

CONSTANTINOPLE HAS BEEN TAKEN

After a Night of Bloody Fighting During Which Two Thousand Soldiers Were Killed, and Thousands Wounded.

LEADERS ARE CONDEMNED TO DEATH

Leaders of Re-actionary Movement in Prison Awaiting Their Execution—Fate of Sultan is Now Under Discussion.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 24.—Constantinople has fallen. After a night of the bloodiest fighting between 5,000 fanatical soldiers, forming a night of the bloodiest fighting between 5,000 fanatical soldiers, forming the sultan's guard, and the Young Turks forces under command of Chetkek Pasha, the garrison at Yildiz Kiosk surrendered this morning. It is estimated two thousand soldiers were killed, and thousands wounded. The Young Turks followed up the surrender of the garrison by throwing a heavy column of soldiers around the palace, making the sultan a prisoner. The leaders are now in conference with him, deciding his fate. The garrison fought with the wildest courage and did not surrender until the barracks were demolished by the artillery fire of the Young Turks, and the garrison half exterminated. The foreign population is no immediate danger though two foreigners are reported killed. Frederick Moore, correspondent of the New York Sun, is among the injured. He was shot while trying to take a picture of the fighting.

Danger of Massacre. There is the gravest danger of one of the bloodiest massacres the world has ever known. The Mohammedan population in Constantinople threatens to seek revenge for what they consider a Christian victory, fearing danger confronts their religion. The investing army of the Young Turks is far too small to combat with thousands, should the rioting begin. There is nearly a million fanatics in Constantinople and the surrounding country. It appears that the Yildiz Kiosk is strewn with dead after ten hours of fighting, while the Pera quarter bears grim evidence of a fierce struggle. Tachkikha, Matchka barracks of the Pera quarter, where a part of reactionary troops are stationed, was the scene of some of the fiercest fighting. It is a miracle that more Europeans were not killed. The first fighting began at 7 o'clock last night, when the soldiers stationed at the barracks, returned from attending the sultan on the trip to the Mosque, and found the Young Turks' soldiers had occupied their barracks. There was a brief engagement in which two were killed.

Real Fighting Commences. The real engagement then broke out at five o'clock this morning with fury. Both sides brought up reinforcements, and the entire population became crazed with fear. Hundreds rushed to the embassy grounds of the various legations and pleaded for protection. People fled from the streets and locked themselves in their homes. Within a few hours machine guns were in position for progress in the battle. The Young Turks poured into the city from the camp at San Stefano, and it was soon evident they overwhelmed the reactionaries. One of the bloodiest engagements was fought on the Rue Grande, the principal street of the Pera quarter.

3,000 Dead, Estimated. Owing to the scattering nature in the fighting it is impossible to state the number killed. The total on both sides will probably reach three thousand, besides an enormous number wounded. The worst fighting was in Rue Grand De Pera, and the European quarter, the residence section of the wealthy natives.

Rue Grande De Pera, the Broadway of Constantinople, was turned into a shambles of the fiercest class of the entire battle. Soldiers fought up and down the street for two miles. Gutters ran with blood of the victims, and the street was covered with dead. Many fashionable houses were struck by bullets. All the barracks of the city were razed, and it is believed hundreds of dead reactionaries are in the ruins.

The reactionaries fled along the street in an effort to reach the French hospital for refuge. They were pursued the entire length of the fashionable thoroughfares by the Young Turks, and the street was covered with corpses. Many foreigners' houses were badly damaged by the fire of the soldiers. The Russian embassy was in direct line of the fighting and

many windows were broken by shots. The French, German and British embassies, all in the Pera quarter were close to the scene of the engagement, and the American is but half a mile distant. All embassies were surrounded by detachments of Young Turks, furnishing a magnificent protection. Yildiz Kiosk was not attacked, escaping through the garrison, and surrendering. The Young Turks wrought the deadliest execution with the machine guns and cannons used in the destruction of the barracks. The reactionaries answered with cannon. The loss of the Young Turks is nearly as heavy as the reactionaries. It is believed fully 15,000 Young Turks were engaged. Detachments of cadets are now patrolling the embassies, attempting to guard the city outside the zone fighting, from the threatened uprising of the populace.

Conflicting Reports. A telegram from Stamboul says the sultan has taken refuge aboard a German ship in the harbor. The report lacks confirmation and is a contradiction to the information that the sultan is a prisoner in the palace.

