

HOSTILITIES DECLARED

Text of a Report Today From Servian Capital.

TURKS ARE UNWILLING

Reports of Atrocities Continue to Reach Outside.

Sofia, Sept. 1.—A local newspaper announced this afternoon that a general insurrection was proclaimed today in districts of Turkey across the southern frontier of Bulgaria.

The rising is headed by the famous Macedonian leaders, Gen. Zonticheff, president of the Macedonian committee, and Col. Jankoff.

The government has imposed the personal or land tax on the entire population of the empire over the age of 18. The tax ranges from 80 cents to \$800 each annually. It is regarded in some quarters in the nature of a provision for war.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Sept. 1.—Both in official and revolutionary circles the opinion is freely held that war between Bulgaria and Turkey is imminent and can be averted by nothing short of a miracle. It is not expected that either government will formally declare hostilities, but that the prevailing conditions will force on a war. There is no question that large numbers of insurgents have recently crossed the frontier. An extensive outbreak in northern Macedonia is possible any day. The Autonomie prints a telegram from Constantinople declaring that the sultan, influenced by the counsels of Germany, now favors a war with Bulgaria.

Turks Are the Optimists.
The Turks here, however, take an optimistic view, asserting that there is no danger of a war, as Turkey does not desire one and Prince Ferdinand and the present Bulgarian government are not in a position to force hostilities.

More Stories of Turkish Brutality.
The Bulgarian agent at Uskub reports that the detachments of Turkish troops sent to garrison the small towns in that vilayet have spread destruction along their route; the villagers have been robbed and beaten, the women violated and the Christian population subjected to every conceivable outrage, while the local authorities appear to be helpless to stop the atrocities.

Gen d'Armes Do Not Interfere.

At the village of Drachevo, six miles from Uskub, the soldiers attacked all the peasants without the gen d'armes interfering on behalf of the latter. The Bulgarian agent specifies similar excesses in many other villages, and the position of the Bulgarian residents is reported to be terrible, as the cruelties committed by the Turkish authorities exceeded all limits.

Consular dispatches from Prishtina, near the Servian frontier, confirm the reports that nearly all the Christian villages in the districts of Dibra, near Monastir, and Gicevo, have been pillaged and burned, and the inhabitants have fled. It is not stated whether Albanians or Bulgarians are the perpetrators. Official reports say 300 insurgents were killed or wounded during the fighting last week at Vilayet, Monastir.

THREE MEN LOSE LIVES IN SEWER

Sudden Flood of Water at Milwaukee Proves Fatal.

Milwaukee, Sept. 1.—Three men were drowned today by being caught by a sudden flood of water while at work in a sewer. Superintendent Schunke, of the city water department, is among the dead.

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS ON IN GOLF TOURNAMENT

Glencove, L. I., Sept. 1.—Preliminary rounds of the play for the amateur golf championship of the United States commenced today on the links of the Nassau country club.

Senator Hanna Much Better.
Cleveland, O., Sept. 1.—Senator Hanna is so much better that he sat up for several hours. He desired to go to his office, but the attending physician advised against it.

APPARENT MURDER DUE TO LOVE AFFAIR

Young Man Found With Skull Crushed at Logansport, Ind.

Logansport, Ind., Sept. 1.—Joseph Uncather, aged 20, was found dead on a pile of ties near his front door with his skull crushed. He was the son of Charles Uncather, Young Uncather and Harry Grace, whose attentions to Myrtle Uncather, a sister of Joseph, had been ordered stopped by her father, met the father and mother. A quarrel followed and Grace threw a stone, striking Charles Uncather, who swore out a warrant for Grace's arrest. Mr. and Mrs. Uncather left the two young men together.

Later, after Grace had been arrested, they returned home and saw young Uncather lying on the ties. They heard him breathing loudly, but did not disturb him. Next morning they found him lying in the same position, dead. Joseph Uncather's father was arrested, charged with provoking on Harry Grace, and will be held pending an investigation of the son's murder.

FORCED TO TELL WHERE MONEY WAS

Ohio Robbers With Much Trouble Secure Small Sum.

