

TURKS TOOK THE OFFENSIVE IN FIERCE ENGAGEMENT

Attacked Servian Position in a Drizzling Rain and Were Repulsed--Both Armies Suffered Heavy Losses--The Way Now Opened for The Servians to Advance to Uskup--The Balkan Allies Capture Many Prisoners

London, Oct. 26--The Turkish troops were the first to take the offensive in the desperate battle that ended in the fall of the town of Kumanova into the hands of the Servians and opened up the way for their further advance on the stronghold of Uskup.

The Servian legation in London has received an official account of the fighting from which it appears that during a drizzling rain and heavy fog on Wednesday the Turkish troops advanced on the Servian position five miles from Kumanova.

As soon as they came into touch with the Servian outposts heavy fighting began and lasted throughout the afternoon. Both armies suffered severe losses but the Servians succeeded in staying the Turkish onslaught.

The battle was resumed at one o'clock on Thursday morning, the Servians this time taking the offensive and attacking the Turkish troops who had entrenched themselves during the lull in the fighting. After an artillery duel, a general advance was ordered by the Servian commander at six o'clock under cover of the artillery to which the Turkish field guns replied vigorously.

The ground over which the Servian troops had to advance was open and the infantrymen were exposed to a strong fire. Nevertheless, they stormed the Turkish trenches again and again, until finally at the point of the bayonet, they drove the Ottoman troops out.

It took the Servians four hours to clear the valley but it was then found necessary before occupying Kumanova to take the heights on the right bank of the river, to which the Turkish troops had retreated in disorder.

At one period during the fighting, the Servian artillery annihilated the three squadrons of Turkish cavalry and the Turkish losses are said to have numbered 5,000 killed and wounded, while twelve of their field guns were captured. The Servian casualties were also heavy. They lost many officers, including two regimental captains and several battalion commanders.

The Servian advance guard is now before Uskup, according to the reports. At the town of Novipazar farther to the north, there was also a brisk battle. After the town was taken by the Servians, the Turks attempted to retake it but were repulsed and virtually annihilated.

TOWN SET ON FIRE.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Oct. 26--A portion of the town of Adrianople has been set on fire by the Bulgarian artillery, according to private despatches received here from the vicinity. The Bulgarians have taken the outlying forts of Marets, Havare and Sufilar, lying to the north and northeast of the city, and have also captured a railroad station in the extreme outskirts of the town. Eighteen hundred prisoners have fallen into their hands. The 860 prisoners who arrived here yesterday from Mustapha Pasha were captured in some of the smaller towns taken by the Bulgarians.

The entire absence of Turkish officers among the prisoners captured at Kirk Kilisseh is much commented on as the first reports represented that the whole garrison had been taken.

The Bulgarian army is reported to be advancing along the whole front and a despatch to the government organ, The Mir, says that the Turks are retreating in panic, while the civilized people are fleeing towards Constantinople. The village of Kit-chavi was captured by the Bulgarians yesterday after some severe fighting at the point of the bayonet.

Athens, Oct. 26--The losses of the Greek army in the battle at the Pass of Sarandapor, totalled eighteen officers and 163 soldiers killed, while 40 officers and 1,037 men were wounded. The Turkish losses were very heavy. The civilian population of Macedonia is stricken with panic and many of the families are emigrating to Egypt.

London, Oct. 26--The Montenegrin

army, under Gen. Martinovitch, has attacked Koplik, near Tarakosch, from which position its artillery can be trained on the forts of the Turkish city of Scutari, according to official reports received by the Montenegrin consul general here. The other Montenegrin army, commanded by Gen. Vukotich, has defeated a force of Turkish irregulars who were entrenched at Rogoba, endeavoring to prevent the advance of the Montenegrins to Ipek. The Turks were put to flight and abandoned two field guns and some ammunition and baggage. Gen. Vukotich is now advancing on Ipek.

ABANDONED STRONGHOLD.
Servia, Oct. 26--The Turkish troops are reported to have abandoned their stronghold at Uskup in order to concentrate further to the south. It is believed they have entrenched themselves in the hills to the south of the town, which would give them a great advantage owing to the nature of the ground. The Servian troops captured 55 field guns and 6 mountain guns when they took the city of Humana from the Turks. At Slatiza they took 30 field guns and 9 mortars.

