

spring wheat in earnest; lucern just showing green; leaf buds developing rapidly on the trees and shrubs.

Loa—Farmers busy putting in crops. Weather generally favorable for farm operations and growth of vegetation.

Lyman—No grain has come up yet; grass just starting.

Charleston—Weather fine; snow all gone; farming operations commenced in earnest and our community is as busy as a colony of ants; little seeding done at present; river very high and some damage being done in washing off land. Land quite wet and in splendid condition to receive the seed.

Sigurd—Weather warm and pleasant. Spring work is getting along nicely and most of the wheat is in and some oats. Lucern has started to grow.

Glenwood—Weather warm and dry. Farmers complain that the soil is very dry and hard and probably many in Glenwood, Wallsville, Sigurd and Vermillion will have to water their land before plowing, and grain will have to be watered up unless we have rain. The Sevier river is coming up rapidly and the mountains are full of snow down to the foot-hills.

Monroe—The week has been well adapted for all kinds of outdoor labor. A large portion of the grain crop is in. Garden stuffs are making an appearance. Sevier river quite full and will soon overflow if weather keeps on. Monroe canyon streams look threatening.

Joseph—Fine all the week; waters rising; crops being put in lively; wheat about all in; gardens all in for early vegetables; land being prepared for oats; ground drying out very much; beginning to water lucern.

Westwater—Cool and windy on 11th; balance of week warm, pleasant and favorable for vegetation and general farm work. No rain or frosts during the week.

Orton—The week has been exceptionally fine; snow all gone from the valley and farming operations commenced.

Coyote—The land is in good condition and cropping has begun in earnest. Gardens are being planted, grass beginning to start, and the river is coming up.

Morgan—Weather favorable past week; snow about all gone; planting and seeding progressing; farmers very busy.

Syracuse—Past week has been more favorable for farm work in general. Plowing, sowing, drilling and cultivating gardens are general; lucern and grass starting nicely; fall grain is growing well but is reported a thin stand. Buds on fruit trees are coming forth nicely.

Meadowville—Past week has been very fine. The snow is fast disappearing from the low lands. Freshets are now in order. Farmers anxiously waiting for the ground to dry to begin plowing. Winter wheat beginning to show and looks favorably. No farming and gardening work commenced yet.

Greenville—The past week has been very favorable to all farm work and to the growth of vegetation. The planting of wheat is in progress, with soil in fine condition. No fruit in this precinct.

Minersville—A splendid week for

farming; days bright and warm; nights moderately cool; buds are developing fast, and prospects are good for fruit.

Pinto—Farming operations commenced on the high land; water high; weather very pleasant.

Toquerville—Town looks lively—almost a solid mass of bloom such as peaches, pears, cherries, etc. Figs in leaf and first crop setting. Lucern not pastured, 10 to 12 inches high; creeks rising from melted snow.

New Harmony—Past week has been warm and pleasant. Farmers busy putting in their crops.

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## TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

ATHENS, April 20.—The news of the capture of Damasi puts a new complexion upon the situation on the frontier. It is a great encouragement to the government, and is likely to have the most exhilarating effect upon the spirits of the Greeks, who had been greatly depressed by the reverses of their troops at Miloussa pass. This success and the fact that the fall of Prevesa seems imminent virtually offsets the calamity of Miloussa. If the government divisions effect a union at Damasi as expected, there is almost nothing in their way for a prompt advance to Ellassona. If Tyrnavos falls into the hands of Edhem Pasha and the Turkish troops sweep down upon the plain and advance to Larissa to meet the force concentrated there under the crown prince, they will be between two grand divisions of the Greek army. This seems to have been the object of Greek strategy.

Should the Greeks succeed in reducing the forts at Prevesa, as now seems probable, and occupy the town with the large land force co-operating with the bombarding warships, the royal road to Janina will be open, and the Turkish troops in Epirus placed at a most serious disadvantage. The strategic value of Prevesa to the Turkish division in Albania is that so long as it remains in the hands of the Turks it makes possible a steady line of communications and food supplies. With Prevesa in the hands of the Greeks, this line would be promptly cut, and it would be practically impossible to re-evictual the Turkish troops by the long land route through Macedonia. On the other hand, the Greek troops could be re-evictualled by sea.

It is stated here in well-informed circles that the eastern squadron of the Greek fleet, which will shortly be reinforced by the ironclad Spetzia, is planning an important movement. This is probably directed against Salonica. If this is adopted with dispatch, it is quite possible that the Greek ships will reach the gulf and shell the town of Salonica before the Aegean squadron of the Turkish fleet can interfere. The object of such a bombardment would be to cut off the Macedonian line of supplies to Edhem Pasha's camp at Ellassona. Should the Greek troops advance from Damasi to Ellassona, the line of Turkish supplies could be cut at that point and render the naval action unnecessary.

It is possible that the brilliant success at Damasi will cause a modification in the sea program of the Greeks. Taking a general survey of the field

tonight (midnight), the fortunes of war thus far are pretty evenly divided, but the chances for the immediate future are decidedly in favor of the Greeks.

ATHENS, April 21.—(1 a. m.)—The report of the capture of Damasi by the Greeks under Gen. Smolentz is confirmed by official dispatches. Official dispatches report also that further heavy breaches have been made in the Turkish forts at Prevesa. The bombardment ceased at nightfall, but will be resumed this morning (Wednesday).

The ironclad Spetzia has left the Gulf of Arta to join the eastern squadron, which it is said has an important mission.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 21.—The barkentine City of Papeete, just arrived from Tahiti, brought news confirming the report that Queen Nanae of the Raiatea islands was captured by the French and sent into exile with her husband and the principal chiefs. Mrs. S. J. Hutchinson of the Holiness church of Los Angeles returned from the deposed queen's island on the City of Papeete, having been refused permission to do mission work there, as her religion differed from that which is the established church on these islands. She was allowed to land at Nouka Hiva, but was prevented from attempting to convert the natives.

The war which resulted in the exile was brought to a close by a bayonet charge of the French against the natives, whose ammunition had become exhausted. The natives were crowded behind a breastwork and nearly every one was killed. The queen afterward surrendered. Besides those exiled with the queen more than 300 warriors were taken in a transport to Christmas Island.

As no water could be found there the warriors were taken back to Nouka Hiva for further instructions. The officers in charge of the prisoners were directed to take them to another island of the Marquesas group that M. Lichtle had leased from the French government for the purpose of using it as a cattle range. As soon as the natives were put on the island they began to kill the cattle for food.

When the City of Papeete left the Marquesas Lichtle was trying to get the government to remove the natives and to pay him for the animals killed.

CHICAGO, April 21.—Two lives were lost and three dwellings partially destroyed by a fire which broke out early this morning at 220, Ashland avenue. The flames soared so rapidly that many occupants were forced to jump from the windows while others were taken down ladders. The dead are: John McCleas and John Coyne. The body of both were badly burned. Coyne, 13 years old, was found tightly clasped in the arms of McCleas who had evidently perished in the attempt to save the boy.

PARIS, April 21.—A correspondent of La Journal at Athens had an interview with King George of Greece, at the palace yesterday. His majesty is quoted as saying that he believed to the last moment that peace would be maintained and did his utmost to bring about a pacific settlement of the matter in dispute. The king denied that Greece commenced the hostilities