

SERVIA TAKES PORT.

SEIZES DURAZZO IN SPITE OF AUSTRIA'S ATTITUDE AND ALBANIAN STAND.

Negotiations For Peace are Progressing at Baghtche and Great Powers are Exchanging Proposals for Conference to Settle Whole Question.

London, Nov. 28.—The Servians, ignoring the proclamation of Albanian independence, have occupied the port of Durazzo without resistance. This information comes in a direct dispatch from that town tonight. Thus the conflict is raised to acute form between Austria and Serbia and it remains to be seen whether the Austrian government will take any direct action or will be content to leave the question for after the war settlement.

The Serbia action, coupled with the eminently warlike feeling prevailing at Vienna, is likely to keep Europe in a state of anxiety. On the other hand the fact that the negotiations are progressing at Baghtche and that there is no sign of the resumption of operations on the Tchatalja lines while the great powers are exchanging proposals for the assembling of a European conference, all make for a peaceful settlement.

Should the proposed conference materialize — for apparently Austria has not yet consented to participate — it would be considered as preparatory to a later conference, which would include the Balkan States and Turkey, for a final settlement of all questions. Nothing as to where the conference will take place has been given out. Great secrecy is preserved regarding the conference at Baghtche and it is not known whether the principles are discussing on armistice or peace.

It is reported from Rome that a provisional Albanian government has been constituted at Avalon by 80 Albanian delegates.

The Turkish fleet with the exception of the cruiser Hamidieh is reported by special correspondents in Constantinople to be ready to go out and fight. It is still doubtful, however, whether the Ottoman military authorities will agree to allow its use against the Greek fleet despite the reported intention of the Greeks to transport large forces to Xeros bay behind the Dardanelles. The move would seem to give the Turkish destroyers the chance for which Turkish naval officers profess to long.

Torgut Schevket Pasha is now in command of the garrison guarding the forts of the Dardanelles. The troops under his command have been strongly reinforced and are said to number at least four divisions.

Our report of the arrest of 500 Turkish officers and a number of civilians, including Dr. Nazim Bey, the chief organizer of the committee of Union and Progress, by the Greeks in Saloniki, is telegraphed by a special correspondent. The arrested men have been deported by Greece. The correspondent says this step by the Greeks was justified because the Turks violated the terms of capitulation, broke their parole and got away in some cases by using fraudulently obtained passports.

The correspondent adds that the importance of this development will be understood when it is realized that the character of the war in Macedonia has changed and that the Greek army is now seriously harassed by numerous guerilla bands largely composed of liberated soldiers.

Moreover the Bulgarian commanders have complained that Turkish officers have left by steamer from Saloniki to proceed to Constantinople for the purpose of joining their comrades fighting at Tchatalja.

It was discovered that Dr. Nazim Bey was organizing meetings and leading numerous intrigues against authorities.

TAKE ADRIATIC PORT

Servian Troops Occupy Durazzo Which May Become Bone of Contention Between Two Nations.

Durazzo, Nov. 28.—The Servian troops occupied the town today. No resistance was offered.

The Austrian Lloyd steamer Graf Wurmbrand left immediately with a number of refugees.

Durazzo is the port on the Adriatic which Serbia desires to retain and which Austria determined Serbia shall not hold.

EXCITEMENT IN AUSTRIA.

Government's Preparations for War Stir Dual Monarchy.

Vienna, Nov. 29.—Much excitement has been occasioned by the action of the government in arranging for the mobilization of the Austrian army.

The parliamentary leaders met tonight and decided to allow mobilization to go to committee without the customary first reading.

According to the Neue Freie Presse the premier in announcing the bills to the procedure committee told the parliamentary lawyers there was no

change in the international situation. The papers regard this as an admission that the situation is still critical. At an extraordinary meeting, the municipal council tonight made a demonstration of great loyalty. Amid rousing cheers for the emperor the council adopted a manifesto declaring that "the maintenance of peace is worth great sacrifices, but the economic prosperity of nations and the full blessings of industry are only vouchsafed to states which maintain peace not by dishonorable weakness, but forcefully, supported by the consciousness of a just cause."

After the meeting thousands of persons formed in procession and singing patriotic hymns, marched to the Deutschmaster monument, where the burgomaster delivered a patriotic address.

