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THE SITUATION IS GRAVE

Forests are Fired to Drive the Bulgarians Out.

MORE MASSACRES FEARED

Admiral Cotton Will Land Marines, if Necessary, to Protect Americans.

Washington Sept. 8.—The State Department has received a cablegram from Minister Leishman at Constantinople, in which he says a riot occurred Thursday night at Beirut, in which seven Christians were killed and several wounded. Two houses occupied by Christians were pillaged by the soldiers. The panic was general.

The Balkan situation becomes graver day by day. Turks have murdered Christians at Beirut and the powers are now thoroughly alarmed.

Admiral Cotton will land marines at Beirut, if necessary, to protect the lives of Americans. Several of the powers contemplate sending fleets to Turkish waters.

The barbarity of the Turks in Macedonia is almost incredible. Their latest move is to fire the forests in which 150,000 Bulgarians have taken refuge.

The Porte makes public a warning from the Macedonian Committee that the British Consul, some journalist or an American missionary at Constantinople will be slain.

The Sultan to suppress the news has ordered the expulsion of correspondents.

War seems Sure.

London, Sept. 8.—Special dispatches from the near East, published here this morning add little fresh news regarding the situation in the Balkans. All the correspondents at Constantinople emphasize the apparent danger of war with Bulgaria, while the Sofia correspondents are equally insistent as to the prudent and correct attitude of Prince Ferdinand and his Government.

Accounts from both Turkish and insurgent sources of the operations in Macedonia show that the work of extermination is proceeding unchecked, and, although apparently emphasizing the danger of a conflagration, the powers are making little effort to interfere. It is believed that nothing of a serious nature will be done until after the meeting of the Czar and Emperor Francis Joseph at Vienna, when it may be too late.

The insurgents are now said to number 2500 well-armed and efficiently commanded men. Their leaders will stop at nothing to secure resources for their equipment.

A dispatch to the Times from Monastir, dated September 5, says:

"In Turkish circles war with Bulgaria is considered to be imminent. Hilmi Pasha, Inspector-General of Macedonia, says he sees no other solution. The final reserves are being warned to hold themselves in readiness, and orders have been issued to the principal towns to supply horses and money and otherwise aid the military preparations.

"In the feverish attempt to stamp out the insurrection in this quarter so as to release the troops for operations elsewhere, there is, unfortunately, every reason to suspect that an attempt is being made to produce the indiscriminate slaughter of the Bulgarian element in which Christians of all denominations are in danger of being treated alike.

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Should this prove true, there can be no hope of saving the greater part of the Christian population in the remote districts of Western Macedonia."

SENDS SHEEP EAST.

Experimental Shipment to be Made From Pendleton.

Pendleton, Or., Sept. 7.—Charles Cunningham, the sheep king of Eastern Oregon, will, September 20, ship 7000 mutton sheep, to the Eastern market. Twenty-five cars have been ordered for that purpose. The shipment will consist of coarse ewes, lambs and wethers.

This is the first shipment of mutton stock of any pretensions to be made to the extreme East by an Oregon wool grower, and may herald the advent of operations new in character to the flockmaster of the extreme West. Hitherto shipments of this kind have been made by one or two persons operating in the Eastern markets, who were posted as to the conditions in the East, the cost of getting the stock there, the factor of loss in its several aspects, and had the advantage of preparedness at their destination.

This shipment has still greater significance. It tells of the poverty the grower is up against for the coming Winter in the way of feed. The hay

crop is short throughout this section, and barley, which has largely been relied upon for several years, principally by reason of the scarcity of hay.

Those who would buy to ship in former years have been putting off until the grower, driven to extremes, had to let go at any price. Mr. Cunningham, in making this shipment, figures that he had better do his own financing now than let others do it for him later on. However, this may be, the fact remains that it is an experiment, forced upon him by the existing conditions, and he has the money to experiment with.

Shipment of Horses.

Ontario, Ore., Sept. 7.—C. M. Clay shipped from the Ontario Stockyards Saturday ten carloads of horses, which he gathered from the surrounding country. Mr. Clay ships to a St. Louis firm of which he is a member. The price paid for the horses averaged \$12 per head. These horses will be sold in St. Louis September 15, together with about 2000 head gathered in the West. A sale of Western horses is made by this firm every two weeks until December. Mr. Clay made the statement that the market is steady and prices good for fat horses, but that poor horses do not net much to the sellers, consequently those owning horses would do better to fatten them at home before selling. Horses are much better pay this season than cattle, and there is a steady demand for good stock.

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