

GREEK FLEET BLAZING AWAY

Reported That Col. Marros Has Hoisted the Greek Flag at Filiplada.

LARISSA MAY HAVE FALLEN

Greeks' Stubborn Resistance to Invasion Unexpected.

The Crown Prince Constantine Leaves Athens en Route for the Frontier—Fighting Has Been Renewed at Damasi—The Turks Have Abandoned Strivina—Powder Magazine at Platomana Exploded by a Greek Shell and Great Loss of Life Resulted.

Athens, April 21.—1.30 p. m.—It is reported that the Eastern Squadron of the Greek fleet is bombarding Platomana, on the west side of the Gulf of Salonica.

5 p. m.—Colonel Marros, in command of the Greek army operating against the Turks in Epirus, telegraphs that he has destroyed Imaret Port and has advanced without opposition to Filiplada, which place the Turks abandoned after burning it. Colonel Marros has hoisted the Greek flag over Filiplada.

HAS LARISSA FALLEN?

Salonica, April 21.—It is rumored here that the Turks have captured Larissa. The report should be accepted with reserve, as no news has been received tending to confirm it.

Athens, April 21.—The Greek ironclad Spetzai, which has been taking part in the bombardment of the Turkish fortifications at Prevesa, has been ordered to Tsagheri, in the Gulf of Volo.

Advices received here from Larissa today say that the Greek army occupying Damasi, in Turkish territory, has repulsed the Turks and that the Greeks are maintaining their position in spite of the heavy cannonade which they have been subjected to by the Turkish artillery.

TURKS TAKE KRICHORAH.

London, April 21.—A dispatch received from Constantinople at the Turkish legation here yesterday evening announced that the village of Krichorah, in Greek territory, had been occupied by the Turks and that the Turkish division, commanded by Nechast Pasha, operating against Tarnovo and Larissa, has carried all the position commanding the plain of Larissa.

Athens, April 21.—Prince Constantine, the crown prince and commander-in-chief of the Greek army, has just left here for the front.

The Turks today tried to capture the post of the Prophet Eli, on the road to Tarnovo, but were repulsed. The last series of the Greek reserves has now been sent out and fresh troops have been called to the front.

The bombardment of Prevesa, at the Gulf of Arta has been very heavy since early this morning. The Turkish garrison there has been completely isolated by the advance of the Greek troops.

The report that the Greek fleet today bombarded Platomana, on the west shore of the Gulf of Salonica, is confirmed. The Greek fleet also bombarded the town of Laptokarya, adjoining Platomana. The powder magazine of the Turks at Platomana was exploded by a Greek shell causing great damage and loss of life to the enemy.

7 p. m.—Fighting has been renewed at Damasi, which is being cannonaded by a Greek brigade advancing from Boushazli. The Turks have occupied the posts of Ligazian and Karatino, which are strategically important, while the Greeks have advanced and occupied the Stali Hill.

A despatch from Arta says that the Turks have abandoned Strivina, beyond Filiplada, after burning it. The bombardment of Prevesa continues, with increasing damage to the forts.

After bombarding Platomana the squadron will proceed to Katerina.

NAPLES, APRIL 21.—The steamers Independence and Ante and the cruiser Fasuria have started with troops for Crete.

A TURKISH VICTORY.

Foot of Milouna Pass, April 20.—(Afternoon—Delayed transmission.)—The last height commanding Tarnovo was captured by the Turks. The infantry advance was supported by cavalry, the soldiers cheering lustily as they began the attack. Mondou Pasha has prepared to descend at 9 a. m. tomorrow in the Thessalian Plain. Taking the road to the left which skirts along the base of the foot hills, large bodies of cavalry will push forward to the front, while the infantry took possession of the buildings which the Greeks have left in their hurried retreat.

It was the task of Nechast Pasha to attack the Iphoski heights, the last Greek stronghold commanding Tarnovo. The Turkish batteries, each gun dragged by fifty men, pushed forward and bombarded the Greek position. A deep ravine lay between the infantry forces of the two armies. It was strewn with heavy rocks and loose boulders.

After sharp fighting the Greek batteries withdrew but the Greek infantry continued to defend the position until compelled to retire.

Comparative Strength of Turkey and Greece.

