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**GRECO-TURKISH WAR**

**THE FIGHTING BEGINS ON THE MACEDONIAN FRONTIER.**

Turks Force the Milosna Pass and Cross the Mountains into Thessaly—Greeks Capture Damasi, an Important Turkish Town—Grecian Fleet Takes Preveza.

The strained relations between Greece and Turkey, resulting from the Cretan imbroglio, have at last culminated in actual and active hostilities.

On Saturday last the Turkish army, under the command of the Greek minister of ministers at Constantinople, after a protracted conference with the sultan, declared war against Greece, alleging as cause both that the Greeks had invaded the Ottoman empire on the Macedonian frontier.

For a week or more irregular bands of Greeks, equipped and directed by the Greek ministers, and Panhellenic leagues, had made frequent incursions into Macedonia, but for these raids the Greek government disclaimed any responsibility, and the assertion of the Porte that officers and soldiers of the Greek army were connected with these expeditions was positively denied in Athens.

The formal notice of Turkey's hostile declaration was received in Athens on Sunday, when the national assembly was specially convened, and amid the wildest excitement and enthusiasm Premier Delagannis announced on behalf of King George, and Panhellenic leagues, that the Greeks accepted the Ottoman state of battle, declaring, however, that they were not the aggressors.

Almost simultaneously with the declaration of war fighting along the frontier and has since continued.

Edhem Pasha, the commander at the Turkish headquarters at Ellassona, began at once a movement of his forces toward Milosna pass to the mountains which separate Turkish from Greek territory, and where the principal roads leading from Macedonia into Thessaly converge and cross the mountains. Here Edhem Pasha encountered a force of Greeks, about half as many as his own troops. The Greeks heroically fought to defend the pass, but by sheer force of numbers were at last compelled to give way, and the Turks swarmed through the mountains, and into the Thessalian plains, and are now proceeding toward the Greek headquarters at Larissa, though their advance is stubbornly resisted by the Hellenes, who are receiving re-enforcements and may be able to check further movement in this direction. It is stated that 10,000 soldiers were killed at Milosna pass, the Turks losing three officers of high rank.

Crown Prince Constantine, whose headquarters are at Larissa, has taken personal command of the troops in the field, and King George has started for the frontier.

While losing at one vulnerable point, the Greeks along the frontiers appear to have more than held their own elsewhere along the frontier, making frequent incursions into Macedonia, capturing and holding several advantageous positions.

Contemporaneous with the fighting on the frontier, a Greek fleet has been operating in the bay of Arta, bombarding the Turkish fortified city of Preveza, destroying the fortifications and shelling the Turkish ships, which had been firing on the bay from Actium, just across the bay from Preveza on Greek territory.

**CAPTURE OF DAMASI.**  
Greeks Take and Destroy an Important Turkish Town.

Athens, April 21.—The news of the capture of Damasi, which is confirmed by official dispatches, puts a new complexion upon the situation on the frontier. It is a great encouragement to the government and is likely to have the most exhilarating effect upon the spirits of the Greeks, who have been greatly depressed by the reverses of their troops at Milosna pass. This success

**KING OF GREECE.**  
and the fact that the fall of Preveza seems imminent virtually offset the calamity at Milosna. If the Greek divisions effect a union at Damasi, as is expected, there is almost nothing in the way of their prompt advance to Ellassona.

If Tyrnavo falls into the hands of Edhem Pasha and the Turkish troops sweep down upon the plain and advance to Larissa, the Greek forces concentrated there under the crown prince, they will be between two grand divisions of the Greek army. This seems to have been the object of Greek strategy.

In Athens greater attention has been paid to the operations in the neighborhood of Revent than to those at Milosna pass. The theory all along has been that if the Greeks could establish themselves at Damasi, their road would be open to Ellassona.

The exact situation at Tyrnavo is somewhat in doubt. The news from that point is conflicting, but there is no confirmation of the rumor that the place had been captured by the Turks. What seems to have happened is that Tyrnavo was evacuated in order to send troops forward to Revent, and was then recaptured by troops from Milosna.

A dispatch from Arta says that 2,000 Greeks have crossed the frontier at Bani and a severe artillery duel has been in progress since Monday. The Greek artillery have silenced the Turkish mortar fort commanding the town. Two attempts by the Turks to cross the river were repulsed. There has been brisk firing and a heavy infantry fire along the line for about five miles.

Two Greek officers and many Turks have been killed.

All the members of the grand council and other police forces militarily organized are now going to the frontier. The citizens have volunteered to guard the town, and the same state of affairs prevails in all other towns of Greece. On all sides there is a firm determination to meet the Turkish invasion, and every man who can be spared and who can bear arms is going to the front.

The Athenian ladies, under the patronage of the queen, have converted the steamer Thessaly into a floating hospital. Three hundred beds for the wounded have been fitted up on board of her, and she is now proceeding for Volo.

Crown Prince Constantine has assumed supreme command of the Greek forces in the field.

It is also announced that King George of Greece leaves Athens for the frontier at once.

News has reached here that the Greeks after a desperate battle have captured and burned Damasi. Viglia is still resisting. But another division of the Greek troops, it is reported, has traversed the Revent pass and captured three blockhouses. This division has almost reached Damasi, where it will effect a union with the force that captured the town. The 20,000 troops under General Simenitis displayed the greatest bravery.

Revent lies 13 miles northeast of Larissa. Edhem Pasha, with a force variously estimated at from 10,000 to 14,000 troops, led seven assaults against it, but all were repulsed by the Greeks. The Crown Prince Constantine has telegraphed here that the Turks at that point were completely and finally repulsed.

