

# CHRISTIAN IN PERIL IN TURKISH CAPITAL

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## BECKER STARTS HIS FIGHT TO GET OUT OF DEATH HOUSE; THUGS THREATEN WHITMAN

### Lawyers Visit Condemned Man and Make Plans for Appealing to Higher Courts.

### PROSECUTOR GUARDED.

### Whitman Refuses to Discuss Report That Chicago Gangsters Threatened His Life.

Having a pretty fair idea by this time of the horrors of the Death House at Sing Sing, former Police Lieutenant Charles Becker consulted with his lawyers to-day to begin his fight to get out.

Becker has fallen into the ways of the place quickly and philosophically. His automatic bearing has vanished. He is as meek as the meekest, and probably for the first time in his life realizes what the under dog's lot is like.

If he expected unusual privileges in Sing Sing he was disappointed. One of his first blows was a notice that his wife would be allowed to visit him only three days a week, instead of every day, as first reported.

Condemned prisoners are not required to do the work around their cells as are other prisoners. To-day James Dillon, a convict and former Brooklyn policeman, will be assigned to the care of Becker's cell. It has not filtered through the prison walls whether they knew each other while members of the department, but Dillon was convicted of manslaughter after it was alleged the "system" had tried to save him.

He shot and killed Louis Probertson May 2, 1909, in the grocery of his victim's father. The boy had telephoned to Headquarters that there was "a drunken cop in the store," and he was shot as he turned from the telephone.

The "system" was credited with producing a butcher knife and cuts in Dillon's coat to show he was attacked. Dillon was given from seven to fourteen years.

### WHITMAN REFUSES TO DISCUSS REPORT ABOUT THUGS.

District Attorney Whitman was asked to-day to confirm or deny a report that he has been warned that four thugs from Chicago are on their way to New York to kill him and are due to arrive here to-morrow. When The Evening World reporter saw Mr. Whitman he was in the library.

At Madison avenue and his two-year-old daughter was badly engaged in building a playhouse out of blocks she had pulled from the shelves.

"I don't care to discuss this matter," said the District Attorney, "except to say that the report of threatening letters is not at all an unusual occurrence in the District Attorney's office."

As The Evening World reporter was leaving he found Detective "Al" Thomas at the door of Mr. Whitman's home, waiting to accompany him downtown. A detective is never far from Mr. Whitman's side these days.

From sources outside the District Attorney's office it has been learned that Mr. Whitman has been warned of a plot to take his life. The plot is said to

## BLAZING FOWL SET THREE MAIDS AFIRE AND ONE WILL DIE

### Their Wealthy Employer, J. H. Mahoney, Vainly Tries to Help Them.

### SINGING A CHICKEN.

### Feathers Burst Into Flames, Igniting their Clothing—Rush Out in Panic.

Three servants who have been employed for years in the handsome brownstone home of J. H. Mahoney, a retired merchant, on the northwest corner of Seventy-first street and Madison avenue, were badly burned to-day, one of them mortally, when their clothing was ignited by a blazing chicken.

Sarah Boss, the cook, was singing the chicken over an alcohol lamp when the feathers on the fowl suddenly flared up and set fire to her hair and waist. Mary O'Brien and Lizzie Doyle, maids, rushed to her aid, but in striving to beat out the flames their own clothing and hair caught fire.

All three women were ablaze when Mr. Mahoney, their employer, and Capt. Dominick Henry of the East Sixty-seventh street station, who had been passing the house and heard the screams of the women, got into the kitchen.

Patrolmen Frank Monahan went to the aid of the frantic woman and so did three men who jumped off a passing Madison avenue car. E. F. Doyle, a broker, of No. 320 Riverdale Drive, tore off his topcoat and threw it over the young woman's head.

George Symons of No. 21 East One Hundred and Eighth street, dragged his raincoat in the gutter to saturate it with water and wound it about the blazing skirt. Policeman Monahan in the meantime was trying to beat out the fire with his hands, both of which were badly burned.

