



## TURKISH DEFEATS MULTIPLY HOURLY

### Bulgarians Capture Lule Burgas and Demotica and Cut Communications with Constantinople.

## LARGE ARMY SURRENDERS

### Servians Seize 123 Guns— Hundreds of Villages Wel- come Invaders—Monte- negrins Occupy Large Town in the Sanjak.

Sofia, Oct. 28.—The Bulgarian forces, according to advices received to-night, have captured the towns of Lule Burgas and Demotica. It is also reported that the Turks are constructing earthworks along the River Ergene, west of Baba Eski.

It is stated that Bulgarian cavalry has succeeded in cutting communications between Adrianople and Constantinople and between Adrianople and Macedonia. The bridge over the Tchorlu River, at Cherkesskol, has been blown up, and the turning movement is making rapid progress. It is understood that civilians leaving Adrianople are permitted to pass through the lines to the south.

The Turkish commander at Adrianople has been formally summoned to surrender the town. A second military train from Constantinople, loaded with flour, has fallen into the hands of the Bulgarians at Baba Eski.

Belgrade, Oct. 28.—Semi-official advices report that the Turkish army, which retired from Uskub toward Veles, surrendered to-day to the Servian cavalry and delivered up their arms. The Servians later seized 123 guns.

That section of the Turkish army which was defeated at Kumanova appears to have been entirely broken up. The Turks from Ispit are making Veles the objective point of their retreat. Prior to the occupation of Ispit by the Servians the inhabitants arose against the Turks and seized their arms.

London, Oct. 28.—The Servian Legation announces that a hundred Arnaut villages in the vicinity of Uskub have surrendered. Great festivities are being held throughout the conquered country.

Relina, Montenegro, Oct. 28.—The Montenegrins captured the large town of Plejvice, in the sanjak of Novipazar, near the Bosnian border, at noon to-day.

London, Oct. 29.—News of the utmost importance comes from a special correspondent of the "Reichspost," the well known military organ of Austria. Telegraphing from the headquarters of the second Bulgarian army at 9 o'clock on Sunday night, he states that the concerted action of the Bulgarians against the Turkish eastern army is steadily making progress, and this in spite of very unfavorable weather.

Already, he says, the Turkish line of retreat upon Constantinople has been cut off by a series of dramatic movements and incidents. The line connecting Lule Burgas and Constantinople has been cut at Tcherkesskol. This has been accomplished by blowing up the bridge which spans the River Tchorlu at the point named.

This being so, the Turkish army has only one chance of escape left, being now entirely surrounded by Bulgarians, viz., to accept battle on the banks of the River Ergene, near the town of Tchorlu. This will be her last battle.

The strength of the Turkish forces between Baba Eski and Lule Burgas is estimated at four army corps. At Kirk-Killisseh no fewer than 150,000 men are said to have been engaged and the bulk of these began their retreat on Thursday night. The retreat was covered by a division or at the most a division and a half.

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## LOST RING NOT HISTORIC

### Grant's Daughter's Emerald Not a Gift from Mikado.

Chicago, Oct. 28.—Frank H. Jones, a Chicago banker, denied reports from New York to-day that Mrs. Jones was searching for a \$25,000 emerald ring which had been given to her father, General U. S. Grant, by the Emperor of Japan.

Mr. Jones said his wife lost an emerald ring valued at \$5,000 in a New York hotel six months ago, and that the ring was a wedding present and had no historic value.

## SENATOR NELSON FOR TAFT

### "Will Support the Republican Ticket from Top to Bottom."

Alexandria, Minn., Oct. 28.—Stating positively that he was in favor of the re-election of President Taft, Senator Knute Nelson, of Osakis, to-day said: "Some people questioned my attitude on national issues when I reluctantly consented to become a candidate for United States Senator. I filed as a Republican, intending to support the Republican ticket. It is my intention now to support the Republican ticket from top to bottom. I never sailed under false colors and never will."

