

BULGARIANS FIT FOR LONG SIEGE

Frederick Palmer Writes of Strong Position Before Adrianople and Tchatalja.

TROOPS NOT DISHEARTENED

Army Well Fed, Well Armed and Ready to Advance When Necessary—Work of Moving Heavy Guns Makes Progress Slow.

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BUSTAPHA PASHA, Nov. 25, 10:30 P. M.—I made a 12-hour ride yesterday over some of the positions and had a view of others where the fighting mentioned in recent dispatches took place, and watched the continuance of operations. I had the rare satisfaction of being in a battery while shells from another battery of long range were passing overhead. Thus I had an actual observation of a situation which the Bulgarians have been keeping secret. The Bulgarians, together with the police, have not given satisfactory answers to the correspondents who have been returning beyond the Bulgarian frontier so as to send dispatches free from censorship. The Bulgarians do not want it said that the Bulgarian troops are exhausted and are unable to advance to the lines of investment around Adrianople.

Rumors Arise Easily.
It was easy for the correspondents, marooned at Mustapha Pasha, listening to the distant cannonade and watching the transport of the wounded through the muddy streets and getting liverish and imaginative, to conclude that the concealment meant something surprising and that nothing had been shown before that was so convincingly favorable.

At no time has the staff made predictions either about Tchatalja, one of the strongest fortresses in Europe, or that Adrianople would fall immediately after it was surrounded.

These were the wild optimistic rumors which circulated principally at Sofia, which led me to think that I would find on my arrival that the forces of Adrianople were actually under bombardment.

The fact is that the laying of a siege when heavy guns must be brought into position and replaced after driving in the outposts of a garrison of 60,000 is not a task of a few days unless the garrison is utterly engaged in introspective philosophy.

Bulgarians Not Depressed.
As for the so-called exhausted Bulgarian troops, I found their spirits about as much depressed as those of the Japanese at Liouyang. The Bulgarians have confidence and good health and ample rations, while the flood of the Maritsa River makes the Turkish position at Karagache and in the surrounding townships a morass.

As stated in my last dispatch, the Bulgarians are lying comfortably in their dugouts, growl at the Turks and in their tents on the hills. The hills are sheep pasture land and are traversable in all directions, the wagons going badly only in the valleys, which are cut by the railroad, which the Turks kindly left intact, has been increased by new sidings. It is used to bring supplies within easy reach.

Even the older reservists handling the reserve artillery have become veteran experts quickly by the practice of actual war. Contrary to reports, which have been believed, about the absence of hospital tents and medical supplies, I can vouch for at least one well equipped station in easy reach for the use of serious cases. I was impressed with the indefatigability of the Bulgarian infantry, which always does everything in military fashion, including the prodigious drudgery with the spade and with the same courage as they make the mighty bayonet charges.

Hasty Covers Thrown Up.
I could see on every hand how cleverly the advancing skirmishers had thrown up hasty covers. At our feet Papetepe, or Pope's Hill, seemed with great holes dug by exploding shells. I looked across the river Arda Cartaltepe. These two keynote positions of a triangle with its apex at Karagache were scenes of some of the most stubborn fighting of the war. Against them were thrown desperate sorties whose ferocity was no less in keeping with the Turkish character than their lack of skill in the rear guard action before falling back on the fortress defenses.

The village of Dudzars on the east bank of the Arda occupied by Turkish infantry was burning in the midst of continual rifle fire while Bulgarian shrapnell was bursting over it. Nearer on the west bank of the Arda I could see the embers of the village of Epchil, mostly inhabited by Greeks, which the Turks in evacuating had burned after massacring all the residents of either sex in sight as they fled. The minarets and the roof of the mosque of Adrianople stood out clear over the haze of misty day and smoke from the Karagache suburb and the Turkish camps in the neighborhood.

One rode back in darkness towards Mustapha Pasha still pondering that the Bulgarian commanders while safeguarding their military secrets should permit more glimpses of their troops in excellent condition and working so efficiently.