Maid's outer clothing and all of her hair had been burned off before the fire was put out and she sank to the pavement unconscious. The Presbyterian Hospital is diagonally opposite the Mahoney home and an ambulance was swiftly summoned and three internes rushed over to minister to the burned woman.

All three were taken to the hospital. Mrs. Boss, the cook, and Miss O'Brien will recover, but Lizzie Doyle inhaled flames and there is no hope that she will survive. Patrolman Monahan had to have his burns dressed and after reporting to the station house was sent home on sick leave. Capt. Henry and the aged employer of the three women were not injured. In the kitchen breaded worth \$12 in any other store; their special price to-day and Saturday, \$5.95. Open Saturday night till 10.

### Bankrupt Broker Expelled From Stock Exchange.

For failure to appear before a committee for examination as to the causes of the failure of Blair Brothers, the brokerage firm formerly located at No. 29 Broad street, which closed Sept. 29, Walter Blair, the board member of the bankrupt concern, was expelled from membership in the Consolidated Stock Exchange to-day. President De Aquero explained the expulsion by saying that Blair had failed to appear before a proper committee for examination.

### \$12 Men's Suits & O'coats, \$5.95

THE "WORLD" Clothing Corner, Broadway, near Broadway St. opp. Woolworth Building (highest in the world), will sell to-day and Saturday 5,000 Men's Winter Suits and Overcoats, the latest fashions, fancy grays, browns and dark mixed worsteds, all sizes, single or double breasted, worth \$12 in any other store; their special price to-day and Saturday, \$5.95. Open Saturday night till 10.

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## CHILD ELOPERS ARE GOOD KIDDIES AND OBEY PAPAS

### Their Runaway Marriage Is Annulled, but Just Watch for What Happens Next.

### MAY BE A NEW WEDDING

### Cupid Still Has His Eye on Helen Applegate and Wesley Harcourt Ritter.

The "Mr." and "Mrs." which the prankish Daniel Cupid wrote before the names of two child elopers three years ago were rubbed out to-day in the Supreme Court and a tedious and persistent struggle by the fathers of the infant earlyweds was ended. They were hardly sixteen then. Their fathers say they made a mistake. Like good and obedient children they have not opposed the three years' fight to have the nuptial knot severed.

But there are whispers—even prophecies—that when they reach those days when papa's authority wanes they will again encourage the dexterous little boyman to train his arrows as he did that summer day—June 30, 1909—when they went to the parsonage of the Rev. Mr. E. Connor Hulise at Belmar and were made man and wife.

She was Helen Applegate—not quite sixteen, perfect in schoolgirl mould, the first winter of the year to greet old Neptune at Ocean Grove, the idol of her father's eye and the grace of the house of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Applegate of Mount Carmel Way, Ocean Grove.

He was Wesley Harcourt Ritter, a few days more than an ante-prandial and quarterback in a boys' school on the Hudson—typically a college chap—the only son of Edward P. V. Ritter of the Hotel Endicott, a wealthy manufacturer and an officer of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Exchange.

### ONE THING THE PAPERS DO NOT DISCLOSE.

The unromantic papers, a great bundle of them, loaded with seals, stamps and signatures, do not disclose that elemental food stuff of all love stories—how they met. It may be readily imagined that "Wes" was up before the sun one morning cloaked in a high-collared blue and red sweater with a great letter "W" on his expansive chest, racing along the ocean front when suddenly out of the ocean came Helen like a gorgeous sea nymph, coming on shore from her ante-prandial swim. Then it is easy to see that "Wes" halted in his stride, spoke a cheery "Good morning, Miss," as summer folks always do, and then—

To the person's they tripped with two companions one afternoon. Their parents were not "in" on the lark, neither did they know of the long afternoons and evenings "Wes" and Helen had on the roller coasters and slides of the ocean front parks. Ray Weeks, a school chum of Wesley's, and Bertha Irons, a friend of Helen's, saw the minister pronounce the words, came back to Ocean Grove with them and stood that night at a respectable distance from the gate to Helen's home and peered through the evening's dusk as Wesley and Helen bade each other a fond good night. They were husband and wife yet they dared not take their fathers into the secret.

