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THE CRAFTY TURK.

His Loss of Crete a Chance to Escape Further and Greater Changes.

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the government have wired fresh instructions to Colonel Vassos. Another dispatch to the Times says that Saadedin, who was recalled from Crete recently at the instance of the powers for forming plots against the reforms, left Constantinople for Crete yesterday with three battalions.

A dispatch to the Times from Cana, dated Wednesday evening, Feb. 17, says: "The Greek government has wired its usual note to reopen the consulate, which has been done, thus creating an anomalous situation in the resumption of diplomatic relations, while the Greek army has occupied Crete in the King's name."

Platiades Pasha has been appointed to Crete on the recommendation of the powers.

The Russian admiral has sent the messenger vessel "Arcturion" to Crete.

The Athens correspondent of the Times says that advice from Turkey, Turkey, reports the departure of three Turkish battalions, with seven guns, two wagons and a company of seven hundred artillery officers, en route for the Greek frontier.

A dispatch to the Times from St. Petersburg says there is no longer the least doubt that Russia is preparing for war—not necessarily to declare war, but to meet any necessity in connection with the eastern crisis. Even the old Cross society of the Crimea is taking active steps in the same direction.

A dispatch to the Times from Berlin says: "At the ball at the opera house to-night (Wednesday) Emperor William conversed over an hour with the representative of the powers."

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Berlin says that the dowager Carina has wired the King of Greece, promising to do everything in her power to help him.

A dispatch to the Times from Athens says that Lt.-Col. Dimitris has been appointed chief of staff of a Crete expeditionary force. Several officers have been sent to Crete to organize companies of volunteers under the orders of Col. Vassos. Another battalion has been ordered to hold itself in readiness to proceed to Crete.

A dispatch to the Standard from Athens says that news was received to-night (Wednesday) that Col. Vassos has captured another important position, the village of Voulkias.

Another infantry battalion with guns, "Juncos" and stores started for Crete to-night (Wednesday). The King of Greece receives daily telegrams from all parts of the world especially from England, Italy and the United States urging him to pursue his policy to the end. A solemn Te Deum was celebrated in the chapel of the palace. All the members of the royal family were present.

The departure of Prince Nicholas, who bid adieu to his friends and relatives, amidst the enthusiasm of the crowds.

A dispatch to the Daily News from Athens says that a section of the forces under the command of Col. Vassos attacked the town of Bouzouli, which place was surrendered by the Turkish garrison after a short resistance.

A dispatch to the Times from Athens says: "The Turkish and party European officers with a Turkish colonel have inspected the forts. The capture of the island of Crete is a matter of course."

In order to avoid the dangers incident to travelling on the streets of Constantinople the Sultan left yesterday for the palace. The Sultan's departure was accompanied by a large number of officials.

A Turkish squadron, consisting of four warships and ten torpedo boats has been ordered to start for Crete in a few days. It will be joined there by all the vessels of the Turkish Archipelago and the Gulf of Patras.

A dispatch to the Cologne Gazette from Vienna says that several of the most powerful have succeeded to Germany's proposal to blockade the Piræus, the port of Athens, in order to curb the warlike impulses of Greece.

It is reported from Crete that the Christians are blockading Bettino.

The wheat yield of Victoria, Australia, is estimated at 6,775,800 bushels.

El Di, in an article on Outan institutions, asserts in most positive terms that a ministerial crisis is impending and that Senor Sagasta will return to the premiership. The paper also says there is a likelihood that General Ramon Blanco, late governor-general of the Philippine Islands, will replace General Weyler as captain-general of Cuba.

CONSTANTINOPLE correspondent of the Times thinks that the powers have decided to occupy the Crete islands in the northern and western portions in order to leave the Greeks to enjoy themselves in the mountainous regions of the interior. He believes that the Turks are sick of Crete and are willing to surrender that unpardonable possession to Greece if Greece will bid herself to assume an attitude of quiescence in Macedonia.

A dispatch to the Daily News from Rome says that the powers have agreed upon the following points: 1. To maintain the present status of Crete by the Italian officers. 2. A guarantee of peace in the Balkans. 3. Without provoking any European. 4. To take into account the legitimate desires of all people interested. 5. To maintain the present status of Crete by the Italian officers.

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