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TAFT RELIES ON COMMON SENSE OF PEOPLE

President States the Issue as Prosperity and Progress on One Hand and "Leap in the Dark" on the Other.

PREDICTS SURPRISE FOR DEMOCRATS NOVEMBER 6

Holds Tariff Tinkering Directly Responsible for Four Years of Depression Under Grover Cleveland.

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald]

Washington, Oct. 28.—President Taft made public a statement in which he declared that the four years of depression which followed the second election of President Cleveland were due to the promise of tariff reform and the Democratic changes in the tariff that followed. The president said that the issue before the voters is clear. "On the one hand prosperity and real progress; on the other, a leap in the dark."

"The American people, he confided, have more than once surprised those who thought the people were being successfully fooled, and I believe that a similar surprise awaits our opponents on the coming fifth of November."

The statement in part follows:

"In view of erroneous statements regarding the causes of the four years of depression which followed the second election of President Cleveland it may be well to recall the facts. In his formal letter of acceptance, September 26, 1892, Mr. Cleveland emphasized the need of 'tariff reform' and made it the leading issue between the parties. 'Tariff reform is still our purpose,' he said.

"The somewhat pacific argument has been advanced that these deplorable conditions could not have been due to impending tariff reform, because they arose nearly two years before the enactment of the Wilson tariff bill. It should be unnecessary to say that when there are signs of a cyclone the rational man does not wait for the storm to hit his house before getting into the cyclone cellar. The Wilson bill was in sight above the horizon on the morning after the November election of 1892 and capital and industry began their start for the cellar just as, I fear, they will take to shelter again, should the Baltimore platform of 'a tariff for revenue only' be approved by the American people November 6.

"Mr. Cleveland was undoubtedly sincere in his belief that 'the alarming and extraordinary situation,' as he called it in his special message of August 8, 1893, was due to the Sherman silver purchase act, but the fact remains that after the act had been repealed, November 1, 1893, the business situation became more and more alarming, and American energy and enterprise were prostrate throughout Mr. Cleveland's term, being vivified again with the election of McKinley and the consequent assurance that the 'tariff reform' experiment would soon give way to protection.

"The growth of our foreign trade during three fiscal years of my administration has been set forth by Secretary Knox in a statement which ought to be read by every American who intends to cast his ballot in the coming election. Mr. Knox pointed out that during the three years there has been a gain of $241,311,095 in our foreign trade, the total value of exports for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1912 being $2,204,322,194, the trade balances for 1912 in favor of the United States being $653,957,475. Under the minimum tariff clause of the Payne tariff law, practically the entire world has received 'most favored national treatment.' American exports to Germany have increased $57,000,000. During the same period our trade with practically all Europe has increased in exports $200,000,000 and our exports to Canada have grown from $215,990,021 in 1910 to $329,257,302 in 1912.

"As Secretary Knox says, the foreign market is a vital consideration in our industrial life and wherever we may look we find American products forcing their way into the great markets of the world. To quote from a leading newspaper 'the figures are almost bewildering. They tell the story of prosperity which should not be disturbed.'

"Then why disturb it? I would not suspect the Democratic candidates for the white house and for the capitol of such falsity to their pledges that they do not intend to disturb it.

"Their speech is very much like that which heralded the election of Mr. Cleveland and they may be presumed, in justice to themselves to be as sincere in their purpose as he was. Therefore they do intend to disturb the prosperous business we are now enjoying at home and also foreign countries, for our foreign trade is based largely on provisions of the Payne tariff law which the Democratic party condemns and proposes to repeal."

Cigarettes Cause Death.

Pueblo, Colo., Oct. 28.—John F. Doyle was found dead in his bed about midnight last night by his wife. Excessive cigarette smoking caused heart trouble, which was the cause of death. Doyle worked until six o'clock when he returned home and lay down on the bed. His wife was away and found the body on her return. He had been dead for several hours.

STATISTICS PROVE AMERICAN PEOPLE DRINK AND SMOKE MORE THAN EVER

Nation Consumed Over Thirty-Three Million Gallons of Whiskey During Past Three Months.

NEARLY TWO BILLIONS OF CIGARS USED UP

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald]

Washington, Oct. 28.—The American people are drinking more whiskey and beer and smoking more cigars and cigarettes than ever before in history, according to tax returns received by Royal E. Cabell, commissioner of internal revenue. From July 1st, to October 1st, 1912, more than 2,800,000,000 cigarettes were smoked, an increase of one billion over the corresponding period of the previous year which broke all records.