So it went. The summer season waned. The Ritters and Applegates were packing up to return to their city homes. Then Wesley went to his father and told his story. There was no scene. Papa Ritter was conciliatory but severe. His son was too young. Next day Papa Applegate and Papa Ritter said a talk and the day following Papa Ritter began an action in the Supreme Court against both the children to annul their sweet misadventure's dream.

### A REFEREE TAKES THE TESTIMONY IN PRIVATE.

The children, it is apparent, cherished the memories of their association, but they were mindful of a father's authority. Guardians ad litem were appointed by the courts and a referee was named to take testimony in private before the Court's appointee, Phoenix Ingraham, the children met privately, chatted and renewed their companionship, and those who saw them are not sure that right before the Court they did not regret their love.

The weary examination dragged on. Months went by and then years. It was not till three months ago that the referee filed in the Supreme Court his recommendations that the marriage of the two children be annulled, as they were under age and had never lived as

husband and wife. To all of the procedure they consented.

Today Justice Giegerich rent their union with the final slash of the law. Today Mrs. Wesley H. Ritter, as pretty a girl as Jersey boasts of, becomes again Miss Helen Applegate and "Wes" again becomes plain Master Ritter.

In two years Miss Helen and Master Wesley will become of age. The next chapter? Will it tell of a renewal of those vows the Court upset?

## What Do You Think of Her? She's Fairest Bride Mayor Ever Wed



MRS. ETHEL SAVAGE CONKLING CATTS

### MRS. CATTS IS JUST THE FAIREST BRIDE MAYOR EVER SAW

Her New Hubby and Others Agree With Mr. Gaynor, So He Must Be Right.

### 176 CHILDREN KILLED IN STREETS IN 10 MONTHS

Awful Toll of Traffic Shown in Report of Highway Protective League.

Wagons were found to be more deadly to pedestrians than trolley cars during the month of October, according to the report of the National Highway Protective Society issued to-day. During the month which closed yesterday wagons were responsible for the death of 12 persons and injury to 28, while trolleys killed 10 and injured 45. Automobiles killed twenty-four persons and injured 112, while one person was killed by a bicycle.

The total persons meeting with accidents on the streets of the Greater City along with vehicular traffic was 60 killed and 182 injured.

### DEMOCRATS TO PARADE.

Official Denial That Wilson Celebration Has Been Called Off.

A report has been in circulation to the effect that the great Wilson parade for to-morrow had been called off on account of the threatening weather. The National Democratic Committee states that the parade had not been called off, and preparations for the parade are being continued.

The committee on the Consolidated Stock Exchange which has been in charge of the arrangements for a parade of members in the parade withdrew out of respect to the memory of Vice-President Sherman.

Mr. Goodman at once stipulated that Mayor Gaynor, his old friend, perform the ceremony.

## GARAGES SEARCHED FOR THE AUTO THAT KILLED POLICEMAN

### Five Hundred Officers and Twenty Detectives Seek Clue to Joy Riders.

### FROM PARTY TO DEATH.

### Fitzsimmons Is Run Down in Park Two Hours After Leaving Hallowe'en Celebration.

Under the personal direction of First Deputy Police Commissioner McKay, a special detail of twenty detectives is running down clues pointing to the identity of the persons who were in the automobile that ran down and killed Policeman Peter Fitzsimmons in the West Drive, near Seventy-fourth street, Central Park, at 1:30 o'clock this morning.

Through the general alarm system, 500 police officers were visiting garages looking for damaged automobiles within two hours after Fitzsimmons was killed, and information gathered in this investigation will certainly, it is believed, bring to light those who ran down Fitzsimmons and left him dying in the road.

