

Lecture

on

Factors Leading up to Macedonia's Partition

And the

1913 Treaty of Bucharest

1878 to 1913

Map of Macedonia

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Great Power Economic
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and its effects on the
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Actions and influence
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Difficult Times for Macedonians

The New York Times - May 12, 1901

Wholesale Executions of Macedonians.

VIENNA, May 11.—A dispatch from Constantinople announces the wholesale shooting of revolutionary Macedonians, including women. Twenty-four persons were executed at Monastir, fourteen at Berla, eighteen at Iating, eighteen at Seres, and twenty-nine at Uskub.

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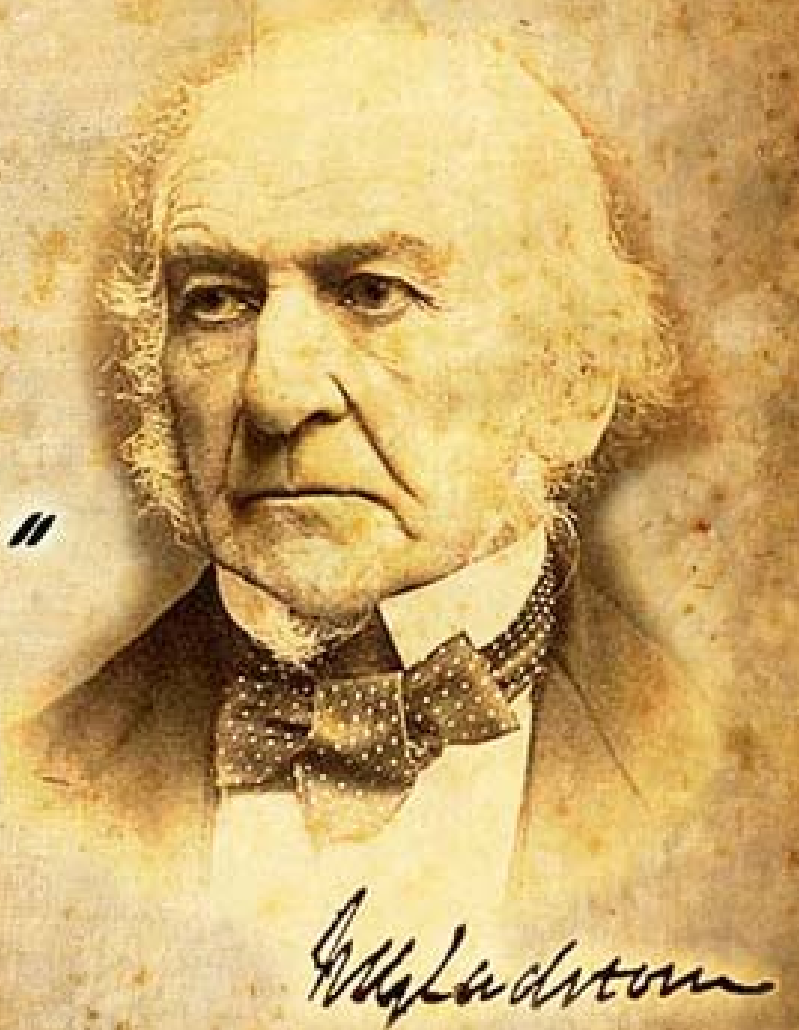
Involvement
of the
European Royals
in
Macedonia's destiny

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*"Macedonia for
the Macedonians"*

- William Gladstone



Gladstone – Why not Macedonia for the Macedonians?

February 6th, 1897

MR. GLADSTONE AND THE BALKAN CONFEDERATION.—The Byron Society, which is actively engaged in disseminating appeals in Greece and Bulgaria to help the cause of the Macedonians, has communicated to its agents a letter from Mr. Gladstone for distribution in the vernacular in South-Eastern Europe. The society aims at inducing the Greek, Servian, and Bulgarian Governments to come to an early agreement in reference to the Macedonian question. The letter is as follows:—“Hawarden Castle, Jan. 19, 1897. Dear, Sir,—The hopelessness of the Turkish Government should make me witness with delight its being swept out of the countries which it tortures. Next to the Ottoman Government nothing can be more deplorable and blameworthy than jealousies between Greek and Slav and plans by the States already existing for appropriating other territory. Why not Macedonia for the Macedonians as well as Bulgaria for the Bulgarians and Servia for the Servians? And if they are all small and weak, let them bind themselves together for defence, so that they may not be scattered by others, either great or small, which would probably be the effect of their quarrelling among themselves. Your very faithful, W. E. GLADSTONE.”

Macedonians and Turks Fight

The New York Times - March 14, 1897

Macedonians and Turks Fight.

LONDON, March 13.—A dispatch from Constantinople states that fighting has occurred near Gravena between a number of Macedonian insurgents and a body of Turkish troops. Details of the fight are lacking.

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**Macedonian people's
Rise to Power
and their failure to
Achieve Independence
and
Create a Macedonian
State**

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Macedonian Flag – Ilinden Uprising



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Greeks Betray Macedonians

New York Times – March 31, 1902

GREEKS BETRAY MACEDONIANS.

Threatened Outbreak This Spring Will
Probably Be Prevented—Montene-
grans to Invade Turkey ?

