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## GREECE IS UNDAUNTED.

Prefers Extermination to Peace at the Price of Abandoning Crete.

## DEFIANT UNDER GREAT REVERSES.

Turkish Atrocities in Epirus Reported—Greeks Retreated on Domoko to Make Another Stand—War to the Last Ditch Rather Than Give Up Crete—The Feeling Against Royalty is Less Bitter.

ATHENS, Greece (By Cable).—Greece will fight to the bitter end, even to extermination, it is stated positively, if the Powers insist on the withdrawal of the Greek troops from Crete as a condition of mediation.

M. Balli and his colleagues in the Greek Cabinet advocate energetic preparations to continue the struggle, while the King desires to avoid further bloodshed.

The news of the retreat from Pharsala was received with consternation at first, but the public has already accepted the situation, and now regards the retreat to Domoko as a strategic movement dictated by prudence. It is generally felt that General Smolentz's defense of Valeriano has vindicated the reputation of the Greek army and wiped out the disgrace of Mati and Larissa, leaving the national honor unimpaired.

Exhausted and demoralized as the Greek army is, it is still in good order, and the old and new units are still in good order. The anti-royal feeling is diminishing.

## OLDEST ARMY OFFICER.

General George S. Greene is still active at the age of Ninety-Six.

General George S. Greene, the oldest living graduate of West Point Military Academy, celebrated his ninety-sixth birthday on May 8. In 1852 he was made a Lieutenant in the army and at the age of sixty-four he was a general in the Civil War.

General Greene is one year and four months younger than the century, having been born at Apponaug, in the State of Virginia, on May 13, 1799.



GENERAL GEORGE S. GREENE.

Rhode Island, in May, 1861. He was a descendant in the seventh generation from John Greene, who came in 1635 from Salisbury, where the War of 1812 broke out young Greene wanted to go and fight the British, but his mother would not hear of it, and he had to curb his military ardor.

The latest estimate of his age is that at least 100 soldiers have been taken out, and as many more are still in the ruins. One report is that the disaster caused the loss of at least 200 lives and has thrown many of the best-known families of France and other continental countries into mourning. Perhaps 200 others were injured.

The bazaar in which the fire occurred was a temporary structure of wood. The flames were first discovered above the stall, No. 13, occupied by the Duchesse d'Uzes, and within the places were densely crowded with well-known families of France. The fire broke out in the cause of charity being an annual function presided over by the leaders of Parisian society.

A terrible panic ensued, especially the alarm of fire. There was a wild rush for the exits, and the weaker persons were trampled on after having been knocked down in the stampede. The inflammable nature of the building and its contents caused the flames to spread with great rapidity, and in a very short time the bazaar was a mass of flames. A policeman was on duty at the doors of the bazaar and saw from 1500 to 1600 persons were in the building when the fire started. He saw that the main entrance, a general panic followed by a terrible rush for the doors, which were soon choked with the crowd, thus preventing the escape before the fire broke out. The great doors of the bazaar were closed, and the flames were kept from spreading by the firemen, who were working hard to save the property. The fire was extinguished after about an hour, and the building was left a mass of ruins. The loss was estimated at \$1,000,000.

## FIRE HORROR IN PARIS.

Leaders of French Society Perish in a Frightful Disaster.

## ALL EUROPE IS IN MOURNING.

Flames Level a Wooden Structure Being Used for a Charity Bazaar—Scores of the Nobility and Wealthy, Mostly Women, Among the Victims—A Hundred Bodies Taken Out—Mare in Ruins

Paris, France (By Cable).—Not since the terrible fire which converted the festivities in connection with the marriage of Emperor Napoleon to Archduchess Marie Louise into an epoch of grief and mourning has so appalling a disaster overtaken Parisian society as the conflagration of the Rue Joan Joujon Tuesday afternoon. The flower of France's aristocracy was assembled together for the purpose of charity in a wooden building, constructed to represent a street of Old Paris. A bazaar, or fancy fair, was in full swing. The stalls were occupied by royal princesses, by duchesses, countesses, and leaders of the great world of the French metropolis, the place being densely thronged with visitors and purchasers, when suddenly a fire broke out in the stall of the Duchesse d'Uzes. A terrible panic ensued. Those who did not escape, especially the women, seem to have sustained shocking injuries during the struggle that followed at the exits in the frantic efforts to escape. No fewer than the noble families of France were among the victims of the fire at the Parisian bazaar.