TURKISH ARMY—PEACE FOOTING.		GREEK ARMY—PEACE FOOTING.	
Infantry	228,400	Infantry	16,000
Cavalry	24,000	Cavalry	1,100
Artillery	24,000	Artillery	200
Civil guards	40,000	Engineers	1,213
Engineers	7,500	General service	501
War Office	12,700	War Office	220
Medical departments	12,700	Military schools	220
Total standing army	349,600	Total standing army	24,877
TURKISH ARMY—WAR FOOTING.		GREEK ARMY—WAR FOOTING.	
Standing army	349,600	Standing army	24,877
Reserves	239,400	Reserve force	14,500
Hamidian cavalry	65,000	Territorial army	146,900
Total	654,000	Total	276,277
TURKISH NAVY.		GREEK NAVY.	
Armored battleships	15	Armored battleships	5
Unarmored battleships	3	Unarmored battleships	2
Armored gunboats	3	Armored gunboats	2
Unarmored gunboats	3	Unarmored gunboats	2
Spanish vessels	27	Spanish vessels	2
Torpedo boats (No. 1)	37	Torpedo boats (No. 1)	2
Torpedo boats (No. 2)	37	Torpedo boats (No. 2)	2
Torpedo boats (No. 3)	37	Corvettes	2

PLACES IN THE GRANT PARADE

Settling Questions as to the Right of Precedence.

PRESIDENT M'KINLEY IS FIRST

Following the Grant Family Will Come the Carriages Containing the British Ambassador and the Diplomatic Corps—Last of the Vessels of the White Squadron Arrives—Preparations for the Naval Parade.

New York, April 21.—The question of precedence in the presidential escort, which will be in advance of the Grant parade and the proper places for the diplomats to this country, is a problem that has been vexing the invitation committee.

Sir Julian Pauncefote, Her Britannic Majesty's ambassador at Washington, who was the first to be appointed to that rank when it was created in this country, claiming the right of precedence next to the president, even ahead of the Grant family, and, possibly, the vice-president.

Mayor Strong said today that some time ago the invitation committee sent to the state department for a list of the rank and order of precedence of the diplomatic corps, and the war department was asked for similar information about the military officers.

The mayor said it had not been decided where to place the ambassadors or the Grant family. He refused to say whether the ambassadors would precede or follow the vice-president. The only thing definitely settled so far is that the president will head the parade.

General Dodge said today that the president would not be in the parade proper, but would leave the Fifth Avenue hotel at 9.30 o'clock, an hour before the parade moved from Madison Square.

The president will be in a carriage and with him will be the vice-president, Mayor Strong and General Horace Porter. His escort will be Squadron A.

Following the carriage containing the president will be the carriage with the members of the Grant family. Next will come carriages with the members of the diplomatic corps, with the British ambassador in the first one.

Then will follow carriages with the members of the Supreme court, senators and other distinguished visitors in the usual order of precedence. The presidential party will proceed to the tomb by the same route as will the parade an hour later.

A NAVAL PARADE.

The monitor Terror, the last to arrive of the vessels of the White Squadron ordered here to participate in the naval demonstration on Tuesday in connection with the dedication of General Grant's tomb, joined the remainder of the fleet, now anchored off Tompkinsville, S. I., about 10 o'clock today. The other ships arrived last evening.

The whole of the fleet steamed from Norfolk, Va., about 5.30 o'clock Monday morning, but owing to the fact that the Terror can make only about six knots an hour in good and none at all in bad weather, she was dropped astern of Hampton Roads, after about four hours' steaming. Thence she jogged steadily along, the atmospheric conditions favoring her in every way, until yesterday morning, when a little bad weather was encountered, and consequent delay experienced. However, she reached Sandy Hook all right early this morning, and proceeded on up the bay, arriving at Tompkinsville, as before said, at about 10.30.

MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

Two Women 'sphyxiated' in a Philadelphia Tenement.

Philadelphia, April 21.—Two dead bodies, one of a woman of advanced years and the other that of a girl in her teens, were found on a bed in the third story front room of the residence at the northwest corner of Berks and Alder streets at noon today. A full flow of gas, which was escaping from a bracket on the wall, told the manner of their death. The woman was Mrs. Hester Wolf, aged 75 years, and her companion was Emma Muscheck, the 15-year-old daughter of an accident.

The circumstance surrounding the affair are mysterious. The police are loath to favor the theory that death was self-sought, but cannot understand how the gas was turned on accidentally. Both bodies were lying upon the small bed, the child being against the wall, and Mrs. Wolf near the outer edge of the bed in a position which appeared as if she was about to rise.

Russian Fleet Will Sail.