## PRAYER AS BAD AS STORY

### It Didn't Save Man Who Stole from the Poor Box.

Malden, Mass., Oct. 28.—Joseph Bernard, an Armenian, who says his home is in New York, where he has been employed as a waiter, was charged to-day with robbing one of the poor boxes in the Sacred Heart Church on Saturday of five cents.

Bernard told Judge Price he went into the church to pray and found a whalebone on the floor with glue on it, and a short distance away he saw a nickel on the floor. He said it was while he was putting the nickel in the poor box that he was arrested. He denied that he had taken any money from the box.

Judge Price told the defendant that if his prayer was no better than his story it would not be efficacious. A fine of \$50 was imposed, and in default of payment Bernard was taken to the Cambridge jail.

## ATE KNIVES AND SPIKES

### Surgeons Find Wonderful Col- lection in Man's Stomach.

Pittsfield, Mass., Oct. 28.—Surgeons in the House of Mercy Hospital to-day took 132 nails of various sizes, two keys, a buttonhook and a piece of iron from the stomach of Luke Parsons, the "human ostrich." Parsons was preparing for his annual Thanksgiving feast, and while in training was troubled with what he termed a slight attack of indigestion. The surgeons diagnosed his case as peritonitis and performed an operation. A sharp nail had punctured the abdomen and had caused the trouble.

Parsons has rallied and may live. If he does it will be a long time before he can again, if ever, make a feast on nails and keys.

Parsons, who is forty years old, accidentally swallowed some shingle nails ten years ago and has had a craving for metal diet ever since. Knives, spikes and can openers were regarded by him as special delicacies.

The surgeons found a spike over three inches long, which showed signs of having been partly digested. This, they assert shows the power of the man's digestive organs.

## KILLED IN C. P. R. WRECK

### Toronto-Detroit Express in Col- lision with Troop Train.

Toronto, Oct. 28.—Two soldiers of the Toronto garrison were killed, two probably fatally injured and thirty-seven others badly hurt when a train on which the troops were returning from sham battles at Milton was wrecked near Streetsville Junction, twenty-two miles west of this city, early to-night. The special troop train crashed into the engine of the Canadian Pacific Express for Detroit, which was just moving from Streetsville Junction after taking water.

The force of the impact lifted the heavy baggage car of the troop train from its trucks and it shot back into the first of six passenger coaches in which the soldiers were crowded.

The walls of the baggage car enveloped the light coach behind, and its heavy floor slung just above that of the passenger coach, cut a swath of death and injury among the soldiers. The rear of the baggage car was driven about three-quarters the length of the passenger coach. For that distance all seats were swept away in an instant, and the men who occupied them were swept back with them and jammed in a mass against the bulkhead of the car. The two men who were killed were ground to death between the floors of the telescoping cars.

The victims were Private Murdock McKenzie, of the 46th Highlanders, and Private A. Sinclair, of the Queen's Own Rifles.

## SHELL FALLS, KILLS SAILOR

### Crashes Through Decks and Menaces the Illinois.

Philadelphia, Oct. 28.—As members of the crew of the battleship Illinois, at League Island Navy Yard, were transferring this afternoon ammunition brought from New York to other warships, a 15-inch shell weighing 1,100 pounds and filled with a bursting charge slipped from its sling end, falling through openings in three decks and almost instantly killed Edward H. Thompson, a seaman.

Several of his shipmates were narrowly missed by the shell and, had it fallen a few feet further, officers of the ship said, it would have exploded and damaged the battleship.

## COYATEPE HILL HAD ITS HERO

### First American Officer Hurt in Foreign Service Since Boxer Troubles Here from Nic- aragua with Story.

## DURHAM, PRIVATE, THE MAN

### Shell Swept Hat Off as He Hacked at Wire That Halted Advance, but Cut It Down Before Another Shot Tore Head Away.

The first American officer to be wounded in foreign service since the Boxer troubles in China arrived in New York late yesterday afternoon. He came on crutches. Lieutenant George C. Martin, of the United States marines, does not scoff at the marksmanship of the revolutionists of Nicaragua. He has only to look down at his crippled feet to be reminded that a little coffee colored rebel from the comic opera section of the continent scored two hits with one bullet.

