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THIRTY THOUSAND ALBANIANS REPORTED STARVING TO DEATH

And Over Twenty Thousand of the Sufferers are Women and Children

AWFUL ATROCITIES OF SERBIAN TROOPS

Destroyed Twelve Thousand Houses By Fire And Dynamite

MANY BURNED ALIVE

Eight Thousand Men, Women, and Children were Put to Death

London, March 1.—That 30,000 human beings—three-fourths of them women and children—will die of hunger and cold in the mountains of Albania during the present winter is the belief of Mr. William Willard Howard, an American relief commissioner, as reported in the Daily Mirror.

Mr. Howard returned recently to London from a 400-mile journey through the regions devastated by Serbian and Montenegrin troops last October.

Mr. Howard is well known for his philanthropic relief work for the Armenians of Eastern Turkey, the victims of the Texas hurricane and the Turkish refugees from Thrace and Macedonia. His recent journey through Albania—about 150 miles of which was on foot—was to obtain definite information concerning the needs of the refugees and to organize plans of relief.

"At the present moment," said Mr. Howard to The Daily Mirror, "the refugees in Gashi and Krasnich, in the Dukova district of Northern Albania, are dying of starvation at the rate of from twenty to fifty a day.

Trying Circumstances There are about 14,000 refugees living, or, rather, dying, in the ruins of their homes in Gashi and Krasnich. There were about 15,000 inhabitants of the two districts last October, when Serbian troops came down upon them, destroyed their villages, burned their houses and their food supplies and carried off their cattle.

"In the Dibra region of Central Albania last October Serbian troops destroyed about 100 villages, in which they burned and dynamited about 12,000 houses.

"From 4,000 to 8,000 men, women and children were burned, shot or bayoneted to death, and over 100,000 villagers were made homeless.

One Day's Meal Left

"When I visited the village of Stebleva, in the Goloborda district of the Dibra region, late last December there were fifty-three families that had made meal sufficient for one day only. I fear that they are dead now.

"I accompanied a British military expedition into the Mountains of Northern Albania to inquire into the conditions of the refugees.

"The expedition was led by Captain S. G. Francis, D.S.O., of the West Yorkshire Regiment, and he was assisted by Captain J. K. Gaunt, Royal Army Medical Corps.

"After a careful inquiry these capable officers made report that the Gashi and Krasnich refugees would die during the winter unless helped.

"Serbian officers who took part in the devastation of Albania, have said: 'The Albanians are wild people, who must be dealt with severely.' That is not a reason. It is not even an excuse.

"All that I can say is that the villages that I visited were destroyed by troops commanded by General Carlo Popovitch, who was described to me as 'one of the Belgrade regicides.' "When Popovitch and his soldiers came down upon the villages that I visited they carried cans of kerosene oil fitted with force pumps, and also brought dynamite bombs and machine guns.

Soldiers Armed With Bombs

"As they approached the villages they called out 'Don't run away; we

are brothers and friends. We do not mean to do any harm.' Those of the villagers who believed these coaxing words were seized and shot down or burned to death. Many old women who could not run away were burned to death.

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THOUSANDS IN A WORD

How a £20,000 Contract by a Typist's Slip Was Turned Into a £133,400 One

London, Feb. 27.—A mistake by a typist in a schedule of prices, in which the words "cubic feet" had been substituted for "cubic yards," led to a case in the Chancery Division Court.

The Commissioners of Works claimed rectification of a contract for the building of the Wimpole-street Post Office with Mr. Frederick King, trading as King and Son, contractors.

The Solicitor-General explained that the contract was entered into with the defendant in 1908.

In a schedule of prices, by the mistake of a typist, the words "cubic feet" had been substituted for "cubic yards," and on this computation a £20,000 contract would work out at £133,400.

Mr. Justice Sargent, giving judgment, said the Court had ample jurisdiction to rectify.

"It seems to me," his Lordship added, "the claim put forward by Mr. King is extravagant and exorbitant. He is seeking to take advantage of the slip of a typist. Judgment must be against the defendant."

22 KILLED AT WEDDING BANQUET

London, Feb. 28.—Chinese newspapers publish the following message from Nanking: "A wealthy merchant recently gave a banquet to his friends on the occasion of his son's marriage, 300 guests being present. Suddenly a band of sixty armed men burst into the hall and fired upon the guests, twenty-two of whom were killed, including nine belonging to the families of the bride and bridegroom. The band then fled to the mountains, taking with them twenty of the guests."

