

BALKAN QUESTION ACUTE

MACEDONIANS HAVE BEST OF IT

Crude Beginnings of a Revolutionary Organization... Gradually Perfected—The Insurrection of 1903—Organization Headed by Its Strength and Awaiting the Diplomatic Action Taken by the Powers—Lord Lansdowne's Step Forward—Reverend Patience of the Organization.

Correspondence of The Associated Press.

Sofia, Bulgaria, May 26.—The Macedonian question is closest to the heart of this Balkan capital of 90,000 population, many of whom are refugees and emigrants from Macedonia. The daily news of fighting, murder and massacres in the vilayets is eagerly scanned for names and places by those for whom even the remotest districts of the province are bound by blood ties. Continued work of the long established colony of Spanish Hebrews while the imperious demand for news has caused the establishment of half a dozen daily newspapers in as many years. The Macedonian colony has burst into all professional trades; its corporations almost control local politics; it has nearly 1,000 representatives in the Sofia Council, in the Bulgarian army; and in the Departments of Justice, Finance and Administration the natives are closely pressed by the emigrants. No Cabinet is complete without a Minister of State of Macedonian extraction, who is often, as at present, a power behind the throne. With its 30,000 Macedonians, Sofia is really the capital of Christian Macedonia. The Macedonian movement has gained in measure, as the Macedonian colony has mounted in numbers. It is not Bulgaria which is instigating the Macedonians, so much as it is the Macedonians, who have got control of Bulgaria.

THE QUESTION ACUTE

The present acuteness of the question was not reached until after a decade and a half of a propaganda. The pioneer revolutionist, Major Panfina, who led a brilliant troop of Macedonian irregulars in the Zerb-Bulgarian war of twenty years ago, and who was executed on a charge of conspiracy by the redoubtable premier Stambouloff, was really the first to set on foot in a country gone mad on a pro-Russian and anti-Russian controversy. The great Stambouloff himself held the Macedonians in strict suppression, and cultivated a friendly policy of gradual union with the Ottoman Empire. It was only after the death in 1876 that the first armed conflict between a band and the Turkish asker took place in Melnik. Its feet and arms were carried off by the ex-officers Mutafoff and Natcheff, who found their graves in a pyramid of Turkish corpses. Then the Macedonians got the upper hand, and they have held it ever since.

THE QUESTION ACUTE

The crude beginnings of the revolutionary organization and its native frank motto of annexation of Macedonia to Bulgaria were gradually perfected under the stress of circumstance. The hardest work of the revolutionist was to get a proper measure of self-respect which is required to bring a dumb slave to an armed protest against wrongs endured for centuries was carried out by the Bulgarian schoolmaster, his soul aflame with the writings of the romantic school, and thirsting for the glorious death of Byron or Pushkin. The Exarch Church as it slowly gathered around itself the Bulgarian villages and emancipated them from the social domination of the Greek tchorbadja, did a work rather agreeable to the Turks, who sought advantage in racial conflict, without suspecting the enormous vitality of the hitherto contained element. The revolutionary organization proper slowly won over disciples from among the hot-blooded and reckless, from the victims of more flagrant violations by the bashi-basouks. In Sofia the High Macedonian Committee confined its activities to the internal cause among the indifferent fellow Bulgarians. Here the lamented Kitcheff did an indispensable work. With a tenacious and unflinching conviction, he first won a hearing in the National Sobranje, whose most eloquent leader he was.

THE QUESTION ACUTE

The founders of the most perfect revolutionary organization with which Turkey has ever had to contend were laid by a Junker expected from the Military Academy at Sofia for insubordination. The premature death of Gotze Delcheff at Bonita on the eve of the insurrection of 1903 was a serious blow to the internal organization which he created. But the silent leadership, the thoroughness and the rigid discipline which he established had seemingly survived him. Admiring the character of some Protestant tchetniks from Bonako, where the American missionaries have long labored, Delcheff once exclaimed: "If Macedonia had been Protestant, it had been free long ago." The strict sobriety and good behavior which he exacted of his men, and his mercifulness towards loose conduct of any sort, won the confidence of the villagers, and the Macedonian women soon became the most zealous helpers and assistants of the revolutionists.

