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## American War Ships Needed in Turkey

### Our Minister at Constantinople So Reports and Orders Are Issued Accordingly—Important Dispatches Received

Washington, Aug. 29.—Secretary Hay returned to Washington this morning after a long conference with Assistant Secretary Loomis. It is understood by officials that conditions in Turkey are assuming alarming proportions and that the revolution against the sultan is becoming so serious as to make it advisable for this country to take immediate steps to safeguard the lives and property of Americans.

The news from Constantinople that Consul Magelssen is alive and unharmed will cause no change in the plans of this government for the proper protection of American interests in Turkey. The European squadron under Rear Admiral Cotton will continue on to Beirut and will remain in the vicinity of Turkish seaports as long as the present serious situation continues.

It developed this morning that Minister Leishman recommended to the state department that American warships be sent to Turkey, and the action of the state department in deciding not to alter the orders to Rear Admiral Cotton is largely based on the statements of Minister Leishman as to the situation in Turkey. The reports received by the American mission board at Boston also indicate that life is not safe in Harport. A letter received at the state department from the officers of the board explained that they were in possession of important information which they would disclose to the officials in a personal interview. Secretary Hay has written to the officers of the board in Boston saying that he will gladly receive them any day and listen to what they may have to say.

Minister Leishman's dispatch, received last night, in explanation of the reports that Vice Consul Magelssen was assassinated, says that the error was committed through using the wrong cipher number by the consul at Beirut. He explains further that Vice Consul Magelssen was shot at and that the governor of Beirut had given assurances that action would be promptly taken looking to the finding and punishment of the would-be assassin. As an indication of the trouble existing at Beirut Minister Leishman said that the several consular officers at Beirut had reported to their governments that the conditions in Beirut are such as to make it unsafe for foreign consuls.

A reading of the official dispatches sent to the state department by Minister Leishman in regard to the reported assassination of Vice Consul Magelssen will show how he regards the situation in Turkey. The following dispatch was received at the state department this morning and was considered of utmost importance.

Thrapia, Aug. 27, received 11:55 p. m. Secretary of State, Washington: I have made proper representations to the sultan's representatives with reference to the assassination of Vice Consul Magelssen, but pending reception of fuller details and also your instructions I have made no demands other than asking for investigation, which the minister for foreign affairs assured me would be given prompt attention.

The troubles in Macedonia become more and more extended each day, and outside of the necessity, which may present itself, of sending a ship to keep a ship within easy range of Turkish waters in order to be in position to more fully protect American citizens should the revolution assume threatening proportions.

The insurance have become more expensive in eastern Roumania since the visit of Russian war vessels. The passenger train from Europe was derailed by dynamite this morning about fifty miles from Constantinople, killing or wounding most of the passengers.

(Signed) LEISHMAN.

The other dispatches giving the first information of the attempted killing of Mr. Magelssen are as follows:

Thrapia, Aug. 27, received 10:50 p. m. Secretary of State, Washington: Minister for foreign affairs has just sent me word stating that reported assassination of American vice consul entirely false, adding that security belt district is perfect. Am without further advice from Consul Ravndal and unable to account for such conflicting statements. Will report further as soon as I can obtain necessary information.

(Signed) LEISHMAN.

Thrapia, Aug. 27, received 7:55 a. m. Secretary of State, Washington: Just received telegram from consul of the United States at Beirut advising me that our vice consul was assassinated last Sunday night while sitting in carriage. Murderer unseen and unknown. No explanation is given for delay in reporting the case, but several adds that reply of governor is satisfactory. Have asked for fur-

ther particulars and will at once make vigorous representations to the sultan's representatives to the sultan's representative.

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### Revolution Threatened in Turkey

Washington, Aug. 29.—It is the belief of high officials of the government that a formidable revolution is imminent in Turkey. Fear is also entertained that it will be of such magnitude that the sultan will be unable to control it. This apprehension is not confined to officials of this government as shown by advices received at the state department, indicating that the other powers are also employed to regard to their interests in Turkey.

In a cablegram received this morning Minister Leishman said that the foreign consuls at Beirut have informed their respective governments that conditions there are unsafe from the assurance of the Turkish authorities. Because of the seriousness of the situation it was determined by the president not to change the orders of the European squadron to proceed to Beirut, although it is now positively known that Vice Consul Magelssen was not killed. The fact that Mr. Magelssen is alive and well will therefore, have no effect on this government as to sending the Brooklyn and the San Francisco to Beirut.

A dispatch received at the navy department late this afternoon from Rear Admiral Cotton says that the Brooklyn and San Francisco are at Genoa coaling and will sail from there for Beirut Sunday night. This delay is occasioned by the fact that Admiral Cotton has decided to have these ships coaled to their fullest capacity as it is not known how long they may have to continue in Turkish waters without having an opportunity to coal. The Machias is already on her way to Port Said in response to the hurry orders issued by Acting Secretary Darling, who issued instructions for the Machias to proceed ahead of the other ships because of her slow steaming capacity. The Machias will probably be overtaken by the other ships in a few days, but she will not go on with them to Beirut, but will stop at Port Said and there await further orders.

### Turks Shot at American Consulate

Constantinople, Friday, Aug. 28. Very little news was received today from the foreign consulates in Macedonia. The Austrian consul at Uskub reports that a detachment of troops passing the American consulate discharged their rifles at the consulate. No one was hurt.

The persons sent to reopen the light house at Kurru-Burum, Ininda bay, report that it has been destroyed.

