

READY FOR A BIG BATTLE

Turkish Forces Gathered on the Plain of Pharasalos.

A GREEK ARMY OF 23,000

An Engagement Expected Between Opposing Forces.

The Turkish Troops at Larissa Are Constantly Reinforced and It is Learned That the Greeks Are Badly Demoralized--It is Stated That the Crown Prince Ordered That Larissa Be Burned Previous to the Evacuation--Incident of Friday's Cavalry Charge--Mahmoud Bey Cuts Off the Head of a Greek Soldier.

Athens, May 5.--5.30 p. m.--A despatch from the front says that the Turkish forces, at noon today, were drawn up in battle array on the plain of Pharasalos, facing the Greek army, numbering 23,000 men. It is expected that a general engagement between the opposing forces has already commenced.

Larissa, May 5.--Two batteries of howitzers arrived here this evening from Ellasson, and 14 battalions of infantry, four squadrons of cavalry, and four batteries of artillery have been sent to reinforce the Turkish troops fighting at Velesino. The victory of the Turks seems assured. The prisoners taken report that the population, including that of Volo, is disposed to submit, and from various sources it is learned that the Greeks are badly demoralized and discontented with the crown prince and his officers. We are awaiting a definite result at Velesino before making a general advance.

GREEK COMMANDER ACCUSED OF TREASON.

The inhabitants of Larissa denounce the commander of the Greek troops and even accuse him of treason. They hope for an early intervention upon the part of the powers in order to prevent the complete ruin of the country.

It is stated here that the Crown Prince of Greece ordered Larissa to be burned, previous to evacuating the place. But, it is said, there was no time to carry out his instructions.

There was a striking feature in Friday's cavalry charge. Col. Mahmud Bey was fired upon by a Greek officer, who sent four squadrons of cavalry in the direction of the Turkish officer. Mahmud Bey then galloped ahead of his men and, with one fierce blow with his sword, completely severed the Greek officer's head from his body.

Larissa, May 5.--Six divisions of Turkish troops have marched forward to Pharasalos, and it is understood here that the porte has given Edhem Pasha a free hand.

VICTORY FOR GREEKS.

Athens, May 5.--Ten thousand Turks attacked the Greek position at Velesino. The fire ceased at 4 o'clock this afternoon and it is evident that the Greeks have met with a great success. There has been great slaughter at Pharasalos, where the battle is proceeding. Crown Prince Constantine telegraphs to the engagement at Velesino: "With God's help our side has conquered."

Simultaneously with the attack at Velesino, the Turks attacked the Greek outposts at Tatar, near Pharasalos. It is said that both attacks have been repulsed by the Greeks. General Smolenski says: "The brigade at Velesino is deluged with blood."

Athens, May 5.--An American man-of-war has joined the international squadron at Pharasalos Phalerum.

The Greek government has protested to the powers against the acts of violence and ravage committed by the Turks in Thessaly.

MORE DELAY FOR DURANT.

Desperate Efforts to Save the San Francisco Murderer.

San Francisco, May 5.--Attorney DePrey, counsel for Theodore Durant, who is now at San Quentin under sentence of death, filed in Judge Bahr's court yesterday a copy of his proposed bill of exceptions on appeal to the supreme court.

The exceptions are to the proceedings of April 10, when a motion for a continuance in Durant's case was denied and an order committing Durant to San Quentin to await execution on June 11. The points made are that, in ordering the confinement of Durant in the penitentiary pending a date set for execution, the court erred and inflicted a double punishment, and it was error to sentence the prisoner in the absence of Attorney Dickinson.

ACTRESS SUES A JUDGE.

His Honor Wm. Galbraith Accused of Failing to Live Up to Contracts.

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD ARE PHOTOGRAPHED

The Last Scenes of the Paris Bazaar Horror.

WAS ONLY ONE AMERICAN VISITOR

Mrs. Porges, the American Who Perished in the Flames, Was a Resident of Vienna--The Remains of the Duchess D'Alencon Identified by a Ghastly Operation--Distressing Scenes Enacted at the Palais De L'Industrie.

Paris, May 5.--The unidentified bodies as well as the jewels recovered from the debris have been photographed by the Bettillon method, and the funeral service of the victims will take place at the Cathedral of Notre Dame, M. Faure will attend, and Pere Richard will probably officiate.

At tonight's session of the cabinet it was decided to ask the chamber of deputies for a special credit in aid of the newly families.

