

# EYEWITNESSES OF TELL OF BATTLE

### Dead and Dying From Cholera Piled In Ghastly Heaps.

THE horrors of war, in wholesale slaughter and grewsome plague, have probably never been as effectively told in hurriedly written dispatches as those received from the correspondents at Tchatalja. At Hademkeul, where the remnants of the defeated Turkish army finally rallied and the place fixed for the first peace negotiations, the scourge was shown in its most appalling form. A correspondent describes it as the valley of the shadow of death—an inferno of torture and death more aptly comprehends it.

Ashmead Bartlett, with the Ottoman army, tells of the lack of medical arrangements and how men were thrown from their fellows to die unattended and hastily buried by being barely covered by the earth.

"These ghastly mounds," he declares, "litter the whole country; there is no escaping them. But these horrid scenes in the villages pale into insignificance when compared with the horrors of Hademkeul. These men, who lived for ten days on green corn or scraps of offal picked up on the march, yield the greatest number of victims. I never actually entered the village of Hademkeul, because the sights outside caused me to turn my horse in the opposite direction. The valley in which Hademkeul lies, viewed from the hills, is the valley of the shadow of death.

"Every road over which the troops move is marked with a trail of dead and dying. It is impossible to succor or save any of them. Once a soldier is seized with the disease his comrades shun him, as they fear infection. No prayers or pleadings will move the living to raise a helping hand."

The correspondent, looking toward Hademkeul from a hill, saw a large square formed on one side by the barracks, on two others by a line of hospital tents and on the fourth by a high road. The square was covered with corpses and writhing bodies lying in all attitudes. Some were prone, some sitting, some kneeling, some constantly shifting and some with their hands clasped as if in supplication.

### Plague Dead In Heaps.

In some parts the dead were piled in heaps. In others those still living were almost as closely packed. This lake of misery was constantly fed by stretcher bearers bringing fresh victims from the camps and forts and by others who crawled in of their own accord, seeming to prefer to end their days in the company of their fellow men or expecting to find succor or release from their torments.

All the tracks leading to this in-promptu morgue were dotted with the bodies of those who had died on the way. From time to time empty bullock wagons passed through. The bodies of the dead would be thrown into them, carted out of the village and thrown into great pits, where thousands are already sleeping.

The beginning of the two days' assault on the Tchatalja defenses which resulted in the repulse of the Bulgarians is told graphically by a correspondent who personally witnessed part of the terrific engagement.

"At 7 o'clock in the morning the sudden booming of guns came from the southwest. According to what I was told by Turkish soldiers, this sudden start of the battle was the chief Bulgarian attempt to rush the Turkish positions commanding the lake of Biyuk Chekmeji. In the half light of the dawn the Bulgarian infantry had already crept up within a close distance of the Turkish lines.

"It is said that when the Turkish cruiser lying in Biyuk Chekmeji bay saw them it immediately opened fire with its big guns. The Turkish land batteries joined in, and the Bulgarian advance was driven back."

From the crest of the ridge of hills commanding a broad valley the correspondent was able to watch the Bulgarian

# HORRORS OF WAR AND SWIFT PLAGUE

### First Terrific Attack on the Line of Tchatalja Defenses.

rian and Turkish artillery pounding each other. He says: "It was the ridge just across the railway, where the line goes southwest before turning to the north up the valley to Tchatalja. Along this ridge stands the rearmost line of forts, and from it one looked across a deep, broad valley to a village, which I identified on the map as Izedin.

### Spectacular Shell Fire.

"The Bulgarian batteries were flashing along a line stretching from this village to Tchatalja, which was itself hidden from sight by a piece of rising ground on my left front, which was occupied by two Turkish batteries.

"On these the Bulgarian shells were bursting freely without, however, doing much damage to either the guns or the infantry lying in the shelter of a dip in the ground.

"To the right of a disused redoubt, the parapet of which I made my post of observation, was a Turkish fort shelling the village of Izedin. A battery close by was doing the same along the front.

"Between these points lay a long line of Turkish trenches full of infantry, among whom the shell fire was evidently doing damage, for supports in a widely extended line were going slowly to them, sought out themselves now and then by those sudden death dealing clouds of compact white smoke that flung the black earth in showers into the air.

"Farther away on the right were two more Turkish forts, from which still more shells went petulantly screaming across the land toward where tiny flashes in the blue haze of the valley marked the Bulgarian batteries at work.