T. R. MEN MAY BE BARRED

Illinois Democrats Propose to Apolyn Colonel's Own Medicine.

CHICAGO, Nov. 25.—By invoking Colonel Roosevelt's theory that contested delegates should not vote on their own contests, Democratic leaders hoped, it was learned today, to keep Progressive party members of the new Illinois Legislature from participating in its organization. By declaring the 15 or 20 members whose seats are contested, the Democrats hope to prevent a majority, could proceed to organize, they say, under the constitutional provision, "that a majority of the members elected to each house shall constitute a quorum."

A quorum voting may organize the House by a majority vote of such quorum.

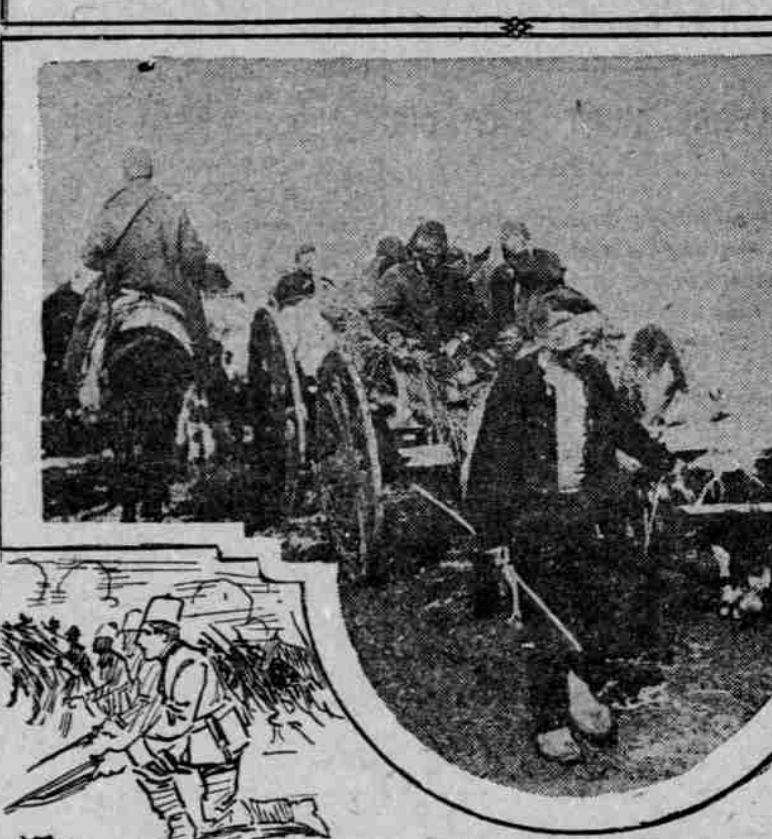
As a final basis for their arguments, the Democrats point to the following clause of the rules of order:

"Each house shall demand the rules of its proceedings and be judge of the election on returns and the qualifications of its members."

Hablich Out on \$3000 Bond.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 25.—(Special.)—Arnold Hablich, who has been held on a criminal charge, was released on \$3000 bail today. Hablich was brought back from Logan, Ia., by Sheriff Cressap.

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM SEAT OF WAR IN THE BALKANS.



ABOVE, KING FERDINAND OF BULGARIA, IN AUTOMOBILE, LOOKING OVER COUNTRY CLEARED OF TURKS BY HIS VICTORIOUS ARMY. BELOW, TURKISH WAGON CARRYING WOUNDED IN RETREAT FROM LULA BURGAS.

PEACE IS IN DANGER

Powers Deny Preparing for War but Europe Is Aflame.

HOSTILITIES NOW HALTED

Servia's Refusal to Reply to Austrian Demands and Germany's Delay in Seeking to Mediate Regarded as Ominous.

