

UNRESTED POWERS BREAK TENSION IN THE BALKANS

Great Britain at Last Joins Other Nations in Accepting French Proposal Austrian and Russian Rulers Exchange Telegrams Tending Toward Peace

BULLETIN CETTINE, Montenegro, Oct. 7.—A sanguinary engagement is reported to have occurred yesterday in the Berana district between Turkish troops and insurgent Christians.

VIENNA, Oct. 7.—A Vienna newspaper announces that an exchange of telegrams has occurred between the emperors of Austria and Russia tending to the maintenance of peace.

PARIS, Oct. 7.—The tension in the Balkan situation, it is thought tonight at the foreign office and among diplomats, shows a slight slackening. It is a hard fact, however, that the danger from martial enthusiasm remains, and it is realized that the crisis will persist as long as a million troops spoiling for a fight continue under arms.

The European powers have decided to intervene at the Balkans and at Constantinople as soon as it is possible to make arrangements for the effect.

Great Britain today signified her acceptance of the French proposals, so that all of the powers now are in accord.

Overoptimism, therefore, is discouraged, but it is pointed out that Russia and Austria, when really united, can go far in the Balkan states. There appears to be solid ground for the belief that the governments of Turkey and the Balkan coalition, though not necessarily their peoples, are still amenable to pressure from the powers.

The Ottoman government, which protested that it would not listen to proposals touching on the internal affairs of any source, has itself opened the door to receive the demands the powers intend to make by voluntarily granting the Christian privileges a wholesale measure of reform.

Official France has noted these signs of concession as hopeful. The government maintains that with some extension and an adequate guarantee that the powers themselves will take in hand their accomplishments, these reforms ought to satisfy Bulgaria. It is believed that Greece and Montenegro can easily be induced to accept, but there is not the same confidence that the Bulgarian government will be able to control the way ever that has clutched the people of that country.

Threats are heard that King Ferdinand will risk the crown if he shows signs of weakness. He remarked on an occasion previous to the upheaval: "I shall maintain peace as long as I can without exposing myself to the state of a king."

Recognition of the fact that danger threatens the king of Bulgaria is now proving a check on the optimism to which diplomats otherwise would be inclined to give rein.

Turks Still Wavering CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 7.—The people of Turkey expect the treaty that will be avoided by the Porte's offer to carry into effect article XXIII of the treaty of Berlin.

It is felt here that matters have gone too far, and now that all the armies are mobilized it would be preferable to settle accounts once for all.

War preparations continue with unabated enthusiasm. The committee of the Red Crescent society has decided to establish nine hospitals with 200 beds, two each at Constantinople, Adrianople, Saloniki and Edassassa and one at Scutari.

The government has proclaimed a state of siege in Constantinople for three days.

A state of siege has been proclaimed in Macedonia. The British ambassador today conferred with the grand vizier concerning the application of reforms in Macedonia.

St. Petersburg Doubtful ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 7.—Several of the diplomatic corps called at the foreign office today to act as Captain Knorov, minister of the Russian Empire, was unable to give them definite information with respect to the success of the Russo-French proposal. The general feeling in diplomatic circles here has been that war between Turkey and the Balkans could not be checked.

Pope Offers Mediation LONDON, Oct. 7.—The announcement that the pope is prepared to offer mediation in the Balkan dispute, made by the Vatican after a meeting of the Sacred Congregation today, according to a news agency dispatch from Rome.

Phone Girls to Define Course of Duty Question of Switchboard Ethics Open

What would you do, San Francisco telephone girls, if you were in the shoes of Marjorie Wood, who is Wanda Kelly, the switchboard girl in Belasco's drama, "The Woman," which is to open at the Columbia next Monday evening?

Girls, 50 of you will have an opportunity to answer this question after the matinee party to be given by The Call in your honor on Wednesday, October 16. On this day a number of the most expert switchboard operators will be asked to write for this paper what they think of Wanda Kelly's problem. These special criticisms will be printed during the week. The questions which the telephone girls will be expected to answer are:

- 1—If you were Wanda Kelly, would you do as she did? Why?
2—To save a woman's good name, would you "kill" a call?
3—Would you disconnect a wire to save your nation's honor?
4—In your opinion, is Wanda Kelly a practical operator? Why?