Richmond, Ind., Sept. 1.—Charles Crabbe, a bachelor, who lives alone on his farm three miles northeast of Hagerstown, was awakened by three masked men and tortured and robbed. When the robbers awoke Crabbe they demanded the money he had drawn from the bank the day before, supposing it to be \$100. He denied having any money in the house. The robbers threatened to make him take poison if he did not instantly reveal the hiding place of the money.

After again denying that he had any money Crabbe was bound hand and foot, thrown to the floor, his teeth picked open with a knife and a drug poured into his mouth, which he was made to swallow. He became very sick and in his agony revealed where his hoard was to be found. It amounted in all to \$32.

COURT OF ARBITRATION DISCUSSES PROCEDURE

The Hague, Sept. 1.—The first session of the court of arbitration, which is to decide the Venezuelan claims, is occupied with a discussion of procedure.

Dastard Kills a Woman.

Columbus, O., Sept. 1.—Mrs. Jennie Williams, aged 29, was stabbed to death at her home, on the West Side, by William Greene. Jealousy was the motive. Greene thrust the blade of a pocket knife into the woman's neck, severing the jugular vein. He jumped out of a second story window in an effort to escape, and was so badly hurt that he had to be taken to a hospital.

World Is Short on Wheat.

Budapest, Hungary, Sept. 1.—The annual estimate of the world's grain crop issued by the minister of agriculture strikes a balance between the requirements of importing countries and the available exporting surplus of the other states, indicating a deficiency amounting to 12,270,000 metric tons in the world's grain crop. A metric ton is 44.02 pounds.

Going to Teach the Heathen.

North Branch, Mich., Sept. 1.—Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Briggs, a newly married couple, graduates of the Northwestern college, sailed from New York for India today. Briggs to superintend missionary schools in Moradabad and Mrs. Briggs to teach in them.

Missouri Guardians Were Guests.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 1.—Twenty officers of the Missouri National Guard were guests of the officers of the Fifth regiment.

Easter in Russia.

Easter in Russia is the greatest festival of the year. Russian Christmas presents are as nothing compared to those given at Easter. Eggs are of course the principal feature, and not till one has seen the Easter bazaar in the Gostinod Door and the shops on the Nevsky Prospect is it easy to imagine the beauty and daintiness of Easter productions. Fortunes in trinkets, lace and jewels are spent on the contents of the eggs.

A very pretty egg is made of pink veined marble rimmed with gold. Small ivory eggs filled with silver rosy beads make a lovely offering for the devout church woman, and for the practical housewife a little rush basket full of fresh eggs is wonderfully attractive.

Automobile For Sahara Desert.

Tourists in Egypt will soon be able to cross the Sahara desert in a four mile an hour automobile specially constructed for traveling over sandy wastes. The vehicle is to accommodate forty passengers. While the speed seems slow it is greater than that of canal transportation.

COMMON LAW CASE

Man Who Claims To Be the Common Law Husband of a Woman.

WHICH CLAIM IS REPUDIATED

By the Relatives of the Woman in the Case—Some Talk of Insanity—Undesirable Notoriety.

Chicago, Sept. 1.—B. F. Holcomb, of Boston, has come before the public in connection with the claim he makes of being the common-law husband of Mrs. Nellie Hurd-Comstock, daughter of Harvey B. Hurd, of Evanston. Holcomb, who has been charged by Hurd with being insane, published in a Chicago morning paper the following remarkable "personal":

Wedded Under Common Law Forms.

"I, B. F. Holcomb, of Boston, Mass., say to whom it may concern that about a year ago my father-in-law, Harvey B. Hurd, Evanston, Ill., and my brother-in-law, George S. Lord, of the defunct firm of Lord, Owen & Co., Chicago, published in the press of the country, in the teeth of my sworn statement to the contrary, that Mrs. Comstock had repeatedly informed these relatives that we were married, and happily so. A woman can not successfully contend with these men. I beg, therefore, to state that there is no dishonor in two persons of mature years marrying each other under the common law forms in Illinois. In order that the contract may be valid the contracting parties have but to intend matrimony and not an illicit relation. The agreement must be in substance to be husband and wife under the law. A stipulation that the marriage shall be kept secret awhile for certain reasons from the general public does not affect the validity of the contract.

