

TURKS BURN LARGE TOWN IN BULGARIA

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Murders of Several Balkan Notables Occur in Nevrokop.

Hundreds of Albanians Slain While Opposing Advance of Sultan's Troops Upon Ipek.

LONDON, May 18.—The Times correspondent at Sofia, Bulgaria, telegraphs that a refugee has arrived there from Nevrokop, European Turkey, and reports that several Bulgarian notables in Nevrokop have been killed and that the large town of Valdevo has been burned and many of the inhabitants perished.

VIENNA, May 18.—A special from Salonica announces that a court-martial has sentenced to death the Bulgarian schoolmaster Yorgli, the instigator of the destruction by dynamite on April 29 of the Ottoman Bank at Salonica. The Salonica police have arrested the proprietor of the shop from which a tunnel was dug to the Ottoman Bank.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 18.—Turkish officials observe much reserve regarding the details of the fighting which occurred during the advance of the Turkish troops in Ipek, Albania, which was occupied on May 15. Several hundred Albanians are reported to have been killed or wounded. The Albanians, it is declared, have telegraphed to the Sultan announcing their submission and expressing their loyalty and readiness to accept the measures necessary for the pacification of Albania.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, May 18.—In view of the failure of Mr. Petkoff, leader of the Stambouloff party, to form a new cabinet, Prince Ferdinand called upon former Premier General Petroff and the latter today informed the Prince that he had succeeded in the task. In the new Ministry General Petroff is Premier and Foreign Minister, M. Petkoff is Minister of the Interior and all the other Ministers also belong to the Stambouloff party.

Father John Denounces Murderers. ST. PETERSBURG, May 18.—Father John of Kronstadt has published an open letter to the Russian people denouncing the Kishenev outrages in the strongest language as the work of barbarians animated by a devilish spirit.

YOUNG MAN AND GIRL DROWNED IN WHIRLPOOL Attempt to Shoot White Horse Rapids in a Canoe Proves

SEA-TIDE, Wash., May 18.—A special dispatch to the Post-Intelligencer says: "Ted Harkin, aged 29, and Miss Lella Walla, aged 23, were drowned in the whirlpool at White Horse Rapids yesterday while attempting to shoot the rapids in a canoe for pleasure. Harkin was formerly a resident of Colfax, Wash. William B. Capping was drowned by falling through the ice near Stewart May 5.

Saloon Men Make No Protest. SAN RAFAEL, May 18.—There was an interesting session of San Rafael's city trustees to-night. Two important matters were up for passage, one to raise the liquor license from \$50 to \$150 per annum and the other granting the North Shore Railroad Company a franchise to operate trains upon one of the principal streets of the city. It was presumed that the saloon men would object to the increase of saloon license, but they did not. The franchise asked by the North Shore also met with general approval and will probably be granted. They wish to run trains down Second street to Petaluma avenue, so that they can directly compete with the California Northern, which has its main depot one block from Petaluma avenue.

PAYNE REQUESTS AN EXPLANATION

Writes to the Postal Officials Accused by Tulloch.

Says Charges Against Treasurer and Comptroller Are Serious.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Postmaster General Payne today sent letters to the Comptroller of the Treasury, the Auditor of the Postoffice Department and other officials calling their attention to statements made by ex-Cashier Tulloch in his communication of last Saturday. The letters ask for any explanation or further information that might throw light on the subject.

Payne said to-night that he regarded the charge against the Auditor and the Comptroller as the most serious of the allegations. He said that if those officials "allowed improper accounts to be audited or suppressed, what might be called 'pay dirt' had been found" in the charges impugning their good faith and integrity.

Payne pointed out a difference which existed between charges of irregularity and of actual violation of law. He said in this connection that the charge regarding the disallowance by the Comptroller of between \$20,000 and \$40,000 was a charge of irregularity and not of unlawfulness, and he understood that practically all of this sum had been subsequently allowed.

