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SHIPS OPENED FIRE

The Foreign Fleet Bombarded Cretans Last Night.

AND THUS AIDED THE TURKS

The Insurgents Were Attacking a Turkish Garrison Near Canea When the Ironclads Interfered.

CANEA, Feb. 21.—8 p. m.—An engagement has just occurred just above the village of Mirnides, between the insurgents and a Turkish band.

At 4:45 p. m., the insurgents from Akrotiri, having attacked the Turkish garrison at Halepa, the joint fleet bombarded the Cretans for 25 minutes. The insurgents fled, taking their flag with them.

Later reports are to the effect that the English men-of-war opened the bombardment. The others followed. The Kaiserin Augusta fired melinite shells. The commander of the Greek men-of-war Hydra cleared for action in case the necessity should arise. Some shells fell in the town of Canea, raising clouds of dust. It is rumored several persons were killed and wounded. When firing ceased, the Greek flag was still flying over the insurgent camp.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Canea, dated Sunday, says:

Smart firing was heard today in the hills to the eastward. The reply of the Turks was feeble, and it was obvious that they must abandon their position if pressed. The gun practice from the redoubt on the outer lines was ludicrous. The chief Cretan position was a hamlet on a ridge of hills 4000 yards from the flagship.

At 4:30 o'clock this afternoon (Sunday) signals were made to H. M. S. Dryad, H. M. S. Sparries and H. M. S. Revenge, together with one Italian, one German and one Russian ship, to open fire upon the Cretan position, where the Greek flag was hoisted some days ago. The British ships fired 40 and the foreign ships 30 shells at the village, and ruined the house held by the Cretans. The flag was soon lowered, and the order "cease firing" sounded after ten minutes. Thereupon, the flag was soon rehoisted. The rocks around were crowded with Cretans. The Turks, encouraged by the fleet, now opened a lively fusillade, while the Cretans were removing the wounded. The Cretans had not replied during the whole performance. It was a somewhat melancholy spectacle.

SNEBBED BY ENGLAND.

Emperor William's Scheme Knocked in the Head by Salisbury.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The Cretan question is now foremost in the public mind, and the newspapers publish columns on the subject. The Marquis of Salisbury's refusal to follow the suggestion of Emperor William of Germany and blockade Piræus is warmly praised in England, and his suggestion to the powers that Crete be granted autonomy similar to that of the island of Samoa is well received in many quarters, as affording a solution of the problem which Greece can accept without too great a sacrifice of national pride. This proposition, it is understood, also finds favor in Paris, where popular feeling is pro-Hellenic.

The Continental correspondents of the English newspapers all expatiate on the pique of Emperor William at the Marquis of Salisbury's attitude, which openly displayed itself in his last interview with the British ambassador at Berlin, while Count von Hatzfeld, the German ambassador here, is reported to have had a heated conversation with the Marquis of Salisbury.

It appears that Emperor William personally insisted to the foreign governments the necessity of carrying out his proposal. This action is stated to be due to his majesty's desire to overcome the reichstag's opposition to his naval projects. He decided to initiate a very active and stern policy, without having a ship in the Levant. The adoption of his proposal to blockade Piræus would have been a personal triumph for the emperor, and the opposition would have been obliged to increase the German navy in order to uphold the national honor.

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This scheme, however, was knocked on the head by the Marquis of Salisbury's opposition.

The Turkish government is uneasy at the action of the powers over this question, fearing it might cause a break-up of the European concert, which would mean an immediate explosion in the Balkans and the subsequent disruption of Turkey.

Opinion is universal that Crete now will never return to the Turkish yoke. The island will either become independent or a part of Greece. The chief danger now is a collision on the Thessalian frontier.

The news that Turkey has ordered her fleet to be mobilized was received with derision throughout Europe. One newspaper suggests that the Turkish ironclads are more suitable for oyster boats than for fighting.