The nation consumed 33,136,000 gallons of whiskey during July, August and September, an increase of 1,136,000 gallons as compared with that quarter of 1911, while nearly 1,800,000,000 cigars were smoked during that time. The cigar consumption promises to establish a new record.

A total of 19,800,000 barrels of beer were consumed during the three months, which was 528,000 barrels more than in the same period of 1911. This somewhat surprising revenue effects a beer drinking decline considerably during the fiscal year ending June 30, last. That decrease was partly accounted for by the commissioner called by the increased popularity of buttermilk as a common drink.

BECKER HOPELESS OF SUCCESSFUL APPEAL FROM VERDICT

Convicted Murderer Deplores Failure to Take Stand and Testify in His Own Behalf Before Justice Goff.

REITERATES PLEA OF INNOCENCE OF CRIME

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald]

New York, Oct. 28.—"I am no longer optimistic that my lawyers will get me a new trial. I might say I am hopeless of a successful appeal." With these words former Police Lieutenant Charles Becker in his cell today again lamented the fact that he failed to take the stand at the trial at which he was condemned to the electric chair for the murder of Herman Rosenthal. He repeated his statement that he had no connection with the murder and charged that the informers, Rose, Vallon and Webber, not only engineered the crime but had planned to murder another gambler. The plot had miscarried, he added.

FRANKLIN CAR IS WINNER OF RACE ACROSS DESERT

Cadillac Second in 511 Mile Drive From Los Angeles to Phoenix; Time 16 Hours and 37 Minutes.

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald]

Phoenix, Ariz., Oct. 28.—The Franklin car driven by Ralph Hamlin won the fifth annual Los Angeles-to-Phoenix automobile race of 511 miles, finishing with a circuit around the state fair grounds race track at 2:05 this afternoon.

The Cadillac, Soules driving, arrived second, and the National, with Waller at the wheel, third. The Franklin's running time for the 511 miles from Los Angeles was 16 hours, 37 minutes. Last year the time for a 524-mile course was 20 hours, 23 minutes.

The Franklin, Ralph Hamlin, was reported far in the lead of the Los Angeles-Phoenix racers at Agua Caliente, ninety-one miles from Phoenix, shortly after 11 o'clock. Bramlette, in Cadillac No. 7, had passed the Simplex before reaching that point.

FRANKLIN LEADS PROCESSION AT YUMA

Yuma, Ariz., Oct. 28.—The Franklin car, driven by Ralph Hamlin, which made the fastest time to Yuma in the Los Angeles to Phoenix race, left for Phoenix at 5:35 this morning. The Cadillac No. 3, driven by Charles Soules, left at 5:40 and the Simplex, driven by Faulkner, third, at 5:45. Shortly after leaving Yuma the Cadillac broke a spring and was delayed for an hour.

YOUNG HUSBAND ON RAMPAGE SLAYS WIFE'S FAMILY HANGS SELF

Suicide follows Triple Tragedy on Wisconsin Farm; Four Year-Old Boy Only Living Witness of Killing.

DOMESTIC DIFFERENCES RESPONSIBLE FOR DEED

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald]

Sheboygan, Wis., Oct. 28.—Alvin Roehr, 33, a young farmer of Plymouth, yesterday shot and killed his father-in-law, Philip J. Ott, Mrs. Ott and Mrs. Ott's father, Fred Haut, 80, when he was refused permission to see his wife, with whom he had not been living.

Mrs. Roehr and her baby escaped by hiding for three hours.

Roehr's body was found today hanging to a tree in the woods about a quarter of a mile from the scene of the tragedy.

When Roehr, who lived not across the road, went to Ott's home and demanded to see his wife, the grandfather answered the door but refused the young man admittance. Roehr went home, returned with a shotgun and killed Haut. As Ott and his wife came out of the door Roehr shot them also, both shots entering the breast and killing them.

The young husband then entered the house in search of his wife but she heard the shots and had taken her baby and hidden in a cupboard, where she remained until Roehr left.

The only eye witness to the triple shooting was the 4-year old adopted son of Ott, who was at the milk shed. Thinking the entire family had been killed, he went upstairs and hid in bed, where he was found by a physician.