Insists That He Is Her Husband.

"I publicly announce that Mrs. Nellie Hurd-Comstock, now sojourning at her father's house, 1572 Ridge avenue, Evanston, Ill., and I are married. The dishonor, if any, is clearly in these relatives not recognizing the marriage as holy and sacred and as binding as any of strictest form or ceremony. My wife is endowed with a fine mind and a fine character, and for anybody to say that she and I are not husband and wife, under the circumstances of our having lived together more or less openly as such, is not only most absurd, but criminal."

Statement by H. B. Hurd.

The strange case has attracted much attention through the newspapers. Holcomb and Mrs. Comstock were patients at the same time at a sanatorium north of Chicago, and it was after this acquaintance that Holcomb advanced the claim of the marriage agreement. Harvey B. Hurd is an aged lawyer, who has an office at 99 Randolph street. He said: "Mr. Holcomb's greatest complaint has been that I have said and published statements that he is insane and that his marriage with my daughter was not legal. I have not published any statement that Holcomb was insane, but whether I believe him to be so or not, I am another. Neither do I think his marriage with my daughter was legal according to my belief."

Wants the Notoriety Stopped.

"Each time I say anything in regard to this affair Holcomb immediately publishes some statement in refutation, and in that way, we are gaining a great deal of unpleasant notoriety. This notoriety must be stopped at any cost. Therefore, we shall say nothing further in regard to the affair. If Holcomb is crazy it is absurd to publish statements which draw insane answers from him. But whether he is insane or not, I have nothing more to say on the subject."

Y. W. C. A. CAMP AT WILLIAM'S BAY EN FETE

Williams Bay, Wis., Sept. 1.—At the camp of the Young Women's Christian Association the gala day postponed from Saturday took place with much attractiveness and beauty. In lines from either side of the villa filled the various delegations carrying their colors and singing delegation and state songs.

The villa and arched bridge were gaily adorned, and altogether no prettier spectacle has been seen at the camp. It was with regret that the camp bade farewell to Miss Reynolds, the world's secretary, who goes to her home in North Haven, Conn. In October, Miss Reynolds sails for Europe. Miss Hill, of Madras, India, also left for other work.

RUSSIAN STATESMAN

GIVEN IMPORTANT OFFICE

St. Petersburg, Sept. 1.—Witte, the former minister of finance, has been appointed a member of the council of the empire.

Stroness Young Man.

Sergeant, Ky., Sept. 1.—From a barbed outhouse Everett Fleming, 17 years of age, shot and killed Constable Alfred Hall and seriously wounded George Mullins, who were attempting to arrest Fleming, in Dickinson county, Va., just across the state line.

WEAKENSTHE RACE

That is What Science is Doing, According to Well Known Actuaries

WHO ARE MEETING IN NEW YORK

Papers Read to Show That Longevity of Weaklings is a Detriment.

Prolongation of life with a weakening of mankind in general is the anomalous condition resulting from the efforts of the doctors and health societies throughout the civilized world, if the views of actuaries of international repute in session at New York are accepted. At the opening of the fourth international congress of actuaries yesterday papers that were read showed that while the average of longevity was increasing it was the weaklings whose lives were being prolonged and mankind, therefore, was deteriorating in vitality and strength. The statements were based on insurance statistics gathered by the experts in every part of the globe.

Incidentally the speakers scoffed at Secretary of War Root's claim with reference to the healthfulness of Havana as compared with Washington. Secretary Cortelyou, of the department of commerce and labor, was present, representing President Roosevelt, and making his first public address since entering the cabinet.

Three Reasons.

"Improvement in Longevity" was the general subject of discussion. On this subject Charles T. Lewis, lecturer on life insurance at Harvard, Columbia and Cornell universities, said there were three general reasons for the improvement in longevity—the better care that children receive in the present day, the vast improvement in handling epidemics, especially progressive in the last few years, and the vast improvement in medical and surgical science.