INSURRECTION OF 1903

The insurrection of 1903, precipitated against the wishes of the Internal Organization, through a raid engineered by the Generals Committee in Sofia, first showed the power of the organization of which up to that time little had been heard. The resulting massacres of 1903 carried off thousands of victims of the Turkish and Bulgarians were swelled to a total of 200,000. Fifty thousand refugees fled for refuge to Bulgaria. Over 100,000 were succored by English and American aid during the winter.

INSURRECTION OF 1903

The cost was immense. But many local engagements in which a handful of armed peasants overcame large bodies of Turkish troops taught the lesson to the unarmed innocents who suffered the most. The dread of the komitadjs permeated the Turkish asker, and with a trembling showed an increasing reluctance on the part of small bodies of Turks to go into the mountains, or into solid Bulgarian villages, or anywhere near the frontiers, and a waiting attitude of body and soul—awaiting the essence of wisdom to the helpless rayah by generations of forefathers, passed through the first post of fire and blood and build a magnificent railway running south. The Schneider works at Creusot have already completed most of the 31 batteries of Maxim guns for Bulgaria. The first shipment of arms arrived in Sofia early in March.

INSURRECTION OF 1903

Two railway lines of obvious intent of the border is complete. The Zlatin Komanditgesellschaft was awarded the contract for the Bulgarian part and the work is pushed rapidly forward. This line the quickest route from Russia and Rumania to Salonika. The other line building also southward is the line from the Russian Turkish war. This is the quickest line from Hungary and Rumania to Constantinople. These lines are the arteries which the miles of north Bulgaria can be massed on the Turkish frontier, and the base of the War Ministry that it can mobilize 300,000 men in a matter of days. The summer activity is therefore to be on an imposing scale.

A Perfect Combination

of Hops and Malt, cured by nine months' time. The rich, nutty flavor of the grain is peculiarly noticeable and gives a most palatable and pleasant flavor to

Fehr's Malt Tonic

Not only an invigorant of acknowledged value, but a nourishing liquid food, good alike for the sick or well. It is a builder of brain, brawn and bone. Try it today.

FOR SALE BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

FEHR'S MALT TONIC DEPT., Louisville, Ky.

MONEY IN DEAD LETTERS.

More Than \$5,000 Found—Great Amount of Unclaimed Mail, Washington Post.

More than \$5,000 was received at the dead letter office of the Post-office Department in May. Only a small percentage of this amount can be returned to the senders, for the reason that the writers give insufficient addresses. The majority of these letters are written by poor persons, including many foreigners, and are, for the most part, intended for mail order houses, but on account of wrong addresses, finally reach the dead letter office.

KILLED A MAN IN MAINE.

Then Fled to California and Lived Forty Years Under Assumed Name. Sacramento Bee.

Walter Marvin Lancaster has carried his secret with him to the grave. He lived for nearly forty years in Bear Valley, this country, under the name of John Lang, and nobody knew that it was assumed. The facts came to light after his death. He blew his brains out.

PROBLEM SIMPLIFIED.

In this light the entrance of Roumania into the Macedonian problem as champion of the small Kuto-Vlach tribes which are now under Hellenic tutelage has tended to simplify rather than complicate the situation. Its proteges are not numerous enough to create a new claimant to possession, as their number is nearly 100,000 and hence negligible.

THE GREEK POSITION.

Meanwhile the Greek position in the Macedonian towns, entrenched in the age-long domination of the Phanar Patriarchy, which has hitherto kept the Bulgarians out of the Balkan social balance, has received an accession of help from the notorious Greek bands which have infested Southern Macedonia. The fourfold union of the states, the Greek, the money-power and "society"—such as may possibly exist under Ottoman rule, has retarded the awakening of the Slav villager to his abject condition. To a state of slavery he has nursed his wrongs in secret and awaited an international control before parting, as the price for his race pride, with the comparative immunity of Bulgarian Turkish molestation which his Greek Church affords him.

