention at St. Stephen Very Successful**

Ald. W. E. Farrell is being warmly congratulated upon the honor conferred upon him by the Union of Municipalities which closed its sessions at St. Stephen last evening. Ald. Farrell was elected president. He, with the other Fredericton delegates, City Clerk McCready and Mayor Hooper, returned home last night. Coun. Sterling of Stanley, who with Secretary Treasurer Bliss, Warden Skene, Coun. Morrison and Coun. McMullen, represented the Municipality of York, also returned last night. The delegates report the convention to be one of the most successful in the history of the union and say that reports of small attendance are not correct. A large number of interesting papers were read. Those by Dr. W. C. Kierstead and Mr. George M. McDade of this city, who also returned from St. Stephen last night, were most favorably commented upon by those in attendance at the convention.

An incident of the convention, although not connected with it, was the attendance by the delegates at a Bull Moose meeting in Calais, Me. This was a campaign meeting of the Progressive party, which is supporting Theodore Roosevelt in the presidential campaign. The meeting was presided over by the Methodist pastor of Calais and was opened with prayer. A compliment was paid the Canadian visitors at the close when, after "My Country" had been sung, "God Save the King," was also sung to the accompaniment of a band.

Messrs. H. J. Evans and G. L. Ingram of St. John, are in the city. Coun. Sterling of Stanley, registered at the Queen last night on his way home from the meeting of the Union of Municipalities.

## BECKER FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER OF ROSENTHAL

**Head of New York's Strong Arm Squad Must go to the Electric Chair His Wife Swooned When Verdict was Announced--Lawyer McIntyre Taking Steps to Appeal the Case--Is Confident That His Client Will get a New Trial**

New York, Oct. 25--"I am sorry the jury found as they did," was Lieut. Chas. Becker's only comment to his jailer this morning as the convicted man sat on the edge of his prison cot, with his chin resting in his cupped hands. The iron nerve which stood by him throughout the ordeal of the fifteen day trial did not desert him today and his bearing was as firm and steady as at any time during the proceedings in the court room.

Becker's coolness may be partly accounted for by his confidence that an appeal will mean a reversal followed by a new trial and probably acquittal. Before he was taken to his cell from the courtroom he said to friends seated near him: "Have no fear, this case is not ended yet. There will be a new trial and I will be tried again at a time when public clamor does not demand a victim. Then I am sure I will be acquitted. I do not believe that in these present proceedings I have had the fair and impartial trial which is guaranteed to all men under the laws."

The work of drawing up the papers in the motion of a new trial will be at once and the documents will be placed before the court of appeals within a few days.

Lloyd H. Striker of Becker's counsel, said today that the appeal would probably take a year's time. John F. McIntyre, Becker's chief counsel, was confident of success in this action.

"There is not the slightest doubt," he said, "that there will be a reversal of this verdict in a higher court."

Basis for the appeal will be found in hundreds of objections and exceptions raised by the defense in the course of the trial. Becker will be arraigned in court on Wednesday next and at that time sentence of death will be pronounced.

It was declared this morning that the jury arrived at its verdict of first degree murder after three formal ballots. At no time during the eight hours of deliberation was there a question of Becker's guilt, the only matter of debate being as to whether the verdict would be for first degree murder, meaning death to the prisoner, or second degree murder, which is punishable by life imprisonment. It was said that the first ballot showed eight of the jurymen for conviction in the first degree and on the second poll all but one of the twelve were agreed. The final ballot, taken shortly before midnight, was unanimously for a verdict of first degree murder.

### DID NOT FLINCH.

Becker received the verdict unflinchingly. As each juror in turn responded to the question of the judge, Becker stood at the bar with squared shoulders, head erect. Not a muscle moved in his face, but he swallowed hard. That was all.

When the last juror had answered, Justice Goff instructed the clerk to take the defendant's pedigree. Becker answered the questions in a low voice. A court officer brought the questions to him, written on a slip of paper, and as the prisoner read them to himself, he replied:

"Forty-two years old; American citizen; born in Germany; address 3239 Audubon avenue; Lieutenant of police; married; Protestant; mother living; habits temperate; never convicted before."

### ASKED FOR STAY.

When Becker's voice died away Mr. McIntyre, who had covered his face with his hands as the verdict was given, rose and asked that all further proceedings be deferred for one week, "until I can prepare the proper motions for appeal."

Justice Goff answered in the low tone of voice, almost a whisper, that had characterized his utterances during the trial. Becker gave a fleeting glance at the judge and raised his eyes for a moment on the jury. Then he turned and followed by a jailer, walked with unflinching, rapid steps up the aisle of the court room and disappeared through the door

leading over the bridge of sighs" to the Tombs.

Two hundred persons or more battered at the court room door. With her ear almost at the keyhole, sat the prisoner's wife. As the last juror left the room by another exit the door flew open and a man rushed excitedly into the corridor. The crowd gave way. He was half way down the steps to the telephone booth when a policeman shouted: "What's the verdict?" The fleeing man looked over his shoulder, "Guilty," he shouted.