Martin arrived on the steamer Cristobal, of the Panama Line, and with him came Surgeon R. E. Hoyt, who was in charge of the field hospital at the battle of Coyatepe Hill, and Lieutenant Commander W. D. Leahy, of the fleet staff, who was in command of the base at Corinto. Martin and Hoyt were eyewitnesses of a battle which, although on a minor scale, deserves to rank among the most spectacular and picturesque in the history of American warfare.

And Coyatepe Hill had its hero. He did not know exactly for whom or with whom he was fighting, but he played his string to the end. He will not come back to tell his story.

Rebels 75 Yards Away.

"There was one man at Coyatepe," said Martin, "as brave as a fellow ever saw." When he broke from the woods near the top of the hill the rebel trenches were not more than seventy-five yards away. They knew the point at which they would come out because the brush was so thick that we had to follow the trail. They had a machine gun and a one-pounder trained at this point, and there was a barbed wire fence slap in our faces as soon as we came into the open.

"A lucky shot put the machine gun out of commission, and as fast as a man jumped up to fix it down he went into the trenches. The one-pounder kept blazing away and so did the rifle fire. A man named Durham, a private, I can't remember his first name, scouted out in front of all the rest of the men and began tearing at the fence with a pair of clippers. A one-pound shell swept his hat off his head, but he kept hacking away at the wire. The clippers didn't work and he threw them away and used his bayonet. He didn't even crouch, but stood straight up to his work.

Last Shot One That Killed.

"He broke the wire close to the fence post and tore it away. The one-pounder fired again. The range was lower this time. His whole head was blown off. They did not have a chance to fire again, for the whole crowd was through the gap and over the trenches. The revolutionists scampered down the hill. Our men didn't bother to chase them. We didn't want them; we wanted the hill and we had it."

No one would ever attempt to take a position like Coyatepe Hill in a sham battle. The umpires would declare the attacking force shot to pieces long before it ever reached the top. The hill measured from base to summit about 1,000 yards. The first three hundred yards are bare. Then there is a patch of thick brush inaccessible except by a narrow trail. The trail ends at a narrow opening close to the top of the hill, where the rebels had their trenches and their guns. The hill is at an angle of about 45 degrees all the way and it is considered a hard climb even when revolutions are not on.

Coyatepe Hill marked one wing of an unusually strong position occupied by the insurgent army rested on Barranca Hill. This hill is not as steep as Coyatepe, but the revolutionists had accordingly fortified it more strongly.

Between the two hills is a long wooded ridge upon which the centre of the rebel army was encamped. Behind the ridge lay the city of Mesaya, to which the American troops were trying to open railway communications.

Admiral Southerland suggested to the federal commander that he capture Coyatepe, but the South American assured him it would be absolutely contrary to the rules of the game as it was played in Nicaragua. Coyatepe had never been captured and never would be. Once in the possession of either side, there it would remain as impregnable as "hunk" in a game of tag.

American Took Initiative.

The American commander realized that his ally had already cast himself and his army for the role of reserves in the rear, and he accordingly took the initiative upon himself.

On October 23 the American batteries shelled Barranca Hill all day, but without much result. As soon as it was dark two battalions of marines and a

## FEAR STRAIN TELLS ON BECKER'S MIND

### Lawyers Alarmed at His In- sistence on Talking for Pub- lication and Believe Breakdown Is Near.

## "HYSTERICAL," HIS EXCUSE

### Before Warned To Be Silent, Prisoner Declares Weber Plot- ted Death of Braunstein, His Partner—Says Sul- livan Saved Him.

Counsel for Charles Becker fear he is on the verge of mental and physical collapse. The strain he has been under since his arrest for the murder of Herman Rosenthal has told severely on him, and his counsel are worrying lest the once strong brain that directed the "strong arm" squad give way under the stress he is now undergoing.

Becker was ordered by his counsel not to give out any more interviews, as his lawyers think that by talking he is hurting his case rather than helping it. The one great fear of John F. McIntyre, Becker's chief counsel, is that the convicted lieutenant will insist on addressing the court to-morrow before sentence is pronounced.