For the first time in the history of the drama in America or, for that matter, in any country, the telephone switchboard operator has been made the heroine of a real play.

When Wanda Kelly grasps the reigns of things for her few minutes, there is brought to the notice of the public in general the fact that a great percentage of the world's business goes through the hands of a woman telephone operator. Few people give the girl at the switchboard a thought when sending in a call, and fewer still ever see some of these interesting and indispensable women, each with a heart, a mind, a soul and problems of her own.

How often does it occur to you when using the telephone, that somewhere beyond your vision there is a girl with a receiver strapped to her head operating the big switchboard, who, by a simple exchange of wires, could mix up the business and personal affairs of half a city. Yet if you stop to think it over, you will realize that this is just that way.

Wanda Kelly, the little telephone operator in the Hotel Keswick, Washington, where the scenes of "The Woman" are laid, is cloaked in the mantle of romance; she knows the power that is in her keeping. Even though threatened with loss of position and later with imprisonment under the statute which makes it a penal offense to refuse to transmit a message, she is not afraid to act according to the dictates of her own conscience.

In spite of threats and offers of bribes, to obtain from her information which has passed over the wire, Wanda can not be scared. Taking things in her own hands she plays fate for all the characters concerned.

In the world of business, bustle and progress it is only the thoughtful who have been able to realize the importance of our telephone system, and last, but not least, of the operators. It is almost impossible to understand the temptations which beset these girls from a standpoint of bribery, where politicians have been known to make exorbitant offers to gain a certain amount of knowledge.

Perhaps there has not been pointed out before the strength of character which is required to overcome such emergencies, which must be instilled within the operator who has so much of the world's confidence within the realms of her own knowledge, to be maintained under a sphinxlike demeanor.

It is not an uncommon expression that a woman can not keep a secret. Some believe that as soon as she hears anything she will tell it at once to her husband as a matter of duty, if nothing else, or confide what she knows to her dearest and best friend.

The best and truest delineation of the so called weaker sex's character in this respect is portrayed in "The Woman."

Fifty of the best operators in the best telephone city of all the world will go to the Columbia as The Call's guests on Wednesday, October 16. Some, perhaps all, of them will tell The Call's readers what they would have done in Wanda Kelly's place—and why.

GENERAL WEAVER TO INSPECT GUNS Chief of Coast Artillery Corps Will Arrive at Fort Scott Tomorrow

General E. M. Weaver, chief of the coast artillery corps, with his aide, Captain W. K. Wilson, will arrive at Fort Winfield Scott tomorrow morning from Washington, D. C., by way of Puget sound, for an inspection of the coast artillery of the San Francisco district, which embraces Forts Winfield Scott, Miley, Baker and Barry. Battle and fire command subalter practice will be witnessed by General Weaver during his two days' stay here. He leaves Friday night for Los Angeles and Fort Rosecrans at San Diego.

The annual target practice with the big guns of the coast artillery corps was completed, but several days' more shooting will be necessary to complete the practice at Forts Baker and Barry. It is probable that General Weaver will witness this practice should the weather be clear. Fog prevented any practice being held yesterday.

The boards of officers recently appointed by Major General Murray to formulate plans for the beautification of the Presidio post and Fort Winfield Scott, met yesterday for the first time. The board, consisting of Colonel John P. Wisser, coast artillery corps, president; Colonel F. W. von Schraeder, chief quartermaster of the division; Lieutenant Colonel George Williamson, quartermaster; Lieutenant Colonel Rees, chief engineer of the division, and Captain John G. Hampton, quartermaster, organized and ordered the making of blue print plans of the post, which will be examined at the next meeting of the board and definite plans made for improvements.

The Presidio board, of which the personnel is the same, save that Colonel Cornelius Gardner, sixteenth infantry, is president and Major K. J. Hampton, post quartermaster, is the recorder, organized and drove through the post, viewing the buildings and fences preliminary to recommending which shall be torn down and what improvements shall be recommended.

