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Bulgarians Double Dealing

Agreement Was Made With Turkey Last July and Bulgaria Premier Assured the Opposition that Greek and Roumania Would be Neutral—Warmed King Ferdinand of Blunder but to no Avail

BULGARIA, before announcing her intention to mobilize, had concluded definite agreements with Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Turkey. About the middle of last month, between September 15 and 22, the Bulgarian Premier, M. Radoslavoff, conferred with the leaders of the Opposition, to whom he confided the Bulgarian Government's intention to take sides with Germany. The following is a summary of the information given on those occasions by M. Radoslavoff, who, by representing the new alliance in the most favorable light, sought to obtain the support of the Opposition, and thus of a united Bulgaria.

The first of the agreements was one between Bulgaria and Turkey, by which Bulgaria undertook at least to maintain a friendly neutrality for the duration of the war. This was concluded in July, before the date on which M. Radoslavoff declared publicly that Bulgaria would fight on the side of the Allies if the desired territorial concessions were made to her. The other agreement, concluded with Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Turkey, imposed on Bulgaria the obligation to attack Serbia with all her armed forces on a plan to be arranged between the German General Staff and the Bulgarian Government. Bulgaria also undertook to permit and to facilitate the unlimited transport of troops and munitions through Bulgaria to Turkey, or, if required from Turkey to Austria and Germany.

On the other side, Germany and Austria-Hungary undertook to carry out an offensive campaign against Serbia, whereby the success of Bulgaria's attack on Serbian Macedonia and the permanent possession of that territory, would be ensured. Turkey undertook to send to Thrace an army sufficiently strong to safeguard Bulgaria from any danger in the rear. Germany and Austria undertook in the event of the new campaign against Serbia being successful to hand over to Bulgaria the Serbian province of Kraina, thus extending the Bulgarian frontier to the Danube between Semendria and Orsova.

Germany, Austria, and Turkey agreed to guarantee the permanent independence and integrity of this Greater Bulgaria, including Serbia, Macedonia and Krama. Germany, Austria and Turkey also undertook to conclude commercial treaties with Bulgaria immediately after the war, making certain tariff concessions desired by the Bulgarian Government.

The Kaiser's Promise

In his interviews with the Opposition leaders, M. Radoslavoff gave them explanatory comments on the new alliance. He assured them that King Ferdinand had received a definite promise from the Kaiser that the new German offensive against Serbia would be so overwhelming and so rapidly successful that Bulgaria would be able to occupy Serbian Macedonia almost without opposition. M. Radoslavoff added that King Ferdinand and the Bulgarian General Staff were confident that Germany would be able to keep this promise.

M. Radoslavoff also gave the Opposition leaders to understand that Bulgaria would not be required to attack Serbia until the Austro-German offensive had progressed to such a point that Bulgarian intervention would be practically devoid of all risk. Dealing with Turkey's pledge to send an army to Thrace, M. Radoslavoff argued that this excluded any danger of an attack on Bulgaria by Russia from the Black Sea or by the Allies from the direction of the Aegean Sea. He assured the Opposition leaders that it was safe to count on the continued neutrality of Greece and Roumania.

It was after receiving these explanations from M. Radoslavoff that the Opposition leaders sought and obtained the audience of King Ferdinand, which took place on September 22. On that occasion all of them warned King Ferdinand that he was choosing the wrong course, and urged him to remedy the blunder before it was too late.

New World's Record

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, Oct. 31.—Nelly the Great, a two-year-old trotting filly, made a new world's record for a half-mile track here yesterday, when at a breeders' meeting she stopped a mile in 2.15 3-4. She is owned by Dr. W. A. Barber of this city. The former record was 2.16 1-2, held by Nowaday Girl.

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Chinese Uprising

Many Christians Killed and Two Churches Burnt—Thousands Fled to the Hills For Safety

PEKING, Oct. 30.—Letters from Belgian priests telling of the burning of churches and the slaughter of Christians in Kansu have been received by the Belgian Legation in Peking, and by Father Hoogers, who is in charge of the Belgian mission headquarters in Shanghai.

The uprising occurred at Hoel-Hien on August 15. It was also reported to have grown out of the movement to change the form of China's government, but this probably is not true. Cheng Che-Duel led the riot, which was largely a demonstration against oppression on the part of the officials who have levied excessive taxes. Two Christian churches were burned, and five Chinese Christians were killed by the mob, which numbered 2,000 at the time the Belgian priests made their escape.

All the Christians and thousands of other natives fled into the hills from Hoel-Hien. Most of the property of Christians were destroyed. The military was unable to check the mob, which moved on towards the large city of Kingyanfu.

Belgium

(By Marion Couthony Smith)

Heartstruck she stands—Our Lady of all sorrows—
Circled with ruin, sunk in deep amaze;

Facing the shadow of her dark tomorrow.
Mourning the glory of her yesterdays.

Yet she is queen, by every royal token
There, where the storm of desolation swirled;
Crowned only with the thorn—despoiled and broken—
Her kingdom is the heart of all the world.

She made her breast a shield, her sword a splendor,
She rose like flame upon the darkened ways;
So, through the anguish of her proud surrender
Breaks the clear vision of undying praise.

IRELAND IS BUSY MAKING MUNITIONS

DUBLIN, Oct. 27.—Ireland is now at work on a large scale in the manufacture of munitions of war. For several years past there has been only one large Irish factory of war material, Kynoch's, in County Wicklow. It is an offshoot of the Birmingham firm, of which Arthur Chamberlain, brother of the famous English statesman, was the head. But the necessities of the war have in Ireland, as in England, turned other trades into munitions business.

When the demand was made in Great Britain for a great extension of the manufacture of war materials, Mr. Redmond saw to it that Ireland should have its share. The work is now well in hand, and no less than 170 firms in Ireland are engaged in it.

Brutal Conduct Of Turks Reported

LONDON, Oct. 31.—A long account by an eye-witness of Armenian atrocities is telegraphed by the Reuters correspondent with the Dardanelles fleet. The statement is from an official source the correspondent explaining that it was given to the British staff by an Armenian serving in the Turkish army, who was taken prisoner.

This account begins at Erzerum, the principal city in Turkish Armenia last March. It covers travels about various parts of Armenia and details of various atrocities along familiar lines—how the bishop of Sivas was shot with shoes of red hot iron by a village blacksmith at the order of the Turks, how men of Tokat were tied together in groups of four and taken out one hundred at a time to the marsh districts for massacre.

Murdered Priests And Prospectors

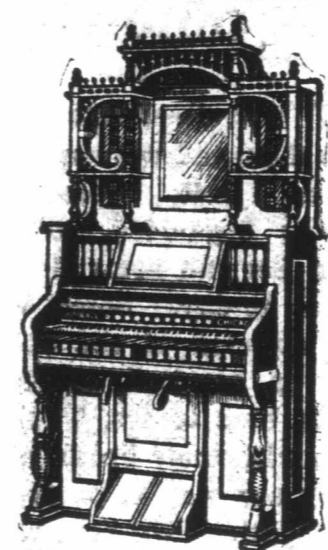
THE PAS, Man., Oct. 30.—Two Catholic priests and two prospectors are reported murdered by Eskimos north of Chesterfield Inlet, in Hudson Bay. Captain Lockhart, of the Royal North-west Mounted Police, who arrived here from northern waters with but meagre details of the murder. He says the priests went in by Herchell Island last year, and the prospectors arrived there over three months ago.

The tribe of Eskimos suspected of the murders are said to be the same that appeared Radford and Street, the explorers.

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