

A PARALLEL CASE.

Capture of Col. Synges by Eastern Brigands Somewhat Similar to that of Miss Stone.

Consul General Blunt of Boston Directed the Efforts that Eventually Secured the Officer's Release.

BOSTON, Oct. 19.—The capture of Miss Ellen Stone, the American board missionary, by Bulgarian brigands, is of more than ordinary interest to J. E. Blunt, C. B., the British consul general in this city, who, while representing Great Britain in the consular service at Salonica in 1880, was directly concerned in a case similar in many respects to the one with which the United States government is now endeavoring to bring to a satisfactory solution. From the experience of Consul General Blunt, who has returned from a pleasant visit to St. John with the British Veterans, and his knowledge of the usual methods and motives of those engaged in the nefarious work of brigandage in that eastern country, it is evident that to despatch troops in pursuit of those in whose custody the captive is. When soldiers are sent to hunt down outlaws of the desperate character of the Eastern brigand, the life of the captive is in great danger, and almost invariably the robbers slay the prisoner. The disaster which befel the party of Lord Muncaster, captured by brigands in Greece in 1870 and held for ransom, was due to the blunder of those who attempted to hunt down the outlaws with soldiers.

The case which was handled by Consul General Blunt, was that of Col. H. Synges, an Englishman, who was captured by brigands under the notorious Captain Nikko at Tricovista, in the Carferia district of Macedonia. Eventually Col. Synges's release was effected by the payment of a heavy ransom, after all the machinery of the British government, including the despatch of several warships had been employed. The assistance of the Turkish government and that of Greece was also given, but at no time while Col. Synges was in captivity was there an attempt made to run the outlaws to earth with soldiers. Col. Synges himself specifically warned the British authorities against the employment of troops, soon after his capture, as he was certain that such action would mean his death.

During the negotiations for the captive's release, Lord Salisbury, the British premier, received a report that a Turkish detachment had been sent in pursuit of the brigands. The premier at once telegraphed the British ambassador at Thessalonica to use his influence to prevent the adoption of any measures that would endanger Col. Synges's safety.

Col. Synges was captured about nine o'clock on the night of Feb. 19, 1898. About 25 Greek brigands armed with Martini-Henry rifles, and led by Capt. Nikko, invaded the property of Col. Synges at Tricovista. After considerably damaging the house by their shots, the brigands called on Col. Synges to surrender, threatening to burn his residence unless he did so. As they proceeded to carry out their threats, they were admitted to the house, and forthwith seized the proprietor and bound him. Col. Synges ordered his servants, three in number, not to resist, and no harm was done them. The robbers took what money the colonel had on him, seized two of his horses, and carried him off to the mountains.

The case was reported next day to Consul General Blunt at Salonica, and it was due to his tireless efforts that the captive was eventually released. The British government was immediately notified of the outrage, and for over a month the machinery of three governments was directed towards securing the release of the Englishman. The Consul General Blunt proceeded to Caterina, about 40 miles from Salonica, and some 10 miles inland on the west side of the Gulf of Salonica, in order to open negotiations with the brigand chief, Nikko, relative to Col. Synges's ransom and release. After some days' delay he received the following terms:

- 1. That all movements of troops be suspended while negotiations were going on.
2. The amount of ransom to be 15,000 Turkish pounds, 15 gold watches and chains, a Martini rifle and a revolver and 400 cartridges for the Martini.
3. That Nikko's father, brother and cousin, who are in prison in Greece wrongfully, as he states, should be released.
4. The release of several of his village friends who are in prison in Salonica, also, as he asserts, wrongfully.
5. The safe removal of some of his relatives from Caterina to Greece.
6. That four days should be allowed to elapse after Col. Synges was released before any pursuit took place.

The ransom was later reduced to 12,000 Turkish pounds, and this was paid by the British government. Nikko's relatives were released, the Greek government agreeing to do this as the charges against them were not of unusual importance. Throughout the negotiations, Consul General Blunt was ably assisted by the Turkish authorities, who afterwards took steps towards apprehending the brigands. During the last stage of the negotiations, H. M. S. Conder was at Salonica, and Commander Edward P. Day gave able assistance. Mr. Hunt and Commander Day were both thanked by Lord Salisbury for the successful part they took in the affair.

Col. Synges was well treated by the brigands during his captivity. Had soldiers been sent after Nikko and his band, however, the colonel stated, that the brigands would not have hesitated to kill him.

The situation which is the outgrowth of the capture of Miss Stone appears to be much the same, and those who are acquainted with the ways of Eastern brigands, believe there is little



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STEELE LAUNCHES FOR NAVY. To Be Built by Victoria Firms at Cost of Fifty Thousand Dollars.

A contract has been awarded by the war department to the Victoria Machinery Depot for the construction of two twin-screw steam launches for the submarine mining service in connection with the defenses of Esquimaux. The contract, which calls for the best material, is the first given by the imperial naval authorities for the construction of any vessel on this coast, and the work involved in the building will give employment to many skilled workmen for the cost of the two vessels will total \$50,000. The plans, which have been forwarded to the Victoria Machinery Depot on the awarding of the contract, call for two twin-screw vessels, similar in size and model. Each will be 50 feet long between the perpendiculars, have a moulded breadth of 13 feet, and have a depth of five feet nine inches. They will have a hull of the best East Indian teak, which will be of the best East Indian teak throughout, and will be framed and paneled with the same wood. It will have an entrance on the after end, with sliding tops, etc. The launches will be engine with fore and aft compound engines, and the boilers of the ordinary Scotch marine model will have to be submitted to the admiralty of 240 pounds to the square inch.