"It was difficult to estimate the range, but I noticed that many Turkish shells fell short, while some of the Bulgarian shells were bursting 300 yards behind the batteries in front of me.

### Charging the Turkish Trenches.

"About 3 o'clock in the afternoon the Bulgarians sent forward infantry from Tchatalja against the Turkish trenches lying along the opposite ridge. For a quarter of an hour a heavy rifle fire took place at this point and then slackened.

"As the Bulgarians withdrew shortly afterward a dense column of cream colored smoke sprang up in the village of Izedin. Evidently the Turkish shells had set it on fire.

"All this time heavy firing was going on along the valley that stretched away to the left and round in a crescent shape toward Lake Biyuk Chekmeje. There the Turkish cruiser Hamidiyeh was engaged all day, covering with her fire the narrow neck of land that separates the lake from the sea.

### Firing Resumed at Dawn.

"We got up before sunrise and returned to see the battle start again. Again it began as soon as it was light, but only along the valley between Tchatalja and Lake Biyuk Chekmeji. The forts on our right, which were yesterday so active, were now silent, one battery coming away from that part of the line as we watched.

"That Bulgarian fire against that section of the front had ceased, however, was shown by the impunity with which a bullock wagon and train of ammunition was crossing the ground where yesterday shells were bursting.

"I heard several stories from soldiers of the incidents of Sunday's battle, which I cannot guarantee. One was to the effect that the presence of a regiment of 500 Bulgarian cavalrymen was detected near the village of Biyuk Chekmeji by the fact that two of their scouts entered the village and obtained food from a Greek priest.

"Another said the attempt to blow up the railway bridge near San Stefano by two Bulgarian spies was noticed by a child, who told the Turkish patrol."

## TAFT TO FILL ALL VACANCIES

List Includes Industrial Commission and Dr. Wiley's Place. President Taft announced that when the senate convenes he will send in for confirmation a list of appointees for all federal vacancies.

This list will include the nine members of the newly created industrial commission, a pure food commissioner to succeed Dr. Harvey W. Wiley and many vacancies in the postal and United States marshal service. As the present senate is Republican the president believes all will be confirmed.

Dr. R. B. Doolittle, acting pure food commissioner, it is understood, will be suggested by the president for permanent appointment.

### Germany's Big Apple Crop.

Wholesale dealers in Germany say that on account of good home crops the imports of American apples will not be great this year.

## PARK WHERE ARMY CROSSED.

George Washington's Trip Over the Delaware Commemorated.

The spot where General George Washington and his Continental army crossed the Delaware river on the night before the battle of Trenton will be perpetuated as a public park. The Washington's crossing state commission was appointed to negotiate for its purchase, and William L. Doyle, one of the commissioners, announced that the price had been agreed upon and soon the 100 acres comprising the tract will be bought for \$19,000.

The property is the Blackwell farm at Washington's Crossing, on the Jersey side of the Delaware river. It was there that Washington and his army crossed the river.

### Russian Forest Revenues.

Last year the Russian forest revenues exceeded \$42,525,000.

# VINCENT ASTOR "BUSINESS MAN"

### His \$100,000,000 Inheritance Forces Him to Leave Harvard.

### HOUSE'S YOUNGEST HEAD.

Wealthiest Young Man in the World Was a Frail Baby Whose Life Was Saved by Unremitting Care—As a Lad His Life Was Twice Saved by Surgical Operations.

William Vincent Astor, who on his majority, Nov. 15, inherited about \$100,000,000 and became the American head of the house of Astor, has had his college career terminated by the assumption of the responsibilities of such vast wealth. He is "going into business" with a fortune, having which 999 men out of a thousand would be well content to quit it.

The tragedy of the Titanic, which left him fatherless, and once foreshadowed his leaving Harvard, though the young man at the time expressed his intention of completing the course. No Astor ever succeeded to the headship at his age. His father was twenty-eight before he succeeded, and his grandfather was sixty. His great-grandfather, John Jacob 3d, was fifty-three, and his father, William Backhouse 1st, was fifty-six.

No such rugged physical figure as that which has just passed has entered upon this tremendous responsibility. Vincent Astor normally looks more boyish than he is. He has his



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father's height, but not his weight by forty pounds. He has not his breadth of shoulders by three inches, and the father's doggedness shows only in the son's chin. For the past three years father and son were almost inseparable companions.

