

# GALLIPOLI KEY TO CONSTANTINOPLE IS STRONGLY FORTIFIED

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25.—The city of Gallipoli, toward which the allied forces are fighting, guards the neck of the Gallipoli peninsula, where the peninsula joins the mainland, near the elbow formed by the Dardanelles strait and the Sea of Marmora. A bulletin issued today by the National Geographic society. The description of this key position to the best protected of all the world's water avenues, a position to which the interest of all the nations is now turned with much questioning, continues:

**Strongly Fortified**  
"Gallipoli is the last bar that locks the Dardanelles and secures Marmora sea as a Turkish lake. It is a powerfully fortified city, its defensive works having been begun in modern style in 1878, when the Russians threatened to take possession of Constantinople. The work of strengthening this port has been carried on at irregular intervals since. When the Bulgarians were attacking the lines at Chatalja, the Turks, who felt that they might expect an endeavor to turn their flanks by way of Gallipoli and Marmora sea, worked feverishly upon the port's redoubts. While Gallipoli is not comparable in strength to the greatest fortresses of Europe, it, nevertheless, with its modern batteries and extensive outworks, forms a proper conclusion to the mightily fortified water lane leading down to the Aegean sea.

**First Turkish Conquest**  
"This 'City Beautiful' of the Greeks (Kallipolis) was the first point in Europe to be won and maintained by the Ottoman hordes. It is today anything but a beautiful city. Its streets are narrow, immemorial and dirty, while most of its houses are overgrown wooden structures, in which decay and untidiness mix to an unpleasant picture. There are few buildings of any architectural interest, though the great leaden-domed bazars appeal to the imagination of the westerner. Some few and unexciting relics of eastern empire and Grecian times have been left to normal decay by the Turks.

"Gallipoli has two good harbors. Both harbors have been improved, one of them serving as the principal roadstead of the Turkish fleet. Gallipoli is 132 miles west-southwest of Constantinople, the city which its guns are meant to guard, and it is ninety miles south of Adrianople, the powerful fortress toward the Bulgarian frontier. The Dardanelles at Gallipoli are about two miles wide, their expense being completely dominated by the guns of the port.

**Almost Dreamless Sleep**  
"Until Turkish occupation and the putting into effect of the suspicious, intolerant and short-sighted policies of exclusion and exclusiveness of the Orient, Gallipoli seemed destined as a well-placed port upon one of nature's natural avenues of water trade, to become one of the greatest of all the commercial cities of the near east. Through the centuries of Turkish rule it has slept an almost dreamless sleep. Today, with a population of 25,000, with few ambitions, and little understanding of its advantages, it has, however, given, under the Young Turk regime, some evidence of a re-awakening."

# FRANCE WELCOMES ITALY AS ALLY AGAINST ENEMY

PARIS, May 25.—Raymond Poincare, president of the French republic during a visit to the armies in Lorraine and the Vosges, sent the king of Italy the following telegram: "At this solemn hour when Italy enters upon the glorious path marked out by her destinies, all France is glad to think that the two sister nations are going to fight once more for the defense of their common civilization and for the freedom of oppressed peoples. Already brought nearer together by their relationship, by their traditions and by the immortal force of the Latin genius, Italy and France will be united forever by this new fraternity of souls and by this reflected consecration of their natural relations.

"I express to your majesty by most ardent wish for the victory of our valiant troops. With these soldiers the allied armies are proud to fight to put an end to the enemies of justice and of liberty. "I wish noble Italy a successful realization of her national aspirations

# GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS IS REAL RULER OF RUSSIA

Master Mind of Slavic Empire Regenerating Nation—Graft Forbidden and Merit Governs—Era of Assassinations and Oppression Over—No Mercy Shown Those Guilty of Theft or Treason—Pleasure-Loving Officers Horsewhipped by Grand Duke Personally.

(By Mary Boyle O'Reilly.)  
GRODNO, near the Russian front May 1.—This is the story of Nicholas the czar and Nicholas the commander, told at Grodno by Russian officers just back from the front.

When war became inevitable the "peace czar" suffered an attack of nerves. Russia was unprepared, but must begin fighting. The imperial family selected their strongest member—the Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholivitch, to assume command of the armies.

The supply department was assigned to the bedridden Grand Dukes Cyril and Boris and so Nicholas Nicholivitch refused to become commander-in-chief.

**No Graft Permitted**  
Before the assembled war council he curtly recalled how the Grand Duke Vladimir (father of Boris and Cyril) had pocketed 50,000 pairs of army boots and the \$10,000,000 donated to build a memorial cathedral to his assassinated father.

He recalled the Moscow postal frauds and Red Cross thefts which put \$2,000,000 into Grand Duke Serge's purse. He told, too, of scores of other scandals and government frauds in which high personages were involved, and then he said:

"I can fight—but not for a pack of thieves, idle, unscrupulous, irresponsible and above the law."

Award, the imperial council again offered him the supreme command, removing all restrictions.

"I accept," said Nicholas Nicholivitch, "but remember, whoever is proven guilty of theft or treason will be shot."

**Russia Is Quickened**

Suddenly Russia quickened to a commanding touch. The army was mobilized in record time. Troop trains concentrated from thousands of miles away, reservists marched in by battalions, barbers waited to transform hairy peasants into trim recruits. Everything worked like a

machine, and military experts commended the commander-in-chief.

Soldiers who saw that every effort was being made for their comfort loyally cheered the grand duke. Presently they realized that of all the armies in the field they were the best clothed and booted for a winter campaign.

Thevery shrank to a minimum. Grand dukes who had reaped a rich harvest from graft in the Russian-Japanese war discovered to their chagrin that this war was different and that honesty was the only safe policy.

and beg your majesty to accept these assurances of my devoted friendship."

## WOMAN HASTENS TO SCENE OF ERUPTION

Mrs. Olive Updyke, who lives in Hat river valley down whose sides there flowed a river of mud from Mt. Lassen in Medford Monday, making inquiries regarding the safety of her children and property, which believes to have been in the path of the silty flood. Mrs. Updyke was visiting a son living near Rogue River when she heard of the severe outbreak of the peak, and immediately to steps to gain information regarding the damage. She was greatly worried for fear some ill had happened to her children.

Mrs. Updyke owns 400 acres of hay land fourteen miles above Cassel, directly in the path of the mud and lava flow, and reports from Redding, California, tell of a heavy damage to farms. She left yesterday for Redding with her youngest child. Mrs. Updyke is acquainted in this city.

## COURT HOUSE NEWS

Reported by Jackson County Abstract Co., Sixth and Fir Sts.

### Circuit

James Davies vs. unknown heirs of Charles S. Baird, suit to quiet title. Hagerty vs. Lyman, dismissed. Mason-Ehrman Co. vs. Bessie Nichols, dismissed. Allen vs. Korinek Co., dismissed. State of Oregon vs. W. J. Canton, mandate.

Lillie Collett vs. Robert S. Collett, divorce. Big Pines Lumber Co. vs. B. H. Kirby, suit to foreclose lien. Alexander McMelon vs. Henry B. Sander et al., motion to make more definite.

S. F. Reichert vs. Josephine Sooy-Smith, motion, amended complaint, order. J. C. Brooks vs. William Ellison et al., publication of summons.

W. H. Evans vs. Fred R. Kail, amended reply.

Bullock Mercantile Agency vs. W.



Czar and commander. Grand Duke Nicholas pointing out military operations to his cousin, the Russian Emperor.

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