Roehr's father committed suicide about two years ago. Ott was a well known stock raiser.

NEWSPAPER LAW ARGUMENT ADVANCED

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald]

Washington, Oct. 28.—The supreme court today advanced to December 2 for argument in the cases involving the constitutionality of the newspaper section of the postal appropriation bill.

350 Speakers in New York.

New York, Oct. 28.—The Democratic national committee announces that 350 speakers will be put on the stump in New York state this week. Each of the three leading parties is to have a demonstration at Madison Square Garden during the week, the Progressives Wednesday, the Democrats Thursday and the Republicans Friday.

FAMILY FIGHT FOR GRANDCHILD OF J. ROSS CLARK

Court Ordered to Review Decision by Which Custody of Fatherless Youngster Was Awarded to Mother.

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald]

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 28.—The appellate court entered an order this afternoon instructing Judge Clark, sitting for Judge J. C. Rives, to review his own decision, by which Mrs. Virginia A. Powell Clark-Tanner on Saturday was granted a restricted custody of her baby son.

Mrs. Tanner took forcible possession last night of her infant son, J. Ross Clark II, whose legal custody had been granted her yesterday by Judge Robert Clark, but whose actual custody was denied by the grandfather, J. Ross Clark, vice president of the Salt Lake railroad.

A dramatic scene was enacted at the Clark home when the young mother appeared accompanied by two attorneys and two deputy sheriffs and armed with a hastily drafted order by Judge Finlayson giving her immediate possession of the child.

Several times during the day Mrs. Tanner had gone to the Clark home and demanded the child in accordance with yesterday's court order and each time was refused. Mr. and Mrs. Clark and their attorneys contended that the court order had given technical custody of the child to Miss Margaret Heffron, the nurse, and that as Miss Heffron had become suddenly ill and could not be removed without endangering her life, the child would have to remain there.

Mrs. Tanner and her attorneys then searched the city for Judge Clark. That jurist had returned to Ventura and Judge Finlayson was appealed to. He immediately gave an order to Sheriff Hammell to secure the boy and deliver him to Mrs. Tanner.

Admittance to the Clark home was denied the party until the order was shown and a locked door to the nursery barred the way after they had entered the house. The officers demanded that the door be opened or they would break it down, and when it swung open Mrs. Tanner rushed in, and grabbed the sleeping child from its cradle. Despite the protests of the grandparents and their attorneys, the Tanner party departed with the child, and the nurse, who was said to have been threatened with appendicitis, dressed herself and accompanied them.

GOVERNOR WILSON CONFIDENT OF DEMOCRATIC SUCCESS

Candidate Declares Only Violators of Law Need Fear Trouble When He Enters White House.

CRITICISES LETTER OF VICE PRESIDENT

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald]

Westchester, Pa., Oct. 28.—"In the face of certain Democratic victory the prosperity of the country is going on uninterruptedly," said Governor Wilson in his first campaign speech since he broke off his speaking campaign a week ago. "Pennsylvania expects, New Jersey expects, the whole country expects the Democratic ticket to win," he continued. "There is not a business man in the country who has a fear of interruption of his business unless he is breaking the laws of the land and the laws of honor. I hope these men are afraid and that their fears would be justified." Crowds welcomed him on his way from Philadelphia to Westchester. He spoke twice here at a Democratic rally in the theater and at an overflow meeting outside.

The governor declared that the "old threats, ancient shibboleths and worn-out cries about parties are not being seriously regarded by the thinking people of the country."

In the second speech Governor Wilson made here he said:

"Did you see that remarkable letter issued by the vice president of the United States the other day in which he said men who did not have bank accounts were not interested in banks; that men that did not conduct great enterprises were not interested in the commerce of the country?

"Can you conceive of a point of view like that? If I have not money enough to deposit in bank, I have to scrape along by the skin of my teeth to pay my way by my daily wages. Then, if you please, I am not interested, according to that view, in what is done with the money of the country and what the banks do is then none of my business.

"The long and short of that doctrine is that we who are servants have no right to look into the affairs of our masters. I am very much interested in who is my master. I believe the great mass of people are more interested in banks than bankers, and that the great body of working people in this country are more interested in its industrial enterprises than those who control them."