The exact number of the victims may never be known with any degree of certainty. The latest estimate of his age is that at least 100 soldiers have been taken out, and as many more are still in the ruins. One report is that the disaster caused the loss of at least 200 lives and has thrown many of the best-known families of France and other continental countries into mourning. Perhaps 200 others were injured.

## REAR-ADMIRAL MEADE DEAD.

The Famous Naval Officer Expired at a Washington Sanitarium.



THE LATE REAR-ADMIRAL MEADE.

Rear-Admiral Richard W. Meade (retired), United States Navy, who had been ill in Washington for three weeks past, died Tuesday in Dr. Johnson's private sanitarium.

Rear-Admiral Meade was one of the best known officers of the modern navy, and served for many years in the United States Navy, and was in New York City on October 18, 1877, and was the eldest son of the late Captain Richard W. Meade, United States Navy; an elder brother of the late General Meade who fought at the battle of Gettysburg in July, 1863. The late Rear-Admiral was appointed a midshipman from California October 2, 1850. Admiral Meade married, in 1849, a daughter of the late Rear-Admiral Paulding, and by this marriage had one son and four daughters.

## TARIFF BILL REPORTED.

The Dingley Measure Subjected to a Radical Revision.

The Finance Committee of the United States Senate received the Dingley tariff bill from the sub-committee which had been considering the measure and immediately reported the bill to the Senate. In a general way, it is an increase of forty per cent on the duties on raw wool, and a few other items which were unchanged in the bill. The duties on raw wool are now 25 cents per pound, and the bill proposes to increase them to 35 cents per pound. The duties on raw wool are now 25 cents per pound, and the bill proposes to increase them to 35 cents per pound. The duties on raw wool are now 25 cents per pound, and the bill proposes to increase them to 35 cents per pound.

## NORTH STATE COLLINGS.

Attorney General Sends the Governor an Opinion as to Magistrates.

## ABOUT TAX TITLES TO LAND.

Will Not Call an Alliance Meeting—Sales Are Enormous—State Press Association.

It seems that some confusion is being created over the State regarding the new magistrates elected at the polls last November. A large number of them have failed to take the necessary oath of office and also to file the statements of campaign expenses, and for the latter cause the clerks of the Superior courts have pretended to declare the office vacant in quite a number of instances. The Governor is being appealed in many instances, and he has in turn asked for an opinion from Attorney-General Waiser. Mr. Waiser has just sent his opinion to Governor Russell. The Attorney-General says: "I have the honor to reply to your letter of the 29th Inst. I do not think the neglect or refusal of a candidate for office to file an itemized statement of expenditures when he is elected ipso facto works a forfeiture of his office, although it is a ground of forfeiture, that the forfeiture must be judicially ascertained and declared." Art. 4, Sec. 38 of the Constitution has by reason of the legislation of 1895, again become operative and that your Excellency has the right to fill all vacancies, where, for any reason, those elected have not qualified, except by reason of death, resignation or causes during the term. Laws of 1885, Chap. 288; The Constitution, Art. 4, Sec. 38; Glimmer vs. Holton, 98 N. C. 20.

## CONSUMPTION CAN BE CURED.

There is a good deal of talk at this moment about the titles of lands sold for taxes. Under the act of 1895 title is now absolute in the buyer of land so sold. There was an effort to alter this at the last legislative session, but the State treasurer declared that if a change was made the whole fabric of the collection of real estate taxes would fall to the ground. Representative Lusk, who, it is said, lost several thousand dollars by tax titles, was also deeply interested. It is claimed that syndicates are buying up such lands. Attorneys certainly represented the State treasurer in the opposition to any change of the law. Under the old system, under which such titles were worthless, it is claimed that the State was cleared out of great sums.