The war minister has been authoritatively informed that a revolution will break out in a few days in the districts of Seres, Strumitza and Raslog. He is taking the necessary military measures. Bulgarians are very numerous in the part of eastern Macedonia and their operations are facilitated by the mountainous country and its proximity to Bulgaria.

An important railway bridge across the Varda at Boiniza in the district of Ghevhill was blown up by insurgents after a sharp fight with the Turkish guards. This severs all railway connection between Salonica and western Europe.

### Neveski Retaken by Turks

Salonica, Aug. 29.—It is officially announced that the Turkish troops have recaptured Neveski after killing two hundred Bulgarians. The latter captured the town last Tuesday and killed two hundred of the garrison of two hundred and forty, the remainder escaping. The Bulgarians then constructed breastworks which the Turks have since bombarded.

An irade issued by the porte orders the mobilization of sixty thousand men at Kossovo. There is great excitement throughout Albania and the whole population is eager to enlist.

Sofia, Aug. 29.—The east bound Orient express passed here this morning without any passengers. There was an unsuccessful attempt to dynamite the train a few miles south of Kuleliburgas, where another train was dynamited two days ago. The engines of the west bound express were derailed, but otherwise there was no damage done.

It is reported that one-quarter of Adrianople has been burned to ashes. Three other districts of the city are aflame.

Washington, Aug. 29.—Comptroller of the Treasury Tracewell today rendered a decision holding that Foreman Miller of the government printing office, who was dismissed from his position because of expulsion from the bookbinders' union, and was later reinstated by President Roosevelt, is not entitled to draw his pay of \$6 a day for the time he was out of office. The comptroller holds that as Miller performed no service for the government during the time between his dismissal and re-instatement, he is not entitled to compensation, although absence from his post was through no fault of his own. The opinion was in response to

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### A German Prince Coming

Berlin, Aug. 29.—It has been decided that Prince Adalbert of Prussia, the Kaiser's third son, shall join the warship Hertha at San Francisco, traveling via New York and across the United States. If time will permit Prince Adalbert will visit several American cities en route, as the Kaiser intends that he shall become acquainted with American life.

## Fell Through a Window

Winston-Salem, N. C., Aug. 29.—Special.—Charles Chick, a painter, while intoxicated, fell down a flight of steps this afternoon, his head going through two thick window panes. The carotid artery on the left side of his neck was severed and he came near bleeding to death before a physician arrived. He is at the hospital. While it is believed he will recover he is very weak from the loss of blood.

## Soldier Killed a Cow

Salisbury, N. C., Aug. 29.—Special.—A train loaded with soldiers passed Statesville one day this week, and while passing a farm house one mile west of town one of the soldiers shot and killed a fine milk cow, the property of a tenant on the place. The owner is making an effort to get damages out of the guilty party, but so far without success, as the person who did the shooting cannot be located.

## WRECKED ON LOOKOUT

### Barkentine James H. Hamlin Will Be a Total Loss

Beaufort, N. C., Aug. 29.—Special.—The barkentine James H. Hamlin, with a cargo of crossties, from Jacksonville, Fla., bound for New York, struck on Cape Lookout shoals, nine miles east of the light house. The current was running so strong, the wind light, and the sea high, that the vessel pounded heavily, causing a leak. The crew abandoned her and were taken off by the Cape Lookout life-saving crew, reaching the station at 2.30 this morning. The vessel and cargo will be a total loss. There have been five tug boats to her today, but all have given her up and gone home.

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## Third Conviction of Former Kentucky Official for Complicity in the Murder of Governor Goebel

Georgetown, Ky., Aug. 29.—The third trial of ex-Secretary of State Caleb Powers, for complicity in the murder of Governor William Goebel, in January, 1900, closed shortly before noon today, with the extreme penalty of hanging for the distinguished prisoner, who has been in the penitentiary for three years on life sentence.

The verdict of the jury, "Guilty and the punishment of death," was reported into court at 11.20 today. Several hundred people crowded the court room when the verdict was received, and the most intense silence prevailed. The jury was polled and each man declared the verdict of guilty to be his finding. Powers sat unmoved while his attorneys asked for time to make a motion for a new trial. Arthur Goebel, the brother of the victim, broke down from the strain upon hearing the verdict.

Powers has been convicted twice before, this being the third trial in which the jury has brought in a verdict of guilty against him. All three of the trials were held at Georgetown and in each of them he had the assistance of the most able lawyers who could be procured. The last trial was distinguished by the fact that Powers addressed the jury in his own behalf, and in a long review of the case showed himself to be a very competent ally, while his eloquence in pleading for his life astounded those who had watched him carefully in the past trials of the case.

Powers took the stand in his own defense this week and declared his innocence. The former secretary of state denied complicity in Governor Goebel's murder and said a conspiracy against him had brought convictions on the former trials. Powers was arrested shortly after Goebel's death. The first trial took place early in July, 1900. Powers was sentenced to life imprisonment August 20, 1900. He was given another trial, which began October 8. This time he was again found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment. He was given a new trial, which began August 7 last.

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Goldboro, N. C., Aug. 29.—Special.—The county Sunday school convention convened at Salem church today with full attendance from all the Sunday schools in the county. The exercises and addresses were all interesting and instructive. A number of prominent Sunday school workers are present from different points in the state. Tomorrow will be the big day and the attendance is expected to be overflowing. President H. B. Parker, Jr., of the convention, is only the second, but owing to the injuries which he received in the railroad wreck on the 19th of May, near Raleigh, he is not able to take the prominent part that he usually takes on such occasions.