The Postmaster General was asked regarding the charges against former First Assistant Postmaster Perry Heath and George W. Beavers, formerly chief of the division of salaries and allowances, and as to what effect the fact that they were out of the service would have in the consideration of this case. "I have nothing to do," replied Mr. Payne, "with the personal relations between Mr. Tulloch and Indiana politicians, nor with his hatred for the postmaster of Washington or others. If any improper act was done by any one now in office or by any one who is not now in office, so far as it might reflect on the department, we will investigate it."

Speaking generally, the Postmaster General said the original letters of the officials against whom Tulloch made accusations were necessarily general in nature, but, now that the Tulloch letter furnishes something more definite in the way of charges, they will have an opportunity to make more definite replies.

August W. Machen, the superintendent of the free delivery division, who was given an indefinite leave of absence pending the investigation, called at the department today for the first time since his summary relief from office. He came for some personal papers he had left in his desk.

Postmaster General Payne was asked today whether friends of Machen had asked that he be permitted to resign. He said that no one had requested such action.

ECZEMA, NO CURE, NO PAY. Your druggist will refund your money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure Ringworm, Tetter, Old Ulcers and Sores, Pimples and Blackheads on the face, and all skin diseases. 50 cents.

LIEUTENANT LEE WINS STRAPS OF A CAPTAIN Election of Commanding Officer of National Guard Company in Woodland.

WOODLAND, May 18.—An election for captain of Company F was held this evening. Major Pirkey presided and Colonel Guttridge and Colonel Seymour were present. There was only one candidate, Lieutenant J. G. Lee of Colonel Seymour's staff.

Captain Curson retired voluntarily. He felt that he had been in the service long enough to entitle him to a rest. His successor is thoroughly versed in the military affairs and will make a good captain. It is probable that Company F will take part in the great military demonstration in Sacramento in aid of the McKinnon memorial fund.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 18.—President Roosevelt in a telegram to Senator Hanna has accepted an invitation to attend the wedding of Miss Ruth Hanna and Joseph Medill McCormick of Chicago, which will be solemnized in this city on June 10.

THOMAS' "ON THE QUIET" IS OFFERING FOR WEEK AT GRAND OPERA HOUSE

Farce Amuses Large Audience—Mary Mannering in "The Stubbornness of Geraldine" Meeting Brilliant Success at Columbia—White Whittlesey Royally Received at Alcazar—Standing Room Only at Fischer's Theater



POPULAR ACTRESS WHO IS PLAYING AT THE COLUMBIA, THE NEW LEADING MAN AT THE ALCAZAR, ONE OF FISCHER'S STARS AND A CLEVER MEMBER OF THE PROFESSION WHO WILL APPEAR AT THE CALIFORNIA NEXT WEEK.

AUGUSTUS THOMAS' farce comedy, "On the Quiet," opened the second week of Walter E. Perkins' engagement at the Grand Opera-house. The play was greeted by a good house and the audience was kept on the laugh from the beginning to the end of the talky play. It was excellently staged, the setting of Robert Ridgeway's bachelor apartments in the second act and the yacht scene in the third act calling forth several rounds of applause.

The humor of Mr. Perkins is of the spontaneous variety. It abides with him constantly, and oozes out of him like spring water from the mountain side. With him it is always on tap and is inexhaustible. His support is fairly good, Antoinette Walker as Agnes Coit winning the merry sympathy of the audience readily. Winifred Gordon has not much to do in the role of Ethel, but she does it well and with that perfection of art that conceals art. That standard favorite, Herschel Mayall, is cast a little out of his line as more in the drawing room side. The character conscientiously and gets the lion's share of the applause. He is a favorite who never becomes stale. A funny rector indeed is Gilbert Gardner, the Dr. Wicket of the play, and his makeup and facial expression are admirable. Lloyd Patterson's McGeechey, Fred Butler's Hix, the reporter, and Herbert Farjeon's Gibson are acceptable characterizations, but Butler takes too many notes to be the genuine article. Blanche Stoddard, beautiful and statuesque, fits well into the character of Phoebe.