ATTITUDE OF POWERS
Constantinople, Oct. 26--Strong columns of Bulgarian troops have been observed in the fort of the Northern and Western defenses of Adrianople according to a despatch from that city. It is supposed they are also strengthening their attack lines in front of the Northeastern forts. The exodus of the civilian population from the fighting zone continues. A crowded train coming from Adrianople was derailed yesterday interrupting traffic for 24 hours. The Turkish council of Ministers yesterday discussed the possible intervention of the powers and decided not to entertain any such proposal at the present moment. The appointment of Musseim Hmelma hitherto Minister of Justice to the position of Turkish Ambassador to Austria-Hungary is taken to indicate that the Porte is making an effort to induce Austria to adopt a more active part in Balkan situation especially when the moment for its solution arrives. In other words, Purkey is believed to be trying to secure the support of Austria-Hungary. The Turkish Press urges the Ministry not to consider any proposal of intervention.

TORONTO PASTOR MAY GET NEW TRIAL

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 26--Proceedings were set on foot today with a view to securing a new trial for Rev. G. M. Atlas, convicted some time ago of having defrauded the widow of a murdered Macedonian of \$400. Last night Rev. Mr. Atlas who was paroled from Kingston later made serious charges against Judge Winchester, ex-detective inspector Duncan, and Frank Tremble son-in-law of the judge. He emphatically denied ever receiving the money to have been misappropriated from the express office adding that this name had been forged to the express money order and that the person who committed the alleged forgery had the money.

A resolution was unanimously adopted expressing belief in the innocence of Mr. Atlas and calling upon the Dominion department of Justice to give him the new trial he asked for and at which he claims he can prove the charges made.

SCIENTIST MAKES IMPORTANT DISCOVERY

New York, Oct. 26--Dr. Carroll of the Rockefeller Institute, announced that he has been able to keep viscera separated from the body alive for ten hours. This is believed by scientists to be a step forward in the prolongation of life.

BECKER FOR SING SING

Will be Sent There to Await Action of the Court of Appeals

A Decision on the Appeal is not Likely to be Given for a Year or More

New York, Oct. 23--Charles Becker, automatically dropped from the police rolls by his conviction for murder and no longer a lieutenant in that department, will pay one more visit to police headquarters before he goes to Sing-Sing prison to await the action of the Court of Appeals.

He will be taken from the Tombs to the bureau of identification to be photographed and measured for the rogues gallery. The legal work necessary to get Becker's case before the Court of Appeals will begin immediately after the sentence is pronounced by Justice Goff on Wednesday next. Notice of appeal will be filed forthwith and this will operate as a stay of execution.

The case is not likely to be set for argument for several months and decision on the appeal is not expected for a year or more, although the action will be expedited by District Attorney Whitman in every way possible. In the event of a reversal of the verdict, Becker would be remanded to the Tombs again without bail to await a new trial. Because the trial just ended was in a special term of court, ordered by Governor Dix, all of the records on appeal will go to the Governor and all the costs of appealing will be paid by the state. This follows the precedent set in the Melneux case, in which Justice Goff was reversed by the Court of Appeals after a delay of two years. Melneux was accused on his second trial.

Following the finding of the appeal notice next Wednesday Becker's lawyers will prepare a record of the case for use before the upper court. The District Attorney has ten days to prepare his amendments and then the result is submitted to Justice Goff and the case is ordered filed.

Within 20 days the whole case must be printed and 16 copies sent to the court of appeals. Usually the preparation of briefs requires from two to three months. The District Attorney is allowed five days in which to serve his brief and the defense has ten days for its reply.

Although Becker will be sentenced on Wednesday, Oct. 30, he will not go to Sing Sing until about Nov. 9th, ten days being usually allowed for consultations with counsel.

Eleven points on which the appeal will be based are outlined today in a statement prepared by Becker's counsel. More than 4,000 exceptions were taken during the trial to rulings made by Justice Goff.

MATINEE PERFORMANCE ON THANKSGIVING DAY

Gladys Klark and her company of players open a three days engagement at City Opera House Thanksgiving Day with a special holiday matinee performance of the 4 act comedy drama "A Fatal Likeness" with vaudeville between the acts. For Monday night the big scenic production "A Wife's Secret" of this play the Sydney C.B. Post has the following to say:

"Last night at the Lyceum Miss Gladys Klark and her company presented 'A Wife's Secret' in a most pleasing manner, and it is safe to say made friends with each and every person present. Miss Klark, as Margie Morgan, the schoolmarm, was at her best. She is a most pleasing actress of magnetism and a delightful personality. She was ably supported by J. E. Balfour, as Joe Tacker, the village parson, a leading man who bids fair to become a favorite here. The supporting company was excellent and gave a finished performance in every particular.

