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## GREECE Is Too Slow for the Powers, Offers to Withdraw Her Fleet But Not Her Troops.

LONDON, March 10.—It was learned in official quarters that there is not the slightest chance that the powers will tolerate the presence of the Greek troops in Crete. As soon as the powers have had time to exchange views, Greece will be notified of the measures decided upon for immediate enforcement of their decision. Germany and Russia are pressing for immediate action.

**Hostilities Reopened.**  
CANEIA, March, 10.—The cordon of Turkish troops drawn around Akrotierie is being reattacked by the insurgents. Severe fighting is proceeding. Fighting between the insurgents and the Turks commenced at 2 o'clock this morning, and continues all along the line. Communication by road with Sudiba is cut off.

A Turkish transport with civil officials and troops has arrived here with smallpox on board. There was renewed fighting last evening between Turkish troops and the Cretan insurgents around Campoflatter, on the heights of Akrotierie, near here, the position bombarded by the warships of the powers on February 21. The result of the engagement is not known, but the Greek flag is not visible this morning above the land insurgents' position.

In addition to ordering the Greek vice-consul to leave the island, Admiral Caneviro, the Italian officer who by reason of seniority, is in command of the combined fleets, has ordered Greek newspaper correspondents and all other Greeks to leave Crete immediately.

**Note to the Powers.**  
ATHENS, March 10.—(Copyrighted, 1897, by the Associated Press.)—The reply of Greece to the note of the powers insisting upon the withdrawal of Greek troops from Crete and of the Greek fleet from Cretan waters confirms the forecast cabled to the Associated Press. The reply of Greece was drafted and sent to the foreign delegations. The cabinet sat all night in council, the members not returning to their homes until after daybreak.

The reply, after acknowledging receipt of the identical note of the powers and recognizing the extreme advisability of the results bound up in the situation, proceeds as follows:

The government of His Majesty King George has examined with the closest attention the points on which the great powers have agreed, and believes it a duty to submit to the powers its own opinions of the measures proposed by them, an opinion which is the outcome of long experience and profound knowledge of the Cretan situation. Moved profoundly by the sentiments animating the powers and the powers and their solicitude for the general welfare, the Greek government will not fail in its duty, because Greece also has an ardent desire to contribute to the maintenance of peace and to preserve from complete ruin the Cretan islanders, sorely tried and so often decimated. We believe the proposed autonomy will, unfortunately, fail to respond to the noble intentions which inspired it, and will suffer the same

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fate as many previous unsuccessful experiments in Crete."

The reply refers to the six previous insurrections in Crete, and urges the unlikelihood that the present proposals of the powers will terminate the state of revolution. It continues: "Anarchy will ravage the country; fire and sword in the hands of blind fanaticism will decimate a people who do not deserve such a fate. In the face of such an aspect, our responsibility would be enormous if we failed to urge the powers to restore Crete what she already had at the time of the enfranchisement of the other Greek provinces and to give her back to Greece, to whom she properly belongs."

"In the presence of the recent scenes of massacre and pillage, the burning of Canea and the frightful dangers the Christians were exposed to, nenssed by the boundless fury of the Mussulmans, our whole country was torn with remorse for its own responsibility. It assumed last year to persuade the Cretans to lay down their arms, but the misfortune which followed forbid us again to undertake such a task. Even had we attempted it, our voice would have been only a feeble echo, and would not have helped the Cretan people."

"If the powers persevere in their decision in the face of the foregoing views, then, in the name of humanity, as well as in the interest of Crete, the pacifying of which is the object of the solicitude of the powers, we do not hesitate to appeal to them on the subject of another measure proposed by them, namely, the return of our troops. Indeed, if the presence of the foreign squadrons, on the conviction that they can prevent the landing of Turkish troops, is deemed to be necessary the presence of the Greek fleet in Cretan waters is not necessary."

"The necessity for the Greek army remaining in Crete is shown in the interests of humanity and a definite restoration of order. Duty forbids us to abandon the Cretans to the mercy of Mussulman fanaticism and to Turkish tyranny, which also deliberately and intentionally shared in the aggressive acts of the Populace against the Christians."

"Moreover, if our own troops, which are worthy the fullest confidence of the powers, had received a mandate to pacify the island, their work as accomplished would have been promptly received with the most perfect satisfaction. Then, order restored, it would be possible to ascertain the freely expressed desires of the Cretans for a decision as to their fate. The sorrows which have regularly occurred in Crete for many decades not only profoundly agitate the Hellenic people, but interrupt also the social activity and gravity disturb our domestic economy and the finances of the state. Even if we admit the possibility of forgetting for a single instant our community with the Cretans in religion, race and blood, we could not in silence allow the great powers to assume that the Greek state is unable longer to resist such shocks."