The secretary of the State Farmer's Alliance last month sent to each county a request for information as to whether, in view of the critical state of affairs of the shoe factory at Hillsboro, an official meeting of the order in May should not be held. Only nine county alliances have expressed a wish for a meeting, but President John Gray has declined to call one. It is possible that the Alliance will meet earlier than usual. August is the usual time. Of its funds the Alliance has invested \$25,000 in real estate and machinery at Hillsboro. It has \$7,000 in North Carolina 4 per cent bonds, as a special reserve fund.

The commercial fertilizer business this season is enormous. It breaks all records. During the five months ending April 30 no less than 1,000,000 tons of fertilizer have been sold in the State, and is made plain by the sales of tax lands by the Agricultural Department. Averaging the price at \$22.50 a ton this means an outlay of \$4,250,000.

The secretary of the State Press Association has given notice to Dr. G. W. Blackhall that he would hold his annual convention at Morehead City, June 9-10. About 100 members will attend and many of them will be accompanied by some lady relative.

The Secretary of State has sent in the copy for the annual insurance report. It shows ninety-six companies licensed. Last year there were 119, but some have failed; others were granted by the legislature exemption from taxation and some were refused license.

The total taxable value of property in the State in (by the last year's) 1896 was \$37,487,000. The loss of 8 per cent, by the decision of the Supreme Court is over \$75,000.

At the penitentiary there are now eighty-six life prisoners. There are twenty-one female life prisoners. On the farms there are eleven others.

Four hundred copies of the 110th volume of Supreme Court reports have been delivered to the Secretary of State and will be distributed.

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TRINITY CHURCH, NEW YORK, WHICH HAS JUST BEEN CELEBRATING ITS 250th ANNIVERSARY.

The demonstrations due to a change of Cabinet and to the flight from Larissa, which were somewhat superficial, have not been repeated. The gallantry of the Princes at Pharsala has also had a good effect.

All the inhabitants of Domoko have fled to Lamia. A panic prevails at Lamia, on the Gulf of Lamia, which is now the base of supplies for the Greek army. Many inhabitants are fleeing, fearing it will be attacked by the Turks. General Smolentz's brigade arrived at Halmyros, having retreated from Valeriano in good order. The artillery engineers and some cavalry went by sea.

The Government has notified the Powers that the Greek fleet has established an effective blockade of the coast of Epirus.

## SUPERIOR FORCE WON.

The Greek Defeat at Pharsala was Bloody and Complete.

TURKEY CASE, in Front of Pharsala (By Cable).—The most important conflict of the Turkish war has just been terminated after active hostilities lasting all day. Early in the morning the Turks advanced and found the town abandoned. Twenty thousand troops, with their officers, the two royal princes and all the inhabitants had fallen back to Domoko.

The Greeks only once offered determined resistance, namely, at the little town of Pasiangula.

Night fell almost immediately afterward, and in the darkness Pharsala was evacuated.

No great a battle was not expected. The Greeks held a good position on some small mountains on the Turkish side of the valley, but the moment the attack was commenced they began to descend the sides and across the plain. This enabled the Turks to open an artillery fire with great and continuous effect.

The Turkish losses were insignificant, but the Greeks lost heavily. Edhem Pacha then pitched his camp overlooking the pastoral and tranquil scene, and his army rests and is happy.

## MASSACRES IN EPIRUS.

Turks Have Begun to Commit Unspeaking Atrocities.

LONDON, England (By Cable).—Colonel Maquis writes from Arts that the Turks have begun a wholesale massacre of the inhabitants in the interior of Epirus. Almost all the inhabitants of the village of Kamarrin have been murdered, a few only escaping to the mountains.

From other parts women are arriving at Arts in the most miserable condition, begging protection for their husbands and children, who are being murdered by the enraged Turkish troops. Many of these poor creatures have gone mad. Some are unable to articulate a single word, others relate unspeakable atrocities.

## The Sultan is Willing.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Turkey (By Cable).—The Sultan made a favorable reply to an informal suggestion of mediation on the part of the Powers to put an end to the war between Turkey and Greece.