THE GREEK POSITION.

To the central body of the revolutionists, headed by its chief, Greece, the chief of Europe to institute a thoroughgoing international control with an European governor general is vital, for their dream is to make autonomous Macedonia a nucleus around which will coalesce in time a Balkan United States. This body which is now in control maintains an attitude of complete indifference to Bulgaria, being unwilling to receive favors at the price of obligation. It is permanently opposed to any annexation of Macedonian territory by the principle of Bulgaria. This has always been the settled policy of the organization.

THE GREEK POSITION.

The small third nationalistic Bulgarian wing of the revolutionary forces, which was strengthened by the union of the organization with the Committee of General Tchetcheff in November, 1905, finds in the failure of Europe to install a reign of law in Macedonia a weighty argument in support of the aggressive military policy of the principle of Bulgaria. The Garibaldi motto "Italia farà scudo" is the Hamarckian doctrine of force have thoroughly permeated the vigorous young Bulgarian State and its preparations for war are pursued with unremitting energy.

GRANTS FOR WAR SUPPLIES.

Inaugurated in May 1903 with the coming of the Stambouliavets into power the first measure of the new government was to make a constitutional grant of \$5,000,000 francs for war supplies. It was followed by the 5 per cent. loan of 1904 with the Banque de

GRANTS FOR WAR SUPPLIES.

Paris et Pays, whose sole purpose was to buy new quick firing artillery and build a magnificent railway running south. The Schneider works at Creusot have already completed most of the 31 batteries of Maxim guns for Bulgaria. The first shipment of arms arrived in Sofia early in March. Two railway lines of obvious intent of the border is complete. The Zlatin Komanditgesellschaft was awarded the contract for the Bulgarian part and the work is pushed rapidly forward. This line the quickest route from Russia and Rumania to Salonika. The other line building also southward is the line from the Russian Turkish war. This is the quickest line from Hungary and Rumania to Constantinople. These lines are the arteries which the miles of north Bulgaria can be massed on the Turkish frontier, and the base of the War Ministry that it can mobilize 300,000 men in a matter of days. The summer activity is therefore to be on an imposing scale.

THE WELLINGTON STANDARD VISIBILITY-360

For simplicity and durability, ease of action and manifold capacity, it is equal, and all the WRITING IS IN FULL VIEW ALL THE TIME. The most economical machine for the buyer—the most satisfactory for the operator. FULLY GUARANTEED.

SOUTHERN STATES TYPE-WRITER COMPANY

Southern Distributing Agents, 22 W. Fifth St., Phone 1268, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

AMULET

FOUR FULL QUARTS 2.65 Express Charges Paid By Us. A trial will convince you that these goods are the very best for medicinal and other purposes. Send us your orders and if not perfectly satisfactory, return at our expense and money will be refunded at once. All shipments are made in plain cases.

COUSINS SUPPLY CO.

10 12 5 12 ST. RICHMOND VA. REFERENCE PLANTERS NAT BANK

WE Have Something to Tell You About Refrigerators

When you get ready come in and see us...

J. N. McCausland & Co.

Stove Dealers and Roofing Contractors. Phone 314, 221 S. Tryon St.

Get a Re-Print Copy of the Original

Lawson's History of North Carolina

Formerly Sold for \$2.00. Now Sold for \$1.50.

THE OBSERVER PRINTING HOUSE.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Dr. E. Nye Hutchison

J. J. Hutchison.

E. Nye Hutchison & Son

INSURANCE

FIRE, LIFE, ACCIDENT

OFFICE: No. 6, Hunt Building, Bell Phone 4323.

RENT SQUARE

OF S. WITKOWSKY.

Places for rent, the most desirable in Charlotte—Stores, Offices, Shops and Dwellings.

1 Store, No. 204 E. Trade street, one door east of College street, heretofore occupied by F. H. White & Co.—immediate possession.

