



Greece and Turkey are now at war. Big guns are thundering in the mountain passes of Thessaly and Macedonia. The impregnable forts of the Dardanelles are belching forth shot and shell at every attempt of the Greek fleet to pass up to Constantinople. Once more the pass of Thermopylae is defended by the soldiers of the Cross. Blood and carnage is everywhere. Europe looks on impatiently. Every Christian statesman knows what this war means, knows that it is the beginning of the greatest general war of history, knows that it will be fought to the death between the Cross and the Crescent. Every European nation, with the exception of England, stands ready to assist the Greek nation. England does not want to go into this war. Her vast commercial interests in India and Egypt have added the Crescent, the insignia of Mahomedanism, to the British standard. England is today in no condition to take sides against the Mahomedans. India and Egypt would at once revolt. British commerce would be driven from northern Africa and the richest part of Asia. Much as the people of England love Christian civilization, they are fonder still of the commerce that makes England rich as a nation. If that wealth depends on Mahomedan trade England will stand by that trade. England's position is easily explained. In her course she is without an ally in Europe. Christendom is appalled at her course. Germany, at first inclined to stand with England, has revolted. The young emperor has leagued the empire's fortunes with those of Russia and France.

The result will be that when this war ends Russia, Germany and France will partition the spoils. India, Turkey and Asia Minor will fall to the lot of Russia. France will get Egypt and all of northern Africa. Germany will get what is left. The sceptre of empire will have passed from England forever. Gladstone sees it all coming and stands at the brink of the precipice warning the ship of state of the danger. But Captain Salisbury, like the greater portion of the English nation, will not heed the warning. England is drunk with foreign commerce.

We present some appropriate illustrations in connection with the latest news received from the seat of war.

#### TURKS DRIVEN BACK.

The Greek Troops Defeat Their Enemies.

Athens is wildly rejoicing over the latest news from the Turkish frontier. Gen. Smolentz, minister of war, is in command of 14,000 Greeks at Reveni, not far from Tyrnavos, northwest of Larissa. At this point Edhem Pasha, closely pressed, was nearly taken prisoner. His plan was to force the pass of Reveni, to enter the plain of Larissa, to cut off the retreat of the Greek army with his cavalry and thus take Larissa with-out resistance. But this plan was defeated. Gen. Demopoulos, at the head of one Greek division, forced the Turkish line at Boughazi, close to Tyrnavos and Gen. Mavromachale broke through at Koniskos. The two generals united their troops near Damasi.

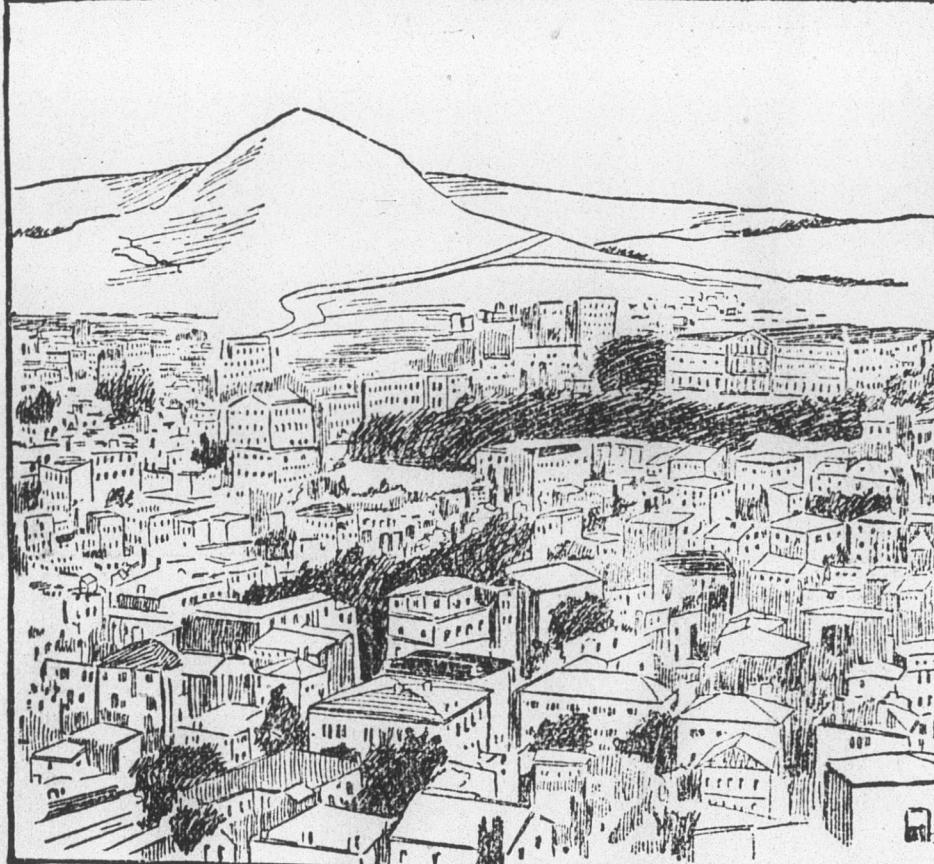
The news of this success at Reveni and of the imminent fall of Prevesa has changed the dismay caused at Athens by the loss of Milouma into the wildest rejoicing.

