

GREEKS TURN THE TABLES IN THESSALY

Troops of the Sultan Said to Be Destitute and Demoralized.

KING GEORGE'S FORCES NOW HOLD THEIR OWN.

Decided Check of the Onward March of the Invading Moslem Hordes Followed by a General Changing of Turkish Commanders.

That something of importance has occurred on the Thessalian frontier to check the advance of the Moslems upon Larissa is noted by the recall of Edhem Pasha, commander-in-chief of the Turkish forces.

Now the general political situation promises to attract more attention than the actual military operations. Emperor William's recent visit to Vienna is followed by a willingness on the part of Francis Joseph to drop Italy from the triple alliance, if Russia is substituted.

Official reports relate the gallant defense of the bridge over the river Arta by the Greek troops, who on the 20th inst. defeated the attacking Turkish forces, killed their commander and scattered them over the plain beyond the river. Greeks are also holding their own in Thessaly.

From Constantinople comes the news that the Turkish fleet has returned there. The vessels were unseaworthy and the commanders were afraid to take any chances. Quite different are the reports concerning the Greek Western squadron. These modern warships are bombarding towns along the western Albanian coast, and soon a bombardment of Salonica is expected.

THEIR ADVANCE CHECKED.

Turks Have Not Yet Reached Larissa and May Not Arrive There at All.

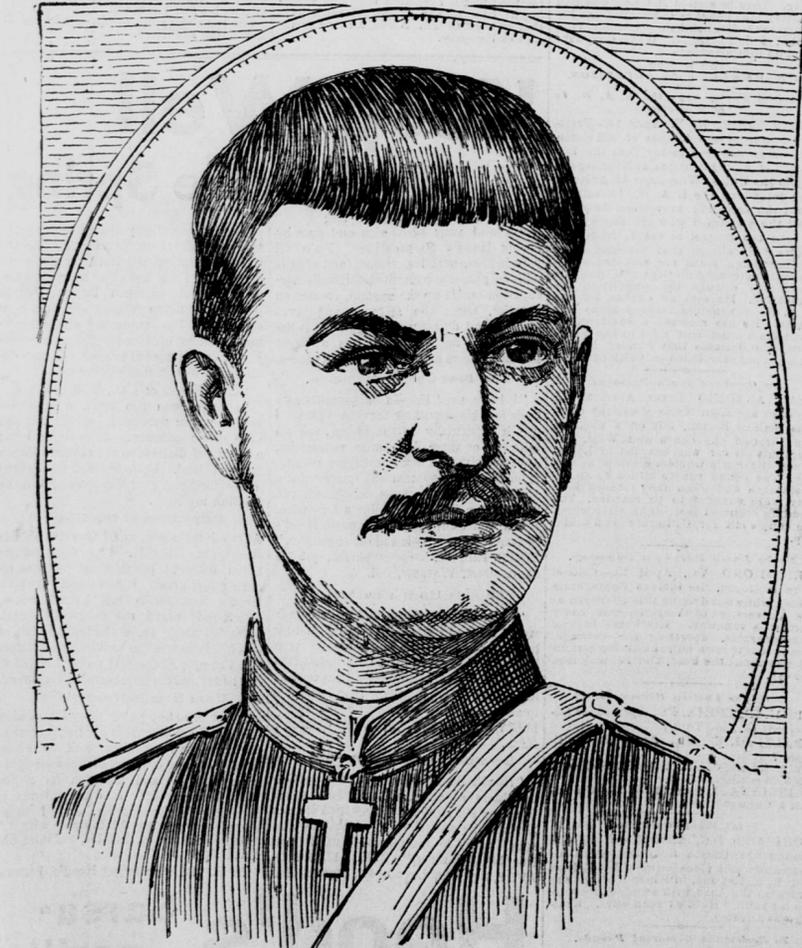
As a triumphal one. Later accounts of the gloomy feeling in Constantinople have created a belief that the Turks have suffered reverses which have not been reported to the outside world.

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THE FIGHT IN MILOUNA PASS.

The summit of Milouna Pass is reached by two roads from Ellassona. One climbs up from the west through Tcharitchena, crosses the frontier at the very summit, then winds down on the east side around the side of Vide Malouna to Larissa through the foothills to Turnavo and on to Larissa. The other road, leaving Ellassona in a northeasterly direction, follows the course of the Ellassoniko River up to the base of ridge which carries it to a sharp descent all the way down from Psiloraki to the pass, a distance of some five miles.



ALEXANDER I, KING OF SERBIA, One of the Monarchs Who Is Expected to Aid Greece in the War With Turkey.

HOLDING THEIR OWN.

Advices from Athens Show that the Greeks Have Dealt Severe Blows to the Turks. LONDON, Eng., April 23.—A dispatch to the Chronicle from Athens states that the Greeks are holding their own in Thessaly. The Turks do not possess any Greek territory. Nothing can prevent the victorious Greek fleet from reaching Salonica and Smyrna.

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Return of the Turkish Fleet Because the Captains Were Afraid to Go to Sea. CONSTANTINOPLE, TURKEY, April 23.—The captains of the vessels comprising the Turkish fleet in the Dardanelles have presented to the Navy Department a round robin declaring that they are convinced of the unfitness of all the ships for active service, and in consequence the vessels were ordered to return to Constantinople singly in order that it might not attract public attention. This order has been carried out.

REED REFUSES.

The Speaker Will Not Let Maguire Present Resolutions Expressing Sympathy for Greece. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 23.—Speaker Reed refused today to permit the resolutions presented by Representative Maguire, extending sympathy to the Greeks, to come before the House. The Californian, to secure immediate action, asked Reed to recognize him for unanimous consent to take up the resolutions.

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