"We find," he said, "that the mortality in particular diseases has decreased very greatly in the last 40 years."

"These influences are all alike in this respect, that all represent not an increase in the vitality of the strong, but a diminution of mortality among the weak. The number of weaklings today is, therefore, greater and the result is a degradation of the mass in the average."

YACHTS FAIL TO START TODAY

Breeze So Light Race Was Declared Off in the Morning.

New York, Sept. 1.—At 10:30 both boats arrived at the starting line. At 12:15 there were no prospects for a race, the wind being too light. The race was finally declared off.

SUPPLY ENEMIES WITH ARMAMENT

London Firm Sold Rifles and Ammunition to Mad Mullah.

Aden, Arabia, Sept. 1.—The principal sources for the supply of rifles and ammunition to the Mad Mullah's forces in Somaliland have been traced through a complete identification of trade marks, through agents at Harar and Jibuti, Abyssinia, to a London firm.

RELEASED FROM STATE'S PRISON

Parks, Convicted Walking Delegate, Out on Certificate of Doubt.

Ossining, N. Y., Sept. 1.—Samuel J. Parks, the New York walking delegate convicted of extortion, was released from Sing Sing today on a certificate of reasonable doubt. He was taken to New York by a deputy sheriff.

New York, Sept. 1.—Justice Sewell, of the supreme court, has signed an order granting a certificate of reasonable doubt in the case of Samuel Parks, the walking delegate who is now in Sing Sing on a charge of extortion, pending appeal proceedings, and ordered his release in \$10,000 bail.

DIRECTORS IN DOCK

On Trial for Manslaughter Before a Jury in the State of New Jersey.

CASSATT ONE OF THE DEFENDANTS

Other Prominent Railway Men His Co-Defendants in a Collision Case.

Newark, N. J., Sept. 1.—The seven members of the executive committee of the board of directors of the North Jersey street railway company appeared in the Essex county court for trial on indictment charging them with manslaughter. On Feb. 19 last nine Newark high school students were killed in a collision between a Clifton avenue trolley car and a Lackawanna express train.

Railway Men Are Included.

Indictments were returned against Alexander J. Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania Railway company; John D. Crammins, of New York; Edward F. C. Young, president of the North Jersey Street Railroad company, and of the First National bank of Jersey City; Dr. Leslie D. Ward, vice-president of the Prudential Insurance company; Elisha B. Gaddis, wholesale merchant and director of the Pennsylvania Railroad company; David Young, vice president and general manager of the North Jersey, and J. Roosevelt Shanley—all members of the executive committee of the street railway company.

Cause of the Accident Fixed.

In addition to these men there also appeared as defendants Charles M. Shipman, former general superintendent of the North Jersey; James Smith, Arthur W. Pratt, and Richard Eick, division officials of the company. The indictment of these officials followed a verdict by the coroner's jury, fixing responsibility on the North Jersey Street Railway company. Prosecutor Riker opened for the state, reciting the nature of the accident, the conditions of the tracks and dangers of the crossing. On the morning of the accident, he said, the crossing was covered with snow and ice so that the brakes of the car were clogged.

Prosecutor Asks a Conviction.

In consequence the car slipped down the incline, smashed through the gates, and collided with the train. He said that common prudence demanded clean tracks, empty front platforms, so as not to interfere with the motorman, and a safety derailing switch. These were absent in this case. He then named the defendants individually, and stated that they were aware of the condition of the tracks; that they knew about the crossings, and they had done nothing to avoid the accident. He asked that they be adjudged guilty of the charge in the indictment. The testimony presented by the prosecution tended to prove Riker's statement and his witness was still on the stand at adjournment for the day.

PHILIPPINE VETERANS

MEET NEXT AT ST. LOUIS

St. Paul, Sept. 1.—Today's session of the convention of the Army of the Philippines selected St. Louis as the place of the next meeting.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 1.—Men who wear the scars of battle under their khaki uniforms and service medals on the outside, both of which were won fighting in the Philippine islands for Uncle Sam, gathered here from all parts of the United States as delegates to the fourth annual convention of the Army of the Philippines.