The minister of justice communicated to his colleagues the first results of the inquiry into the causes of the fire. The investigating magistrate M. Dertou, reports that there was great carelessness and imprudence in the principal arrangements for the bazaar.

Former Consul General S. E. Morse said to the representative of the Associated Press this afternoon: "It was singularly fortunate that there was only one American victim. This was indeed remarkable, because just now there is an unusually large number of Americans in Paris. They are generous supporters of such fetes as the Grand Bazaar De Charity, and, moreover, it gave them a favorable opportunity of getting into close quarters with the aristocracy and many of the celebrities of Paris. Mrs. Porges was the only American victim. She was a Miss Weisweiler. Her daughter accompanied her to the bazaar and escaped unhurt. The Porges family reside in Vienna."

One feature which is generally remarked of the victims taken to the Palais De L'Industrie is that the head is thrown back and the arms are uplifted with a peculiar wailing effect. The scene of the Champs Elysee is like that on popular fete days. The throngs are enormous and multitudes of carriages are driving about. From time to time a solemn hush falls upon the crowd, and every head is bared as the hearse passes by.

REMAINS OF A DUCHESS.

Further particulars regarding the finding of the remains of Duchess D'Alencon, show that the secretary of the prefecture had discovered by the maid of the duchess and a footman belonging to the household of the duke examined the rows of bodies. The two servants stopped before a blackened and mutilated corpse, whose abdomen was torn open. The secretary declared that the remains of the duchess and also sent for the dentist of the duchess. The latter, after examining the corpse for half an hour, declared it was not that of the duchess. He claimed there was a tooth too many in the head, but the secretary insisted, whereupon the dentist and two doctors operated upon the upper jaw and then the dentist was enabled to formally identify the remains as being those of the Duchess D'Alencon.

Terrible scenes continue to be enacted at the Palais de L'Industrie this afternoon. The mother of the 4-year-old child, Alfred Davis, one of the victims, arrived during the day for the purpose of taking the body away with her. It was decided, however, that it was inadvisable to show her the ghastly remains of her child. When this was communicated to the unfortunate mother, in a paroxysm of grief she tried to force her way into the mortuary hall, screaming: "I will see my child."

It was found necessary to forcibly remove the poor woman, whose case is one of the most distressing. It appears that Mrs. Davis lost her husband a month ago and that her only other child died a fortnight ago.

At 7 o'clock this evening the police officials announced that ninety-four corpses had been positively identified. The names in addition to those already published, are as follows: Comtesse De Demas, De Demas, Mme. Maria Diane, Mme. Terre, Mlle. Comcau, Mme. Beauchamp, Mme. Billaye, Mme. Lamergie, Mme. Bosse, Mme. Nitot, Mme. De Sorne, Mme. Cecile Julian, Mlle. Baras, Mlle. Guilberton, Mlle. Marie Minon, Suzanne Nitot and Mlle. Therese Donon, daughter of the Baroness De Saint Didier.

There are nineteen bodies still unidentified, among which must be those of the Comtesse De Lupe and Mme. Nitot's second daughter, both of whom are missing.

Viscountess Malezieux is now placed among those officially identified. M. Geisse, the notary, on learning that his wife and two daughters were among the victims, was so prostrated that his life is despaired of. M. Girard, director of the municipal laboratory, reports that the ether for the lamps used in the cinematograph set fire to the film, the flames then igniting the apparatus.

Tonight's same theaters as are open are almost empty, and the large cafes on the boulevards are practically deserted.

FOR JOHN RUSSELL YOUNG.

Said That He May Be Made Librarian of Congress.

New York, May 5.--A Washington special to the Journal says: John Russell Young, who has been much talked of for minister to Spain, conferred with the president this afternoon. While the president has had Young's name under consideration for the Spanish mission for several weeks, he would prefer to have him remain in the United States that he may succeed Almsworth R. Spofford as librarian of congress, when the latter retires either voluntarily or by request.

It is President McKinley's present intention to permit Spofford to enjoy the fulfillment in the near future of a wish which Spofford made a score of years ago, that of assuming charge of the new congressional library. For a limited time after the books and papers

have been transferred from the capitol to the new library Spofford will enjoy full authority. Then, if he does not resign his office, a hint will come from the white house that he had better do so.

STARTS WITH 3,000 MEN.

Maryland Steel Plant Resumes in All Departments.