Columbia. Mary Mannering moved into the second week of her engagement at the Columbia Theater last night with apparent assurance of crowded houses during the remainder of her brilliant engagement. "The Stubbornness of Geraldine" has hit the fancy of the theatergoers and Miss Mannering has more than duplicated her success as Janice Meredith in a role of radically different requirements. As the whole-hearted, high-spirited, typical American girl she wins all hearts. Arthur Byron, with his careful and sympathetic study of the hero, whose heart and affections are both broken, heads her support, which is of exceptional strength. So great has been the demand for seats that the comedy is to have a third week. Matinees are given on Wednesday and Saturday.

Alcazar. White Whittlesey commenced a starring engagement for the summer season at the Alcazar Theater last night, presenting "Heartsease," a romantic comedy by Charles Klein and J. I. C. Clarke, which was last seen in this city at the Columbia Theater given by Henry Miller and his company. It seldom happens in the life of a star to meet with such a cordial and enthusiastic reception as that accorded White Whittlesey on his appearance. The applause continued for some minutes and he was forced to speak his thanks. He was visibly affected and his first words were: "I didn't think it would come so soon." He spoke briefly, but to the point and again after the close of the third act, when the stage was covered with floral offerings, he expressed his thanks in a few words and nearly broke down. The part of Eric Temple suits him admirably and nothing could have been selected to strengthen more firmly and affectionately the strong hold he already had on the patrons of the Alcazar. He is a magnetic actor and his scene in the third act, when

he hears the melodies of his stolen opera and ends with his denunciation of the thief, roused the audience to the utmost enthusiasm. Albert Morrison as his friend, Captain Jack O'Hara, the light-hearted, lovable Irishman, gave a most commendable characterization of the part and shared the honors with the star. George Osborne as Lord Neville was exceptionally good and Henry Shumer as Sir Geoffrey Pomfret was a capable villain.

Frank Bacon has a suitable part as Peter Padbury, the usurer. Miss Bertha Creighton as Margaret Neville scored one of her greatest successes and earned all the applause she received. Miss Adele Belgarde as Lady Neville was very effective and Miss Oza Waldrop was sweet and charming as Alice Temple. The other parts were well sustained. The sextet composed of Mesdames Millie Flynn and Miriam Conroy and S. Homer Henley, Charles O. Henley, George W. Reed and L. Van Lingham deserve praise. This piece was splendidly staged and the costumes were magnificent. The house was crowded to the doors.

Fischer's. "Fiddle Dee Dee" is still on the boards at Fischer's. A large audience greeted the performance last night and the old-time popularity of the show was sustained. Helen Montrose makes her initial performance with a clear, strong voice and completes a bill seldom excelled in the comic opera line. Maude Amber, Blake, Kolb, Dill and Bernard remain strong characters in the show and practically own the house. There is not a single deficiency in the entire cast and an excellent performance, refined and entertaining, is insured for all who attend. For a show replete with amusement Fischer's is the place. The "standing room only" sign is sufficient guarantee of what the audience thinks of the performance.

Central. "The Romany Rye," the famous English melodrama, by George R. Sims, drew an immense audience and scored a tremendous hit at the Central Theater last night. The play is rich in color, abounds in stirring incident, and has throughout an interest that never flags. In the story of the play a rich country gentleman marries a beautiful gypsy and tires of her. Unable to bear his ill treatment, she returns to her people and shortly after dies, leaving one child, a son. He grows up to manhood and is known among the gypsies as the "Romany Rye" (gypsy gentleman). He is happy in his roving life and does not seek to claim his birthright till his stepbrother, the son of his father by a second marriage, persecutes him. Then he asserts his claim to his father's estates. His brother seeks to put him out of the way and has him kidnaped by "searchers for the dead," who take him in a rowboat on the river Thames with a view of drowning him. He escapes and baffles them all, and in the end establishes his claim as the rightful heir and marries the girl he loves. The setting of the piece is a veritable triumph of the scenic art. Notable among the stage pictures are the gypsy encampment, the singing bird store, the Castle of Craignest, the Hampton racecourse and the river Thames, London, by night. The wreck of the American steamship Saratoga on the rocks in a storm is a thrilling spectacle, full of realism. The cast is a strong one and the work uniformly excellent. Leaders Stevens as Jack Hearne, "The Romany Rye," performs some of the best work of his career and is superb in the climactic

AROUSES WRATH OF DEPARTMENT

Postal Clerk Schibbsby Is Called Upon to Show Cause.