Re-Actionaries Blamed. VIENNA, April 24.—Constantinople dispatches lay the blame for the bloody battle in the streets of that city on the reactionary soldiers who resisted the occupation of the city when they knew the odds were overwhelmingly against them. They resisted, and it is believed to have jeopardized the sultan and made his deposition certain. The Young Turks planned a peaceable occupation of the city, but when fired upon, ordered all troops rushed to the front.

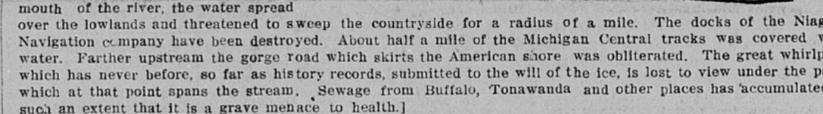
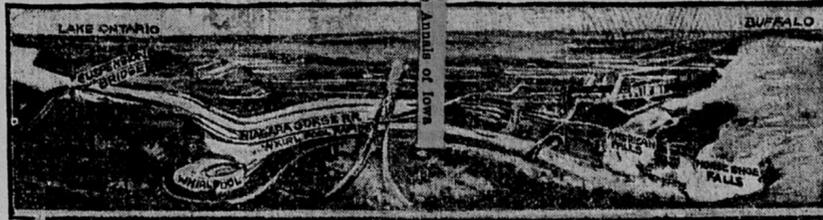
Now in Complete Control. CONSTANTINOPLE, April 24.—The Young Turks smothered the last spark of resistance today at noon after charging the Taxim guardhouse, which held out the longest of any of the reactionary defenses. After repeated rallies the Young Turks brought up a Hotchkiss gun and riddled the guard. The garrison, with fifty survivors remaining, then ran up the white flag. The Taxim guard house is in the European quarter, and the defenders swept the main street quarter with a fire of bullets, until the Hotchkiss was brought into action. The Young Turks are removing the dead and signs of battle, and restoring order. Every effort is being made to reassure the public. The Young Turks proclaimed that the lives and property of all citizens, except the ring leaders, will be protected. The ring leaders are in prison and condemned to death.

Legations Well Guarded. While the battle was at its height many shops were kept open, the police protection of the Young Turks was so effective. They had detachments over the city from end to end. The Turks realized if there was unnecessary loss of life and bloodshed, foreign powers were likely to intervene. At the immediate scene of the fighting the foreign buildings are barricaded, as were residences. The only foreign building to suffer damage was the Belgian legation, the grounds of which were occupied by a group of reactionary soldiers. The building was riddled, but no one was inside. The American legation is now surrounded with a guard of Young Turks, as are other legations, there being a danger of a fanatical uprising. There is no more danger from the soldiers, as they have been crushed. As the foreigners are generally favored, the Young Turks are receiving every consideration.

New Sultan Soon. CONSTANTINOPLE, April 24.—Halid Bey, probably the most important and most authoritative member of the Young Turks, declared to the United Press correspondent after order had been partially restored, "We are anxious not to do personal injury to a sultan but it is impossible to expect a continuation of loyalty to him. We have reason to believe that the new

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MAP AND SCENES AT NIA GARA FALLS, HELD IN CLUTCH OF GIANT ICE PACK.



Two carloads of dynamite will be exploded in the Niagara river with the hope of dislodging the greatest ice pack that has formed there within the memory of white men. Towns and villages, hotels and millions of dollars' worth of factory property are menaced by the flood caused by the accumulation of ice. Old river men who have experimented with dynamite in dislodging the mushy ice declare that explosives are a failure. The water has risen at Lewistown to within a few feet of the suspension bridge. At Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., near the mouth of the river, the water spread over the lowlands and threatened to sweep the countryside for a radius of a mile. The docks of the Niagara Navigation company have been destroyed. About half a mile of the Michigan Central tracks was covered with water. Farther upstream the gorge road which skirts the American shore was obliterated. The great whirlpool, which has never before, so far as history records, submitted to the will of the ice, is lost to view under the pack, which at that point spans the stream. Sewage from Buffalo, Tonawanda and other places has accumulated to such an extent that it is a grave menace to health.

TEDDY WANTS NO FAKE TALES
Warns Newspaper Correspondents Against Writing Stories of Shooting Pink Elephants and Blue Zebras.

ARE ALARMED OVER MASSACRE
Fear Felt Constantinople Will Not be Able to Control Situation in Asia Minor and Horrors Will Spread

WATERS-PIERCE COMPANY TENDERS
State Treasurer of Texas Almost \$2,000,000 in Payment of Fine.

WILL SHAKE REPORTERS
Newspaper and Magazine Correspondents Will go no Farther Than Nairobi—May Not Begin Hunt Until Monday.