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GREAT CANAL PROJECT

NO COST \$150,000,000

Canada Considers Construction of Inland Waterway 450 Miles in Length.

London, Feb. 28.—Sir Robert Perks in a paper on "The Montreal, Ottawa, and Georgian Bay Canal," read at the Royal Society of Arts, stated that the scheme he had to describe was as important to Canada and to Great Britain as the Suez Canal was to France and the Panama Canal to the United States.

The canal would, when built, connect the St. Lawrence and the Great Lakes of Canada, and would for the first time permit ocean-going steamers of large draught to enter the inland seas, thus giving direct access to the Canadian and American ports on their shores. The waterway would be 449 miles long, and of that distance the canals proper, where heavy works have to be constructed, represented only thirty miles.

The cost, excluding the payment of interest during construction and the cost of building the electric power houses would be well within \$150,000,000. The Canadian Government's estimate was \$120,000,000. It was calculated that the traffic on the canal would amount to at least 18,000,000

Presentations To the Rescuers

Liverpool, Feb. 25.—The Lord Mayor made presentations to the officers and crew of the Lusitania for rescuing the crew of the brigantine Mayflower in the Atlantic on Jan. 16th. The passengers of the Lusitania subscribed \$1900 for gifts.

Captain Dow, the commander, received an illuminated address signed by the passengers; Lieutenant R. L. Alexander, the chief officer, and Sub-Lieutenant Foden, third officer, gold watches, and nine members of the boat's crew sums ranging from \$75 to \$120.

POSSIBLE TO SEND PICTURES BY WIRE

Photographs May Be Flashed Across Atlantic by Perfected Korn Process.

Berlin, Feb. 26.—Pictures this year may be transmitted by wire across the Atlantic, according to Professor Gatzel, who announced here that Professor Korn has perfected his "selenium" method of telegraphing pictures to a point which makes this highly probable.

It is expected that an experimental station for practical attempts will shortly be erected.

Professor Korn estimates that it will take more than an hour to flash photographs across the Atlantic.

It was by means of Professor Korn's wonderful apparatus that the first photograph ever transmitted by wire was telegraphed to England. The portrait was one of the late King Edward, and was sent from Paris in November, 1907, to The Daily Mirror Office and reproduced in that journal.

Many half-tone photographs were sent over the telegraph-wires from Manchester to The Daily Mirror Offices, and by means of the telautograph, a development of the Korn phototelegraphic process, a photograph of the finish of the Grand National Steeplechase at Aintree was telegraphed in six minutes from the office in Manchester to the London office.

C. C. C.

The regular weekly parade for Nos. 1 and 2 Companies, C.C.C., is postponed until Friday night at 8.15.

By order, M. F. Summers, Adjt.

London, Feb. 28.—John Moffat Lowry, Fleet Paymaster, who absconded from H.M.S. Ganges in November last and was arrested three weeks ago, was sentenced by Court-Martial at Chatham to a three years' penal servitude, on a charge to which he pleaded guilty, of converting to his own use a sum of £13,061 19 7d. In addition to this main charge he was alleged to have stolen one hundred £5 Bank of England notes received by him in virtue of his employment, and to have withdrawn from the public account in his charge three sums of £33 and one of £9 10s. by cheques drawn in favor of Messrs. Wenderover and Co., of Portsmouth. There was a further charge of having deserted his ship.

ASQUITH'S ATTITUDE ALARMING

Is Unsettling the Rank and File of the Government of England.

NATIONALISTS GROW VERY SUSPICIOUS.

Are Determined to Have All Ireland Under the Scope of Home Rule.

London, February 27.—Following the warning in Reynolds Newspaper which represents the Radical wing of the Liberal party, another influential Ministerial journal, the Westminster Gazette, tells the Ministers bluntly that, while the Tories under Mr. Bonar Law are in a better fighting spirit, the Government's conciliatory attitude over Ireland makes the ranks of the Coalition nervous and depressed since they do not know where the leaders are taking them.

They dread the apparent readiness of Mr. Asquith, Sir Edward Grey, Mr. Winston Churchill, and other Ministers to play with the idea of federalizing the United Kingdom, which is so difficult and complex a problem that the Home Rule Bill is likely to be submerged meanwhile, with the risk that effects of the Parliament Act, with its clipping of the claws of the House of Lords, will be lost.