Baltimore, May 5.--The big plant of the Maryland Steel company started up in all departments yesterday, but the roll mill and Bessemer steel mill were compelled to close down after an account of an accident.

It is expected they will resume operations in a few days. All the other departments resumed operations without trouble of any kind. There are now about 3,000 men employed by the company.

THE MAY HOLIDAY.

Governor Hastings Designates Saturday, the 15th Instant, as Washington Memorial Day.

FOR AN AMERICAN METHODIST COLLEGE

Important Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

The Trustees of the Proposed College Meet at Washington and Adopt By-Laws and Transact Other Business.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Washington, D. C., May 5.--The trustees of the Methodist American university met here today for the purpose of adopting by-laws for the government of the proposed new college. The meeting lasted all day. Reports from the various committees were very flattering, and work on the building is expected to be begun within a very short time.

Among those present were Bishops Hearst, McCabe and Bowman, Professor John H. Andrews, of New York, president of the board of trustees; Dr. Palmer, of Philadelphia, secretary of the missionary board; Dr. Payne, of New York, chairman of the board of education; Vice-Chancellor Biler, of Washington, and Congressman Connell, of Scranton, who was recently elected a member of the board of trustees.

THE LOYAL LEGION.

Meeting at Which Officers for 1897 and 1898 Are Elected.

Philadelphia, May 5.--The commandery of the state of Pennsylvania military order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, held a special meeting at the Union League tonight. Three hundred members were present and the following officers were elected to serve for 1897 and 1898:

Commander, Brevet Major General D. M. C. Gregg; senior vice commander, Medical Director George H. Cooke; junior vice commander, Lieutenant Colonel Charles M. Betts; recorder, Brevet Lieutenant Colonel John P. Nicholson; treasurer, Brevet Major E. W. Coffin; registrar, Assistant Engineer Fred Schuber; chancellor, Brevet Brigadier General William L. James; chaplain, H. C. McCook; council, Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Louis W. Read, U. S. V.; Colonel J. M. Schoonmaker, Fourth; first assistant engineer, H. C. McIlvaine, and Captain A. A. Clay.

SOTOPENCE SURRENDERS

The Insurgent Leader and Sixteen of His Followers Lay Down Their Arms.

Havana, May 5.--The insurgent leader, Calixto Sotopence, his adjutant and sixteen of his followers have surrendered, it is announced, to the Spanish authorities at Sancti Spiritus.

The Murcio and Puerto Rico battalions have had a skirmish in Santa Clara with an insurgent force. The insurgent Major Luis Martinez, and nine of his command were killed. The well known insurgent leaders, Guzman and Pino, it is added, have been killed at Momenque, and Almolda has been obliged to surrender to the Spanish authorities.

KILLED BY A FITZ BLOW.

A New Orleans Boy Strikes Another Over the Head and Causes Death.

New Orleans, May 5.--John Fitzsimmons, aged 13, is dead and Jimmy McShane, two years older, is in jail charged with manslaughter as the result of a boyish pugilism. The boys, with a number of others, were playing leap-frog. Johnny would not take "down" when it came his turn and Jimmy was ordered to punch him. He struck him on the jaw with his left hand and then delivered a good stiff punch with his right over the blow. The struck boy fell over and fell to the ground insensible and died within a few minutes.

The coroner held an autopsy and declared the cause of death to be paralysis of the heart, due to a blow. Jimmy fled at the blow, but was arrested, and is now in jail charged with manslaughter.

SNAKE ATTACKED HER.

When Mrs. Finlaw Tried to Kill the Reptile It Coiled About Her.

Salem, N. J., May 5.--Mrs. Ellen Finlaw, a woman living a short distance outside of this place, had an exciting experience with a white-throated black racer yesterday. The snake was in her yard and Mrs. Finlaw attacked it with a broom handle. Before she dispatched it, but missed her aim.

The snake turned upon Mrs. Finlaw and coiled about her leg, but did not strike her there. Instead, it struck at her hands and arms. Before the fangs were standing near, and she managed to cripple the snake with a blow of the broom handle. As it uncoiled she killed it.

BAKERS WANT EIGHT HOURS.

The International Union Resolves to Demand Uniform Time.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 5.--The Bakers' International union have resolved to make a stand for an eight hour day. Resolutions were offered at the session this morning to make the demand uniform throughout the country and met with enthusiastic approval before their reference to a committee.

The union decided to abandon all state branches and hereafter all funds will go directly to national headquarters.

KIDNAPPED FOR MARRIAGE.