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Those in charge of the English medical corps have been asked to send part of their staff for service among the refugees. While they cannot entirely reject this proposal, because of the condition of the refugees is deplorable, nevertheless the request has been met with a deal of harsh comment, the workers declaring they came out to care for the wounded, not as soup distributors.

One English unit with 200 empty beds went out to the byways looking for wounded men and brought one Turk with his ankle shattered.

He is now being cared for by four surgeons and 16 nurses, in addition to several dressers and assistants. The lone patient is being fed on chicken broth, meat juices and other delicacies, and is liberally supplied with cigarettes.

WARSHIPS TO STOP FOR COAL

American Fleet May Be Augmented in Case of European War.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—Realizing the possibility of rapid and important developments in the Balkan war, the Navy Department has slightly changed the itinerary for the cruisers Tennessee and Montana, now on the way to the Orient under command of Rear-Admiral Knight. Instead of going direct from Gibraltar to Smyrna, Admiral Knight has headed first for Malta, with the Tennessee, while the Montana, which was destined for Beirut, has started for Port Said, at the entrance of the Suez Canal.

The change in the itinerary will make it easier for the cruisers to replenish their coal bunkers, pending the arrival in the Mediterranean of the collier fleet.

It was said at the State Department today that there is no present intention of sending other warships to reinforce the Tennessee and Montana in the Mediterranean. European navies are extending all necessary protection in the larger ports of Turkey.

Of course, in the event of a general European war, it might be necessary to dispatch the greater part of the Atlantic fleet to Europe.

COUNCIL OF WAR IS HELD

Montenegrins and Bulgarians Plan Campaign Against Scutari.

RIEKA, Mont., Nov. 25.—A prolonged council of war was held here today. King Nicholas presided and the Bulgarian Minister was in attendance. Important decisions were taken with respect to future operations against Scutari.

General Vukotich will take command of the Montenegrin center. General Martinovich, who attended the council, left immediately for the Montenegrin positions near Tarabosch to continue energetic operations.

Bulgarians to Be Reinforced.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—A Belgrade dispatch to the Standard says two more divisions, about 30,000 strong, from the Crown Prince's army at Monastir, are proceeding by rail, by way of Saloniki and Demotika, to reinforce the Bulgarians at Adrianople and Tchatalja. There are 10,000 Turkish prisoners at Monastir.

Bulgars Inflict Losses on Turks.

SOFIA, Nov. 25.—The Turkish forces at Adrianople made a sortie yesterday against the southern section of the Bulgarian lines, but were repulsed with considerable losses. The Bulgarians have drawn closer their circle of investment now approaching within two-thirds of a mile of the town.

Russia Denies Hostility.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 25.—The foreign office has issued a denial of reports published in German newspapers of Russian preparation for war and hostility toward neighboring states.

REGISTER MEN ON TRIAL

GOVERNMENT PROBE OF NATIONAL CASH FOLK ON.

Automobile Salesman, Leading Witness, Takes Stand—"Knockout" Men Sent into Territory.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 25.—Henry B. James, an automobile salesman, the opening witness for the Government in the case of President John H. Patterson and 20 other officials or former officials of the National Cash Register Company charged with violating the criminal section of the Sherman anti-trust act, occupied all of today's session in the case and was on the stand when court adjourned.

Letters to James from the company, purporting to show that "knockout" men were sent into James' territory at Detroit were admitted over strenuous objections by the defense.

James also testified that the Weyer Cash Register Company of Detroit, while refusing to sell out to the National Cash Register Company, sold out to some one he did not know and that a short time afterwards the plant became known as the Detroit Cash Register Company with John H. Parson as president.

After operating about three months, according to James, during which inferior machines were produced, the company was dissolved and the plant was moved to the Dayton works of the National Cash Register Company.

GIBSON'S FATE WITH JURY

Court Directs First or Second Degree Murder or Acquittal.