May Be Discharged for Promoting Suits Against the Government.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Second Assistant Postmaster General Shallenberger today directed that Svend Schibbsby, a railway postal clerk at Kansas City, show cause why he should not be dismissed for promoting suits against the Government for traveling expenses of postal employees. There are 9000 railroad postal clerks in the country and the purpose is to prevent a widespread movement having in view the prosecution of a claim which the department regards as preposterous. The position of the Postoffice Department is that the designated headquarters of these clerks is the route on which their runs are made and not the city or town where they may happen to live. A case is now pending in the Court of Claims in this city involving this question of their traveling expenses. Shallenberger today sent the following letter to Captain James E. White, general superintendent of the Railway Mail Service:

Referring to your letter of the 15th inst., suggesting that the action of Svend Schibbsby, the suspended postal clerk in the Kansas City and Wellington Railroad Postoffice, in attempting to act as attorney for railway postal clerks in bringing suits against the Government for traveling expenses, is in violation of section 4499 Revised Statutes, you are requested to call upon Mr. Schibbsby to show cause why he should not be dismissed from the service for his action in the matter. When his reply shall have been received the question will be given consideration as to whether it is proper to bring the matter to the attention of the Department of Justice.

THIEF PLIES HIS TRADE AT HALL OF JUSTICE Breaks Into Closet and Steals Janitor Dolan's Valuable Coat and Vest.

A series of petty thefts perpetrated by a sneak thief in the Hall of Justice during the last few months has caused the police much annoyance and steps are being taken to apprehend the culprit. Some time between 5 and 7 o'clock last evening, while Janitor Thomas Dolan was busily engaged at his duties on the first floor of the building, a door to a closet in which he kept his clothes was opened by means of a skeleton key and a valuable coat and vest taken. The door leading to the room is almost opposite the entrance to the office of the Chief of Police and in full view of the elevator men on duty.

Dolan was unaware of his loss until the completion of his day's labors, and upon going into the closet found that the clothes had been taken during his absence. He immediately communicated the fact to Sergeant Beechiner of the recently organized squad of special policemen in the building and that official has given special instructions to his men to keep a sharp lookout for the fellow. The officer who is on guard in the hall at night does not report for duty before 11 o'clock, and the bold thief is undoubtedly cognizant of that fact. Through the courtesy of Captain Martin, Dolan was furnished with a silk-lined Prince Albert to cover his working garments on his way home.

It is good enough to keep on longer. The music is of excellent order. There is a bit of chorus singing in the first act that gets and is entitled to applause. All through the performance last evening there were manifested cleverness and a sense of fun that left the audience in good humor. Hartman's dialect in this is of the best that he has evolved. There is little to condemn and much to praise in the Tivoli performance of "Wang," not the least of the merits being the work of Paul Steindorf.

Chutes. The new programme at the Chutes Theater abounds in novelty and every number was well received last evening. The Wilson family of colored entertainers presented a new act entitled "A Blackville Spelling Book," abounding in fun and catchy music; Katherine Fuller, a mezzo-soprano, made an emphatic hit with three songs, and the riders of the "Cycle Maze" varied their sensational performance by riding on the darkened stage with illuminated wheels. The feature of the bill was a series of moving pictures, taken especially for the Chutes, showing President Roosevelt and the processions of last Tuesday and Wednesday. The pictures are sharp and clear and make a valuable record of the President's visit to San Francisco. The amateurs will appear on Thursday night.

Orpheum. Corbett is still the main attraction at the Orpheum and is adding to his laurels nightly. The Whitney brothers, Adeline Bireher and Julie Ring are also particularly entertaining.

KITCHEN REQUISITES.