In the interview published yesterday, Becker's counsel saw an indication of approaching breakdown. To a reporter who knew Becker before his arrest, the once powerful lieutenant of police himself confessed last night that he was feeling hysterical since his conviction. "I am sorry that I made the statements I did," said Becker. "It was contrary to the advice of counsel, but I have been feeling sort of hysterical since the trial, and I suppose that is why I made them. It was my impetuosity."

Calls Weber Arch-Plotter.

Before his counsel could get word to him yesterday, Becker added to his story of Sunday night by declaring that "Bald Jack" Rose, "Bridgley" Weber, Harry Vallon and "Sam" Schepps had plotted to kill Rachel Braunstein, Weber's gambling house partner. Weber he painted as the arch-conspirator of the plot, and said he had offered \$10,000 to have Braunstein "bumped off."

This plot was hatched two months before the killing of Rosenthal, Becker alleged, adding that had "Jack" Sullivan (Jacob A. Reich) been permitted to tell his whole story on the stand he would have told of this conspiracy.

In his two hours of boisterous testimony Sullivan did manage to get on the record that he would have frustrated the murder of Rosenthal had he known of it in time, as he had prevented the killing of Braunstein.

That part of Becker's interview printed in yesterday's Tribune wherein Becker said John F. Finnegan had given him wire \$15,000 or \$16,000 was branded as false by Mrs. Mary Lane, a sister of Mrs. Elizabeth Finnegan, the widow of the pseudo-benefactor. The estate of \$17,000, she said, went to Finnegan's widow.

Further Refutation.

Becker's story concerning his large bank accounts was also disproved. Becker said on Sunday that when his wife showed him all this wealth in greenbacks, which she kept in an old iron box, he told her to take two days off from school and bank the money, \$29,500 in all. He said he assisted in banking it. The time he fixed as some time during this spring.

The only two successive days last spring when Becker made deposit were April 24 and 25. On the first day Becker deposited \$6,500 in four banks, and on the following day he banked \$11,500 in four other institutions, making a total of \$18,000 in all.

This falls short by \$11,500 of the amount Becker said he deposited on those two days, and the other discrepancy between his story and the figures is that bank accounts aggregating \$49,623.75 were uncovered by District Attorney Whitman in nine different banks, all of which was deposited during the days when Becker ruled the "strong arm" squad and when Rose said Becker was grafting right and left from gamblers.

Then, too, Becker had safe deposit boxes in two different banks which were never opened by the District Attorney, so that the amount of money they contained was not learned.

Besides his new story concerning the alleged plot to kill Rachel Braunstein, Becker said yesterday that William Shapiro, chauffeur of the murder car, told several people that Vallon rode uptown with the gunmen, and that he and Schepps figured in the actual killing of Rosenthal.

Jurists on Court Narrative.

In the interview he gave yesterday afternoon Becker again evinced his feeling of hopelessness that his counsel can save him from the electric chair. Believing that it was his plan to tell his version of the murder before Justice Goff when the clerk asked him to-morrow morning if he had anything to say why the sentence of death should not be pronounced upon him. Mr. McIntyre will try his best to prevent such procedure, for fear of the effect it might have on the appeal.

"I am innocent," said Becker yesterday, "and they are now going to sen-

MISS ALICE BRENNIS.  
The young cashier who was gagged and robbed of \$500 yesterday afternoon in an insurance office in Brooklyn.



## ROBBERS GAG WOMAN AND THEN STEAL \$500

### Get Into Cashier's Cage of Pru- dential Life Insurance Com- pany by Ruse.

## WANTED TO FIX TELEPHONE

### Handkerchief Stuffed Into Vic- tim's Mouth—Men Escape After Daylight Job in Brooklyn.

Three robbers entered the branch office of the Prudential Life Insurance Company at No. 248 Flatbush avenue, Brooklyn, at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon and got away with about \$500. One of the police have to the identity of the men is a handkerchief which they left in the mouth of Miss Alice Brenneis, the cashier, when they went away. They have also the description of the men, given them by the cashier.