## Woman Suffrage Defeated.

The British Columbia Legislature rejected, by a majority of three, the Woman's Suffrage bill. The bill, however, received more support than any previous measure of its kind, and members of the Legislature say the women of the West will get their desire if they wait another year.

## Europe's Peace Assured.

At the Primrose League meeting in London the Marquis of Salisbury, Prime Minister of England, made a speech in which he said that the peace of Europe, except for the local war between Greece and Turkey, is as a better basis than ever before.

## MAY BE A TRANSVAAL WAR.

Forces of Both Great Britain and the Republic held in readiness.

The signs increase of a coming war between Great Britain and the Transvaal.

The army reserve of the Colony of Natal has been notified to hold itself in readiness for active service.

The authorities of the Transvaal have instructed their field Cornets to thoroughly patrol the Natal border, and report instantly any suspicious movements.

A circular from the Transvaal has been distributed in Cape Colony and in the Orange Free State calling upon the Afrikaners for help. It says: "We do not want your money or moral support. We want you to come and help us."

The Boer Volkraad discussed the answer to be made to the dispatches of Mr. Chamberlain, British Secretary of State for the Colonies, which demanded a repeal of the Transvaal Immigration law.

The Volkraad repealed the law, not because it was a breach of the London Convention, but because it was distasteful to neighboring States. Mr. Coster, the Transvaal State Attorney, has tendered his resignation in disapproval of the repeal.

## FIRE ENGINE HOUSE BURNS.

Citizens Gave the Alarm While Emporia (Kan.) Firemen Were Playing Cards.

The Fire Department of Emporia, Kan., is without shelter and the firemen are the laughing stock of the town. While a number of firemen were in the loft playing cards, a citizen discovered flames in the building and gave the alarm. The firemen scurried out, but before the teams could be taken out, burning brands were dropping around the horses, and it was all the men could do to save the engine and hose carts. The building was destroyed.

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## Eleven Men Drowned in a Mine.

Eleven men have been drowned through an inflow of water into the Kelso Colliery, at Durban, England.

## ELVEN LOST IN A WRECK.

Steamship Collynie Went Down in a Collision with the Girinago.

A collision occurred off Aberdeen, Scotland, between the small steamships Girinago and Collynie, resulting in the total loss of the Collynie. On board the Collynie were Captain Lawrie, her commander, his wife and two boys and a crew of eight men. Immediately after the collision Captain Lawrie fastened life belts around his two boys and clasping his wife in his arms awaited the fate of the ship. The Collynie sank in a few minutes and the captain's wife was torn from his arms by the immense wave which closed over the vessel. The Girinago stood by and picked up the Captain, who was unconscious, but all of the others were drowned.

## CRIMES OF A FIEND.

Farmer Kinzie Hillstead's wife and six children were in their home at Larimore, North Dakota, when August Norman, a young man whose attempt to frighten Mrs. Hillstead, entered the house.

The woman ran into her bedroom and bolted the door. Norman, failing to get in, riddled the door with his rifle. The fifteen-year-old son, and with the same razor killed the woman's thirteen-month-old baby and inflicted fatal wounds in the throats of two of her other children.

Going to the bedroom door the murderer told Mrs. Hillstead that he would spare the lives of her two daughters if she would open the door, which she yielded. Stealing a horse the fiend then took to the woods after breaking all the lamps in the house.

## Armistice in Thessaly.

The Turkish commander in Thessaly asked for an armistice of five days, one report from Athens says. According to another report an armistice has already been tacitly acquired in both sides. An armistice is understood to have been made and of the war between Turkey and Greece. After fourteen hours fighting the Greeks frustrated the Turkish attempt to turn the flank of the Greek army to cut off retreat to Volo.

## Prompt News From the Yaguis.

The Mexican Government is taking advantage of the quiet condition of the tribes of Yaguis Indians to run Government telegraph lines through every part of that wild and remote country. The object is to keep the tribes in touch with the world and to give of the slightest indication of a hostile outbreak.

## Dr. Cleveland's Heavy Mail.

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