Advertisement for Force cereal featuring an illustration of a woman sitting at a table and a child. Text includes: "Jim Dumps' great aunt, infirm with gout, Had worn a good digestion out— Could take no food—or sour or sweet. Jim sent her 'Force,' which she could eat! So grateful was his aunt to him, She left her all to 'Sunny Jim.'" and "Sweet, crisp flakes of wheat and malt. Take it to School with Them. 'It is the food of all others for me. Some time ago I heard a lady say that she did not know what to get for breakfast any more. I told her to try 'Force.' She says her children like it so much they take it to school with them. T. R. EAST." Will postpone the will.

LOVE'S TRIBUTE TO DEAD SINGER

Mourning Friends Cover Her Bier With Fragrant Blossoms.

Impressive Funeral Services Conducted Over Body of Sybil Sanderson.

PARIS, May 18.—The funeral of Sybil Sanderson took place today at the Church of St. Honoré d'Eylau, and was largely attended by representatives of the operatic and theatrical world, including M. Moullérat, M. Démas, Mlle. Jeanne Granier and M. Eugene Mandick, operatic artists; Sir Henry Austin Lee of the British Embassy; Admiral and Mme. de Jonquières, representatives of the United States Embassy, and many members of the American colony. The floral offerings were so numerous that the casket was buried in flowers and the hearse was transformed into a floral chariot. The usual Catholic funeral service was rendered. The surplised choir was augmented by an orchestra and several prominent singers—M. Tisserand, the tenor, sang the "De Profundis" and M. Reder, the barytone, rendered "Ego Sum." Crowds surrounded the church and many persons were unable to gain entrance to the building.

Among the floral offerings was a handsome piece from the Bohemian Club of San Francisco and another from the artists of the Opera Comique.

The body was taken to the Pere la Chaise cemetery, where it was cremated.

OPENS WAY FOR PROTEST St. Petersburg Dispatch Supplies America With an Excuse.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The brief cablegram from St. Petersburg published today might open the way for diplomatic action on the part of the United States in the Kishenev affair. This stated that the Government had forbidden the Jews to arm or defend themselves, with a deliberate purpose of forcing them to emigrate to the United States, for nowhere in Europe could they find refuge. Such action would be similar to that taken by the Roumanian Government, upon which the State Department laid the Monroe doctrine. The dumping of bodies of emigrants, likely to prove paupers, on our shores was obnoxious to this country. In this connection it may be worth noting that in spite of the vigorous protests against Roumanian's action, contained in the State Department's circular note to the powers, the Roumanian Government never admitted our right to interfere even on the basis of immigration and the conditions continue very much as they were, so far as the Jews in Roumania are concerned.

GUARDING AGAINST RIOTS. All Public Assemblages Are Forbidden in Province of Saratof.

ST. PETERSBURG, Friday, May 15.—All public assemblages in the province of Saratof have been prohibited under pain of heavy penalties. A proclamation of the Governor has been posted in the towns and villages and has been published in all the newspapers, forbidding all public gatherings, warning the people against interference with the police while in the discharge of their duties and ordering crowds which may collect in contravention of the State Department's circular note of the police. Every one disobeying any of the provisions of the proclamation is liable to a fine of \$250 or three months' imprisonment. This stringent order is the result of renewed agitation. Disturbances in several localities in the province of Saratof are feared in St. Petersburg.

GOMPERS AN ADVOCATE OF EMPLOYERS' UNIONS Believes They Would Tend to Prevent Clashes Between Capital and Labor.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor is an advocate of the organization of employers as well as of workmen. Speaking on this topic today, Gompers said: "Employers will find it to their advantage to be organized and, not only this, but to deal with organized labor. The movement to form unions among the business men will tend rather to prevent conflict than to promote trouble. The better the organization on both sides the better it will be for business. Organized employers will be better able to understand the demands of organized labor and to meet these demands without friction."

Banquet to Bishop Conaty. TAUNTON, Mass., May 18.—A complimentary banquet was given to-night to Right Rev. Bishop Thomas J. Conaty, who was assigned to the diocese of Los Angeles, Cal., on the close of his work as rector of the Catholic University at Washington. An incident of the evening was the presentation of a pectoral cross of gold to the Bishop. The jewel is set with precious stones.

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