TROUBLE EXPECTED IN CUBA ELECTION DAY

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald]

Washington, Oct. 28.—Officials here welcome the announcement from Havana that the leaders of the two political factions undertaken to abandon their respective mass meetings which has already resulted in several serious collisions. But the impression prevails here that the danger of an outbreak on a large scale has merely been averted and that unless there is a decided change in the attitude of the leaders the real trouble may be expected after election day, next Friday.

CLAPP AND JOHNSON FILL ROOSEVELT DATES

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald]

New York, Oct. 28.—State Chairman Hotchkiss of the Progressive party announced today that the trip through New York state originally planned for Colonel Roosevelt this week would be divided between Senator Clapp and Governor Johnson of California.

$25,000 Emerald Lost.

New York, Oct. 28.—A 25,000 emerald gem given to Ulysses S. Grant by the emperor of Russia and inherited by the general's daughter, Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris, has been lost beyond recovery, it is feared. Although the gem disappeared six months ago it was accidentally dropped into a sewer vent of a fifth avenue hotel room, the fact of the loss became known publicly only tonight when it was learned that a search for the gem, which has been going on ever since, practically had been given up.

Attend the Good Roads Meeting Tonight

Colonel Ralph E. Twitchell of Las Vegas, president of the New Mexico Good Roads association will be the principal speaker this evening at 8:30 o'clock at a grand rally of good roads boosters at the Commercial club. Colonel Twitchell is one of the best public speakers in the west. He will talk about the proposed $500,000 good roads bond issue to be voted on November 5th. In addition he will present a practical plan for some immediate and badly needed road improvements which should be heard by every man interested in good roads.

This is not, as rumored, a meeting to take a subscription. It is a mass meeting of all progressive citizens who want better roads. Be there.

"Good Roads as a Business Proposition," will be Colonel Twitchell's subject.

ALARMING REPORTS FROM BEDSIDE OF VICE PRESIDENT SHERMAN

Republican Candidate Suffers from Sinking Spells and Physicians Find Cause for Apprehension.

CONDITION FORBIDS WORK IN CAMPAIGN

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald]

Utica, N. Y., Oct. 28.—It was reported from the residence of Vice President Sherman this afternoon that his condition remains such as to cause grave apprehension and that he does not respond as readily as he formerly to the remedies that are being given him.

Alarming rumors regarding the condition of Vice President Sherman influenced his physician, Dr. F. Peck, to issue the following bulletin today:

"Vice President Sherman is a very ill man, although the reports in circulation during the night were greatly exaggerated. Mr. Sherman was sitting up yesterday and he walked about the house from room to room. His condition is bad, it is true, but I do not apprehend any immediate crisis."

Close friends of Mr. Sherman admit that his condition is very serious and that he has had sinking spells at times during the summer. It was stated today that he was slightly improved, but Dr. Peck, nevertheless, was in frequent telephone conversation with Dr. Theo. C. Janeway of New York.

The vice president realizes the precarious nature of his illness and some time ago agreed not to undertake any campaign work or other duties that would tax his strength.

So far as has been made public, Mr. Sherman is suffering from nervous breakdown.

ROOSEVELT WOUND HEALS SLOWLY WILL SPEAK WEDNESDAY

Despite Weakness Colonel Persists in Fulfilling Engagement to Close Campaign at Madison Square Garden.

WILL MAKE TRIP IN SPECIAL CAR

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald]

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Oct. 28.—Col. Roosevelt was stronger today but his wound was still open and he was not gaining strength as rapidly as his physicians had hoped he would. He was so early in the second time since his return and took a short walk, but was obliged to move about slowly. His right side is still sore from his wound and the muscles there are badly bruised. The colonel went to the stable and saw Jimbo, his favorite riding horse, the first time since he was shot.

Colonel Roosevelt was anxious to ride in the open air in his automobile to New York on Wednesday, but his physicians feared that the jolting of the car would be unfavorable to his condition and he will go by train. A special car has been engaged for the trip. Colonel Roosevelt will remain in New York just long enough to make his speech, returning to his car directly afterward for the trip home.

STENOGRAPHER TELLS OF DYNAMITE CONSPIRACY

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald]

Indianapolis, Oct. 28.—Conferences between Ortie E. McManigal, the confessed dynamiter and Frank M. Ryan, president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, were described by E. E. Cook, a stenographer, at the "dynamite conspiracy" trial today.