Miss Brenneis was alone in the office when two men walked in and said they were employees of the New York Telephone Company and came to change the receiver on the telephone instrument behind the glass partition. Miss Brenneis thought she recognized one of the men as an employee of the company and opened the door. As soon as they got into her compartment they seized and gagged her, fastening her hands behind her back.

Then they rifled the cash drawer and the safe. While they were working Miss Mary Morley, of Holly Cottage, Bath Beach, came to the office. She met a man, who was presumably the lookout for the two who had entered the place. He told her that the cashier had gone out of her mind and that he was on his way to summon the police. Miss Morley glanced in the office and made up her mind that a robbery was in progress. She rushed out and called for help.

Walter Reilly, an agent of the company, stationed at the Broadway office, was the first to respond. He released the cashier, who was in an hysterical condition. Her arms had been twisted and she had been choked, but had not been seriously injured by her experience. She said afterward that she felt as if the men had tried to "dope" her, but there was no trace of the use of an anesthetic about the room or on the handkerchief which had been forced into her mouth.

In the excitement the men made their escape. The handkerchief is of small value as a clue to their identity. It is marked with an initial "R," but is not peculiar in any way that might make it possible to trace it to any particular store. Miss Brenneis lives at No. 373 Gates avenue. She is one of two cashiers employed at the branch. The other is Miss Carrie Blumen, who was at luncheon when the thieves entered.

## FALLS IN ELEVATOR SHAFT

### Aged Retired Merchant May Die from Injuries.

Irwin C. Stump, seventy years old, a retired business man, who lived at No. 2825 Broadway, fell down the elevator shaft at that address last night and was so badly injured that it was said at the J. Hood Wright Hospital, where he was taken, that his chances for recovery were small. His skull was fractured and both of his arms were broken.

The elevator was out of order and a mechanic was engaged in repairing it. The car was about six feet above the first floor and the door was open. Mr. Stump came in hurriedly and not noticing that the car was not at the floor stepped through the doorway and fell to the basement.

At the house it was said that the man engaged in fixing the elevator was standing at the open door, but Mr. Stump brushed past him before warning could be given. Mr. Stump has a wife but no children.

## BURNED WHILE AT PRAYER

### Aged Woman Loses Life While Kneeling Before Altar.

St. Paul, Oct. 28.—Mrs. Johanna McMann, seventy-five years old, was burned to death to-day while kneeling in front of an altar erected near her bedside. The flame from one of the candles ignited her clothing. The woman was dead when members of the household entered her room.

Mrs. McMann was a pioneer resident of St. Paul, and was the aunt of the Rev. Father Frank Cleary.

## MESH BAG HITS MASHER

### Men Finish Job Begun by "Dearie," So Called by Victim.

A battered and bloody young man told the desk lieutenant in the East 104th street station last night that he was a laborer and lived in a Third avenue lodging house. He did not look the part, and the police think John Plover—that's the name—gave a fake pedigree, because he was ashamed of having missed his aim as a street masher and was then beaten by a crowd of men.

Plover went up to Miss Mary Feeney, twenty-five years old, and attractive, too, of No. 13 South Dean street, Irvington-on-Hudson, as she was walking along 125th street, near Lenox avenue, about 8 o'clock last night.

"Hello, dearie, where are you?" Right then Miss Feeney swatted him with her mesh bag. Plover, always gallant, slapped her twice. And then the men on the corner interfered. Their victim went to night court, where Magistrate Freshi was sitting. He will have thirty days in the workhouse to recover from his bruises.

## DEATH SHOWS PARENTAGE

### Mourning Foster Mother, Learns Real Mother Died Hour Before.

Atlantic City, Oct. 28.—Harry Steelman, of this city, was robbed by death to-day of his real mother and his foster mother. While standing beside the dead body of Mrs. Pitman Steelman, whose son he believed he was, he received a telegram informing him of the death of Mrs. Mary Risley, his real mother, whose death had occurred in Philadelphia one hour before.

Young Steelman didn't know Mrs. Risley was his real mother until his foster father explained the situation to him. He had been adopted by the Steelmans when only a few days old.