INTERESTING NEWS OF WINTHROP.

"Game Cock Lodge" Formed Among Sumter's Twenty-five Representatives at the College.

Winthrop College, Rock Hill, Nov. 25.—The Correspondence Club of Winthrop College has a member from almost every county in South Carolina. The girls meet every two weeks and discuss the way in which the Winthrop news can be made interesting to the home people. It is the duty of each member to write the general news of Winthrop College and the personal news of the girls from her county, to one of the county papers. This club had its picture taken for "the Annual" about two weeks ago.

The twenty-five girls from Sumter county are doing all in their power to uphold the reputation that the former Sumter girls have made. We feel as if we are holding our ground very well, because out of the twenty-five, the following have college offices: Miss Harlet Herbert, College Marshall; Miss Margaret Cheyne, Vice President of sophomore class; Miss Mabel Booth, President of Freshman class; Miss Katie Pitta, basket-ball manager of freshman class.

Many improvements are being made around the college. An annex is being added to the infirmary, the laundry is being enlarged, and preparations are being made for enlarging the auditorium. The Winthrop Training school is almost completed and it is hoped that the new science hall will soon be finished.

The head of our English department, Dr. Kinard, and one of our teachers, Miss Withers, were notified a few days ago that their English grammar was being used as a text book in Shanghai, China.

Our dancing hall has been made much smaller by the sides being taken away for practice room. This makes the hall much too small for a German, so the first German which will be given by the Terpsichorean Club to the Thalia, on the night before Thanksgiving, will be given on the third floor, main building. Among the girls who will attend it are: Misses Maggie May Seale, Carita Randle, Eleanor Hughson, Susie Dick, Adele Pitts, Cecile McKagen and Gordon Field.

Among the many pleasures provided for the students during Thanksgiving week is a musical by Professor Baur, the head of our music department, on Monday night. Every summer Professor Baur returns to his native home, Germany, to pursue his study of Music. He is a graduate of Leipzig University and a musician of unusual talent. Professor Baur has been at Winthrop for more than ten years.

"Knapp Agricultural Day" will be celebrated on Wednesday. A special program has been arranged with Professor L. A. Niven, former head of the agricultural department as special speaker. Professor Niven will speak of Dr. Knapp's service to the South. The children of the training school have also arranged a special program.

Of course we are looking forward to Thanksgiving with the greatest of pleasure. For many this will be the first Thanksgiving away from home, but as Winthrop is like a big family with eight hundred children, we hope all will be happy. We will have our usual big dinner with everything on the market.

The Sumter girls have organized a "Game Cock Lodge." We meet every once in a while and discuss Sumter news only, however, it does not take the "Lodge" to keep up the "Game Cock" spirit.

"A Cock."

Shop Early.

Buy your Christmas presents early — early in the day and early in December — or late in November. That will be your best gift of the holidays to the workers behind the counters and on the delivery wagons.—Charleston Post.

Sumter county has another death to report due to the work of the deadly pistol at a negro hot supper and dance.

HEADS FOR COMMITTEES.

TASK ABSORBS DEMOCRATIC SENATE LEADERS' THOUGHT.

Tillman Will Probably Have Choice of Appropriations, Naval Affairs or Interstate Commerce.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Control of the important committees of the senate in the next congress when the body will be under Democratic domination has become a question of pressing importance. The matter is considered so vital to the shaping of legislation and Democratic policies that the party leaders now here are discussing it with a view to obtaining action.

It is expected that some form of a Democratic senate caucus or conference will be held next week to take preliminary steps toward reorganization.

The senate committees not only exercise a practical control over all legislation of congress, but they will control no little patronage. The agitation in Democratic ranks has arisen from the fact that a few Democrats long in the senate held the ranking position on practically all the important committees. If the rules of seniority are followed, each will be allowed to pick the chairmanship of one of these committees, and at the same time hold second position on others.

Senators Bacon, Tillman and Martin, who entered the senate in 1895, head the Democratic membership of many committees. Senator Tillman is the ranking Democratic member of eight committees and under the seniority system would be entitled in the new congress to take the chairmanship of one and hold the second place on all the others. Under the proposed plan, he would be entitled to select a chairmanship but then would have to give second place on the other committee to members not now holding important positions.

