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MURDER OF RUSSIAN CONSUL IMPELS THE EUROPEAN POWERS TO THRUST SULTAN ASIDE AND RESTORE PEACE IN BALKANS

ALL TRAINS WILL CARRY THE MAILS

Railroad Men to Act as Postal Clerks.

Will Be Commissioned and Paid by the Government.

New Order Will Prevent Interference by Reason of Strikes.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Postmaster General Payne decided today to issue an order which will have the effect of making practically every train in the United States a mail train and of placing the railroads in their entirety under the protection of the United States Government.

The proposed step will be accomplished by commissioning railroad conductors, baggage masters and other trainmen, wherever desired, as employees of the United States postal service and empowering them to handle a desired class of mail.

Postmaster General Payne and Second Assistant Postmaster General Shallenbarger have had the plan under consideration for months. The agitation, however, which really led to the adoption of the new policy has been growing for several years and, like so many other important steps adopted by the Postoffice Department in late years, this is a result of the tremendous growth of the rural free delivery service.

The policy adopted by the Government is really an amplification of the system which has been in use for some time by publishers of papers, who serve subscribers on rural free delivery routes where the mail train facilities are limited. It has been the custom of these publishers to trust bundles of papers to trainmen on trains which did not carry United States mails, with instructions to throw them off at certain points. This system, however, has been very unsatisfactory.

Now the Government will make itself responsible for the proper carriage and delivery of this mail, and to this end will commission and pay salaries to trainmen over and above the compensation received by them for their regular work.

IRISH LAND BILL IS NOW PAST ALL DANGER

John E. Redmond Says Measure Is Safe and Will Revolutionize Ireland.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—The report on the amendments to the Irish land bill were read in the House of Lords to-night and the bill probably will be passed to a third reading to-morrow.

AMERICAN FARMERS PLAN AN INTERNATIONAL TRUST

Make Overtures to Russia for a World-Wide Increase of Prices.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—The Daily News this morning prints a dispatch from Warsaw, dated last Friday, which says that an American association, said to comprise 7,000 farmers, has addressed itself to the Russian Ministers of Finance and Agriculture requesting their assistance in raising the current prices of agricultural produce, particularly wheat, and saying that the association projects a great union of the wheat growing countries of the world for the purpose of fixing an annual minimum selling price.

FIFTEEN VILLAGES BURNED.

Revolutionists Active Throughout the Vilayet of Okhrida.

SALONICA, Aug. 10.—Further fighting occurred near Sorovich yesterday, the Turkish troops coming into collision at the village of Kallar with a large insurgent band.



ENTRAPPED PASSENGERS DIE IN FIRE

Catastrophe on a French Underground Road.

PARIS, Aug. 11.—At 6 A. M.—Eighty-two bodies have been recovered from the trains which were destroyed by fire yesterday on the Metropolitan Electric Railroad.

PARIS, Aug. 11.—An awful catastrophe occurred last evening on the Metropolitan Electric Railroad, which runs mostly underground, in which many persons lost their lives.

One of the trains broke down at Monilmontant, which is in a poor and populous section of the city. This train was promptly emptied and the train which followed was ordered to push it to the repairing sheds.

Meanwhile a crowded train reached Les Charonnes, the preceding station, and the officials, seeing smoke pouring out of the tunnel, gave the alarm. A panic ensued, the passengers struggling to escape from the tunnel.

Finally the firemen succeeded in flooding the burning mass and shortly afterward they were able to enter the tunnel. They brought up the corpses of nine men and two women.

LONDON, Aug. 11.—A dispatch from Paris, timed 4:15 o'clock, says that in the underground railway disaster many were killed and that eleven bodies have been recovered. Three empty trains were burned and a fourth was full of victims.

INSURGENTS CLAIM VICTORIES.

Report Destruction of Three Detachments of Turkish Troops.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Aug. 10.—The representatives of the Macedonian revolutionary committee have published a statement saying that the number of insurgents in the district of Monastir is 8000 and that they are armed with rifles purchased in Greece.

The statement further says that three Christian villages—Smilevo, Krouche and Bolno, near Monastir—have been completely destroyed by Turkish troops.

Russia and Austria to Have Joint Support.

ROME, Aug. 10.—It is stated here that there has been an exchange of views between the powers in Macedonia and that apparent powers regarding the situation in Macedonia have decided to support Austria and Russia in efforts to re-establish peace.

head and hip. The horse drawing the carriage in which the Consul was riding received two bullets and shots were fired at the coachman also.

TURKEY MAKING REPARATION.