CUPID IN WANT

A second class female teacher is wanted for Cupid, Parish of Gordon, Victoria County. A rascal with such a cute little name should have no difficulty in getting a first class teacher.

B. C.'S PREMIER SPEAKS OUT

Hopes Canada Will Shortly Have a Regular Army And Navy

Says That Every Dollar Now Given to the Volunteers is Begrudged to Them

Revelstoke, B. C., Oct. 23--At the closing of the British Columbia Association, resolutions were adopted asking the Federal Government to appoint a commission to enquire into the high cost of living, to increase the duty on American fruit and an order to protect the products in the Canadian market and to appoint a federal minister of Mines.

The convention approved Premier Borden's policy in the Imperial negotiations in respect to the navy policy, and requested Borden to continue his program of rearmament development in British Columbia. At the annual banquet Premier McBride made a stirring plea for a stronger navy and army for Canada upon national grounds. McBride said there was a great need of strong army and navy, particularly to protect the coast of British Columbia. Even considering the question of a commercial basis that province had unlimited resources which today were practically unprotected.

"Let us," he continued, "shortly be able to lay claim to a regular Canadian army and navy, second to none in the world. On every hand I hear the complaint that every dollar now given to the volunteers is begrudged them. In Victoria I know there is said to be scarcely enough of a regular force to decently take care of the buildings, where there ought to be a fair representation of the permanent military forces of Canada."

"This is a serious business. If there is not enough money in the Dominion estimates to take care of the situation and give us a decent defense force, I would ask that the estimates for the present year be doubled or trebled. If tomorrow we were thrown into jeopardy, where would we turn to be consoled. Into the Motherland? We claim to be stalwart Canadians to make up a part of the British Empire what are to be consistent. Let us not allow that hour to go by, when it is still possible to make ample provision for an adequate navy. I hope that premier Borden will come out with a strong naval policy and that Canada will respond to a man."

PERSONAL

Mr. F. G. Goodspeed of the Public Works Department, St. John, is here with Mrs. Goodspeed en route to Penniac to spend the holiday with relatives.

Mrs. Coburn of Little River, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Harry Bailey, Gibson.

Mrs. Harry Gorman of Gibson, is ill with a gripe.

Mr. Jesse Keene of St. Mary's, is leaving in a few days for Everett, Wash., where he will spend the winter with his daughter.

Miss Louisa Allen, who is teaching school at Rusagornish, is visiting her home in Gibson.

Miss Mabel McKel of Gibson, is visiting her sister, Miss Minnie McKel, who is teaching school at Royal Road.

The Rothersey Football team are staying at Windsor Hall.

Mrs. J. F. Bullock of St. John, is at Windsor Hall.

Mrs. (Capt.) L. H. Lockhart of Dorchester, and her grandson, Master Myron Horn, are the guests of Mrs. R. P. Allen, St. John Street.

Major and Mrs. G. H. Parke of Montreal arrived in the city today, registering at the Barker House.

Mr. W. B. McDonough of Boston, is in the city.

Mr. L. H. Drake of Houlton, is in the city.

Mr. R. F. Telford of Rock Island, is at the Barker House.

Mr. Miles D. Emack of St. John, is in the city today.

Mr. J. T. Mavor of Woodstock, is registered at the Queen.

Mr. A. C. Smith of Sackville, is in the city.

Dr. Moore of Stanley, is in the city today.

A GENERAL SHAKE UP IN THE BORDEN CABINET

It Now Seems Certain That Hon. Bob Rogers Will Land the Portfolio of Public Works--Hon. Dr. Roche Will Succeed to the Interior Department--L. T. Marechal May be Taken in as Secretary of State

Ottawa, Oct. 25--The cabinet shift, forecasted a fortnight ago by your correspondent in connection with Mr. Monk's retirement and hitherto discredited in the ministerial press, is now confirmed in government circles.

Hon. Robert Rogers will leave the interior department and find larger "scope" for his political finesse in the big spending department of public works.

Hon. Dr. Roche will, at Premier Borden's solicitation, reluctantly leave the comparatively light portfolio of secretary of state and assume the more onerous duties of the department which, of course, requires a western man.

The new Quebec representative in the cabinet, who will likely be L. T. Marechal, of Montreal, although Louis Coderre, M.P. for Hochelaga, is now favored in some quarters, is destined to succeed Hon. Dr. Roche in the state department.