1 Store and several Offices, No. 9 S. College street, one door south of East Trade—now occupied by American Cotton Co. Possession September 1st.

1 Store, No. 11 West Fifth street—heretofore occupied as a machine shop.

1 7-Room Dwelling, No. 8 N. Graham, near West Trade street—modern improvements.

Apply to S. WITKOWSKY.

THE FASCINATING MR. VANDERVELD

lakes Lady Clarissa Howland for a motor run and causes the machine to break down fifteen miles from the nearest telephone. "Of course," remarks Robert Barr in The Elder, "the scene of the play is in England. In no other part of the world, excepting the Arctic Circle, can you get fifteen miles from a telephone."

Nowhere in the world can you see such hazardous conditions as are to be met in the United States.

They all use Rocky Mountain Tea, 25 cents, Tea or Tablets, R. H. Jordan & Co.

PICTURE OF BOMB HORROR.

Spanish Paper Reproduces Photograph Taken at Time of Attempt to Kill Alfonso. Madrid Dispatch.

PICTURE OF BOMB HORROR.

A remarkable photograph taken at the moment of the attempt to kill Alfonso and his bride, appears in the current number of the illustrated journal, A. B. C. It gives a far more vivid picture of the occurrence than it is possible to deduce from confused and conflicting narratives.

PICTURE OF BOMB HORROR.

In the middle of the road is the King's carriage with the coachman still on the box. To the right is a dense fog of dust, from the middle of which emerges the figures of three mounted soldiers, who apparently headless, and another with his arm upraised.

PICTURE OF BOMB HORROR.

In front of the carriage one horse is lying dead, and the other seven are spread out across the street in a panic. The leading outrider is wildly gesticulating, while a civilian has just seized the head of the other leader.

PICTURE OF BOMB HORROR.

On the left are the horses of the escort rearing and prancing, and mixed in the utmost confusion. To the right of the foreground is a dense crowd.

PICTURE OF BOMB HORROR.

A soldier in the front is presenting his fixed bayonet, while a policeman stands with his arms extended wide toward the carriage. Between him and the carriage are two blurred figures staggering in the fog of dust.

PICTURE OF BOMB HORROR.

On the left side of the picture is an officer on a white horse apparently addressing the King or receiving orders.

PICTURE OF BOMB HORROR.

Kansas Farmers Pay Fines to Get Men to Help Gather the Crop. Topeka, Kan., Dispatch, 16th.

Dispatches from the Kansas wheat belt to-night say that hundreds of farmers spent the day in the towns hunting for men to use in the great wheat harvest which begins on Monday. The wheat belt has called for 25,000 helpers and so far less than 5,000 have come from Eastern States.

At Salina John Freeman hunted the town over. He wanted four men. He was about ready to go home discouraged when he thought of the city jail. Marshal Thorns told him he had two prisoners who were working out \$2 fines for being drunk. Freeman went to the jail, talked with Wilson and Simpson, the two prisoners, paid their fines and took them home with him to help save the wheat.

In other counties where men are confined in jail the farmers will gladly "pay them out" if they will help in the wheat harvest.

RALPH H. BROWN AND JOEL HUNTER

Public Accountants and Auditors. Examinations for Investors. 1219-1221 Empire Building, Atlanta, Ga.

DR. O. L. ALEXANDER, DENTIST.

CARSON BUILDING Southeast Corner FOURTH AND TRYON STREETS.

HOOK AND ROGERS

— ARCHITECTS —

CHARLOTTE & GREENSBORO, N. C.

Wheeler, Rung and Dickey

— ARCHITECTS —

Second Floor 40's Building, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

FRANK P. MILBURN

— ARCHITECT —

Columbia, S. C.

HICKS' CAPUDINE

INSTANTLY CURES HEADACHES Breaks up COLDS in 10 to 15 HOURS Trial Bottle 10c at Druggist

Yes, When?

Norfolk Landmark.

John Charles McNeill has written a poem in praise of the business manager of The Charlotte Observer, Mr. John Ross. This is something entirely new. When did a business manager ever before get immortalized in song?