A board of officers, consisting of Major Crowder, sixteenth infantry; Captain Knorov, minister of the Russian Empire; Lieutenant Munro, first cavalry, has been appointed for the examination of five enlisted men—three of the sixteenth infantry, one of the signal corps and one from the marine corps—for commissions in the Philippine scouts. This board will meet November 1.

A detachment of 330 recruits from the various commands of the Presidio will leave next Monday for supplementary target practice at the Rodero rifle range at Fort Barry. They will be absent about 12 days and will be commanded by a major not yet designated.

Major K. J. Hampton, Presidio post quartermaster, is busy these days expending the money held up for several months by the delayed passage of the appropriation bill, for supplies and materials for use at the post. Large contracts are being let for plumbers' supplies, paints and other materials.

Captain W. H. Monroe, coast artillery corps, has arrived at Fort Winfield Scott after three months' leave of absence, and has reported for duty as commanding officer of the Sixty-fourth company.

Lieutenant W. E. Hall, medical corps, has arrived at Fort Winfield Scott and reported for duty.

Lieutenant Ballard, medical reserve corps, who has been at the Presidio since his return from the Philippines, left Sunday for his home in Natchez, Miss., on four months' leave of absence.

Major Beverly A. Reed, judge advocate, is relieved from further duties as judge advocate of this division.

The gradings for the gardens in front of the new officers' quarters at Fort Winfield Scott has begun, and lawns and shrubs will be planted as soon as the ground is leveled and prepared.

Captain Edward K. Masse, assistant of the judge advocate of this division, is appointed summary court officer at division headquarters.

Hawaiian News By Federal Wireless

TONGA ISLANDS DEVASTATED

HONOLULU, Oct. 7.—Most of the superstructure and spars of the Norwegian steamer Hornelen, which crossed from the quarantine wharf this morning, are brand new and somewhere around the Tonga islands floats much of the good ship's architecture.

On this trip, reports Captain Nilsson, heavy northward winds delayed the steamer. The weather experienced almost sent the Hornelen to the bottom 12 miles southeast of the Tonga islands. Incidental to this hurricane, which was the worst in years, devastated the Tonga islands.

Captain Nilsson states that they were sending supplies to Tonga from Sydney early in the late day he left that point. The hurricane had blown down the cocoa palms, destroyed all the boats and canoes and almost cleared the islands of vegetation.

MAN LEAPS FROM A TRANSPORT By Federal Wireless

HONOLULU, Oct. 7.—Recognizing in some houses on the shores of Pearl harbor a semblance of cavalry quarters, C. Rigley, formerly a teamster in the quartermaster's department, who is an inmate patient, jumped from the deck of the transport Sherman as it passed the Lochs this afternoon and started to swim toward the channel. The captain of the transport established a record for getting men overboard back to the deck in a few minutes. Life lines were thrown to him, but he was laughing at them and struck out for shore. A boat flashed out from the white sides of the vessel toward the swimmer. As it came alongside he looked up at the crew with a grin and calmly permitted himself to be hauled aboard.

The Sherman drew up at its dock about 2 o'clock after a pleasant and uneventful voyage from Nagasaki. The transport did not get into any typhoon in the China sea, but was in Nagasaki when one was raging and so stayed in port until the worst of it had passed. The transport sailed for San Francisco this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

SAILOR SAVED FROM SHARKS By Federal Wireless

HONOLULU, Oct. 7.—The United States revenue cutter Thetis, Captain C. S. Cochran, reached Honolulu this afternoon after a quick voyage from Valdez. All on board are well, including two pet bears. When off Diamond head one of the crew fell out of the rigging into the sea, but was rescued before the sharks got him.

OLD MCCARTHY SLEUTH GETS BACK ON FORCE Fanning Reappointed After a Period of Pensioning

Policeman Peter Fanning, who was retired on a pension for disability November 3, 1911, was restored to duty yesterday by the board of police commissioners, sitting as a pension board. Fanning said he no longer suffered from the disability offered as an excuse when he was retired.

