

**BURGLARS KILL SERB CHILDREN**

Set Themselves to Destroying Whole Race

Women Hanged to Gibbets; Deliberate Order Given to Inoculate Population With Maladies

Serbian Field Headquarters, Oct. 3.—Fresh information of events in Serbia has reached us. It is not of a nature to comfort those Serbians fighting here whose kith and kin lie at the mercy of the country's invaders.

The first reports are contained in the following letter from a Serbian insurgent. The message confirms rumors of the continuance of the revolt against Bulgarian authority, which was officially declared stamped out in February. As late as May 28 the writer was one of a band of insurgents still on the warpath, and is able to affirm with confidence that the "revolt will go on. It spreads continually and cannot be suppressed by any force on earth."

The letter reads: "May 28, 1917.—Here I am on a mountain that has become my dreary abode. On April 25 I was imprisoned after I had been captured in the revolt in Kourvinegrad, in which we, to the number of 2,500, first gave battle to a whole German division and put it to flight. We were attacked by two Bulgarian divisions, supported by guns and machine-guns. In this bloody encounter I was taken prisoner with several comrades and sentenced to be hanged, but during the night our friends attacked the jail, killed the guards and set us free.

Serbian Mothers Anxious.

"The Bulgars have called all the male population between seventeen and sixty-five years into the army, and have sent all the children from twelve to fourteen years of age to Constantinople. The cruel deeds of these mongrels provoked our revolt. Serbian mothers, moved by the lamentable cries of their children, attacked the Bulgar soldiery with stones. The Bulgars replied by erecting gibbets on every street corner and hanging many men and women, which exasperated the people. The whole population assaulted and broke into the Bulgarian shops and both men and women thus provided themselves with weapons. First they attacked Urokovale and afterward Leskovatz, Lebane, Vranza, Vlassostine, Ntinazevatch, Pojarevatz and all the villages occupied by the Bulgars.

"We were attacked by a German division which we defeated with the loss of 800 men. There were engagements also at Lebane, Leskovatz and Prokonovic. We raided Nish, where we captured shops. But there we met two Bulgarian divisions. We at first were victorious, but the Bulgars pushed our women and children to the front of them so we could

not fire without killing our own flesh and blood. Thus we were forced to retreat to the mountains far from Kourvinegrad, where fighting again took place. In the course of their engagement we were attacked in the rear by Magyar reinforcements. There ten of my comrades and I were taken prisoners, while utterly exhausted. We all were

condemned to death, but while the gibbets were being set a battalion of the insurgents killed the guard and let us out. Would Destroy Serbian Race.

"Be sure the revolt will go on, for the Bulgars have set themselves to destroying our race. On April 25th they sent 500 children between twelve and fifteen years old to Constantinople. They made these little ones kill themselves by jumping out of trains. The Bulgars ordered the whole population vaccinated for smallpox, but instead of vaccine they inoculated them with maladies. When the population was informed of this by the Czech doctor, they sought safety by flying to the mountains with their children. The Bulgars then began to hang people in Leskovatz on the bridge in Vlassostine and in Lebane and Nish, compelling everybody to witness these cruelties. They hung up a clerk by the tongue on Easter Sunday, and he suffered fearful tortures before he expired.

"This is a pale picture of what is passing in Serbia. But our revolt cannot be suppressed by any force in the world; it spreads continually. Keep this letter as a souvenir of the happy life we once led, but that will return no more. My heart is wrung for I hear continually the cries of our children on the mountain. Adieu."

It is said that the insurrectionary movements continue, not only in old Serbia, but in the northern part of Macedonia, and in Bulgaria itself. They say bands living securely in the mountains carry on perpetual raids and ambushes. Not long ago these insurgents entered the Bulgarian town of Bossilovrade and held it for some days, only decamping when threatened by a large force of troops.

Pillaged Shops and Houses.

The second report on conditions in Serbia we have received is that of Dr. Anthony Athanasades, the great physician, formerly in the service of the Serbian government, who arrived recently at Salonica. Following is his narrative: "When the Serbian army retreated in the autumn of 1915, my headquarters were at Prishtina. I decided to stay there, believing that as Greece was not at war we would not be molested by invaders.

"On November 11, Bulgar cavalry entered the town, followed by German and Austrian infantry. The first day the troops behaved well. On the morning, seeing that the shops remained shut, the soldiers plundered them bare. A leading part in the pillage was played by the Germans. They did not confine their violence to the shops, but plundered private dwellings, especially where provisions were believed to be stored. The houses they then tore down, the wood-work to use as fuel.

"On the day of entry the Germans demanded of the townspeople a moderate contribution of victuals, the whole of which they bought, excepting 500 kilograms of cocoa (a kilogram is 2.2 pounds), 500 of coffee and 1,000 of sugar, which were non-existent. Soon they made increased demands, which were again complied with.

"The next demand was for 100,000 kilograms of maize, which, not being speedily forthcoming, they proceeded to collect by force. In exchange they generally gave written promises to pay, some of which were genuine, but many bore the ironical assurance in German that they should be paid when King Peter returns."

MAXINE ELLIOTT IN MOVIES  
Douglas Fairbanks Plays in Another Wild West Film  
(New York Times)

The still radiant Maxine Elliott, who long since left New York and the stage behind her, returned to New York yesterday in a new guise, that of the motion picture star. Miss Elliott is one of the players whom Goldwyn recently tempted into the pictures, and in her first film she is more than frequently a stunning figure. In the close-up, perhaps, she is not quite the Maxine of old, but the director has been wise enough to include a few close-ups as

possible, and the results are accordingly satisfying.

Her first vehicle, which is quite the least important part of her film debut, turned out to be a picturization of the Cobb-Megre play, "Under Sentence," even though it had not been so announced. For movie purposes the authors have retitled it "Fighting Odds" and have embroidered its melodramatic details in the fashion so dear to scenario writers. Miss Elliott, for example, enters the villainous Blake by the exercise of her feminine charms (a sit-

uation doubtless inserted to give Miss Elliott the opportunity to pose as a temptress, and, accordingly, to a great degree justified).

The necessity of twisting the story into a vehicle for Miss Elliott has led also to other interpolations and exaggerations, none of which is of much aid to the picture. There are several good performances in addition to the star's—that of Henry Clive, for example, who reaches the films via the vaudeville stage, and that of Charles Dalton as John W. Blake.

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