The business sessions of the convention are held in the senate chamber of the state house. The first session was held in the afternoon. It was devoted mainly to organization of committees. At night the members of the association were tendered a reception in the rooms of the Commercial club, where a special entertainment was prepared for them.

Two Boys Capture a Thief.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Sept. 1.—Lee and Bert Frazier, of Emory, aged 16 and 17 years, respectively, captured Chas. Palmer, a chicken thief with a criminal record, at the Sutton farm, kept him prisoner at the point of a revolver all night, and brought him to Ann Arbor in the morning. Palmer was sentenced to sixty days in jail.

His Conscience Killing Him.

Joliet, Ill., Sept. 1.—John Gaines, the aged and wealthy farmer who shot and killed his favorite son in July during a quarrel, is dying of grief. He has been taken from the jail to the hospital and the doctors say he will not live to face the grand jury indictment for murder pending against him.

Rid of the Dyspepsia, All Right.

Pratt, Kan., Sept. 1.—Judge J. C. Ellis, one of the best lawyers in western Kansas, died at his home in this city. He had followed a theory of fasting to cure dyspepsia and had gone thirty-days without food.

Iowa Man Killed in New Mexico.

Albuquerque, N. M., Sept. 1.—E. W. Hostetter, of Cedar Rapids, Ia., was run down and killed by a train at Cedillo, N. M.

ROBBERY WAS PROBABLY FOILED

Two Men Arrested at East St. Louis May Be Chicago Crooks.

East St. Louis, Ill., Sept. 1.—Two hold-up men, supposed to be the thugs who committed murder and robbery at the Chicago City Railway's company's car barn Sunday morning, have been arrested here. At the station house the two men gave their names as Jas. Mason and Edmund Fahey. Mason made a desperate resistance against capture, but was finally knocked senseless. Fahey claims to be an elevator boy from Chicago.

After a thorough search of their clothes baggage checks were found which showed that the pair had left Chicago Sunday morning, arriving in East St. Louis in the evening. Three hundred dollars in money and two large revolvers were taken from the prisoners. By making the double arrest Chief of Police Purdy and his men nipped in the bud what is believed to have been an attempt to blow the safe of the East St. Louis Trust and Savings bank.

A third man jumped from one of the windows of the bank and escaped during the excitement attendant upon the arresting of the men outside, who, Chief Purdy declares, were lookout men, and upon whose persons were found implements useful to the safe-blowing craft.

SECREARY SHAW AT FAIR GROUNDS

Object to Determine When Government Appropriation is Available.

St. Louis, Sept. 1.—Secretary Shaw arrived this morning for the purpose of personally inspecting the progress made in the erection of the building at the World's fair, preparatory to beginning the disbursement of \$5,000,000 appropriated by the government. Accompanied by President Francis the secretary made a tour of inspection of all parts of the grounds, including every building.

LORD ROBERTS WILL NOT VISIT US THIS SEASON

London, Sept. 1.—It is definitely announced that Lord Roberts will not visit the United States this autumn. Alteration of the plans was necessitated by the postponement of the British army maneuvers until the middle of September.

Why Bryan Canceled Dates.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 1.—William J. Bryans' visit was press of business that led to the postponement of his speaking tour in Ohio with Mayor Tom L. Johnson. Three of the dates will be held this week and three will be postponed until October. "The dates were not canceled," said Mr. Bryan. "They were postponed because I was unable to reach Ohio."

No New Trial for Ames.

Minneapolis, Sept. 1.—Judge Elliot, of the Hennepin district court, has denied Dr. Ames' motion for a new trial. Nothing now remains between the former mayor and six years in the penitentiary for bribery except an appeal to the supreme court. The case will be certified and heard at the October term, although this last effort is generally credited to be a vain one.

Dan Patch's Effort Fails.

St. Paul, Sept. 1.—Sixty thousand people saw Dan Patch unsuccessfully attempt to lower his world's record at the state fair grounds. Despite the fact that the great pacer had gone against time on last Friday at Readville, Mass., and had been almost continuously on the cars since, he went a mile in two minutes flat.