Fanning probably will be assigned to duty in the southern station where a vacancy exists. He was indicted by the grand jury last year on charges of agreeing to accept a bribe from Thelma Le Roy, keeper of a Washington alley house, and acquitted.

During the McCarthy administration Fanning was ranked as a detective sergeant, while assigned to duty in the mayor's office.

The board granted pensions to the widows of the late policemen Charles Bates and Arthur Springett, who were killed in the discharge of duty.

Electric and Gasoline Motors Begin to Make Inroads Upon His Vocation

Matt Commerford, president of the International Union of Steam Engineers, who was in this city a short time ago, in a letter to the official organ of that association, in which he tells what he saw on his trip through the state, calls attention to the fact that the trade of the steam engineer is slipping from him because of the new methods in which electricity and gasoline motors are the great factors.

San Francisco I came upon a little scene on one of the vacant lots, which carries an important lesson with it to the portable and moving men of our organization. It was on the middle of that lot I discovered a group of old hoisting engines, all in more or less advanced stage of decay. They had been sent to the scrap heap and their places had been taken by either electric motors or gasoline engines. Some of the engines showed plainly that they had been abandoned only a short time before they had met their fate long before. Their day of usefulness had passed; their places had been taken by more modern appliances.

This is something that we can not afford to pass by thoughtlessly. It means that the men in the hoisting department of our work must get busy and make themselves thoroughly familiar with the operation of the electric motor, and especially with the gasoline engine. The latter has a great future before it. It will probably be a leading factor in all hoisting undertakings, especially in the building lines, in the immediate future. The hoisting man will be found with his operation should get wise and find out all about it soon as he possibly can.

A meeting of the members of the Carpenters' Hall association will be held at the headquarters, 124 Fulton street, this evening, for the purpose of discussing the subject of a new location. The present building has been abandoned by the city and the new civic center site. The attendance of all members at tonight's meeting is urged.

It was reported at the meeting of local No. 24 of the Bakers and Confectioners' union last Saturday night, that the differences between the manager of the bakery and the union men and the management of the Swain & Young bakery have been amicably settled and that the plant is now thoroughly unionized.

It was announced that Richard Schwartz, formerly secretary of the local, has been appointed manager of the Baker Union Bakery in San Jose, vice John Breitwieser.

The president was empowered to appoint a committee that shall see that on all occasions the local shall be present to the extent of having only union employees of the culinary craft on jobs where several crafts are at work.

Harry Bolton, ninth vice president of the international body and a member of the executive board, has been in Sacramento for several days settling a difference between bakers and a large concern in that city.

Special Organizer E. H. Misner presided at a meeting of the Flour Mill Workers' union last Saturday night. The meeting was held at 1415, in the Labor temple last Sunday, called together for the purpose of reviving the organization which of late has been dormant. It was decided to open the charter for 30 days to enable those who are eligible to membership, and there are between 500 and 600 who can join, to come in at "ground floor rates."

Local No. 104 of the Sheet Metal Workers' international alliance, on last Saturday night, presented to the local effect that the trade in this city is fast. Six members from other locals were admitted by card and three applications for membership were presented. The local adopted a resolution to fine any member \$1 who fails by next Saturday night to turn in his labor day badge.

Two of the local labor leaders returned from the east on Sunday, where they had been in attendance on international conventions; P. H. McCarthy, who was a delegate to the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners at Washington, D. C., and John I. Nolan, who was a delegate to the International Association of Machinists at Indianapolis.

From the latest reports to the Sailors' union of the Pacific in this city from agents at various branches of the organization it appears that shipping is good at Portland, Ore., San Pedro and Honolulu; fair at San Francisco, Victoria, B. C., Vancouver, B. C., and Eureka; dull at Tacoma and Aberdeen and poor at Seattle and Port Townsend.

The Panama-Pacific International Exposition company has notified the San Francisco Labor council that it will give due consideration to the council's request for a concession to Fire Chief Stanislaus Bakeland in order to exhibit improved fire extinguishing apparatus.