"Therefore, we appeal to the generous sentiments animating the powers, and beg them to permit the Cretan people themselves to declare how they desire to be governed."  
SCOTZES."

**Senator Dolph's Condition.**  
PORTLAND, March 10.—Ex-Senator J. N. Dolph's condition late last night was still very critical, and his recovery is considered exceedingly doubtful by his physicians. For a time it was thought he was resting easier than last night, but no material improvement could be noticed. A JOURNAL telegram Tuesday evening was to the effect that Ex-Senator Dolph had died at 4 o'clock.

That was the general report on the streets at Portland.  
LATER.  
Mr. J. N. Dolph passed away at 11 a. m. today.

## CUBA. Ruiz Was Foully Murdered. Widow of the Doctor Preparing Her Case for the Authorities.

NEW YORK, March 10.—Among the passengers arriving on the steamer Seneca from Havana was Mrs. Rita Lescade de Ruiz, widow of Dr. Ruiz, who died in prison in Cuba. She was accompanied by five children, ranging in age from 3 to 15 years. Mrs. Ruiz does not speak English.

Mrs. Ruiz said, through an interpreter that she had nothing to add to what she had already said in relation to the murder of her husband or his treatment as an American citizen by the Spanish government.

"He was foully murdered," she said, "and I will take such action as may be advised by my friends. I want to thank the American people for the expressions of sympathy I have received, and I cannot say too much of my heartfelt thanks at the kindness of Consul Lee."

Mrs. Ruiz' appearance and manner indicated that she is in a high state of nervousness, and in deed of much care before regaining her usual strength and health. It is likely that her case will be placed before the administration at Washington in the form of a demand for indemnity from the Spanish government.

**On the Florida Coast.**  
APALACHICOLA, Fla., March 10.—The Cubans who have been assembling here left last night on the steamer Griggs for an unknown destination. It is reported this evening they landed at Jola. It is also reported the tug Monarch, which took 50 Cubans on board at St. Joseph on Sunday night, is now at sea, on its way to Cuba. The Cubans confidently assert that an expedition will leave soon.

The Marblehead finished coaling at Pensacola, and left for an unknown destination. A number of detectives are here. The Montgomery is still here, and is keeping the closest vigilance.

**Wilson's First Order.**  
WASHINGTON, March 10.—The first official order issued by Secretary Wilson, of the department of agriculture, made its appearance. It concerns the exportation of beef to foreign countries, and provides:

"That from and after March 15, 1897, all beef offered for transportation to European ports, whether fresh, salted, canned, corned or packed, bearing the meat of cattle killed after the passage of the act under which this order is made, shall be accompanied by a certificate issued by an inspector of this department, showing that the cattle from which it was produced were free from disease, and the meat sound and wholesome. Until otherwise ordered, certificates will not be required with beef exported to other than European countries."

The original order of the secretary, of August 28, 1895, for carrying out the provisions of section 2 for the act under which the order is made, is postponed to the date set out in Secretary Wilson's circular.

**Dr. Ruiz' Widow Arrives.**  
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**Andrae to Go North.**  
OTTAWA, March 10.—The government of Sweden has notified the government here that Professor Andrae will start from Stockholm about the end of June in his balloon, in search of the north pole, and requests that instructions be given the officials of different points in the Northwest Territory and Hudson bay, to report the balloon if sighted.

**Arrested and Charged With Murder.**  
OREGON CITY, March, 10.—Peter Griner and Louis Rogers were arrested near Canby and brought to this city last evening on the charge of murdering Conrad Neiber the Canby saloon-keeper, who was killed last May. The complaint against the prisoner was made by Milo Lee, of Canby. Constable McCowan made the arrest of both men, though he kept them separate, and neither knows of the arrest of the other; and neither of them made any inquiry as to the nature of the charge preferred.

There is said to be a strong chain of circumstances connecting the prisoners with the murder of Neiber, but the officers are not willing to make the story public yet. It is understood that the men have professed some knowledge of the affair, and have told conflicting stories when questioned about it. Griner is a woodcutter, who has been working on the west side of the river near Canby, and he does not enjoy a good reputation. Rogers has a small ranch on Canby prairie where his family lives. He has been convicted of offenses that give him the name of being a hard man.