Still Another Dastard Murder.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 1.—With one of the bullets left in his revolver, after the murder of his bride, whom he had secretly married a month before, Harry F. Keevil son of a well-known merchant, ended his own life. He left no message of sorrow or explanation. Mrs. Keevil was Annie Schnarr.

Considerate of the Kaiser.

Berlin, Sept. 1.—The autumn parade of the garrisons of Berlin and Potsdam, usually a splendid military spectacle, did not take place. Emperor William, owing to the fact that it began to rain, ordered 30,000 troops who are already in the field, to return to their barracks. A thorough wetting would cost each of the officers \$5 to \$20 in damage done to the gold trimmings of his uniform.

Vets Not Discriminated Against.

Washington, Sept. 1.—Acting Secretary Darling has received a report from Naval Constructor Capps regarding the charges of discrimination against the veterans of the civil war at the New York navy yard. The constructor says that no discrimination against veterans has been in operation, and characterizes the charges as "extraordinary allegations."

SUSPECTS ARRESTED

Turkish Government Acts in the Beirut Case.

FIRST MAKES EXCUSE

Minister Leishman Demands Further Investigation.

Constantinople, Sept. 1.—The porte notified Leishman that five arrests were made at Beirut in connection with the shooting which led to the report that Magelssen, United States vice consul, was assassinated. Turkish officials insist that no attempt was made on the life of the vice consul, and assert the whole story originated in the celebration of a native wedding.

Leishman refuses to accept the explanation without proof, and the investigation continues.

Authority Not Questioned.

Washington, Sept. 1.—Some question has been raised as to whether Cheikh Bey is an actual minister of Turkey, because his credentials have not been presented, and he has not yet been officially received as minister by the president. No point is made by the state department on this account, and Secretary Hay considers Cheikh Bey as the minister of Turkey to the United States. The presenting of the credentials is a mere formality, as the state department is aware that the minister has been duly accredited by his government and has his credentials.

Visits Secretary Hay.

Cheikh Bey called on Secretary Hay and it is supposed asked him to cancel the order sending a United States squadron to a Turkish port. It is said, however, that the ships cannot be communicated with until they arrive in port, so that even if it was intended to recall them it could be done now. A dispatch from Leishman does not request the withdrawal of the United States ships from Turkish waters.

HOLD A LOVE FEAST AT ROCKFORD TODAY

Republicans of Three Districts Vote to Stick Together.

Rockford, Sept. 1.—Several hundred republicans attended the love feast of the Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth congressional districts this afternoon. Every county in the three districts was represented.

Frank O. Lowden was the only prospective candidate for governor on the ground. The other candidates were represented by friends. Resolutions pledging the northern counties to stand together were adopted. A permanent organization was effected.

MARKET OVERSTOCKED:

COLLIERIES ARE CLOSED

Shamokin, Pa., Sept. 1.—In accordance with orders issued last week four collieries of the Union Coal company, employing 5,000 men and boys, closed down for an indefinite period today on account of the overstocked coal market.

Getting Unsafe to "Fire" a Man.

Superior, Wis., Sept. 1.—Howard C. Gilbert, of the Euclid Hotel cafe, was killed by Arthur Sherman, aged 13 years, who had just been discharged by his victim. Gilbert was killed instantly, the first of three bullets fired crashing through his temple. The victim was about 40 years of age and leaves a widow.

Came Home to a House of Death.

Cannelton, Ind., Sept. 1.—During the absence of Mrs. Jacob Davis of Derby, her three boys went bathing in the Ohio river, and the two younger were drowned, while the eldest was rescued with difficulty by a farmer who heard their cries. The bodies of the drowned boys were recovered.

Millennium Due Next Year.

Everett, Mass., Sept. 1.—A strange new religious sect, known as the "Flying Roller," has made its appearance in this city. Under a blue and white sign above the door of its headquarters appears a warning "Extract from the Flying Roll," announcing the millennium next year.