The present Ministerial tactics of taking off armour and waiting mysteriously for events behind the scenes while the Opposition comes down armed for the fray are, says the Gazette, taking the spirit out of the Coalitionists. They dread the consequences if his attitude of suspension is continued until April, as Mr. Asquith apparently intends.

NAVAL PAYMASTER GETS THREE YEAR SENTENCE

Found Guilty of Converting Large Sums of Public Money to His Own Use.

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Bandits Murder Many Pilgrims

Berlin, Feb. 27.—An Odessa telegram says that, according to pilgrims from Mecca who have returned there on the steamer Lazareff, the pilgrim caravans are being waylaid by desperate and well-organized bodies of Arab bandits.

One such caravan was recently attacked and sixty of the pilgrims killed, while it is estimated that fully 500 pilgrims have fallen victims to the bandits within the last few months.

The Nationalists say they are not prepared to accept the exclusion of Ulster even as a temporary measure, while Sir Edward Carson scoffs at Sir Horace Plunkett's suggestion, which Mr. Asquith favors, that Ulster be included with the option of subsequent exclusion. Obviously with this feeling abroad among the Ministerialists, the Government's defeat in the recent by-elections is bound to have momentous consequences.

FOOTBALL ON ICE

There is no greater sport than football on ice. Saturday afternoon an exciting game was played on the harbor, which attracted a large number of spectators.

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BARQUE ABLAZE AT SEA

Crew With Woman and Children Spend Three Days in An Open Boat

London, Feb. 27.—The Daily Mirror reports the graphic story of the Liverpool barque Battle Abbey escaped fire in mid-ocean.

The barque caught fire while on a voyage from Newcastle, New South Wales, to Vancouver, British Columbia, and the captain, his wife, two children, and sixteen members of the crew were rescued by the German barque Eilbek after a terrible experience, lasting three days in an open boat.

The fire broke out in the hold, and, despite the best efforts of the crew, the ship became a veritable floating furnace.

The two first lifeboats got out were smashed by heavy seas against the vessel's side. But the third got away safely with twenty occupants, making for the American coast, 300 miles distant.

During the first day and night a terrible gale blew, and the boat was swept by seas, drenching to the skin the captain's two little daughters, who clung for protection to their mother.

It was not until noon on the third day that the German barque Eilbek picked up the boat.

WILL SEND HOME WIVES OF EXILES

South African Government Grants Request of Deported Men,

Capetown, Feb. 26.—The Indemnity Bill has been published here. Not only does it indemnify the authorities for acts within the martial law area, but for all acts throughout the Union from January 8 onwards, which date, moreover, is six days before martial law was declared.

Replying to Mr. Sampson, in the House of Assembly, Mr. De Wet, Minister of Justice, said that some of the deportees had requested that their wives and children be sent after them and that the Government had given instructions that their wish should be carried out at the Government's expense.

MAKES SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST CANAL OFFICER

Managed to Get Together Almost \$140,000 while in Panama.

Panama, Feb. 28.—Colonel Goethals, the Governor of the Panama Canal zone, has suspended John Burke, manager of the Commissariat Department, and W. F. Shipley, a clerk in the Subsistence Department, as the result of an investigation into certain transactions connected with the food supply of the men employed on the construction of the Canal.

The evidences showed that Burke had deposited \$78,000 in banks and purchased \$59,000 worth of property during his tenure of his post.

The dismissal of Shipley was for incompetence. By direction of the Secretary for War, Colonel Goethals has transferred Burke to the United States District Attorney at New York with a view to a prosecution.

PARADE POSTPONED

The weekly parade of Nos. 1 and 2 Companies, C.C.C., is postponed until Friday at 8.15.

FRONT PAGE FOOLERY

BOTH NEEDED A REST

A Glasgow congregation presented their minister with a sum of money, and sent him off to the Continent for a holiday. Soon after, a gentleman, just returned from abroad, meeting a prominent member of the congregation, said to him:

"Oh, bye-the-bye, I met your minister in Germany. He was looking very well—not at all as if he needed a rest."

Oh, My, Yes! Things Are in Terrible Shape in Mexico.- By "Bud" Fisher.