Berlin, April 21.—It is reported here tonight in well informed circles that the Russian fleet will sail from the port of the Sultan of the Sultan for the Russian Black Sea fleet to pass through the Dardanelles. The Baltic fleet is also ready to start under sealed orders.

Mystery of a Closed Mine.

Globe, Ariz., April 21.—The Old Dominion copper mine and smelter has closed down indefinitely. No reason is assigned. Upward of 300 men are thrown out of employment. The mines are in splendid condition with an abundance of ore and a large supply of coke on hand.

A Canadian Town on Fire.

Detroit, April 21.—A special to the Journal says: "The town of Newwood, Ontario, was nearly destroyed by fire yesterday morning; loss \$100,000; insurance, \$40,000."

SENATOR MASON'S MAIDEN SPEECH

It is Signaled by Some Breezy Criticism on Rules.

HEARTY APPLAUSE FROM GALLERIES

He Thinks It Time to Send the Senate to Dry Dock and Have Bureaucratic Removed—Mr. Hoar Also Agrees That New Rules Are Needed. Probable Democratic Programme on the Tariff Bill.

Washington, April 21.—Senator Mason, of Illinois, made his maiden speech in the senate today and signaled it by some breezy criticism on the antiquated rules of the senate. It was such a variation from the prosy debate of recent days that the senator received the hearty applause of crowded galleries. The speech was in support of a resolution introduced by the Illinois senator directing the committee on rules to report a rule by which debate could be closed and the previous question ordered. In this connection Mr. Mason sarcastically referred to the inaction of the senate on all great questions before it; the long and fruitless debate on Cuba; the delay of the arbitration treaty and the inability to say whether our difficulties are to be settled by arbitration or by the methods of Corbett and Fitzsimmons. It was time, he said, to send the senate into dry dock and rid it of accumulated barnacles. Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, replied briefly, pointing out that the other branch of congress was more open to criticism than the senate. He was in accord with Mr. Mason, however, on the need of new rules. A vote was taken on Mr. Gorman's motion to refer the Mason resolution to the rules committee, which prevailed, yeas 24. A further discussion of the subject is promised, as Mr. Hoar has a pending resolution to discharge the committee on rules from further consideration of the reform of the rules. Most of the day was given to the hearing of the notes of the substitute and amendments will be taken at 3 p. m. tomorrow. It was agreed that a committee of fifteen senators should represent the senate at the coming Grant memorial ceremonies.

TARIFF PROGRAMME.

There has been some discussion of the probable programme of the Democratic members of the finance committee with reference to the tariff bill and it is learned that while their plans are not definitely matured they intend to have reasonable consideration of the bill in committee and believe that they will have the support of Senator Jones, of Nevada, upon a favorable vote as they submit. The Democrats do not want an extended consideration in committee but may desire to offer some amendments after they have seen the bill, the adoption of which they consider they would be more likely to secure in the senate. It is said that in the open senate, if delay should ensue, the Democratic plan is not to delay the bill any longer than is necessary but that every senator desiring to discuss it shall have opportunity to do so. The record of the tariff bill in the Democratic think necessary shall be had. This policy the Democrats will pursue to the end. In this connection it may be stated that the Democrats of the senate do not approve the policy of Mr. Bailey and his fellow Democrats of the house. Attention is called to the fact that it was long ago said that the policy of Speaker Reed and the Republicans of the house are pursuing would be followed in order to direct attention to the delay of the tariff in the senate. If delay should ensue, the reason of debate by Democratic senators will be pointed out, Democratic senators say, that this delay is not endorsed by the majority of the Democrats of the house. The Balky Democrats will be endorsing the Republicans in their criticisms of the Democratic senators. It is not known whether or not the advice which the Democratic senators are freely giving the Democrats of the house will be taken, but it is known that house Democrats have been advised that acquiescence in the Republican tactics is not good policy. The Democratic senators do not want criticisms which may be directed at them, to be indirectly endorsed by the Democratic members of the house. It is learned today that in the changes made in the tariff bill by the senate sub-committee in the metal schedule have been made very close to the present law and the same is said of the cotton schedule. The chemical schedule is understood to be about completed.

TARIFF IS THE KEY.

Speaker Reed Expresses His Opinion to Representatives of Labor Organizations—Their Assistance Asked.

Washington, April 21.—Speaker Reed gave an interesting talk upon the present policy of the house and incidentally drew his views upon labor organizations today, in the course of one of the conferences which are of daily occurrence in the speaker's room. A delegation from the American Federation of Labor, headed by Samuel Gompers, the chief officer of the order, called to request action by the speaker and the house on matters in which the Federation is interested. Mr. Gompers said that there was great distress throughout the country and many unemployed and expressed a hope that congress would do all in its power to alleviate the distress.

