



THE THREATENED BLOCKADE

It Is Possible the Powers May Begin It Today.

MANY RUMORS ARE AFLOAT

Italians Reported to Have Shelled the Insurgents at Kissaoua Kastell-Russia Holding Back the Dogs of War—The Cretans Continue to Bombard Spinalonga.

Canea, March 14.—The belief prevails among the foreign fleets that the powers have finally decided to make no reply to the answer of Greece to their identical note, but to put their threat of a blockade into effect. It is thought that the blockade of Crete and the Piræus will begin tomorrow.

It is stated that the Italians have shelled the insurgents at Kissaoua Kastell, but nothing further can be learned. The insurgents are not the only ones who have been kept in ignorance of the action of the powers. The several consuls here have had no official intimation from their respective governments of what was to be done, a fact which has excited much comment.

The town is full of rumors that the powers are about to send troops to the island, but no official intimation to this effect has been received.

The insurgents are continuing their bombardment of the town of Spinalonga. The Turkish garrison is still holding out, though the cannonading has now been going on for nearly three days.

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Various reports appear that a blockade of Crete is immediately imminent, and a blockade of Greek ports later if Greece persists in her present attitude.

HOLDS THE DOGS OF WAR.

But for Russia a Great Conflict Would Now Be On.

Berlin, March 14.—Should the coercive measures taken by the powers against Greece result in a general European war, the initial blow, according to public and official opinion here, will fall upon England. Every step in the critical negotiations which have been pending for some time has been rendered uncertain by the vacillating, if not opposing, course of action taken by Lord Salisbury.

If the proposals of the Russian and German governments, made three weeks ago, to blockade the coast of Greece had been accepted, it would have been a disaster to the dangerous developments of the present time would never have occurred.

The pretended participation of the Salisbury government has been a hind, and King George, up to a late point in the diplomatic contest, was leaning toward Greece. The influence of Great Britain would square the situation in favor of Greece.

Other distrust of England is the dominant feeling at the foreign office here, while the estimate with Russia is completely different. But for Russia the Balkan Peninsula would now be a blank.

The governments of England and France have not as yet given their assent to the proposal of the other powers to make no reply to the answer of Greece to the identical note of the European governments, but to proceed with coercive measures in accordance with the terms of the powers' ultimatum enforcing the withdrawal of Greek troops from Crete, and blockading the ports of Greece. Thus far, it is learned, only Germany and Austria have accepted the Russian proposal to put the blockade into immediate effect, and it is believed that if the other powers refuse to act in concert the warships of the three powers named will undertake to enforce compliance with their demands without reference to the attitude of the other three.

SITUATION AT KISSAMOU.

Besieged and on Fire in Several Places.

Canea, March 14.—A Russian warship which has been cruising to the westward returned here today, bringing news of the situation at Kissaoua, which is situated on Kissaoua Bay, some twenty-five miles west of this city. She reports that the insurgents were bombarding the place yesterday and that the town was on fire in several places.

TROOPS ON THE FRONTIER.

They Are Suffering From Exposure and Bad Food.

London, March 14.—The Standard will tomorrow publish a dispatch from Zennin, Southern Albania, stating that the weather has become very severe. It adds that the Turkish soldiers on the frontier are badly fed and lodged, and that they are suffering from disease. The Mussulman reds destined for the frontier, upon reaching Arta, returned hurriedly, not liking the looks of the Greek irregular troops. The dispatch further says that the Greek

THE M'KEE SCRIP MUDDLE

Why Judge Lamoreux and Secretary Francis Quarrelled.

PERRINE PATENT INVOLVED

The Reported Cause of the Row Between the Secretary and the Land Commissioner—Gen. Michener Explains Why He Submitted a Decision to the Land Office.

The order of Mr. Bliss, Secretary of the Interior, annulling the decision of Land Commissioner Lamoreux in the Chicago Land Scrip case and the probable dismissal of Mr. Lamoreux, although his resignation is in the hands of the President, were yesterday the subject of general discussion. A good deal of the speculation was as to what was the true cause of the quarrel between Mr. Francis and Judge Lamoreux, and also as to the published statement that the latter had adopted as his opinion of one of the lawyers in the case, whose clients would be benefited by a favorable decision to the extent of about \$20,000,000.

RESERVES ARE NEEDED.