MANY AMERICANS THERE
State Department Will Have to Reopen Russia to Save Americans—Everything Being Done.

WAGON LOAD OF MONEY
This is the Largest Fine Ever Assessed in the United States "That Stuck"—Property to be Sold.

(By Warrington Dawson, Staff Correspondent of the United Press.)
KAPITI, April 24.—With interest keyed to the highest pitch as a result of the splendid outlook for an early bag of big game, Roosevelt warned the United Press correspondent today against "bear stories," and fanciful narratives of his feats as a hunter. "Remember this," said he, laughing, "only stories of the success of our expedition need be brought back to Nairobi by our own runners. I warn you against writing stories of shooting pink elephants, or blue zebras, which may drift in from unconfirmable sources." The natives have shown great interest in Roosevelt, and it will be difficult for the party to do any hunting without being followed.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—There is much alarm over the anti-Christian massacres of Asia Minor, and fear that the disturbances will spread. Much suffering is also due to the crop failure, according to reports of the state department. It is feared that with the poverty and the anti-Christian sentiment which has been stirred up by the Moslems, Constantinople will not be able to control the situation. Numerous American missionaries are in Asia Minor.

AUSTIN, April 24.—A wagon loaded with real money, nearly \$2,000,000 of it, guarded by two men with enough guns to equip an African expedition, rattled through the streets from the express office to the state house today. The money, all in currency, was carried into the office of the state treasurer and tendered by the Waters-Pierce Co. in payment of the biggest fine "that stuck" ever assessed in the United States.

President Taft and his advisors are greatly concerned for the safety of American missionary interests in Turkey. Everything that can be done by the American embassy at Constantinople and the legation at Teheran for the protection of American life and interests in the afflicted countries, the officials in Washington say, evidently has been done. The state department is in communication with London to learn what is being done under the Berlin act of 1878, under which Turkey promises to carry out certain reforms regarding the Armenians. A dispatch has also been sent to St. Petersburg indicating that as there is nothing more the American government can do to relieve the situation at Tabriz, the state department will have to rely on the czar's government for the humanitarian work of saving our citizens. This last action was in view of the newspaper reports of a Russian expedition into Persia.

The original fine was \$1,623,900. On this interest amounting to \$184,854 accumulated while the company was appealing the case through the various courts. For the attorney, \$90,489.75 was deducted before the money was paid to the state treasurer. The net balance paid to the state was \$1,718,266.30, an excess of \$94,266.30 over the original fine.

J. P. Gruet, former private secretary to H. Clay Pierce, head of the oil company, will receive \$30,000 of the attorney's share of the fine. It was testimony furnished by Gruet that led to the conviction of the company. The money for the attorneys was taken out before the fine was formally paid, because after it is once paid into the state treasury it can be taken out again only by appropriation.

FAMOUS GOEBEL CASE IS ENDED

Governor Wilson Ends Goebel Murder Case After Being in the Courts For Nine Years.

YOUTSEY ONLY VICTIM

Henry E. Youtsey is Serving a Life Sentence For Murder of Goebel and His Was the Only Conviction.

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 24.—Governor Wilson late yesterday afternoon granted pardons to former Governor W. S. Taylor and former Secretary of State Charles Finley, both refugees in Indiana, charged with complicity in the murder of William Goebel in 1900. In addition to the pardons granted to Taylor and Finley, similar pardons are issued to all others remaining under indictment and not yet tried in connection with the Goebel murder. The petition asking for pardon of Taylor and Finley was presented to Governor Wilson recently by Caleb Powers, who himself had only recently been pardoned by the governor upon indictment and after four trials for alleged connection with the same crime.

The petition was largely signed in Kentucky and other states. Pardons were also granted to John Powers, brother of Caleb Powers, who is believed to be in Honduras; to Holland White of Butler county, John Davis of Louisville and Zach Stelle of Bell county, under indictment and who did not flee the state. The men over whom indictments are left hanging are W. Golden of Knox county, Colo.; Frank C. Earl of Bell county, now a railroad detective in St. Louis, and William H. Culton of Owsley county, said to have died in the west a few months ago. These cases with the possible exception of Culton, will be dismissed, leaving Henry E. Youtsey, now serving a life sentence in the state penitentiary, the only person to suffer for the taking off of Goebel.

KIDNAPER IN TOILS OF LAW

Broughton Brandenburg Arrested in San Francisco in Connection With Campaign Letters—Boy With Him.

