

LOUISIANA'S LINE BROKEN

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SOMERSWORTH MURDER.

Evidence Connecting Joseph Kelley with Cashier Stickney's Death.

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FORECAST OF THE WEEK IN CONGRESS

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Senator Davis Will Make an Attempt to Get a Day Fixed—Much Time Will Be Given to Organization of Committees—The Eastern Europe Situation May Figure in Proceedings This Week.

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HYPNOTIZED BY 'PHONE

Ajo Jobee, a Hindoo, Caused William Morgan to Fall Over.

Camden, N. J., April 18.—A troubled conscience is responsible for a note that has been received by Miss Lizzie Wells, this city, with a dollar enclosed.

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TURKEY DECLARES WAR AT LAST

Powers Notified and Greek Minister Will Be Given His Passport.

GREECE IS RESPONSIBLE

According to the Porte's Version Turkey Has Been Forced Into Conflict.

ACTIVITY ON THE FRONTIER

Skirmishes Are Constantly Taking Place Between Members of the Opposing Armies.

GREAT EXCITEMENT AT ATHENS

The Sinking of a Greek Steamer Precipitates the Bombardment of Prevesa—The Turkish Minister Departs for Constantinople, Leaving the Protection of the Interests of Turkey's Subjects to Baron Von Plessen, the German Minister.

Constantinople, April 18.—Tewfik Pasha, the Turkish minister for foreign affairs, visited the foreign envoys yesterday and informed them that the Turkish frontier had been crossed on Friday night by fresh bands of Greeks and among them were a number of Greek regulars.

It was this news that led to the calling of a council of ministers and perpetrated the decision to announce that war had broken out between Greece and Turkey.

The Greek minister here, Prince Maurocordato, was at the same time notified of the rupture of the diplomatic relations between Turkey and Greece.

The Porte declares, despite the official denials of the Greek government, that Greek troops took part in the invasion.

The circular expresses the hope that the powers, in spirit of justice, will agree that the entire responsibility for war rests upon Greece.

The circular states that Turkey has no idea of conquest, and as free proof of her pacific sentiments, is willing to withdraw her troops if Greece withdraws hers from the frontier and from Crete.

BOMBARDMENT OF PREVEZA. Sinking of a Greek Steamer by Turks Provokes Further Hostilities.

Athens, April 18.—At 11 a. m.—The Turkish batteries at Prevesa, on the north shore of the entrance of the Gulf of Patras, were ordered to open fire on the Greek steamer, the Marmarona, which was en route to the island of Ambracia.

Throughout the day there were scenes of extraordinary excitement here. The streets were crowded with people eagerly discussing the outbreak of war and the probable outcome.

EDHAM PASHA.



Edham Pasha, who commands the Turkish troops on the Greek frontier, is in his present capacity, almost an unknown quantity.

near Mount Anaplis, not far from Nerezos, in the neutral zone, which led to the encounter on Friday between the Greeks and the Turks.

The so-called outrage of Prevesa, this morning, when the Turkish batteries there sank the Greek steamer Marmarona, further justified Greece, in the minds of the Athenians, in waging war.

The Greek government, therefore, warmly commended for recalling the Greek minister at Constantinople and not waiting according to the Greek version, until Prince Maurocordato was handed his passports.

It is stated in some quarters that Assim Bey, the Turkish minister to Greece, did not wait for his passports to be handed to him; but, as soon as he received the sum of 5,000 francs, he telegraphed him from Constantinople through the Athenian bank for traveling expenses, etc., he hastily quitted this city.

NEWS FROM THE FRONTIER. Little news of a reliable nature has been received here or allowed to leak out, regarding what has really transpired on the frontier.

It is known, however, that the whole frontier of Thessaly has been blazing with murderous firing since early this morning, and that Greek troops have captured a fortified position at Menexi in Macedonia.

According to the general understanding here the Turkish plan of campaign is a concentration of the Turks near the important Greek frontier town of Larissa, with a view of forcing the mountain passes leading toward Larissa.

One report, which is generally credited, has it that Edham Pasha at the head of 12,000 men has already begun this movement, and rumors in this respect are flying, the substance of them being that the battle which is expected to be fought at or near Tyrnavos has already commenced.

The Greek plan of campaign, so far as it is understood by the Athenians, is founded on the defense of Larissa in the first instance, an attack upon that place having been anticipated and prepared for by occupying and taking every possible advantage of all strategic points. The country there is admirably suited for defense, and while this defense is undertaken, the Greek fleet is relied on to destroy the coast ports of Epirus and Macedonia.

At 2.35 p. m. a shell from the Naumachios fell fairly in the Marnedieh battery.

GREEK OFFICERS KILLED. Pious Engagement at Milonna, Assim Bey Leaves Athens.

Athens, April 18.—Assim Bey has been ordered to quit Turkish territory. For [Continued on Page 2.]