There may be a little delay in carrying through this program, but that it is now determined upon can be stated with authority by your correspondent. Formal announcement is expected in a few days after Hon. Martin Burrell, the third western representative in the cabinet, returns from British Columbia and has been consulted by Premier Borden.

Hon. George E. Perley, who is now acting minister of public works, may continue to administer the department for a short time, but its transfer to Mr. Rogers is agreed upon, despite protests now being received from Quebec. The ministerial supporters from that province naturally object to losing a portfolio so rich in patronage and so politically useful, but Mr. Rogers has more successfully pulled the wires.

A WIFE BEATER GETS HIS DESERTS

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 26--Ten days in jail with ten lashes, to be administered at the end of the fifth day of the sentence was the punishment meted out by Magistrate Dennison this morning, to Edward Bennett, who confessed to throwing a plate at his wife, and otherwise abusing her. This is the second time Bennett has been in court for wife beating charge and as his wife had no means of support, if he was sent down for a long term, the magistrate and Assistant Crown Attorney Hughes decided on this means of punishing him and at the same time letting him out so as to be able to support his wife.

Montreal, Oct. 26--Miss Eileen Gordon, a young and beautiful society woman of Victoria, B. C., left for Quebec this morning, departing on one of the most daring and romantic exploits of history, single handed, unprotected, and with little money, Miss Gordon is setting out for the Balkans to join the army of Greece as a supervising nurse. Miss Gordon is a direct descendant of Lord Byron who sacrificed his life for his beloved Greece, and his great great granddaughter is prepared to do the same if necessary.

CROWN PRINCESS' ILLNESS CAUSED BY ANARCHIST

London, Oct. 26--The Daily Mail correspondent says he is informed that the illness of the Russian crown prince is due to an anarchist attempt while he was on board the Imperial Yacht Standart and that Admiral Chagina, commander of the yacht, committed suicide because he considered himself morally responsible for the recurrence.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wood of Montreal, are at the Queen.

QUEBEC WELL SERVED.

It is pointed out that Quebec will still be as well served as Ontario in the matter of the distribution of portfolios, exercising the largest patronage, and that Mr. Rogers can thus make much needed political capital for the government in the west.

With Quebec ministers in charge of the post office, justice, inland revenue and state departments, and with a Quebec man also in view for the vacant office of solicitor general, that province, having regard to population and ministerial support, will it is urged, be fully as well served as Ontario, which has now the railways, customs, finance, trade and commerce, labor and militia portfolios. It is also proposed as a sop to Quebec to transfer the mines department to the state portfolio from the interior.

It is stated that one of the reasons for the refusal of Mr. Casgrain to consider the offer of a portfolio in succession to Mr. Monk is because of personal objections to again becoming associated as a colleague with Mr. Pelletier. Their relations in provincial politics and administrations were not happy.

The bringing in of Mr. Marechal over the head of Mr. Coderre and other members from Quebec on the government side of the House is likely to create some jealousy and friction and this aspect of the question is still bothering Mr. Borden, but it is understood that Mr. Coderre will be satisfied with a safe judgeship in preference to a precarious cabinet position.

Mr. Marechal at present considered the best available choice and he is willing, as he said last night, "to obey the imperious call of duty."

FINE WEATHER IN WESTERN CANADA

Toronto, Oct. 26--The center of disturbance is now near the Maine coast and is moving northward and gales with rain continue in the gulf and Maritime provinces. The weather is still showery in eastern Ontario, but in western Ontario it has cleared and in the western provinces continues fine.

JOHNSON TO GO OUT OF BUSINESS

Chicago, Oct. 26--Jack Johnson will retire in the saloon business in Chicago on Nov. 1st, according to announcement made by City officials. The saloon license under which he has been operating is owned by a brewer. Johnson's contract to "use it expires on Nov. 1st and will not be renewed."

GIBSON NEWS

Gibson, Oct. 26--Miss C. Hyde is very ill at her boarding house suffering from appendicitis.

On Thursday evening a large number of the friends of Mr. Frank Hyde called at his home and tended him a surprise party it being his birthday. Needless to say all present had a very enjoyable time, the usual parlor games were indulged in. During the evening refreshments were served. Mr. Hyde received many handsome presents in China and cut glass. The children of Mr. and Mrs. William Rice who have had the whooping cough are much better.

Miss Allie Rice and Master Hayward Rice children of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rice are also improved.

The new henry that Mr. R. W. McLellan is interested in is making great progress. It is a very busy place in the vicinity of the plant where a large number of workmen are employed.