Series of Cuban Victories.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 20.—A special to the Commercial Tribune from Jacksonville, says:

Letters from Pinar del Rio today to Colonel Corbe, give details of engagements in that section recently, in all of which the insurgents were successful.

Near Jaroeta, Major P. Morales engaged San Martin's troops, and after a two hours' fight, the Cuban machete charge drove the Spanish from the field in utter rout, they leaving 125 dead on the field.

The insurgents decoyed the Spanish into a trap in Jopeta swamp, and cut their rear guard into pieces and routed the squadron of 500 men, the Spaniards losing over 200 men.

At the woods of El Tolvio was another disaster for the Spaniards, Colonel Lorete defeating Colonel Martin's detachment of 600 men and forcing them to retreat to San Juan y Martinez, with heavy loss, leaving the dead on the field.

At Janta, the Spaniards made a plucky fight, but the Cubans routed them after three hours' fighting.

The insurgents secured 200 rifles and 1500 rounds of ammunition. Their loss was less than thirty, while the Spaniards acknowledged a loss of over 140.

Will Never Give In.

ATHENS, Feb. 20.—The Asty publishes a statement made by the king to the effect that he sent an envoy to one of the powers and made every effort to call the favorable attention of Europe to the situation in Crete, but, with the exception of the mixed gendarmes and the so-called reforms, nothing had resulted. Continuing, the king said:

"My patience became exhausted and I decided to annex the island of Crete, which body and soul is Greek. This decision, perhaps, provoked the powers to additional coercive measures against me, but the whole of Hellenism is with me. I have ordered my army not to abandon the island under any circumstances. Crete will be administratively organized as soon as possible."

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Governor Bushnell Makes a Public Statement.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 21.—Governor Bushnell tonight gave out the following statement to the press:

"It has been my intention to make no announcement in relation to the action I would take in the matter of an appointment to fill the prospective vacancy in the Ohio representation in the United States senate until the vacancy actually existed. But, on account of the manifest interest of the people, and their desire to know what will be done, I deem it best now to make the following statement:

"When Senator Sherman resigns to enter the cabinet of President McKinley, I will appoint to succeed him Hon. Marcus A. Hanna, of Cuyahoga county, to serve until his successor is chosen by the 73d general assembly of the state. I trust this action will meet the approval of the people.

"ASA S. BUSHNELL."

Fled For Their Lives.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 20.—A special to the Commercial Tribune from Key West says:

A report reached here late tonight rumors at Havana of a big fight in Santa Clara province, on Tuesday, between 1500 Spaniards and 1200 Cubans, under Gomez, which lasted seven hours. The insurgents cut down the Spanish forces first with artillery and then with machete; the Spaniards fleeing for their lives in great disorder. The losses on both sides were heavy, the Spaniards losing the most men. The Cubans captured all the ammunition, stores and guns, including four field pieces, and quantities of small arms. No details can be had tonight, nor can the name of the Spanish general engaged be learned.

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Stricken From the Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The proposed new battle-ship and the composite sailing vessel for the Annapolis cadets were stricken from the naval appropriation bill today before the bill was reported to the house. The committee considered the items and struck them out by a vote of 6 to 4, which was practically a party vote, the Republicans present voting to drop them and the Democrats to retain them. Consultation with the speaker and other members of the house convinced the Republicans that there would be strong objections to these items. There was a proposal to provide for a new torpedo-boat, but it failed.

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The Fight Was Desperate.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The British consul at Canea, Crete, reports that the fighting between the Turkish garrison at Fort Voukolis, consisting of 300 soldiers and 100 Cretan Mussulmans, and the Greeks was desperate. The garrison drove the Greeks back three or four miles, but the Turks were finally forced to retire before the greatly superior numbers of the Greeks and only 18 of the Mussulmans succeeded in cutting their way to the Turkish outpost at Allidiana.

Troops For the Frontier.

CORFU, Feb. 20.—Reinforcements of Greek troops have left here for Arta, Greece, amidst enthusiastic cheering for the union of Crete and Greece.

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