SHOT BY A JEALOUS WIFE.

Charles R. Cleveland Found in the Company of Young Women.

Pratt, Kan., May 5.--Mrs. Charles R. Cleveland followed her husband with a pistol when he had supposed she was at a concert. Finding him in the company of two young women, she shot and seriously wounded him. She snapped the pistol at the young women, but it failed to shoot a second time, and they escaped.

Cleveland received the bullet in his right side. Physicians have been unable to locate it and are uncertain as to his chances of recovery.

Free Homestead Bill Passed.

Washington, D. C., May 5.--The senate has passed the bill to provide free homes on the public lands for actual and bona fide settlers, known as the "free homestead" bill.

ARBITRATION TREATY FALLS

Senate Refuses to Ratify Pauncefote and Olney's Work.

THE VOTE STOOD 43 TO 26

Rules Require a Majority of Two-thirds.

Four More Affirmative Votes Would Have Secured a Favorable Result. Nineteen Senators Did Not Respond to the Roll Call--The Vote Preceded by a Short and Spirited Debate Introduced by Senator Mills, of Texas, Who Makes a Strong Appeal Against Ratifying the Agreement--The Vote in Detail.

Washington, May 5.--The senate today by the vote of 43 to 26, refused to ratify the general arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain, negotiated by Secretary Olney and Sir Julian Pauncefote. The rules of the senate require a majority of two-thirds for the ratification of treaties. Hence four more affirmative votes would have been required to secure a favorable result. The vote in detail was as follows:

Yeas--Allison, Bacon, Burrows, Caffery, Clay, Cullom, Davis, Deboe, Fairbanks, Faulkner, Foraker, Frye, Gallinger, Gear, Gray, Hale, Hanna, Hawley, Hoar, Landis, Lodge, McMillan, Morgan, Penrose, Pettigrew, Pettit, Quay, Rawlins, Mitchell, Morrill, Nelson, Pasco, Perkins, Platt (of Connecticut), Platt (of New York), Fritchard, Proctor, Smith, Spooner, Thurston, Tamm, Vest, Walbridge, Warren, Wellington, Wetmore, Wilson; total, 42.

Nays--Parker, Bates, Butler, Carter, Cockrell, Daniel, Hansbrough, Harris (of Kansas), Harris (of Tennessee), Heitfeld, Jones (of Arkansas), Jones (of Nevada), Kyles, Martin, Mason, Millie, Morgan, Penrose, Pettigrew, Pettit, Quay, Rawlins, Roach, Shoup, Stewart, White; total, 26.

A total of 69 votes was cast, leaving 19 senators who did not respond. The vote was preceded by a short, spirited debate introduced by Senator Mills, of Texas, who made a strong appeal to the senate against ratifying the agreement.

He pointed out the provisions for the settlement of controversies in regard to the territorial claims and asserted that whereas the amendment adopted the senate to the first article of the treaty declared against their inclusion, the sixth and eighth articles made provision for them. He held that as long as these articles remained unchanged England justly could claim that question of territorial rights were still included within the scope of the treaty. Under such circumstances, he asked, what was to prevent England from purchasing the island of Cuba or any other American territory and in case of objection to the purchase the United States insisting upon the reference of dispute to arbitration. He spoke of the conduct of England in connection with the Greco-Turkish war and implored the senate to protect the United States against the proposed alliance.

A VISIBLE IMPRESSION.

The speech made a visible impression and the opinion was general that the treaty should be amended so as to remedy the inconsistency explained. Senator Tillman asked that time be given for such amendment. Owing, however, to the fact that the senate was under agreement to vote at 4 o'clock there by unanimous consent.

Senator Carter, who from the first, has been one of the most active and effective opponents of the treaty, advised the senate to let well enough alone.

Senator Hoar replied briefly favoring over the general argument in favor of the treaty and contending especially that the objection of inconsistency in regard to territorial claims wasn't well founded.

The remainder of the debate was of a running character. Senators White and Pettigrew interjected questions tending to show continued opposition.

It was evident before the ballot was completed that the motion to ratify would be beaten.

Senator Davis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations attributed the defeat to the feeling of dissatisfaction at England course in the struggle of the Greeks to liberate the island of Crete from Ottoman dominion and in the Armenian massacres and with the "evident" design of Great Britain upon the Transvaal. At the conclusion of the proceedings, all of which were in executive session, the senate refused to authorize the publication of the details.