Speaker Reed, in reply, expressed appreciation of the moderate and reasonable attitude of the laboring men. The labor organization, he said, was a necessary concomitant of the factory system. While in the old days laborers had been individually independent, the growth of the factory system had forced them to organize for the preservation of their rights and interests. He believed that results beneficial to humanity were coming from those organizations.

Referring to congressional action, the speaker said that only one thing

TOBACCO RELEASED.

Spanish Authorities at Havana Allow a Large Consignment to Be Shipped to New York.

Washington, April 21.—United States Consul General Lee has advised the state department from Havana that the Spanish authorities there have released one consignment of Cuban tobacco for shipment to a New York firm. This tobacco has been held in Havana, since May last when Captain General Weyler by a decree forbade the further exportation of tobacco from the island.

The American imports have made many strong protests to the state department against the workings of the decree which it was commonly understood had a double purpose, first to ensure employment to the cigarmakers of Cuba, who otherwise would be obliged to confine their demands to an allowance of the shipment of tobacco actually bought or contracted for by Americans before the decree went into effect. The tobacco released now is some that was actually paid for by Americans before the decree was issued and it appears to be doubtful whether it can be released through the efforts of the state department. The Spanish contention is that they have a full right to stop all exports, leaving to the agents of importers in the United States only a claim against the persons in Cuba who have broken their contract which claims may be presented in the Spanish courts. The position of our government is that under the treaty of 1765 our merchants have the right, untroubled by war to bring away their effects, holding that in this view tobacco may be regarded as effects.

CLEVELAND'S PENSION ORDER.

President McKinley Has Concluded to Revoke the Edict.

Washington, April 21.—Just before leaving for this country, President Cleveland issued an order abolishing several important pension agencies, upon the ground that their existence was unnecessary and that the cessation of their work would be an economical movement on the part of the executive branch of the government.

President McKinley has been besought by various state delegations to revoke or modify that order, but has given no intimation to any one concerning his intention. He referred the matter to the secretary of the interior about two weeks ago. Arguments have been made before him by senators and representatives who are interested in the retention of such agencies as those at Detroit, Milwaukee and Des Moines. Congressman Hull, of Iowa, today made a final argument in behalf of the retention of the Des Moines agency, and at its conclusion Secretary Bliss informed him that the president had concluded to revoke President Cleveland's order on that subject.

LANDSLIDE KILLED SIX MEN.

Spokane, Wash., April 21.—As the result of a landslide near Sheep Creek, on the Red Mountain railroad, six men were killed and a number of others seriously injured. The men were employed on the railroad. Two of them were asleep in a car when a huge landslide 300 feet wide swept over their camp.

YANG YU'S NEW MISSION.

Washington, April 21.—Yang Yu, the minister of this country, who has been appointed minister to Russia, and whose successor at this post is on his way to Washington, will leave here on May 6, when he will take for France a steamer which will proceed immediately to St. Petersburg.

EIGHTEEN DEGREES AT Mt. PEACOCK.

Stroudsburg, Pa., April 21.—The extreme cold weather of the past two days was followed last night by a heavy frost. Peaches and other fruit are believed to have been killed. At Mt. Peacock, yesterday the mercury was 15 degrees above, ice had formed in many of the streams and the ground frozen hard.

WESTERN FRONT CROP IN DANGER.

Chicago, April 21.—Unseasonably cold weather during the last three days has created the great fears among the fruit growers in this section of the country. Throughout Illinois and Indiana and the southern part of Wisconsin, the cold has been especially severe.

Laura Keene's Residence Burned.

Palm Haven, Mass., April 21.—The house which was the residence here of the late actress Laura Keane, was burned to the ground, with its contents, on Sunday morning. The house was the property of Dr. Lawson, of Brooklyn.

May Be Consul at Cardiff.

Youngstown, April 21.—Word has been received here that Thomas R. Morgan, the manufacturer of Alliance, is to be named for Consul at Cardiff, several Youngstown Republicans were applicants for the place.

PROMISED LAND LEVEE BREAKS

People Still Kept Busy Fighting Floods Along the Mississippi.

RIVER CONTINUES TO RISE

Disasters at Issaquena County, Mississippi.

Planters, Farmers, Laborers and Merchants Have Abandoned Business and Are Watching Weak Spots in the Levees—River is Steadily Rising at Quincy—Six Families Are Rescued by the Steamer Harry Hoek.

