

Greek forces are retreating on Do mokon. The baggage and artillery took the main road. The infantry crossed the hills.

ATHENS, May 6.—8 p. m.—Fighting is proceeding between Turkish and Greek forces at Velestino. It is presumed the Turks, noticing General Smolenski prepared to retreat, attacked him in force. The Turks burned two villages.

LARISSA, May 6.—A dispatch from Pharsala dated 11 a. m. today describes the battle there, which began yesterday:

A Turkish corps first appeared on the summit of Mount Tekke yesterday morning. From a formidably intrenched position on the hillside they attacked the Fourth regiment of Evzones about noon. The latter made a strong resistance, but were finally compelled to fall slowly back.

The Turks then cannonaded and destroyed the village of Ordekini, which is about two hours' march north of Pharsala.

The crown prince having ordered the army to draw up in line of battle, the Greeks advanced about 2 p. m. The Turks, numbering 80,000, immediately descended the slopes of Mount Tekke and planted batteries which began to bombard the Greek regiments. Owing to the superiority of weight the Turkish cannon inflicted heavy losses upon the Greeks, and especially near the station. The Turks continued to advance until they came into close quarters, and then the crown prince decided to retire to more commanding positions.

All the ammunition and supplies have been transported to Domokos, on the heights of which the Greek batteries were prepared for action.

HOUGHTON, Mich., May 7.—With a box containing 300 pounds of dynamite on fire ten feet away from him, John Thomas, a boy who runs a compressed air hoisting engine in the Tamarack mine, stuck to his post and saved the lives of the men at work in the mine by his wonderful bravery.

Ten seconds after Thomas had hoisted the men to the level the dynamite exploded, smashing the engine to pieces and doing other damage, but the men and the boy to whom they owe their lives were in a place of safety.

The miners working in the twenty-third level had put seven cases of dynamite in a box for future use. At noon, a miner accompanied by Thomas went to his post, gave the alarm to the miners in the level below and ran his engine until he had hoisted them out. He then fled. The alarm of fire caused great excitement but no miners were injured in the rush to reach daylight from a depth of from 3,000 to 4,600 feet.

ASTORIA, Ore., May 8.—According to private advices received here yesterday F. B. Lichtenberg, a young Englishman, who arrived in this city about two years ago and left a year later, has met a horrible fate at the hands of cannibals on the South Sea islands. He with another man was taken prisoner, killed and eaten by the tribes of the islands. Lichtenberg went directly to Australia from Astoria, and there agreed with an ex-missionary, whose name is not known, to trade with the natives of Santa

Cruz islands, which have a population of about 30,000. The ex-missionary had traded with them before and had been among them in his religious capacity and entertained no fears for safety of himself and companion.

The men, says the letter, procured their outfits and sailed for the islands. The natives who are reputed to be more ferocious than any of the Australian tribes captured them and held them for some time. Later they were killed and eaten. The story gained circulation through a half civilized native who witnessed the awful feast.

Lichtenberg belonged to a prominent London family. His father is said to be very wealthy.

Chewah, Wn., May 8.—A severe electrical storm occurred here this morning. Laura Boiler and Lottie McCormack took refuge in a tree. Lightning struck the tree and knocked the girls senseless. They were burned so badly that they may not recover. Several others were injured and ten head of cattle killed.

VELESTINO, May 8.—The Greeks have evacuated Volo. A detachment of marines have been landed from the British, Russian, French, Austrian and German warships to guard the town. The consuls have arrived to confer with Eshem Pasha, the Turkish commander.

As this dispatch is being sent Turkish troops are entering Volo. The Greeks who fled to Almyros will rejoin the main body of the Greek forces at Domokos.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The Turkish legation regards the Turkish advance to Volo as the most important and decisive movement since the war began. It leaves the Greek army cut in two, with General Smolenski outflanked and unable to communicate with the main body of the Greek army under Prince Constantine. The Turkish forces now occupy a line extending from Milouna pass southward to Volo. General Smolenski's army is east of this line with the Turkish army between him and Athens.

CHICAGO, May 11.—A special to the Chronicle from New Orleans says: The steamer Rover plying between this port and the ports of Spanish Honduras, was fired on by a Nicaraguan man-of-war on May 6th, with four miles from the port of Cortez, and narrowly escaped being hit amidships.

The Rover also brought the information that it was rumored that the American consul at Porto Cortez, Mr. Agler, had been shot, but no particulars had been obtained.

Upon arriving at Porto Cortez on the morning of May 6th, Captain Reed of the Rover observed that the flags of the American consulate were not flying, and that there seemed to be something amiss in the town. He decided not to anchor his ship, but instead remained off shore, waiting to be boarded by the custom officials. After waiting for some time, Captain Reed concluded it was not safe for him to remain in the port, and headed his ship for Omas. When the Rover was about four miles distant from Porto Cortez, the tugboat Lucy B. was observed heading for the steamer. When the two vessels were about half a mile apart, to the astonishment and dismay of the American captain and his crew, a puff of

smoke was observed to clear the sides of the Nicaraguan vessel, and the next moment there followed a report and a solid shot struck the water a few hundred yards ahead of the Rover. The ship was stopped at once, and then there followed another shot from the Lucy B, which dropped into sea about fifty feet from the side of the American ship. The Lucy B by this time was within hailing distance, and an officer in uniform ordered the Rover to come to anchor. The officer turned out to be General Reyes of the Nicaraguan government, and he demanded to see the Rover's papers, which were given him. He then searched the vessel and apparently finding everything to his satisfaction gave Captain Reed a permit to load fruit at coast ports.

NEW YORK, May 11.—The Journal tomorrow will say: Earthquakes are shaking the islands of Guadelupe and Montserrat of the Leeward group in the West Indies. The heaviest occurred April 29, when fifty colored people were killed by being buried in the ruins of their houses. In a brick church a congregation of 200 people were caught by the collapse of the walls and fifty crushed to death.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11.—The well established firm of Williams, Brown & Co., wholesale shipping and commission merchants, is in financial difficulties. Its liabilities are said to be about \$600,000, but its assets are believed to be sufficient to meet most of its obligations.

If the creditors will grant an extension of time, the firm hopes to resume business. For the past eight years the firm has been recognized as one of the most active in the Australian import trade. Since December the concern has loaded seven vessels for the antipodes whose joint cargoes are valued at \$500,000. The direct cause of the failure of the firm is said to have been the failure of the Australian consignees to meet bills drawn against them for heavy shipments of grain.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Mr. Mantle (Rep., Mont.) introduced two amendments to the wool schedule tariff bill. He explained that one represented the views of the National Woolgrowers association while the other had been agreed to by a number of senators on the Republican side.

The amendments were referred to the finance committee.

Mr. Gear (Rep., Ia.) chairman of the Pacific railroad committee, said he would not press his motion to proceed with the Pacific railroad bill today, but would urge it on Thursday.

CINCINNATI, May 12.—A special to the Commercial Tribune from Anderson, Ind., says:

Thirty leading manufacturing corporations of the gas belt, representing Alexandria, Elwood, Kokomo, Pendleton, Munice, Gilman, Fairmont, Summitville, Gas City, Albany and Anderson, sent delegates here and have organized the "Manufacturers' association for the preservation of the gas fields."

The officers are: President W. B. Leeds, president National Tin Plate company, Elwood, and Secretary J. E. Lippincott, president Lippincott Chimney works, Alexandria.