UNDER ASSUMED NAME

Brandenburg Denies Having Kidnaped Boy, Also Claims Innocence of Charges Regarding Letters.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—Broughton Brandenburg, arrested here, wanted in New York in connection with the Cleveland letters published during the campaign, has with him his stepson Jas. Cabbene, aged 7, who disappeared from St. Louis April 15. Brandenburg will be held until word is received from New York, and the boy is turned over to friends. He denounced the charges made against him, saying he is the "Alfred Dreyfus of American politics."

Denies Kidnaping. When shown the messages from the United Press referring to the Cabbene boy, Brandenburg explained the identity of the boy, saying he is the son of James Shepard Cabbene, son of a former millionaire who recently died a pauper. He asserted the father had no money and mistreated the boy. He asserted upon the advice of the boy's mother, whom he married after she was divorced from Cabbene, he went to the Cabbene home and asked the boy if he wanted to leave. The boy eagerly agreed and the disappearance was reported to the police. They put the boy in a hamper marked "Delicate surgical instruments." He was smuggled through the gates of the Union Station into a berth. Since then the boy was happy, until Brandenburg was arrested and thrown in jail last night. He says it is impossible to charge kidnaping as no guardian was appointed for the boy, following the divorce of his parents. The boy assumed the name of "Billy Leonard." Brandenburg registered as W. Lorimer Leonard.

WILSON HANGED IN EFFIGY

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 24.—Governor Wilson was hanged in effigy today following the pardoning of Taylor, Finley and others charged with the Goebel murder. The effigy was a big cardboard in the shape of a man. Following was the inscription written on the card and hung about his neck: Governor Wilson, the murderer of justice. Taylor, Powers, Howard, Finley, etc., murderers of Goebel. To show the world that the Kentuckians believe in justice, that they do not approve of the action of Wilson pardoning the murderers before a trial and to show why there is such a thing as mob law.

THREE DIE IN A HOTEL BLAZE

TOPEKA, Kans., April 24.—The Central Hotel burned at 4 o'clock this morning. Three are dead. The dead are J. W. Erickson, Walter Sippy, Ben Sippy and Lewis Stratton, injured; F. M. Campbell, the proprietor was seriously burned. The fire started on the first floor, by defective wiring, and spread rapidly. Many were hurt by jumping from windows, and others were burned. The building was a c-frame structure but the fire was controlled before it was entirely destroyed.

CRANKS THREATEN MRS. PATTEN

CHICAGO, Ill., April 24.—It is said that Mrs. Patten, wife of the grain king, is now receiving threatening letters, following her husband's flight. Friends have come to her aid, and are guarding the home. Mrs. Patten refuses to take the letters seriously.

THE WEATHER.

Indications for Iowa, Illinois and Missouri, Wired From Chicago.
For Keokuk and vicinity: Generally fair tonight and Sunday. Warmer tonight.
For Illinois: Partly cloudy with probably showers late tonight or Sunday. Rising temperature.
For Iowa: Partly cloudy with probably showers east portion tonight or Sunday. Warmer tonight. Cooler northwest portion Sunday.
For Missouri: Generally fair tonight and Sunday. Warmer tonight and east portion Sunday.

Weather Conditions.

There have been showers in the gulf states and showers in the eastern states have been followed by clearing cooler weather, as the area of high pressure moved from the Mississippi valley to the Ohio valley and lake region, and the barometer is high in Oregon.
Between the high areas there is a trough of low pressure over the mountain region, extending from Montana to western Texas, with the temperature rising from the Mississippi westward, and there has been snow or rain in Montana and Utah.

Daily River Bulletin.

Flood Height	Change	State
St. Paul	14 8.0	-0.2 Cldy
La Crosse	12 8.2	-0.1 Cldy
Dubuque	15 11.2	-0.2
Davenport	15 11.4	-0.2 Cldy
Galland	8 6.9	-0.1 Clear
Keokuk	15 13.1	x0.3 Clear
Warsaw	18 16.2	x0.2 Clear
St. Louis	20 24.9	-0.3 Clear

River Forecast.

The river will cease to rise by Sunday night.
C. B. & Q. bridge, Burlington, Iowa, April 24.—The present stage of the river is 10 feet 8 inches, a rise of 5 inches since last report. Boats up: Wenona and Louise. Down: Wenona.

Local Observations.

23 7 p. m. ... 30.13 5g S Clear
24 7 a. m. ... 20.27 48 SW Clear
River above low water of 1864, 13 feet, 1 tenth.
Change in 24 hours, rise, 3 tenths.
Mean temperature, 44.
Maximum temperature, 55.
Minimum temperature, 33.
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