It was a very mysterious affair, and suspicion has been directed to various persons connected with other misdeeds, but nothing more tangible than suspicion has developed yet to connect anybody with the commission of the crime. Griner and Rogers will have their hearing before Justice Schuebel, in this city, tomorrow.

**First Meeting of the Cabinet.**  
WASHINGTON, March 10.—President McKinley and the cabinet held their first formal meeting. There was the usual early rush of public men, many of whom were received by the president.

The silver Republican senators, Teller, of Colorado, Pettigrew, of South Dakota, and Cannon, of Utah, who withdrew from the St. Louis convention, and Senator Warren, of Wyoming, spent five or ten minutes with McKinley. No allusion to party or politics was made. The president showed his usual cordiality and there was no evidence in manner or word of the divisions resulting from the national convention.

Following this group came another, comprising the entire Republican membership of the ways and means committee, headed by Chairman Dingley. This too was a call of courtesy.

Senator Allison and Representative Dolliver, of Iowa, called to urge the appointment of State Senator Ericsson, of Iowa, as minister of Norway and Sweden. Dolliver placed on file petitions in Ericsson's behalf from nearly every western state. Ex-Minister W. W. Thomas, of Maine, had been the foremost candidate for the Swedish mission, but the appearance of Ericsson involves lively competition.

The cabinet was in session an hour today, but it is stated no question of importance was considered.

At 2:30 p. m. Senator Hanna called at the white house, and was shown at once to the president's office.

**Considered in Caucus.**

WASHINGTON, March 10.—The democratic senators were in caucus an hour and a half considering the advisability of forming a coalition with the silver Republicans and Populists for control of the senate. The meeting authorized Senator Gorman, chairman of the caucus, to appoint a new steering committee to consider the situation in all its bearings and report to a future conference.

There was a general attendance of Democratic senators, though Lindsay was the only gold Democrat present. Neither Gray nor Caffery were there, but it was not believed by those present that their absence had any significance.

**Universal Suffrage in Austria.**  
VIENNA, March 10.—The election to the Austrian reichstaag was held yesterday, and for the first time the voting was on a basis of universal suffrage.

**Gang of Poisoners.**  
MERIDIAN, Miss., March, 10.—A poisoning case which promises to be famous has been brought to light in Kemper county, Mississippi. D. W. H. Lipscomb, a prominent physician, and Guy Jack, a wealthy merchant of Scooba, have been indicted by the grand jury for the murder of C. T. Stuart, for the purpose of obtaining the value on insurance policies on his life, aggregating \$15,000, held by Jack.

A post-mortem examination was made, and enough strychnine found in Stuart's stomach to kill a herd of cattle. Dr. Lipscomb was placed on trial at Dekalb today, and a jury secured. There have been more than a dozen deaths prior to that of Stuart during the past few years.

**May Outwit the Sea Yaps.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.—It transpired yesterday that Fung Yung Heng, the Chinese counsel-general, had secretly departed for Washington five days ago, to forestall the deputation of Sea Yap highbinders, who hope to influence this government in interfering in the highbinders feuds of this city by making certain representations to the Chinese emperor.

**Scout "Blackfoot Joe" Dead.**  
LEWISTON, Idaho, March 10.—Joe Bartlett, better known as "Blackfoot Joe," died at Waho. He was a pioneer scout well known in all parts of the Northwest. He died at the end of a protracted spree, sitting in a chair at the farm of Mrs. Monroe, near Waho lake.

**FLAX-CULTURE.**  
Many Farmers Willing to Put in \$3mall Crop.  
A great many farmers have come in and assured Dr. Thornton that they will put in from one to five acres of flax for fibre.

A continued stream of callers have been at THE JOURNAL office to see the samples and talk with Dr. Thornton about the practical part of the business. A committee of W. C. T. U. ladies called to examine the samples and report on the same. Mr. Reuber Lee has also given material aid in talking up the matter of putting in a crop.

**SOUTH SALEM MEETING.**  
An advisory meeting has been called by the ladies of South Salem at the home of Mrs. Stephen Jory for Thursday evening, this week, at 7:30 o'clock, at which Dr. Thornton will speak and will exhibit samples of flax from different countries.

The public meeting Friday evening promises to be well attended and is awakening a great deal of interest in the subject. Ladies and gentlemen are enthusiastic about flax who never before gave the subject a thought. Call in at THE JOURNAL office until Friday evening and see Mr. Thornton.



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