Police Commissioner Waldo is determined the persons who killed Fitzsimmons shall be brought to justice and the whole machinery of the Police Department is working to that end. Unless the clues already in hand bring results to-day every automobile in the city will be investigated as to its whereabouts at the time Fitzsimmons was killed.

### SECOND POLICEMAN RUN DOWN IN PARK.

In the Arsenal station in Central Park are several pieces of glass which were found in the road near where Fitzsimmons was struck. The glass is thick and appears to have been broken from a heavy windshield or a powerful searchlight lamp. The police have a line on two automobiles which were taken to garages early this morning with broken windshields.

Fitzsimmons was the second policeman to be run down by reckless automobilists in Central Park within five weeks. Late in September Patrolman Terence Gallagher, on post in the West Drive, near One Hundred and Sixth street, was knocked twenty feet by a speeding car, which did not stop. Gallagher, with a broken right leg, four fractured ribs and internal injuries, lingered between life and death for three weeks in the Red Cross Hospital and is now slowly fighting his way back to health at his home, No. 305 West One Hundred and Forty-second street.

Fitzsimmons was patrolling his beat in the West Drive at Seventy-fourth street at 1:00 o'clock this morning. He was on the sidewalk alongside the automobile roadway. A car swung around the curve moving so fast that it skidded from the road, and Fitzsimmons was struck.

### GALLOPS TO SUMMON THE AMBULANCE.

Patrolman Powers, on duty in the Arsenal station in Central Park, heard the shrill scream of a woman, the impact of the automobile striking Fitzsimmons and the tinkle of breaking glass. These sounds were mingled. All three officers started on the run in the direction whence the sounds proceeded.

Powers was the first to reach the scene of the accident. He found Fitzsimmons lying unconscious in a crumpled heap by the roadside. The sound of the exhaust of an automobile moving at high speed could be heard to the southward. In a moment this sound ceased.

Goodyear and Falk scrambled over the park wall and joined Powers. It was seen Fitzsimmons was desperately hurt. The three policemen blew their whistles and Mounted Patrolman Copeland galloped up. As soon as the situation was explained Copeland rode at top speed to the nearest box, called an ambulance from the Polytechnic Hospital and telephoned to the station house.

Fitzsimmons died as he was lifted into the ambulance. The body was taken to the hospital and examined. The skull was fractured, both legs and both arms were broken and the entire chest was crushed in. It is surmised Fitzsimmons was struck and

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Paster Russell on "Armageddon." Academy of Music, 212 W. 4th St., Nov. 2, 1912.

## MASSACRE BY TURKS FEAR OF OFFICIALS IN CONSTANTINOPLE

### Hordes of Ottoman Troops, Bitter in Defeat and Being Driven Towards Capital by Bulgarians, Believed Ready for Carnage.

### CRY HAS BEEN RAISED AGAINST FOREIGNERS.

### Sultan Acts for Protection of City, While Cabinet Facing War Crisis Is Deadlocked on Peace Question.

KUSTENDJIE, Rumania, Nov. 1.—(By wireless from Constantinople) Oct. 31, 11 P. M.—The defeat of the Turkish army under Nazim Pasha opens the way to Constantinople for the Bulgarian Troops. This will, in the opinion of diplomatic circles, lead to a situation which will almost inevitably bring about European complications.

The most immediate danger, however, concerns the position of this city itself. The Sultan's advisers are in terror of a massacre not only of Christians, but of the entire non-combatant population of Constantinople and the looting of the city. If the Ottoman troops now in flight after the disastrous rout by the Bulgarians are driven back into the city, it is pointed out, they will be in such a temper that the utmost violence may be expected from them. Their officers seem already to be losing control over them, it is said, and they are beginning to feel that a point has been reached where the empire is doomed and that every man had better take what he can and care for himself in the future.