The defense had mentioned that Ryan never had talked to McManigal and that the entire responsibility for causing explosions rested on J. J. McNamara.

Cook testified that after the Los Angeles Times building was blown up J. J. McNamara locked himself in his office and devoted himself to reading newspapers. Later, the witness said, McNamara disguised himself and started to meet J. B. McNamara, his brother, in a town in Nebraska, where J. B. was to go on his way back from Los Angeles and after hiding for two weeks in Salt Lake City.

The witness also said Ryan had knowledge of the $1,000 monthly given to McNamara to pay his expenses.

Cook also identified a telegram sent by McNamara to Harry W. Legleitner at Pittsburgh, saying:

"Come on. I will be at headquarters Monday and Tuesday."

In response, the witness said, Legleitner, a member of the union executive board who now lives at Denver, appeared with a suit case which has been identified as having been made to carry a twelve-quart can of nitro-glycerin.

CIVIL AUTHORITIES HAMPER MILITARY OFFICERS ON BORDER

Release of Mexican Prisoners on Habeas Corpus Proceedings Tries Patience of Army Men.

RUMOR OF MARTIAL LAW DENIED FROM CAPITAL

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald]

Washington, Oct. 28.—Officials here today denied that there was any purpose on the part of President Taft to declare martial law over any part of Texas as an incident to the confinement of the revolution in Mexico.

It has, however, been found necessary to enlarge the police powers of the regular army patrolling the borders. This applies not only to the mere arrest of armed rebels crossing the line to escape pursuit, but also to their detention. Serious embarrassment to the officers charged with the execution of the neutrality laws has followed the discharge by state judicial officers under habeas corpus proceedings of fugitives held by the army and requests of the department of justice and this difficulty is to be met by handing these refugees as military prisoners beyond the reach of state officers.

The officers of Orozco's staff captured in Texas and held by soldiers were released under writs of habeas corpus, although their re-arrest was ordered from Washington as soon as news of the action reached here.

Major Astorie and Colonel De La Fuente are the only ones who can be found, and they will be held under section fourteen of the neutrality act passed at the session of congress under "Detention" rather than "Internment" which might be regarded as a recognition of the belligerency of the rebels. There will be close co-operation hereafter between the United States deputy marshal and secret service men and the regular army in making arrests, which is expected to result in a more wholesome regard for the neutrality law.

ILLNESS OF JUROR HALTS MURDER TRIAL

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald]

Salem, Mass., Oct. 28.—Because of continued illness of Juror John N. Carter, the trial of J. J. Ettor, Arturo Giovannitti and Joseph Caruso for the alleged murder of Anna Lopizzo was postponed today until Wednesday.

Carter, who was taken ill with grip Friday night, was reported to be improved but his physician advised that he remain in his room for two days more at least.

NORTHERN COUNTIES WILL GO SOLIDLY REPUBLICAN

Campaign Managers Assured of Overwhelming Majorities for Taft and Jaffa from Santa Fe to Union.

[Special Dispatch to Evening Herald]

East Las Vegas, Oct. 28.—Campaigners returning here from adjoining counties bring assurance of overwhelming majorities for the Republican ticket in all of the northern counties of the state. Chairman H. W. Clark, who left here yesterday evening for headquarters at Santa Fe expressed entire confidence before leaving that every county in northern New Mexico would give substantial majorities for Taft and Jaffa.

Colfax county, where there has been some defection from the Republican ranks has been thoroughly campaigned and there is no longer any doubt that the county will go for the Republican ticket. Union county has been out of the doubtful column for some weeks and Mora county, where the Progressives have made a vigorous campaign shows from a thorough canvass that it is solidly Republican. Both Taos and Rio Arriba counties are going to roll up the best Republican vote in recent years and Santa Fe county is conceded by the Democrats. The majority in San Miguel county, according to local campaign managers, is going to be the largest for many years. The voters especially in the county precincts want no change in present conditions and are going to vote solidly for President Taft.

The outlook for Republican success has never been brighter in northern New Mexico a week before election and with the substantial gains being made by Mr. Jaffa in the Democratic strongholds, the election of the Republican ticket is assured. It is reported here today that one of the strongest of the Democratic leaders has conceded the election of Jaffa while admitting that the result upon the presidential electors is doubtful.