**Movements of Turkish Warships.**  
Constantinople, April 21.—A second Turkish squadron has left the Golden Horn for the Dardanelles. It consists of the ironclad Orbanies, the monitor Hifairahman, the corvette Mansoura, five torpedo boats, and four steamers which have been converted into cruisers.

Edhem Pasha has wired the sultan that he has gained several notable victories, occupying all the fortified positions commanding Tyrnavo. He reports that the Greeks evacuated their entrenched camp, leaving behind 30 captives and many rifles.

The Turks, he says, have retaken Velitko, which the Greeks surprised and captured on the first day of frontier aggression.

The Turkish commander at Janina announces that the Greek fleet which has been bombarding Preveza has been compelled to retire, one division withdrawing to the vicinity of the gulf and the larger ironclads outside sailing for the islands of Paxo and Santa Maura.

**Edhem Pasha's Advance on Larissa.**  
London, April 21.—It is evident from the most trustworthy advices received here that the Turks have forced the principal door of Thessaly and entered the broad plains, where they have the advantage of numbers against the Greeks.

Dispatches received at the foreign office confirm the advices received by the Turkish ambassador from Constantinople that the Greeks were victorious in fighting and have captured the outlying defenses of Tyrnavo. This place is the only obstacle in the way of the advance of the Turkish army to Larissa, the headquarters of Crown Prince Constantine, which is not strongly fortified, if indeed it is fortified at all. If Larissa is taken by the Turks, the whole scheme of the Greek frontier defenses of Thessaly will collapse and only a pitched battle on the plains of Thessaly will be left to the Greeks.

**Talk With Princess Sophia.**  
London, April 21.—The Athens correspondent of the Daily Chronicle telegraphs that he has had an interview with Crown Princess Sophia, who returned last night from Larissa. She says she found that there had been much improvement in the hospitals there since her previous visit to the place. She also says that while she was in the hospital she heard wounded Greeks tell how the Turks treated the wounded who fell into their hands. They built fires around some of them and roasted them to death, and inflicted horrible tortures upon others of their prisoners before dispatching them.

**Greeks Lacked Artillery at the Pass.**  
London, April 21.—The latest details as to the fighting at Milosna make it evident that the Greeks suffered severely because of their lack of artillery. While they never captured the positions so obstinately held by the Greeks, the Turks have clearly much to be thankful for in the years of organized Greece that they were able to capture the positions of their artillery by German officers.

**Russia Warns the Powers.**  
London, April 21.—A telegram to the Times from St. Petersburg says that Count Muraviev, the Russian foreign minister, has dispatched a circular note to the powers advising them to observe an expectant attitude in case either Turkey or Greece should repeat interferences. The minister says that the powers that all the powers have agreed to continue to hold Crete with the forces already there.

**Garibaldi Summoned to Athens.**  
Rome, April 21.—Garibaldi, son of the Italian liberator, has received a dispatch inviting him to immediately proceed to Athens. He has been awaiting the receipt of such an invitation and will at once start for the Greek capital, taking with him a number of Italian volunteers who are anxious to serve the cause of Greece under his command.

**Killed by a Snowball.**  
Brigham City, Utah, April 21.—A snowball, thrown at the mines of the Consolidated company, four miles north of Brigham City, resulting in the death of Fred Woolhaupter, Ed Maw and William Turner. John Russell and John Dallas were also snowed under by the slide, but were taken out alive.

**To Open Erie Canal.**  
Buffalo, April 21.—Official notice was received here that the Erie canal would open for navigation on Saturday, May 8, at 12 o'clock noon. Twenty boats, loaded with grain, are awaiting the opening at this port. Shippers say that the outlook for the season on the canal is exceedingly poor.

**Schooner James Pender Ashore.**  
Lewes, Del., April 21.—The Hog Island station reports the schooner James Pender, from Virginia for New York, with railroad ties, stranded five miles southeast of the station. The crew of eight men were saved in lifeboats. The vessel will probably be a total loss.



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**DECISION FOR THE GOVERNMENT IN THE HAT TRIMMING CASE.**

History of the Litigation Which Has Occupied the Courts For a Long Time. Millions of Dollars Were Invested—It Was a Test Case.

Philadelphia, April 21.—The famous hat-trimming case, which indirectly involved between \$3,000,000 and \$5,000,000 and which has been postponed from time to time for the past three years, has finally been decided in favor of the government by a jury in the United States circuit court.

The suit was brought as a test case by Meyer & Dickinson, big importers of this city, who sought to recover from the United States government a difference of 20 per cent on the customs duties. The firm's contention was that the importations in question consisted solely of hat trimmings on which the duty under the McKinley tariff act was only 20 per cent, but the federal officials in their argument maintained that the merchandise was used chiefly for dresses and dress trimmings and that the duty of 50 per cent levied by the government was proper. Meyer & Dickinson were nominally the plaintiffs, but there were hundreds of big importing firms throughout the country who were interested in the outcome of the suit and who were instrumental in procuring the best obtainable counsel.

**Jury Out but Two Hours.**

The trial of the present case began on April 5, ex-United States District Attorney Ingham being assisted by Dwight M. Lowry of this city and Assistant Attorney General E. B. Whitney of Washington in the defense. The jury, after 48 hours' deliberation, rendered a verdict for the government.

Judge Dallas in his charge to the jury said that if the articles with which this controversy is concerned were used for making or ornamenting hats, bonnets and hoods, then the verdict should be for the plaintiffs; but if the jury find that none of these articles was trimmings, the verdict should be for the defendant.

Ex-United States District Attorney Ingham stated after the decision had been rendered that more than 1,500 importing firms were indirectly interested in the suit and that between \$2,000,000 and \$25,000,000 was involved.

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