Most authorities agree that no real defense can be made along the Tophane line, supposed to protect the capital. In the event of hordes of beaten and demoralized soldiers falling back on the capital it is difficult to foresee what human intervention could save the city from sack and pillage. This fear is present with most of the inhabitants, who realize that the fate of the Turkish Empire hangs in the balance.

### SULTAN'S CABINET DEADLOCKED ON SUING FOR PEACE.

It is reported that a secret meeting was held recently in the mosque of Fatih, the most fanatical quarter of Istanbul, where inflammatory speeches were delivered by a number of Mussulman priests, who advised a rising against the Christians.

When the news of further Turkish defeats has been received the authorities ordered the state of siege to be made on the bridges between Galata and Constantinople are now not opened until some hours after dawn.

The Turkish army on which the fate of the Ottoman Empire depends has been outgeneraled and outfought. It has made a mistake believed to be its last, stance against the victorious Bulgarians and is now falling back in disorder on its final line of defense at the forts of Tophane, twenty-five miles from Constantinople.

Greve doubts are expressed here as to whether the remnants of the immense but disorganized army of the Sultan will make any serious attempt to hold this line.

### CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 1.—An all-night session of the Cabinet ended long after daylight to-day with the Ministers deadlocked. It was said, concerning the desirability of suing for peace following the disastrous rout of the Turkish forces by the Bulgarians. Some believe there was no other course left to the Sultan. Others favored continuing the fight until the last Turk is killed in preference to surrendering.

### CONSTANTINOPLE NOW COMPLETELY CUT OFF.

SOFIA, Nov. 1.—The Bulgarian troops to-day occupied the Turkish town of Demotica, thus completely cutting off the possibility of communication between Adrianople and Constantinople.

Details thus far of the rout of the immense Turkish army by the Bulgarian troops show that the Bulgarian forces were numerically far superior. The Turkish army is reported to have aggregated 200,000 men. It included the garrison which had retreated from the captured fortress of Kirk-Kiliseh, as well as the main body of Turkish troops which had advanced from Constantinople. It comprised practically