RENT SQUARE

OF S. WITKOWSKY.

Places for rent, the most desirable in Charlotte—Stores, Offices, Shops and Dwellings.

1 Store, No. 204 E. Trade street, one door east of College street, heretofore occupied by F. H. White & Co.—immediate possession.

1 Store and several Offices, No. 9 S. College street, one door south of East Trade—now occupied by American Cotton Co. Possession September 1st.

1 Store, No. 11 West Fifth street—heretofore occupied as a machine shop.

1 7-Room Dwelling, No. 8 N. Graham, near West Trade street—modern improvements.

Apply to S. WITKOWSKY.

THE FASCINATING MR. VANDERVELD

lakes Lady Clarissa Howland for a motor run and causes the machine to break down fifteen miles from the nearest telephone. "Of course," remarks Robert Barr in The Elder, "the scene of the play is in England. In no other part of the world, excepting the Arctic Circle, can you get fifteen miles from a telephone."

Nowhere in the world can you see such hazardous conditions as are to be met in the United States.

They all use Rocky Mountain Tea, 25 cents, Tea or Tablets, R. H. Jordan & Co.

Wages vs "Salaries"

The cry of the industrial world is for men who can actually do something. We have applicants every day by young men and old men who want "positions."

What can you do? Is the first question we ask, because we really don't care about the one who has wasted the time of his life. These don't come along. If most of those who do come would answer our question in full frankness they would say, "I can't do anything in good with any degree of efficiency, except draw my 'salary' and quit promptly when the whistle blows."

The good mechanic's wages will usually range from \$50 to \$100 a month and these stand in the line of increase and promotion. The untrained man gets \$15 to \$40 a month and stands in the line of nothing. It seems a pity we haven't a better system of training the boys and young men in a way to make them capable of actually doing something. A machinist apprenticeship can't hurt any boy, even though he expects to be a lawyer or a doctor.

There's plenty of time between school and college terms to give a boy or young man a practical apprenticeship. This time is usually wasted when wasted. The boy not only fails to learn to do some useful thing, but does acquire idle habits, sometimes vicious habits.

In our manufacture of pulleys, shafting, hangers, engine lathes, looms, spoolers, reels and other cotton and cotton oil machinery, we rejoice in the young fellow who has served his time and can actually take hold of the building of some of our machines. It's depressing to have the other young man, who is full of idleness and who can do nothing in particular. Our view of the matter is that none of the schooling should be omitted, but that a reasonable portion of the intervening time should be applied to learning some trade. It's as easy to teach a boy to learn with the result of capability as it is to let him drift into habits of idleness with the result of incapability.

THE D. A. TOMPKINS CO.

Cotton and Cotton Oil Machinery. Charlotte, N. C.

KEYNOTE...

If you should purchase anything from us— if that thing should not wear as you think it should, in every respect—we are just as anxious to make things right as you can be to have them right.

Carriages, Harness, Horses, Mules, Baggage and Passenger Service, Skyline Livery, Carriage and Harness Repair Work a Specialty.

J. W. WADSWORTH'S SONS CO.

THE CHARLOTTE SUPPLY COMPANY

WE ARE SOUTHERN AGENTS FOR TINNED WIRE, GERMAN HED DLES AND BIDDLE FRAMES. WRITE US FOR PRICES. Foskett & Bishop Steam Traps Carried in Stock; also Card Clothing and a Full Line of Supplies.

CHARLOTTE BIRMINGHAM SPARTANBURG

THE WELLINGTON STANDARD VISIBILITY-360

For simplicity and durability, ease of action and manifold capacity, it is equal, and all the WRITING IS IN FULL VIEW ALL THE TIME. The most economical machine for the buyer—the most satisfactory for the operator. FULLY GUARANTEED.

SOUTHERN STATES TYPE-WRITER COMPANY

Southern Distributing Agents, 22 W. Fifth St., Phone 1268, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

RALPH H. BROWN AND JOEL HUNTER

Public Accountants and Auditors. Examinations for Investors. 1219-1221 Empire Building, Atlanta, Ga.