For a moment there was silence, keen, intense, gripping. It was broken by a woman's muffled scream and the sound of a falling body. Mrs. Becker had fainted dead away.

### THE GUNMEN NEXT

District Attorney Whitman will now turn his attention to the cases of the gunmen of the Rosenthal murder, who must be tried before the same special term of court as Becker. They have all asked for special trials but it is believed that Becker's conviction will make their trials something not much more than legal formalities. A record in important criminal cases in this city has been established by the prompt disposition of the Becker case. Although it was one of the most important and numerous cases ever called to court, it was disposed of in 15 days, during which time, 3000 pages of testimony were taken and 97 witnesses examined. The cost of the trial will reach a total far less than that of most big criminal cases, it is said, the largest single item of expense was for bringing a witness from England. This item was about \$2,000. The cost of running the court is figured at about \$700 a day, while the expense of paying and caring for the jury was about \$200 a day.

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## KING'S DAUGHTERS CONVENTION OPENED

**Executive in Session This Morning-- Formal Opening This Afternoon --Public Meeting to be Held Tonight**

The second annual convention of the International Order of King's Daughters and Sons in the Maritime Provinces opened this afternoon at 2.15 in the Brunswick Street Baptist Church when the formal exercise took place. This morning there a session of the executive of the Maritime Provinces Branch of the Order.

This afternoon there was an address of welcome by Mrs. McLeod to which Mr. L. Barbour of St. John and the Dominion President Miss Annie M. Brown of Toronto replied. Various reports were also presented.

In accordance with the program published several days ago in The Mail the evening session will be public beginning at eight o'clock. Rev. J. H. MacDonald will occupy the chair and other city clergymen will take part. There are also to be addresses by Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith and Miss Brown.

## B. N. A. BANK MAN- AGER WILL REIRE

Montreal, Oct. 25--The bank of British North America announces today that H. Strikeman, the general manager, after twenty-three years service has decided to retire. H. B. McKenzie will be the new general manager, assuming his duties on Dec. 1st. Ill health is the principal cause of Mr. Strikeman's retirement.

## A LIBERAL VICTORY

**Cardin Returned in Richilieu by a Majority of Over 300**

**A Bad Knock out for the Borden Government and Sir Randolph Forget**

Sorel, Que. Oct. 24--The by-election for the house of commons to fill the vacancy for the county of Richelieu caused by the unseating of the sitting member took place today and resulted in the return of Arthur Cardin, Liberal by a majority of 301, the complexion of the division thus remaining unchanged.

Sorel gave Cardin a majority of 264; St. Joseph, 43; St. Ours, 48; Strobett, 67; St. Louis, 47; St. Aime, 48; Mariet, 14.

E. A. D. Morgan, the Conservative candidate obtained majorities in St. Ann, 52; St. Pierre, 25; St. Roch, 5, and St. Victoire, 148 leaving Cardin's net majority 301.

### RAILWAY BRIBERY FAILS

Montreal, Oct. 24--Tuesday night Sir Rodolphe Forget took a hand in the contest and said in part: "I pledge my word of honor that if you elect Mr. Morgan on Thursday the marine railway will be voted during the parliamentary session which will open next month. And if the government does not keep the promise, which was made to me in writing, I will ask Mr. Morgan to resign his seat and I know he will do it."

Sir Rodolphe declared he had seen the Hon. Mr. Rogers and that the minister had given him a written promise binding the government. He also stated that eleven Conservative members of parliament would invade the riding to assist Mr. Morgan in the fight.

Sir Rodolphe also made a wager of \$5,000 that the Tory candidate would win.

## EXPLOSIVE COMPANY HELD RESPONSIBLE

Halifax, Oct. 25--The energetic explosives company were held negligently liable for not using fireproof partitions between the temporary quarters where the fire and the explosion occurred Wednesday, said the coroners jury last night. Many witnesses were heard and crown attorney McGee was present. Coroner Cold conducted the inquest.

## STEEL MAN. ASK FOR CONCESSIONS

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 25--A delegation representing the Steel Manufacturers of Canada had a conference this morning with Finance Minister White and urged him to give more protection to the Steel industry of Canada. They pointed out that steel makers are now getting less aid than during the time of the late government when bounties were paid. The bounty plan has run its course and the steel makers want its p by a schedule of tariffs higher than there is in force at present.

Hon. Mr. White stated that the request would receive the serious consideration of the Government.

## WILL MAINTAIN SHIPS ON PACIFIC COAST

Premier Borden's naval policy will be, it will make no difference in the decision of the Admiralty to maintain two sloops of war on the Pacific coast. A new crew of 130 men is now on the way here from England for H. M. S. Shearwater, which at the beginning of Nov. will be recommissioned for a further two years service on this coast. Next month the Shearwater and Algerin leave for the West coast of South America and for British possessions on the southern Pacific for the purpose of showing the flag. They will return to the Esquimaux headquarters during the spring of next year.