GOSHEN, N. Y., Nov. 25.—The fate of Burton W. Gibson, the New York lawyer charged with the murder of his client, Mrs. Rosa Menschik Szabo, last July, was delivered into the jury's hands at 7:30 o'clock tonight by Supreme Court Justice Tompkins.

The court eliminated manslaughter from its charge and directed that one of three verdicts be returned, murder in the first degree, second degree or acquittal.

Theater Death Roll Grows.

BILBAO, Spain, Nov. 25.—Eight of those injured in the panic which occurred yesterday in a moving picture house died today, bringing the death roll up to 85. Several others are helpless.

SENATOR RAYNER DIES AT CAPITAL

Control of Senate May Hinge on Death of Distinguished Maryland Statesman.

FUNERAL SET FOR TODAY

President Taft, Cabinet Members and Committees From Both Houses of Congress Are to Attend Services.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—The funeral of Senator Iddor Rayner, of Maryland, who died here early today of neuritis after a protracted illness, will be held Wednesday at 2 o'clock at the Rayner home in this city. The service will be conducted by the Rev. T. G. B. Pierce, chaplain of the Senate and President Taft's pastor, assisted by the Rev. Charles Wood, of the Church of the Covenant in Washington. Burial will be at Rock Creek Cemetery in this city.

President Taft and Cabinet members have signified their intention of attending the funeral, and committees from both houses of Congress as well as many Marylanders prominent in official and civic life will be present.

Rayner Leading Democrat.
Senator Rayner was one of the leading Democratic members of the United States Senate and a man whose name was offered to the Baltimore convention by William J. Bryan as a suitable candidate for the Presidential nomination.

Senator Rayner was one of the striking figures of the Senate. He had been a member of that body for nearly eight years and was one of its strong debaters and a recognized authority on matters of constitutional law. Before he entered Congress, he had attained a national reputation because of his vigorous conduct of the late Admiral Schley's case before the Naval Court of Inquiry that investigated the action of the American officers in the battle with Cervera's Spanish fleet.

Senator Rayner was a native of Baltimore and was 62 years old. He was a member of the Maryland Legislature when 28 years old, and served three terms in the National House of Representatives in the period from 1886 to 1892. He was elected to the United States Senate in 1904, after serving a four-year term as Attorney-General of Maryland.

As a member of the committee on foreign relations and the judiciary, Senator Rayner devoted special attention during the last few years to America's foreign problems and constitutional questions. He was a strong advocate of the abrogation of the treaty with Russia because of that country's discrimination against passports held by American Jews and exercised a marked influence in getting the Senate to indorse such action.

Control of Senate Doubtful.

The control of the United States Senate after March 4 may hinge on the death of Senator Rayner. The Republican, who, it is expected Governor Goldsborough will appoint in his place, will hold office until at least the Maryland Legislature meets in January, 1914. Senator Rayner's death removes one of the Democrats on whom the control of the Senate depends in the new Congress. With his vote the Democratic leaders counted on 49 votes, or one more than a majority of the total membership of 56. In any event, 48 votes, with the vote of Vice-President, in case of a tie, was looked upon as sufficient strength to secure control.

REPUBLICAN WILL BE NAMED

W. P. Jackson Expected to Be Successor of Rayner.

BALTIMORE, Nov. 25.—William P. Jackson, member of the Republican National Committee, will be appointed Senator Rayner's successor. It is believed here, although Governor Goldsborough has said he will not consider the matter until after the funeral. The appointee will serve until his successor is chosen by the Legislature, which does not meet until January, 1914. With the election of this body next Fall Senator Rayner's term, but also for the successor to Senator Smith, whose term ends March 3, 1915.

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Violinist to Give Concert.

The first concert by William Wallace Graham, violinist, given since his return from several years' study with the best masters of Europe, takes place tonight at 8:30 o'clock, at the Masonic Temple Auditorium. The assisting artist will be Miss Thelma Waters, contralto, with Edgar E. Courson, as piano accompanist.

Sweeney Accused of Fraud.

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