LET HER SNAKE LOOSE.

A Reptile Charming Gets Revenge on Objectionable Neighbors.

San Antonio, May 5.--A few days ago a woman snake charmer here had a falling out with some neighbors, and, for a revenge, she emptied the box containing seventy-five snakes in the neighbors' yards and then left.

In a short time the rattlesnakes had made their way to woodpiles and under the houses in the neighborhood, and many families became frightened. Twenty of the snakes have been killed in one yard. Detectives are searching for the woman snake charmer.

The Herald's Weather Forecast.

New York, May 5.--In the Middle States and New England today, fair weather will prevail preceded by local cloudiness in the eastern, and slightly lower temperature in the northern districts, with light northerly and westerly winds, followed by higher temperature. On Friday, in both of these sections, fine, warmer weather and light variable winds will prevail.

MUNICIPAL LEAGUE.

The Champions of Good Government Meet at Louisville--Addresses Made at First Sessions.

Louisville, Ky., May 5.--The third annual meeting of the municipal league which is being held in conjunction with the fifth session of the Louisville Good

City government began its first session this afternoon.

Mayor George D. Todd welcomed the visiting delegates. Vice President Richardson, of Philadelphia, responded on behalf of President Carter, who was delayed. Hon. Frank MacVeagh, of Chicago; Clinton Rodgers Woodruff, of Cleveland, and George Chance, president of the Labor League of Pennsylvania Read Papers.

The following officers were elected: James C. Sarter, New York, president; Charles Richardson, Philadelphia, first vice president; Samuel R. Capen, Boston, second vice president; Thomas N. Strong, Portland Ore., third vice president; H. Dickson Burns, New Orleans, fourth vice president; Edmund J. James, Chicago, fifth vice president; Clinton Rogers Woodruff, Philadelphia, secretary; George Burnham, Jr., Philadelphia, treasurer.

Executive committee--Charles J. Bonaparte, Baltimore; William C. Low, Brooklyn; Frank N. Hartwell, Louisville; George W. Guthrie, Pittsburg; George W. Ochs, Chattanooga; Harry A. Garfield, Cleveland; Herbert Welsh, Philadelphia; F. I. Siddons, Washington; Dudley Tibbets, Troy; J. A. Miller, Providence; J. B. Butler, Milwaukee.

RESULT OF CANADA'S TARIFF.

Silver Works Leave Humberstone to Go to Muncie, Ind.

Humberstone, Ont., May 5.--As a result of the new tariff, the town is going to lose its chief mainstay, the Ontario Silver works, one of the products of the natural gas belt. All orders for material have been canceled in the cutlery department, and as soon as the goods on hand have been completed the plant will be shipped to Muncie, Ind.

This will throw over fifty men out of employment, the most of whom will leave the country. England and Germany were always hard competitors in cutlery, and the lowering of the tariff completely ruined the sale of Canadian goods.

Swell Wedding Postponed.

New York, May 5.--Society has been set by the ears by the sudden postponement, indefinitely, of the marriage of Henry John Whitson, son of Fitzhugh Whitson, of Newport, and Ethel Maud Dunize, daughter of Sir George and Lady Dunize, which was to have been solemnized today in St. Bartolomew's church, Dinard, France.

Blown Up Pieces.

New York, May 5.--Charles Stearns, a druggist, of Maywood, N. J., was mixing flash light chemicals in his laboratory today when the chemicals exploded. Stearns was blown to pieces and the building was wrecked.

Moonshiners Shot from Ambush.

Prestonsburg, Ky., May 5.--Ham Wallen, a moonshiner, living south of here on Beaver Creek, was killed from ambush yesterday. He was shot several times.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today: Fair; Warmer; Northerly Winds.

1 (General)--Senate Kills the Arbitration Treaty. Scenes of the Paris Bazaar Horror. Greek and Turk in Battle Array at Pharasalos. To Erect an American Methodist College.

2 (Sport)--Eastern, National, Atlantic and College Base Ball Contests.

3 (State)--Legislative Proceedings.

4 Editorial.

5 (Story)--"Ugh-Ioml and Uya."

6 (Local)--McDonalds Are Sore. Killed by an Electric Shock.

7 (Local)--Rev. Dr. Lucas on "Agnosticism and the Future Triumphs of the Church."

8 (Local)--West Side and City Suburban. Lackawanna County News.

9 (Local)--Neighboring County Happenings. Financial and Commercial.