Reiterate Call to Arms Sent to the American Greeks.

St. Louis, Mo., March 14.—D. Jannahopol, Greek consul at St. Louis, yesterday received a cablegram from Skouzes, the Greek minister of foreign affairs, urging the consuls in this country to comply with the royal order calling to arms the reserves of 1866 to 1873.

Immediately upon receipt of this consular message an appeal to all the Hellenes in this territory to apply to him and make arrangements for transportation to Greece, simultaneously with the call to arms the consul issued a notice for a mass meeting of sympathizers of Greece, to be held Monday evening next, in Exposition Hall. The consul says:

THE RESCUED MOSLEMS.

They Are Said to Be Pillaging the Houses of Christians.

London, March 14.—The Telegraph has a dispatch from Canea, saying that the Moslems who were rescued a few days ago from Sotina and Kalamas by Sir Alfred Biliotti, and brought to Canea, are pillaging the houses of Christians. A number of them entered a leper village on Friday, the Moslem Sabbath, and ordered the inhabitants to leave. They threatened to massacre the lepers, who are aged people, if they did not quit the place at once.

HIGH-WATER MARK PASSED

Lowlands Along the Mississippi River Submerged.

Memphis, Tenn., March 14.—The Mississippi River here is higher than since the establishment of the weather office in 1872, and probably since the sinking of the lowlands of Missouri, Arkansas, and Tennessee by earthquakes. The rise today was slightly above half a foot.

RAILROAD TRACKS WASHED OUT IN MANY PLACES—THE MAIN LEVEE NOT YET BROKEN.

On all the islands near here and in the lowlands of Arkansas there is great suffering, and also great loss of stock and property, but no reports have been received of persons being drowned. People are leaving the lowlands for this side of the river without ceremony and bringing all the stock and property they can.

RISE OF TWENTY-SEVEN FEET.

Bridges Over the Chattahoochee River Are in Danger.

Columbus, Ga., March 14.—The Chattahoochee River is on a big boom at this point, and the Eagle and Phoenix mills, employing 4,000 hands, have shut down on account of the high water. The high water has risen seven feet—a few inches below high-water mark—and still rising.

Shot in Self-Defense.

London, March 14.—Mack Conkey and a party of friends met at John R. Krueger's house this evening. An altercation ensued which resulted in Krueger shooting Conkey through the abdomen. Conkey will die before morning. Krueger is under arrest. He alleges Conkey and his friends were robbing him and he shot in self-defense.

WHIRLWIND BROUGHT DEATH.

Two Men Killed, and Others May Die, in Ohio.

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NEW SESSION OF CONGRESS

Will Be Called to Order at Noon Today.

WORK OF THE FIRST WEEK

A Large Number of Men Who Have Served With Distinction as Representatives in Years Gone By Have Come Back After a Temporary Retirement.

Today at noon both houses of the Fifty-fifth Congress will convene in extra session.

President McKinley has practically completed his message, but in view of the necessity for an organization of the House before the joint committee of the two houses can be appointed to wait upon him and inform him that Congress is ready to receive the communication, he has been obliged to undertake to send the message to Congress before tomorrow. It will probably be laid before the two houses of Congress at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

It is not likely that the Senate will remain in session today, but during the week, unless the President is more expeditious than he has been in making nominations. There is nothing to be done, and there will be nothing to require close application to business until the Committee on Foreign Relations reports the admiralty treaty with Great Britain. A special meeting of the committee for the further consideration of this subject has been called for today.

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MAKING WAR ON WOMEN

How General Weyler Is Trying to Conquer Cuba.

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Havana, via Key West, March 14.—Secret orders have been given by Weyler that whenever an attack is made on a town or village the female residents, on the simple suspicion of having connections with the insurgents, shall also be arrested as enemies of Spain. They will be subject to court-martial and deportation.

This order has also been carried into effect, for on the day following the entry of rebel men, women, with their infant children, the majority of the latter being babies, were arrested and brought to Havana.

Persons visiting the police Thursday night were shocked at the sight of poor, forlorn human beings all huddled on the floor of one of the corridors, with their babies in their arms, all crying for want of food, they having been deprived of nourishment or sleep during the whole day. It was a pitiful spectacle. Even the children, on duty at the palace were moved to sympathy, and were constantly engaged at such kind treatment of helpless women.

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