Among the committees over which Senator Tillman would exercise control are appropriations, interstate commerce and naval affairs.

Senator Bacon commands the first place on five committees among them foreign relations, judiciary and rules, three of the best committees of the list. In addition to being chairman of the Democratic caucus, Senator Martin could be chairman of any one of four committees, including commerce.

Senator Culberson, who came in four years later than either of these three, is the ranking Democrat on four committees, and in addition, March 4, will hold second place on appropriations and judiciary.

Senator Simmons, who entered the senate as late as 1904, would have his choice of the chairmanships of as many as six committees, including finances. Other members who will have a wide range of choice are Senators Bankhead and Johnston of Alabama; Clarke and Davis of Arkansas; Newlands of Nevada; Overman of North Carolina; Smith of Maryland, and Stone of Missouri.

FLORENCE ESCAPES DISASTER.

Good Work of Fire Department Confines Flames to One Building in Business District.

Florence, Nov. 28.—Florence came near having a disastrous fire in the business district tonight. Shortly after 9 o'clock smoke was seen issuing from the furniture store of Charles D. Bray, and upon investigation it was found that the interior of the building was in flames. Within a few minutes the department was on hand, but before water was turned on the building the flames were leaping high into the air. It did not take long for the firemen to get in their work, and after an hours' hard work and turning thousands of gallons of water on the building the fire was brought under control. The Bray building is partially gutted and the entire stock of furniture and house furnishing goods is badly damaged from heat, smoke and water.

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MOB CHASES SHERIFF.

GEORGIANS PURSUING DODGE COUNTY OFFICERS AND PRISONER IN AUTOMOBILES.

Capture of Girl's Assailant and Dramatic Flight in Darkness Come Soon After Nightfall.

Macon, Ga., Nov. 20.—A Cordele special to The Telegraph says:

"The sheriff of Dodge county is speeding in a big touring car down into southeast Georgia tonight with a negro, Chesley Williams, and hot in pursuit are several more cars filled with armed men, bent on lynching the prisoner, who last night at a late hour shot the wife of a well known planter of Dodge county and criminally assaulted her 18-year-old daughter. All day citizen posses have been scouring the countryside for Chesley Williams, the negro, whom both the mother and girl describe as their assailant, in an effort to lynch him. Tonight, some time after dark, the sheriff found him in an outhouse not far from the scene of the outrage and immediately with a posse of five deputies left for parts unknown.

"On the presumption that he was bound for McRae or some other point on the Southern railway, several cars a half hour afterward left in pursuit.

"The crime was committed a few miles out of Rhine, some 30 miles from here. Last night, while the mother and daughter were alone in the house, which is isolated, the negro, who had been a farm hand on the place, entered the house. He was ordered out but refused to go. He shot and seriously wounded the mother and then assaulted her 18-year-old daughter. Shortly after the outrage the men of the house returned and the women told their story. Since that time posses from all over the countryside have been searching for the negro. Negroes tonight told the sheriff where Williams was and he found him in an outhouse hiding.

"It is understood that before the flight of the sheriff and his prisoner started, the negro, Williams, confessed."

Now is the time to do your Christmas shopping early.

Quite a large number of young men and ladies from here went over to the dance at Florence Thursday night. They all report having had a most enjoyable time.

The "wherry Observer" observes well in saying that the first rule in cooking a turkey is to get your turkey. No easy thing to do, comments The Observer, when turkeys are selling from fifteen to eighteen cents a pound. Nor when they are selling for twenty-five cents.—Charleston Post.

We have beforetimes called attention to the hope that lay in the development of the small farm near the city, and we are sure that we have only to point to the corn clubs and the tomato clubs of this county, with their records, to show that it is really not going to be hard for a man and his family to make a good living on a farm of ten acres.—Florence Times.

Dust Poisoned Pies Kill.

The coroner's investigation of the death of William Bowling of Laneshire, after eating pork pies in May last, was concluded when Doctor Harris, medical officer of health, stated that his opinion was that the infection of the meat in the shop was caused by dust blown in from the street.—London Mail.

Oblivion.

"If our man doesn't make a record in the legislature," says the Whitsett Courier, "we'll send him to congress, where he'll be lost sight of and never heard from again."

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