Local No. 66 of the Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers' union will meet tomorrow night to select a committee of five, whose duty it shall be to confer with contractors on the subject of revising the working rules of the organization.

Local No. 184 of the Molders' international union paid to members on the sick list during September benefits aggregating \$325. At the last meeting two candidates were elected and obligated and five new applications were presented.

The Moving Picture Operators' union has made a demand on the managers of moving picture houses for one day's notice to give up their places, and to have an answer to present to the San Francisco Labor council next Friday night.

At the next meeting of local No. 48 of the Waitresses' union the members will vote on a number of amendments to the general constitution that have been submitted on referendum by the international union.

How She Acquired "Feminine Charm" A nicely dressed woman sat beside me in the train. Every one stared at her. I couldn't help doing the same. It was not her beauty of feature that held our eyes, nor her costume. But there was something about her bearing and expression—I liked it—and asked: "Would you mind telling me how you keep your complexion so dazzlingly pure? Don't think me impertinent, but you seem over 30, yet haven't a line in your face, and your cheeks are quite peach-like. How do you do it?"

Laughing, she said: "That's easy; I remove my skin thoroughly every day. I don't use any cosmetics. I use only pure melleo's cream, which is as good as any cosmetic I have ever used. It is so simple, just rub it on at night, like cold cream, washing it off in the morning. This gently absorbs the skin, and keeps it soft and supple without pain or discomfort, thus revealing the fresh, clear, clear under-skin. Every woman has a wonderful complexion underneath her skin. Then, to ward off wrinkles I use a face bath made by dissolving powdered soap in cold water. In one-half pint witch-hazel—a harmless astringent which tones the skin wonderfully. Very simple, isn't it? I thought so. I'm now trying her plan and like it immensely.—Mildred Brown in The Story Teller.

ROYAL Baking Powder Absolutely Pure No Alum No Lime Phosphates

GOSSIP OF RAILWAY MEN It is reported on fairly good authority that the offices of the Union Pacific railroad were deserted a few days ago while the entire force rushed for the headquarters of the local lottery companies. Each railroader wanted the ticket numbered 6,003, and no other. It was discovered that the tickets bearing that number were gone and the attendants stated that they had been purchased by a "dark, handsome man." It was decided by the disappointed seekers after fortune that Henry Avila had been there before them.

Word comes from Texas that the first step in the reorganization of the Atlantic system of the Harriman lines came Tuesday, when W. B. Scott, who recently succeeded Cornwall Fay as president, announced the resignation of Gus Radezki as vice president and general manager of the Sunset Central line. G. S. Wald of El Paso succeeds Radezki and there is a full shifting of division superintendents.

E. L. Lomer, passenger traffic manager of the Western Pacific, and J. G. Lowe, district passenger agent, who have been attending a time card meeting in Denver, are expected back tomorrow.

Next Saturday evening the California Association of Traffic Agents will gather in annual meeting to elect officers and eat.

VIENNA SCIENTIST SAYS LIFE SPARK IS DIVINE Man Never Will Create It, Maintains Avila

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 7.—"Life never will be created artificially." This is the opinion of Prof. Julius Mauthner of the University of Vienna, who is with the party of European delegates to the International Congress of Applied Chemistry, which is touring the country. Prof. Mauthner takes issue with Prof. Edward A. Schafer of the Edinburgh university, the biologist who believes that life is nothing more or less than a chemical action, and that if science could but discover how, and in what proportions to mix the elements together, man could create life.

"Man can never create life, no matter how much some of the scientific experiments might indicate that it might be possible," said Professor Mauthner. "Many may find all the chemical constituents of the human body, but the spark of life comes from a source regarding which science does not know, and from a power higher than man."

BANKRUPTCY PETITIONS FILED IN FEDERAL COURT The following petitions in bankruptcy were filed yesterday in the United States district court: Adam Bergman, a solicitor living at Sacramento, whose liabilities are \$570, with no assets; Leslie L. Stewart, a local confectioner, whose liabilities are \$922, with no assets.

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