World Building Turkish Baths, Always open. Bath with private rooms, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97, 99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, 447, 449, 451, 453, 455, 457, 459, 461, 463, 465, 467, 469, 471, 473, 475, 477, 479, 481, 483, 485, 487, 489, 491, 493, 495, 497, 499, 501, 503, 505, 507, 509, 511, 513, 515, 517, 519, 521, 523, 525, 527, 529, 531, 533, 535, 537, 539, 541, 543, 545, 547, 549, 551, 553, 555, 557, 559, 561, 563, 565, 567, 569, 571, 573, 575, 577, 579, 581, 583, 585, 587, 589, 591, 593, 595, 597, 599, 601, 603, 605, 607, 609, 611, 613, 615, 617, 619, 621, 623, 625, 627, 629, 631, 633, 635, 637, 639, 641, 643, 645, 647, 649, 651, 653, 655, 657, 659, 661, 663, 665, 667, 669, 671, 673, 675, 677, 679, 681, 683, 685, 687, 689, 691, 693, 695, 697, 699, 701, 703, 705, 707, 709, 711, 713, 715, 717, 719, 721, 723, 725, 727, 729, 731, 733, 735, 737, 739, 741, 743, 745, 747, 749, 751, 753, 755, 757, 759, 761, 763, 765, 767, 769, 771, 773, 775, 777, 779, 781, 783, 785, 787, 789, 791, 793, 795, 797, 799, 801, 803, 805, 807, 809, 811, 813, 815, 817, 819, 821, 823, 825, 827, 829, 831, 833, 835, 837, 839, 841, 843, 845, 847, 849, 851, 853, 855, 857, 859, 861, 863, 865, 867, 869, 871, 873, 875, 877, 879, 881, 883, 885, 887, 889, 891, 893, 895, 897, 899, 901, 903, 905, 907, 909, 911, 913, 915, 917, 919, 921, 923, 925, 927, 929, 931, 933, 935, 937, 939, 941, 943, 945, 947, 949, 951, 953, 955, 957, 959, 961, 963, 965, 967, 969, 971, 973, 975, 977, 979, 981, 983, 985, 987, 989, 991, 993, 995, 997, 999, 1001, 1003, 1005, 1007, 1009, 1011, 1013, 1015, 1017, 1019, 1021, 1023, 1025, 1027, 1029, 1031, 1033, 1035, 1037, 1039, 1041, 1043, 1045, 1047, 1049, 1051, 1053, 1055, 1057, 1059, 1061, 1063, 1065, 1067, 1069, 1071, 1073, 1075, 1077, 1079, 1081, 1083, 1085, 1087, 1089, 1091, 1093, 1095, 1097, 1099, 1101, 1103, 1105, 1107, 1109, 1111, 1113, 1115, 1117, 1119, 1121, 1123, 1125, 1127, 1129, 1131, 1133, 1135, 1137, 1139, 1141, 1143, 1145, 1147, 1149, 1151, 1153, 1155, 1157, 1159, 1161, 1163, 1165, 1167, 1169, 1171, 1173, 1175, 1177, 1179, 1181, 1183, 1185, 1187, 1189, 1191, 1193, 1195, 1197, 1199, 1201, 1203, 1205, 1207, 1209, 1211, 1213, 1215, 1217, 1219, 1221, 1223, 1225, 1227, 1229, 1231, 1233, 1235, 1237, 1239, 1241, 1243, 1245, 1247, 1249, 1251, 1253, 1255, 1257, 1259, 1261, 1263, 1265, 1267, 1269, 1271, 1273, 1275, 1277, 1279, 1281, 1283, 1285, 1287, 1289, 1291, 1293, 1295, 1297, 1299, 1301, 1303, 1305, 1307, 1309, 1311, 1313, 1315, 1317, 1319, 1321, 1323, 1325, 1327, 1329, 1331, 1333, 1335, 1337, 1339, 1341, 1343, 1345, 1347, 1349, 1351, 1353, 1355, 1357, 1359, 1361, 1363, 1365, 1367, 1369, 1371, 1373, 1375, 1377, 1379, 1381, 1383, 1385, 1387, 1389, 1391, 1393, 1395, 1397, 1399, 1401, 1403, 1405, 1407, 1409, 1411, 1413, 1415, 1417, 1419, 1421, 1423, 1425, 1427, 1429, 1431, 1433, 1435, 1437, 1439, 1441, 1443, 1445, 1447, 1449, 1451, 1453, 1455, 1457, 1459, 1461, 1463, 1465, 1467, 1469, 1471, 1473, 1475, 1477, 1479, 1481, 1483, 1485, 1487, 1489, 1491, 1493, 1495, 1497, 1499, 1501, 1503, 1505, 1507, 1509, 1511, 1513, 1515, 1517, 1519, 1521, 1523, 1525, 1527, 1529, 1531, 1533, 1535, 1537, 1539, 1541, 1543, 1545, 1547, 1549, 1551, 1553, 1555, 1557, 1559, 1561, 1563, 1565, 1567, 1569, 1571, 1573, 1575, 1577, 1579, 1581, 1583, 1585, 1587, 1589, 1591, 1593, 1595, 1597, 1599, 1601, 1603, 1605, 1607, 1609, 1611, 1613, 1615, 1617, 1619, 1621, 1623, 1625, 1627, 1629, 1631, 1633, 1635, 1637, 1639, 1641, 1643, 1645, 1647, 1649, 1651, 1653, 1655, 1657, 1659, 1661, 1663, 1665, 1667, 1669, 1671, 1673, 1675, 1677, 1679, 1681, 1683, 1685, 1687, 1689, 1691, 1693, 1695, 1697, 1699, 1701, 1703, 1705, 1