36 Young Women Hear Call.

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 28.—Thirty-six young women from various parts of the United States assembled on the platform of the First Methodist Episcopal church here yesterday and accepted the call to foreign mission fields to which they will be sent by the Women's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church. Seventeen will go to China; twelve to India, three to Japan and one each to Burma, Malaysia, the Philippine Islands, Mexico and South America.

TURKS FLEE IN PANIC BEFORE ALLIES

In Haste to Escape Triumphant Serbs at Uskub Vanquished Ottoman Soldiers Trample Each Other to Death.

FALL OF ADRIANOPLE CONFIDENTLY PREDICTED

Initial Defeat of Sultan's Army Caused by Lack of Leadership; Soldiers Shot Down by Own Comrades.

[By Leased Wire to Evening Herald]

London, Oct. 28.—In one of the greatest strokes of their campaign, the Bulgarians have cut the railroad between Constantinople and Adrianople and have thus isolated the latter city. That was indicated today in a special despatch from Sofia, which declares the invaders had seized a Turkish military train on the railroad.

In addition to the capture of the town of Eski-Baba, by the Bulgarian troops, they have been pushing forward, according to the latest reports, from the eastern side in the hope of entirely destroying the Turkish army defeated at Kirk-Kilisseh.

At the same time the invaders are carrying out a wide, sweeping movement, reaching almost to the shores of the Black Sea, and still other columns are completing the circle around Adrianople.

Bulgarians assert the fate of Adrianople is practically sealed. Despite the perils of the situation, however, the Turks have not lost hope of retrieving themselves. According to a despatch from Constantinople sufficient Turkish reinforcements have now reached the front to enable the Turkish commander-in-chief to assume the offensive.

It is stated that three Turkish columns are moving toward the north and that these columns are to be supported by other Turkish troops being taken by water to the Turkish ports on the Black Sea. Whether they will be in time to do any good is problematical.

Meanwhile military circles are sounding the praise of the Servian army's achievements. The Servians, from whom Europe did not expect much, are now in possession of virtually the whole of old Servia and in conjunction with the Montenegrins hold the best part of the district of Novipazar.

The Servian columns have obtained possession of the Turkish railroad from Mitrovitza, its northern terminus, down to Uskup and they are following the defeated Turkish army to Veles, farther to the south.

The Bulgarian column cooperating with the Servian army in the western part of the peninsula has occupied Islip and threatens to cut off the retreat of the Turks to the south.

The Greek army, too, is making steady headway. Its capture of Pentepigedia is considered of the utmost importance, for with Pentepigedia in Greek hands the whole country to the north is easily accessible to the advance of the Greek army and the way is also left open to Janina, the Turkish base in the far western region.

The Greek plan, is clearly, to effect a junction of all the Greek armies and then march on Salonikl.

The Montenegrins, hampered by rain and the stubborn resistance of the Turks, are still hammering away at Tarakosch and Scutari.

The Greeks, who have been left out of some calculations in regard to the future, now put forward a claim that the portion of Turkey in which the Greek crown prince's army is operating must fall to them.

In a semi-official statement the Greeks point out that the country mentioned and that to the north has a purely Greek population who naturally expect that under no circumstances shall they be placed under anything but Hellenic rule.

The first uncensored accounts at Kirk-Killisch have reached London from Constantinople by the way of Kustendje Rumania.

It appears that on the night of October 21st, a Turkish force under the command of Mahmoud Mukhtar Pasha and Prince Aziz Pasha went out with the intention of making a surprise on the Bulgarian army converging upon Kirk-Kilisseh. The night was extremely stormy, violent squalls of wind and rain followed by a steady downpour beating upon the troops and drenching them to the skin even before they started.

The column was divided, the separate parts advancing along in parallel formation. At dawn a Turkish advance guard came into contact with the Bulgarians and a severe engagement ensued.

The Bulgarians were discovered to be in overwhelming strength and not merely a light vanguard, as had been expected.

Owing to the darkness, or possibly to some error in the route followed or to some confusion of instructions, one of the Turkish columns mistook another body of Turkish troops for Bulgarians and delivered a violent attack, causing heavy losses.

The Turks were soon compelled to give way before the Bulgarian advance and shortly afterward the Turkish cavalry, in attempting a charge was severely punished.

The Bulgarian fire upon the retreating cavalry and the galloping of