The latest advices are that the Greek troops are advancing to recapture their positions at Milouma and at Gritzovall, the latter of which, it is alleged, was abandoned owing to a misunderstanding by the general in command, who interpreted as an order of retreat what

was really intended as an order of advance. The Greeks report that the Turks lost 7,000 killed and wounded at Reveni, but this estimate is probably excessive. The Greek engineers constructed a bridge at Pachyskalos to enable their troops to cross the river. It is stated that the Turkish forces attacking Reveni numbered more than 10,000 men.

It is reported that among the other matters considered is the expediency of ordering the international fleets to leave Cretan waters and to go in the direction of Salonica and the Dardanelles, to watch the fighting, with a view to localizing it if necessary, by naval intervention. Should this suggestion, which is understood to emanate from the Italian foreign office, be acted upon, it is probable that only half the fleet of foreign warships would be withdrawn for such a purpose, the other half remaining to continue the Dardanel blockade.

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A VIEW OF MODERN ATHENS. The Capital of Greece and Seat of Operations Against the Mohamedans.

The most inexplicable fact in connection with the whole engagement is the comparatively small number of killed. All the special correspondents agree to this. The Turks appear to have fired as wildly with their rifles at Milouma pass as they did at Arta, where the fighting consisted of an artillery duel between the rival batteries on each side of the river, lasting about four hours in the afternoon. There they fired only one out of five shots with any effect and their batteries were soon silenced by the Greeks, whose marksmanship was very much superior. The Turkish losses at Arta are believed to have been very heavy. On the Greek side there was not a man killed.

THE FIRST BATTLES.

Some of the Earlier Cablegrams from the Seat of War.

War has broken out between Greece and Turkey. Fierce battles have been fought at Karya, at Milouma pass and at Prevesa on the Gulf of Aeta. The most desperate battle was fought at Milouma pass where

20,000 men fought more than thirty hours without food or sleep.

Diplomatic relations between the two nations have been severed. Turkey insists that Greece has provoked the conflict by her aggressive attitude on the frontier of Macedonia. On the other hand Greece insists that Turkey has been the aggressor. Crete, which was the original cause of the conflict, seems now to be overlooked.

Unless some of the great powers intercede there is certain to be great loss of human life before the quarrel is settled.

Greek subjects in Constantinople will probably remain under the protection of Mr. Terrell, the American minister. A dispatch to the Daily Chronicle from Athens, dated midnight, says the Greeks have captured Menaxa after severe fighting. The Turkish losses were very heavy; the Greek comparatively light. The correspondent adds: "The Greek fleet has destroyed half the fortresses at Prevesa and silenced their guns. I am assured that the bombardment will be continued to-morrow (Monday) morning."

The latest news received here is that the Greeks have captured and hold all the positions except Ana and Milouma along the Thessalian line. I have had access to an important document from a European capital showing that the powers have done nothing for several weeks, because they have hoped that Greece would be either financially ruined or soundly beaten by Turkey. If Turkey gets Larissa she will remain there until Greece evacuates Crete. It was Germany that urged Turkey to declare war.

The correspondent of the Associated press understands that Turkey has no idea of territorial conquest, because she is aware that the powers would not sanction an advance to Athens. The idea is that she will first attempt to capture Larissa, and then march on Trichala and Pharakli. If these also are captured Turkey would be in a position to compel Greece to comply with the demands of the powers. The Turkish fleet, however, is still in the Dardanelles.

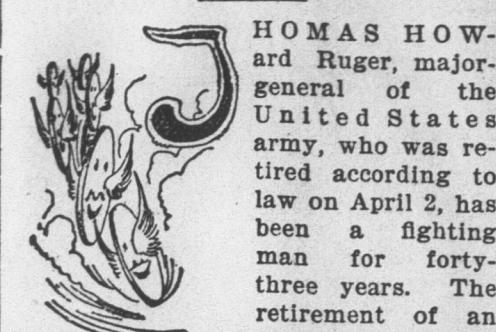
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MAJ-GEN. RUGER.

#### GEN. RUGER RETIRES.

STORY OF A VETERAN SOLDIER'S STORMY CAREER.

Graduated from the Military Academy in 1854—Among His Classmates Were Gen. Stuart and Gen. Lee—He Saw the First Smoke of Battle in Civil War.



HOMAS HOWARD Ruger, major-general of the United States army, who was retired according to law on April 2, has been a fighting man for forty-three years. The retirement of an army officer is always a source of gratification to other army officers, lower in rank, and General Ruger's is not an exception to the rule. The usual promotions will follow and the effect of the retirement will be felt in military posts throughout the entire country. The general himself does not share the pleasurable feelings his exit from the service inspires in the breasts of his blue-coated, epauletted co-officers. Although he is by no means superannuated, literally, and would, if left to his own desires, continue in the command of the department of the east. But the law is plain. His term of office is filled and he must spend his remaining years in such pursuits as his means or inclination dictate. The prospect for him, indeed, is not over brilliant, for long custom has used

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