## LAY DYING IN ENGINE

### Central Pilot Found Senseless as Train Rushes On.

Albany, Oct. 28.—As train 14, one of the New York Central's flyers, with a large number of passengers aboard, was speeding toward New York, William Clemens, driver of the locomotive, was lying unconscious in the cab as the result of a stroke of apoplexy, according to reports at the Union Station to-day.

Clemens's body was discovered at Rhinecliff by the fireman, who ran the train to Poughkeepsie. Clemens was removed to the Vassar Hospital, and died shortly afterward. The incident occurred Saturday afternoon.

Robert Clemens, a brother of the engine driver, was the conductor of the train. The dead man leaves a wife. His home was in New York City.

## NEW OCEAN-GOING RULES

### Germany Draws Up Regulations for Safety of Life at Sea.

Berlin, Oct. 28.—New rules for ocean-going steamships were approved to-day at a conference held at the Ministry of the Interior at which representatives of the German Ministries, the Federal Council and the shipping interests were present. The new rules have been adopted as the basis of Germany's attitude at the International Maritime Conference to be held in London.

They deal with the question of bulkheads, lifeboats, wireless telegraphy and the reporting of icebergs. All passenger steamers carrying 75 persons, including the crew, and freighters carrying a crew of 60 must in future be equipped with wireless telegraphy having a radius of 100 sea miles. These vessels must also carry a certain proportion of skilled oarsmen to man the lifeboats. The regulations as to bulkheads have been thoroughly amended.

## JAMES S. SHERMAN IS SERIOUSLY ILL

### Vice-President Suffering from a Complication of Diseases and Steadily Grow- ing Weaker.

## NOT IN IMMEDIATE DANGER

### Patient Rallies at Nightfall Under Influence of Powerful Medicines—Members of His Family Remain Con- stantly with Him.

Utica, N. Y., Oct. 29 (Tuesday)—At 1 o'clock this morning Mr. Sherman was quietly sleeping. The physicians had an extended consultation to-night, and after a careful examination said they found greater source of encouragement and decided improvement.

Utica, N. Y., Oct. 28.—James S. Sherman, Vice-President of the United States and Republican candidate for re-election, is seriously ill and steadily falling in his home here.

While his physician, Dr. Fayette H. Peck, believes there is no immediate danger of death, yet the distinguished patient's condition is such that it is a matter of conjecture how much longer he can withstand the ravages of the disease with which he is afflicted.

Dr. Peck authorized this statement to-night regarding Mr. Sherman's illness and his present condition:

"Mr. Sherman has been sick all of this year, due to condition of the kidneys, hardening of the arteries and softening of the muscles of the heart, which is somewhat stretched. Mr. Sherman had an attack in the Adirondacks—at Big Moose, to be exact—in June, and I expected him to die. He got out of Big Moose safely and improved steadily and very satisfactorily until the latter part of August. Since then his condition has been aggravated and he has been steadily failing.

"For the last three weeks, since he came back from Connecticut, where he went to rest, he has been dressed only once, and that was a week ago Friday, when, against my protest, he went out to the polls to register.

"Mr. Sherman is now in the condition which that sort of trouble leads to, and is very seriously ill, but there is, I believe, no immediate danger of death."

After a day of discouraging symptoms Mr. Sherman rallied at nightfall and continued to show improvement during the evening. This was due in no small measure to powerful medicines. Whether the Vice-President can much longer successfully combat the attack of kidney trouble and complications, first apparent more than a year ago, is a matter of grave doubt.

The members of the Vice-President's family are with him constantly, and his intimate friends have been notified that he has been failing steadily.

Dr. Peck has been in frequent telephone consultation with Dr. Theodore C. Janeway, of New York.

The Vice-President realizes the precarious nature of his illness, and some time ago he agreed not to undertake any campaign work or other duties that would tax his strength.

A little before 11 o'clock to-night a son of the Vice-President made public this statement signed by the attending physicians:

After consultation to-night in the case of Vice-President Sherman, the diagnosis of weakened heart muscle, the result of overwork, with some kidney involvement, is confirmed.

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