

The Russian Defeat in the First Engagement at Batoum. Europe Preparing for a General War of the War.

The newspapers of Constantinople report that an engagement has taken place in the vicinity of the town of Gannu, which is on the road from the stronghold of Batoum on the Black Sea. The Russian army was compelled to fall back on the heights of Gannu. The Russian army of Gannu, Duke Michael, a younger brother of Nicholas, and a more experienced officer, Mukhtar Pasha is the commander in chief.

Salvet Pasha has sent the following dispatch to the Turkish ambassador at London:

The first engagement has just been fought at Tebriz, near Batoum. After some fighting, the enemy was defeated and put to rout with the loss of 8000 men.

It is expected that a state of siege will shortly be proclaimed in Constantinople. The Russian army of Batoum has crossed the Danube at Widin and occupied Kalafat.

The greater part of the Russian troops are in the direction of Bulgaria, on the Pruth, to apparently secure a passage through the Dobruzha, which, it is stated, is expected to be the point of the principal attack. It is thought doubtful that the Turks will be able to arrive in time to prevent the passage of the Russian army across the Danube between Rumania and Turkey are interrupted.

The number of Russians who have entered Rumania is estimated at 80,000. They are concentrating at Barsochi, where the railroad crosses the Sereth. No Russian has been seen at the Danube. This confirms the report that the Russians are apparently advancing upon the lower Danubian province of Rumania.

A dispatch to the London Standard from Pasi, Moldavia, says 15,000 Russians have passed through Ughleni, the Danube crossing, and are marching toward Balgrad. These troops are to effect a junction at Galatz and Brasov.

The Pashi correspondent of the Standard writes that Mukhtar Pasha has addressed a proclamation to the inhabitants of Kalafat assuring them that they need not be afraid of the Russian army which he had ordered to occupy the town as friends.

A Vienna dispatch states that the Rumanian prefect of Kalafat has been ordered to evacuate the town and to place at Tuluca, in the Dobruzha, on the south bank of the Danube, the Russian army, which is the attempt of the Russians to cross may be looked for very shortly.

A fresh special telegraph it is stated that a Russian ultimatum has passed over the Danube near Gladowa, in northeastern Serbia, apparently an attempt to flank the Turkish lines.

A dispatch from Pera asserts that the Turkish fleet is bombarding Cheshkeli. A dispatch from Pera says it is reported that the Turkish fleet, under command of Hobeit Pasha, left to take up its position before Odessa.

The Turkish fleet, which has been built up by its officers, who are three or four thousand strong there.

A special from Pera reports that Hobeit Pasha has ordered the Turkish fleet to the Danube, on board an iron-clad, and must force his way through the Turkish fleet, which the Russians in order to return to the Black Sea.

The Sultan has issued a proclamation, addressed to the officers and men of the fleet, especially recommending them to protect the Musulman population of the Crimea and Caucasus coast now growing in the hands of the Russians.

The following is the full text of the Sultan's proclamation to the army:

Russia has declared war on Turkey. We have always wished peace, listening to the advice of the powers in this respect; but Russia has forced us to fight. We are therefore obliged to fight for our God, our fathers and our country.

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A New York Coviding Story.

A recent coviding story for its basis a New York lawyer figures in his hands a worthless young fellow, scarcely older than himself—poor, but already drunk and gambler. The marriage ceremony was performed in a New York office, the fiancé girl having been told to believe that this was only a civil contract, and did not constitute a real marriage.

But one morning last winter the intelligence came like a shock that she was married, had been married a year, and was herself—poor, but already drunk and gambler. The marriage ceremony was performed in a New York office, the fiancé girl having been told to believe that this was only a civil contract, and did not constitute a real marriage.

Probably a divorce will have been obtained had it not been for the interference of the relatives of the young man (his family is a respectable one), who finally prevailed upon the man to marry, which they did, by issuing invitations to a grand party, to which 300 guests were invited. A house was bought and furnished by the father of the bride, and the young couple went to housekeeping.

But the wife was not content with the most impudent rindence, and she had her own ideas. She had herself fitted for life to a person without ordinary decency or manners.

One day she was in the street, and she saw a man who she recognized as the man who had been married to her. She followed him, and she saw him enter a house. She went in, and she saw him with another woman.