The two launches will have a high speed, and will be specially fitted for the service into which they are to be placed when delivery is made by the Victoria Machinery Depot to the naval officers at Esquimaux. Forward large derricks are to be placed, leaning over the bows, each capable of lifting heavy weights, mines, etc. The steel hull will be sheathed forward with teak, and the fitting about the deck will be of brass and galvanized metal, in fact the best of everything is to be used in the construction. All the forged work will be submitted to strict tests by the admiralty officers and the steel plates are all to be strictly tested.

Advertisement for 'AFTER SHAVING SANDY EXTRACT' with a small illustration of a man shaving.

Advertisement for 'Baby's Own Soap' with a small illustration of a baby.

AUSTRALIAN TARIFF.

Long Expected New Tariff at Last Brought Down.

A Matter for the Attention of the Canadian Trade and Commerce Department.

Australia's long-expected new tariff has at last been brought down, having been submitted to the federal house of representatives on October 8 by the minister of trade and commerce. The average ad valorem duties are 18.7 per cent. And, while the maximum ad valorem duty is 35 per cent, some of the composite and fixed duties will, it is said, reach 100 per cent. Excluding narcotics and alcohol, it is estimated that the remainder of the duties will average 30 per cent.

The rates of duty, according to the cable information, are as follows: Galvanized and corrugated iron, 10c per ton. Agricultural machinery, 15c per cent. Sparking wire, 12c per gal. Other wire, bottled to the federal house. Other wires, in bulk, 10c per gal. Tobacco, manufactured, 5c per lb. Excise tax, 10c per lb. Cigars, 10c per 100.

In order to encourage the development of the iron and steel industry, a system of bonuses similar to those existing in Canada is proposed. In his tariff speech the minister of trade and commerce said the bonus on pig iron would be 12s. per ton when made from Australian ore and 8s. when from foreign ore. On steel ingots, when 50 per cent of Australian ore is used, the bonus will be 12s. The bonus will be given from July, 1902.

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attached to it. In other words, I would have as many respectable citizens, attached to the case as possible under the circumstances.

"Having got that case," continued Roosevelt, "I would try it as if it were the last case ever expected, and you or which would ever be in the courts. I would not make a nuisance of myself. You know enough to avoid that, but you can be so insistent that you will win the respect of every one who in any way, comes into connection with the trial. Put all of yourself in the case. Get every side of it, and above all things, hammer it into your client by the force of your actions that your integrity is above reproach."

"When you get done with that case you will have a reputation that many lawyers devote years in other ways trying to obtain. You will find that a second case is certain to come to you, whether you lose or win the first one. I would treat the second case," he continued, "just as if it were the first one. Live and act as if there was never such a case in existence before, and master it just as you are required to master your studies at the law school. If you find the rule applies to every walk of life, if your heart is in what you have to do, no matter how small the undertaking, the greater things are certain to come to you, and in rich reward."

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OTTAWA.

Militia Department Notified of Several Canadian Casualties in South Africa.

Delay in Completing Militia Store Building—Amendments to the Kings Army Regulations—Hay Shipments.

OTTAWA, Oct. 22.—The Houseworkers' Union (domestic servants' union) has decided to issue a circular to distribute in all the cities of Canada protesting against the action of Hon. A. G. Blair in introducing Chinese servants into his household. The union proposes to try to work up an agitation which will arouse public opinion against the innovation and prevent others from following the example set by the minister.

Lord Minto and suite returned to Ottawa this afternoon. The Duke of Cornwall distributed over 1,600 South African medals in Canada, leaving 600 for the department to send out.

The department of militia was notified today that the Massey-Harris company shipped 28 transport wagons to South Africa, this being a portion of the order of 50 placed with that firm by the war office, through the department of militia.

The Ottawa Car Co. some time ago sent a shipment of similar wagons to the seat of war, and they have given general satisfaction. Since the outbreak of hostilities the value of goods shipped from Canada, on order of the imperial authorities, exceeds \$1,250,000. These orders included saddlery of all kinds, hats and caps, wagons, etc.

Capt. Bell and 2nd Lieut. E. G. McLean, 6th Regiment, have received military certificates. His next of kin is J. Z. Milne, Q'Appelle Station, Trooper J. B. Dewolfe, dangerously ill of enteric fever at Bloemfontein, son of J. Dewolfe, Ingersoll, Henry Tunstead, reported missing last week, has re-joined his troop.

Truant officers report that yesterday 2,900 pupils were absent from the city schools on account of sickness. The building committee has been practically at a stand still for four months. Although the militia stores building has been roofed in for several weeks, work on the structure has been practically at a stand still for four months. The building cannot be completed until early in the new year.

Militia orders issued today make certain changes in the regulations regarding the full dress of field and garrison artillery. Amendments to the King's army regulations, dealing especially with military training, are published. They are of particular interest to commanding officers.

The formation of a rifle association in connection with the Halifax Garrison Artillery has been approved. The total shipments of hay from Canada to South Africa on account of this city, with orders to sell her. The price fixed is not known.

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ESCORT RETURNS.

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