Life Saved by Unremitting Care. Vincent Astor was christened William Vincent. He was born in the old homestead at New York five months before his grandfather died and his father became head of the house. He was so frail a baby that only unremitting care kept him alive. He lived the loneliest of little boyhoods because of this, and when other children romped in the open air he sat over a toy piano in a nursery to which no playmates ever came. Servants saved him every exertion. Nurses were always with him. Physicians awaited calls to him that had precedence over all others.

When Vincent Astor was twelve Dr. William T. Bull saved him from death by appendicitis. In less than a year he was saved from death by another surgical operation, this time for a growth in the throat following an attack of mumps. He was taken every year then to St. Moritz or the Riviera because of bronchial trouble, and his education was being directed by a tutor who lived with him in a house taken for his exclusive use at Tuxedo.

Six years of this unceasing attention brought Vincent Astor to a degree of health it had been thought he never could attain. Newport was astonished to see him come there five years ago and take an active part in the sports of the summer colony. It was still more astonished at the importance automobiling had in his interests, for he drove his own car and drove it with daring skill, although he was only sixteen.

Didn't Stay Long at Eton. Then Vincent Astor went to Eton, but soon returned—to be followed by strange tales of the amusement of the English public school at his manner of living. Friends of the boy said he had done nothing more than take an ample wardrobe with him, but the gossip was that he displayed his wealth in a dozen other ways.

St. George's, at Newport, gave the boy the rest of the training he needed for admission to Harvard, where he began a three years' course last September. Last fall it was said that Vincent Astor had entered Harvard "with the distinction of having more clothes than any man at the university."

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### Notice of Sale of Real Estate on Execution.

First Pub. Nov. 7-8t Notice is hereby given that by virtue of and pursuant to an execution, to me directed and delivered, issued out of and under the seal of the district court of the county of Sherburne, state of Minnesota, upon a judgment rendered on the 23rd day of July, in the year 1909, in an action in the district court of the state of Minnesota, for the 18th Judicial District, in the county of Sherburne, between W. H. Houlton, plaintiff, and R. E. Lynch and Mary F. Lynch, defendants, in favor of said plaintiff and against said defendants, a transcript of which judgment was docketed in Mille Lacs county, Minnesota, on the 19th day of December, 1910, at 2 o'clock p. m., I have this day levied upon all the right, title and interest of the within named R. E. Lynch and Mary F. Lynch in and to the following described property, situate and lying in the county of Mille Lacs and state of Minnesota, to-wit: Lots 11 and 12, in block 34, and lots 1, 2 and 3 in block 54, all in the original townsite of Princeton, according to the plat thereof now on file and of record in the office of the register of deeds, in the said county and state, and all of the east half of the northeast quarter (24 of sec 14) w. of R. R. right of way, less 10 acres; in section seven (7), and all of the west half of the northwest quarter (two of two) of section eight (8), less R. R. right of way, all in township thirty-six (36), of range twenty-six (26), east that on the 21st day of December, A. D. 1912, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day at the front door of the court house in the village of Princeton, Minnesota, I will offer and sell the hereinbefore described real property, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said execution. Dated this 6th day of November, A. D. 1912. HARRY SHOCKLEY, Sheriff of Mille Lacs county, Minn.

### Citation for Hearing on Final Account and for Distribution.

ESTATE OF JOSEPH P. LEVINGS. State of Minnesota, County of Mille Lacs, In Probate Court. In the matter of the estate of Joseph P. Levings, decedent. The state of Minnesota to the next of kin and all persons interested in the final account and distribution of the estate of said decedent: The representative of the above named decedent having filed in this court his final account of the administration of the estate of said decedent, together with his petition praying for the adjustment and allowance of said final account and for distribution of the residue of said estate to the persons thereunto entitled; Therefore you, and each of you, are hereby cited and required to show cause, if any you have, before this court at the probate court rooms in the court house in the village of Princeton in the county of Mille Lacs, state of Minnesota, on the 13th day of December, 1912, at 2 o'clock p. m., why said petition should not be granted. Witness, the judge of said court, and the seal of said court, this 19th day of November, 1912. WM. V. SANFORD, Probate Judge. [Court Seal] HUBERT HANSON, Attorney for Petitioner, St. Cloud, Minn.

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