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THE MINISTERIAL BUREAU.

An Interview with a Member of the Ministerial Bureau.

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"Have you had many applications for churches?"

"I have a reasonable prospect that you will meet with success in your undertaking."

"That, of course, is a question of time. Educational bureaus seem to be more numerous than in the past, and I have heard that one or two ministerial bureaus are meeting with excellent success."

"There must be a wide field for you to work in."

"Yes; the business of supplying churches with pastors, or of introducing new ones, is a work which requires an extensive one. But I propose to make the bureau a medium of exchange between the pastors and the people."

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Flirting.

Hand in hand, on the river of time,
We go floating down together;
Soft are the blue skies above our heads,
Balm is the spring-time weather.

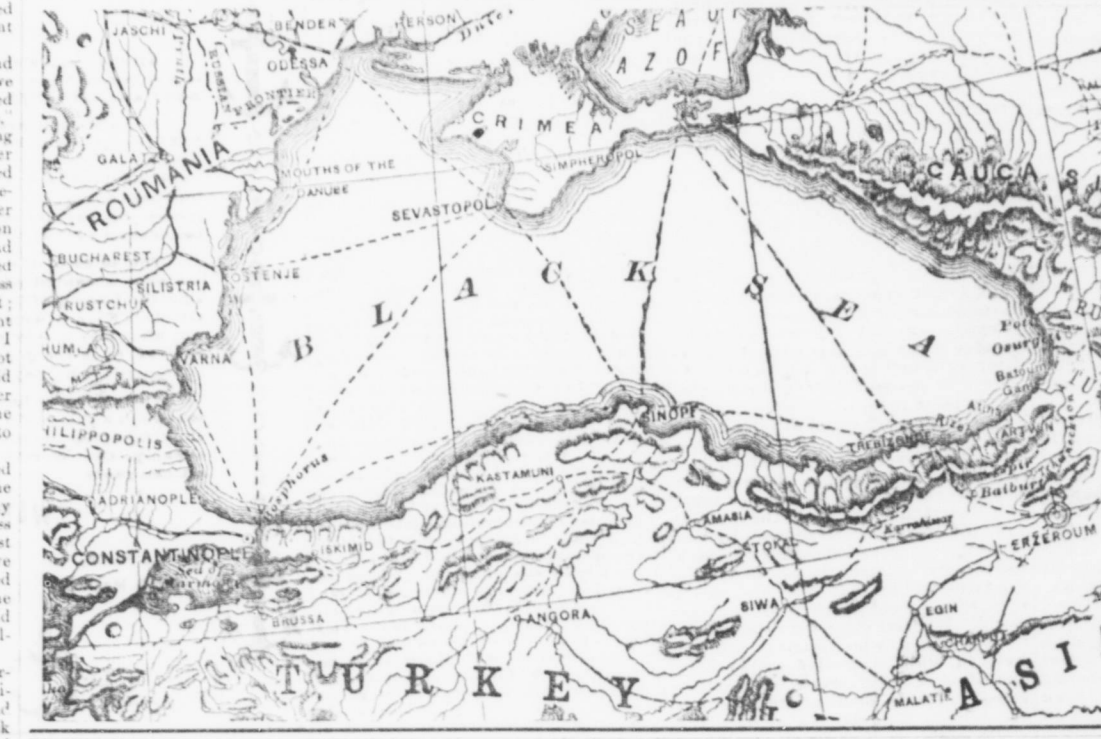
The Policeman's Story.

A POLICEMAN TELLS:
I am a policeman I am
I am a policeman I am
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Little Ruler.

I was cutting wood in the backyard
One November day, when a snow storm
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ASIA MINOR AND EUROPE—SCENE OF WAR.



DEADWOOD AND ITS PEOPLE.

Deadwood is the liveliest town in
the United States, writes a correspondent
of the New York Sun, and each hour adds
to the population, business, bustle,
and wealth. Eastern reading is
not for one instant relaxed. No taxes
did not son find shier, Miss Grace would
let the cold find that sought her. Her
vigilance could not sustain the
attacks upon a frame always exposed to
cold.

Ladies in Persia.

A traveler in Persia describes the
dress and appearance of the ladies
of that country.

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Farm, Garden and Household.

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