CONSULAR APPOINTMENTS.

One New Yorker in the List Sent to the Senate Yesterday.

Washington, April 21.—The president today sent to the senate the following nominations:

Thomas S. Harrison, of Pennsylvania, to be agent and consul general of the United States at Cairo, Egypt.

James A. Smith, of Vermont, to be consul of the United States at Leghorn, Italy.

William Helmke, of New York, to be second secretary of the legation of the United States at the City of Mexico.

FIRE AT TULLAHOMA.

A Thriving Tennessee Town Burning. No Hope for the Business Portion—Damage \$300,000.

Nashville, Tenn., April 21.—Tullahoma, Tenn., south of Nashville, is burning and a special train has just left this city with fire engines and men. The fire started in the opera house block and has already caused an estimated damage of \$300,000. A high wind is blowing and there is no hope of saving the business portion of the town. The last report stated that the fire is within four buildings of the depot and the telegraph office. Tullahoma is a thriving town of 2,500 inhabitants on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railroad, seventy-five miles south of Nashville, and a large number of the buildings burned are new, the town having suffered severely by fire some months ago.

TO INVESTIGATE CHARGES.

Gov. Hastings Signs Senate Resolution Concerning Insurance Bill.

Harrisburg, April 21.—Governor Hastings today signed and returned to the senate the resolution adopted by that body to investigate the charge that certain senators tried to blackmail a New York insurance company by threatening to pass a bill prohibiting infant insurance.

The specific allegation was that \$50,000 had been demanded from the company to defeat the bill. A committee to conduct the investigation will now be appointed.

Stricken in the Pulpit.

Lima, O., April 21.—Great excitement was caused at the Diocesan church this evening when the Rev. Mr. Call fell in the pulpit from a paralytic stroke while making an address commemorative of the late Ralph Ewing, who was his companion in his boyhood. Mr. Call is over 80 years old, and was removed to his home, where he is dying.

Wreck on the Pennsylvania.

Wilmington, Del., April 21.—Six freight cars on the Delaware division of the Pennsylvania railroad tumbled over an embankment about three miles below this city tonight, the cars were badly damaged, but no one was injured. Traffic was delayed for three hours. A broken axle was the cause.

Mrs. Grant Will Attend.

Washington, D. C., April 21.—Mrs. Grant said today that she was going to New York next week to attend the ceremonies in honor of the late General Grant and that there was no basis for the reports that her health was too poor to permit her to be present.

New Military Instructor.

Washington, April 21.—First Lieutenant W. H. Hay, Fifth Cavalry, has been appointed as military instructor at the Pennsylvania Military college, Chester, Pa., Sept. 7, relieving First Lieutenant George M. Williamson, Fifth Cavalry, who is ordered to join his troop.

Chambermaid's Suicide.

Philadelphia, April 21.—Theresa Youm, aged 37 years, a chambermaid employed in Gerard college, committed suicide today by jumping from a fourth story window of one of the college buildings. She was instantly killed.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today:

Fair; Warmer.

- (General)—Progress of the Greco-Turkish war.
- (State)—Senate Passes the Bill Equalizing Distribution of Funds for Public Schools.
- (Sport)—Scranton Beaten by Reading. Trotting Men Are Foxy.
- Editorial.
- (Story)—"The Jimmy John Boss."
- (Local)—Defendant's Testimony in the Koshler Murder Trial.
- (Local)—Presbytery Ordains Two Young Men.
- Pastor for Twenty-five Years.
- (Local)—West Side and City Suburban.
- Lackawanna County News.
- Neighboring County Happenings.
- Whitney's Weekly News Budget.
- Financial and Commercial.

A City Official Starving.

Loraine, O., April 21.—City Commissioner Krueger today applied to the township trustees for help. He had received no pay for four months and was starving. Not being able to realize anything from the work he did on the streets, he said the only course left him to pursue was to ask for aid.

The Herald's Weather Forecast.

New York, April 21.—In the Middle states and New England today, fair to partly cloudy, warmer weather will prevail, with fresh southerly and south-westerly winds and followed by rain in the latter regions and western portions of this section, possibly extending to the coast by night. On Friday, in both of these sections, partly cloudy to sunny, slightly warmer weather and fresh to brisk southeasterly and easterly winds will prevail, with rain, the winds becoming variable and northwesterly, and possibly high on the coast, followed by clearing and cooler in the western districts.