DR. O. L. ALEXANDER, DENTIST.

CARSON BUILDING Southeast Corner FOURTH AND TRYON STREETS.

HOOK AND ROGERS

— ARCHITECTS —

CHARLOTTE & GREENSBORO, N. C.

Wheeler, Rung and Dickey

— ARCHITECTS —

Second Floor 40's Building, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

FRANK P. MILBURN

— ARCHITECT —

Columbia, S. C.

HICKS' CAPUDINE

INSTANTLY CURES HEADACHES Breaks up COLDS in 10 to 15 HOURS Trial Bottle 10c at Druggist

Yes, When?

Norfolk Landmark.

John Charles McNeill has written a poem in praise of the business manager of The Charlotte Observer, Mr. John Ross. This is something entirely new. When did a business manager ever before get immortalized in song?

RENT SQUARE

OF S. WITKOWSKY.

Places for rent, the most desirable in Charlotte—Stores, Offices, Shops and Dwellings.

1 Store, No. 204 E. Trade street, one door east of College street, heretofore occupied by F. H. White & Co.—immediate possession.

1 Store and several Offices, No. 9 S. College street, one door south of East Trade—now occupied by American Cotton Co. Possession September 1st.

1 Store, No. 11 West Fifth street—heretofore occupied as a machine shop.

1 7-Room Dwelling, No. 8 N. Graham, near West Trade street—modern improvements.

Apply to S. WITKOWSKY.

THE FASCINATING MR. VANDERVELD

lakes Lady Clarissa Howland for a motor run and causes the machine to break down fifteen miles from the nearest telephone. "Of course," remarks Robert Barr in The Elder, "the scene of the play is in England. In no other part of the world, excepting the Arctic Circle, can you get fifteen miles from a telephone."

Nowhere in the world can you see such hazardous conditions as are to be met in the United States.

They all use Rocky Mountain Tea, 25 cents, Tea or Tablets, R. H. Jordan & Co.

Wages vs "Salaries"

The cry of the industrial world is for men who can actually do something. We have applicants every day by young men and old men who want "positions."

What can you do? Is the first question we ask, because we really don't care about the one who has wasted the time of his life. These don't come along. If most of those who do come would answer our question in full frankness they would say, "I can't do anything in good with any degree of efficiency, except draw my 'salary' and quit promptly when the whistle blows."

The good mechanic's wages will usually range from \$50 to \$100 a month and these stand in the line of increase and promotion. The untrained man gets \$15 to \$40 a month and stands in the line of nothing. It seems a pity we haven't a better system of training the boys and young men in a way to make them capable of actually doing something. A machinist apprenticeship can't hurt any boy, even though he expects to be a lawyer or a doctor.

There's plenty of time between school and college terms to give a boy or young man a practical apprenticeship. This time is usually wasted when wasted. The boy not only fails to learn to do some useful thing, but does acquire idle habits, sometimes vicious habits.

In our manufacture of pulleys, shafting, hangers, engine lathes, looms, spoolers, reels and other cotton and cotton oil machinery, we rejoice in the young fellow who has served his time and can actually take hold of the building of some of our machines. It's depressing to have the other young man, who is full of idleness and who can do nothing in particular. Our view of the matter is that none of the schooling should be omitted, but that a reasonable portion of the intervening time should be applied to learning some trade. It's as easy to teach a boy to learn with the result of capability as it is to let him drift into habits of idleness with the result of incapability.

THE D. A. TOMPKINS CO.

Cotton and Cotton Oil Machinery. Charlotte, N. C.

KEYNOTE...

If you should purchase anything from us— if that thing should not wear as you think it should, in every respect—we are just as anxious to make things right as you can be to have them right.

Carriages, Harness, Horses, Mules, Baggage and Passenger Service, Skyline Livery, Carriage and Harness Repair Work a Specialty.

J. W. WADSWORTH'S SONS CO.