Orders Trial of Assassins and Dismisses Vali of Monastir.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 10.—The Vali of Monastir has been dismissed and Hussein Hilmi Pasha, formerly Governor of Yemen, Arabia, has been appointed as his successor.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 10.—The Czar has demanded the exemplary punishment not only of the murderer of the Russian Consul at Monastir, who was killed last week by Turkish gendarmes, but of all the military and civil officials in any way responsible for the crime.

The assassination of the Russian Consul at Monastir, M. Rostkovski, was the second murder of a Russian Consul in Macedonia within a few months, and created intense indignation here. In reporting the occurrence to the Foreign Office the Russian Ambassador telegraphed on August 8 from Constantinople as follows:

Practically the whole country north of Monastir is in revolt. The Turkish official reports state that revolutionary forces in considerable numbers have crossed the frontier from Bulgaria during the last few days. The local Bulgarian officials, however, deny this, and declare that the strictest watch is being kept along the frontier.

ANXIETY IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Government Awaits Developments in Balkan Situation.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—The Bulgarian situation has assumed a more serious aspect in the eyes of the British authorities. No official statement of the British attitude can be obtained pending the receipt of

BULGARIAN WAR SCENE AND LEADING FIGURES IN LATE DEVELOPMENTS.

Czar Demands Full Reparation of the Turk.

Revolution Spreads Throughout the Peninsula.

Kill Twenty and Wound Three Hundred.

COSSACKS FIRE UPON STRIKERS

ABROGANCE COSTS HIS LIFE.

Consul Rostkovski Delighted in Displaying Authority.

SARAFFOV GIVES WARNING.

Revolutionists Will Use Dynamite on the Railroads.

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Balfour said everything possible would be done to impress the Porte with the necessity of keeping its troops well in hand and every assistance would be given to the Porte in carrying out that object. He believed that the Porte was keenly alive to the present necessity of repressing the excesses committed by the Turkish troops. Unfortunately, Europe had not the same opportunity of bringing pressure to bear on the rebel bands. The latter's deliberate and avowed object was to make the condition of Macedonia so impossible that, at whatever cost to the peace of the world, there must be some intervention on the part of Russia or Austria, or both.

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MONEY KING TO CONTROL LEAD MINES

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Wants to Consolidate Coeur d'Alene Properties.

Combines With Capitalist of Spokane to Put Through the Big Deal.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SPOKANE, Aug. 10.—Rockefeller interests have joined hands with Charles Sweeney of Spokane in forming the Federal Mining and Smelting Company, with a capital of \$30,000,000, to control the Coeur d'Alene lead mines and engage in the smelting business.

The Standard Company owns a three-eighths interest in the Mammoth and the neighboring property, which is also under option to the Sweeney-Rockefeller interests. The Mammoth is perhaps the most valuable silver-lead mine in the Coeur d'Alene and it is held at about \$2,000,000.

It is expected that the Standard will be turned over to the new syndicate on the basis of about \$6 a share, or \$2,000,000 for the company's holdings. That surplus above \$1,250,000, to be paid for the remaining five-eighths interests in the Mammoth, would make the two properties stand a little more than \$4,000,000.

The consolidation would include also the Tiger-Poorman group at Burke, Idaho, and the Last Chance group at Wardens, Idaho, owned by the Empire State-Idaho Company. It has an issued capital of \$5,000,000 and is paying dividends of 8 per cent a year.

The three properties under one management would form the strongest silver-lead combination in the Coeur d'Alene, which produces about 60 per cent of the argenteiferous lead mined in the United States. The options on the Standard and the Mammoth were secured by Senator Turner, acting on behalf of Charles Sweeney.

Consul Rostkovski Delighted in Displaying Authority.

BELGRADE, Serbia, Aug. 10.—According to the latest reports received here regarding the murder of the Russian Consul at Monastir, M. Rostkovski abused the Turkish gendarme, who was doing sentry duty, for not saluting him and called him a "pig of a Turk." Then he struck the sentry with his whip, saying at the same time, "Perhaps you will know me." The gendarme thereupon fired on the Consul.

It is said that M. Rostkovski was hated by the Turks on account of his intense arrogance.

M. Rostkovski has been in Macedonia for twenty years. He knew the inside of almost every village in the province and was regarded as a friend of the Christians. He was a believer in the tradition that an overbearing manner was best in dealing with Orientals.

Last May the Consul had an experience apparently similar to the incident which led to his death. He went to the village of Mogil, six miles north of Monastir, to investigate the Turkish excesses there. The Turkish troops had cordoned the village and a sergeant seized the bridle of M. Rostkovski's horse and attempted to stop the Consul. The latter raised his cane and struck the sergeant. His action placed him in imminent danger until his identity was revealed.

Lords Pass the Sugar Bill.

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