LONDON TIMES—NEW YORK TIMES
Special Cablegram.

LONDON, March 31.—A dispatch to The Times from Athens says the grave situation in Macedonia and Albania causes considerable uneasiness. It is thought that the propaganda of the Macedonian committee in Bulgaria is somewhat discredited among the wealthier classes, owing to the crimes and extortion connected with it. Still, the physical force party, which may be compared to the Fenian section of the Irish Nationalists, continues to follow the lead of ex-President Sarafof, who has planned a general rising of Christians in the coming Spring.

The dispatch says that the overtures made in Athens and Belgrade have not been found tempting and that the Greeks have disclosed the scheme to Turkey. This, in conjunction with the strong military precautions being taken, will probably prevent the threatened outbreak. Improvement, however, is impossible without reform, and the Sultan's personal fears and the disunion of the European powers make the prospect of reform remote.

The New York Times

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Macedonians Prepare for Uprising

The New York Times - April 8, 1902

MACEDONIANS WELL ORGANIZED

Have Even a Postal System of Their Own—They Have Received Donations from Abroad.

LONDON TIMES—NEW YORK TIMES,
Special Cablegram.

LONDON, April 8.—The Macedonian revolutionists are not concerned in regard to the convenience of Europe, says the Vienna correspondent of The Times. Sarafof (the Macedonian leader) deliberately says that it is beyond the power of Austria or Russia to interfere.

The correspondent says that Sarafof's methods strongly resemble those of the Anarchists, as they consist in terrorizing the defenseless population, while the Turkish troops are carefully avoided.

The revolutionists are admirably organized, having even an efficient postal service of their own. They have received donations from foreign sympathizers, and are likely to do more mischief before they are suppressed.

The New York Times

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An Uprising is Imminent

The New York Times - February 16, 1903

MASS MEETING OF MACEDONIANS.

SOFIA, Feb. 15.—A mass meeting of 10,000 Macedonians was held here to-day to protest against the action of the Government in dissolving the Macedonian Committees in Bulgaria. The meeting demanded the re-establishment of the Macedonian societies and the judicial punishment of individual offenders.

It is reported that warrants are out for the arrest of Boris Sarafof, Yankof, and other Macedonian leaders.

Sarafof is said to be now in Macedonia organizing a revolt. Several arrests of Macedonian leaders have been made in provincial towns. The Government will prosecute the arrested men.

The New York Times

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Fighting Begins

The New York Times - March 2, 1903

SEVERE FIGHTING BETWEEN TURKS AND MACEDONIANS.

Turks Repulsed with Heavy Loss Near
Monastir—Sultan's Reform Order
Regarded as a Trick.

LONDON, March 2.—The Geneva correspondent of The Daily Chronicle telegraphs that news has been received there of an engagement between Turkish troops and bodies of Macedonians and Bulgarians near Monastir.

The Turks suffered a repulse. After the fighting thirty-two dead and many wounded were found.

The New York Times

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*"The one who works for joining of
Macedonia to Bulgaria, Greece, or
Serbia, can consider himself as a
good Bulgarian, Greek, or Serb, but
not as a good Macedonian"*

- Goce Delchev



Greek Spy Betrays Gotse Delchev

New York Times – May 26, 1903

MACEDONIAN CHIEF'S DEATH.

A Greek Spy Betrayed Deltcheff's Whereabouts to the Turks.

LONDON TIMES—NEW YORK TIMES
Special Cablegram.

LONDON, May 26.—Detailed reports of the death of Deltcheff, the famous Macedonian chief, says the Sofia correspondent of *The Times*, show that he accompanied a band under Volvoda and Kirtchovsky, together with the poet Tavoroff, and entered the village of Banitza, near Seres, where his presence was betrayed to the Turks by a Greek spy.

A large force surrounded the village, and all the members of the revolutionary band were killed after a long resistance. It is stated that the inhabitants of the village, to which the Turks set fire, were also killed.

Deltcheff was thirty-two years old. He was a schoolmaster, and practically created the present Macedonian organization, which has ramifications in all parts of the country.

The Vienna correspondent of *The Times* says perquisitions and arrests continue in the vilayet of Adrianople. Numbers of priests and school teachers have been taken into custody. Arms have been found in six villages. The male population has fled, and agricultural work is at a standstill.

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Macedonian Cheta - Prilep



The comitadjis took possession of the Macedonia mountains and enabled Imro to share authority with the Sultan. Here is shown the band of Athanas Murdzheff of Prilep at bivouac in the native hills.

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Zagorichani – After Ilinden



“A DESERT SWEEPED BY A HURRICANE.”—THE VILLAGE OF ZAGORÍCHANI AFTER THE RISING IN 1903

Macedonians Still Fighting

New York Times - October 14, 1903

MACEDONIANS NEAR THE SEA.

LONDON TIMES—NEW YORK TIMES
Special Cablegram.

LONDON, Oct. 14.—The Times's Vienna correspondent says that according to Politische Correspondenz the insurgents in Sandjak, Seres, are rapidly nearing the southern seacoast at Kavala.

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**Actions of Macedonia's
neighbours
in
Macedonia's
invasion,
occupation and partition**

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Macedonian Disputed Territory Between Bulgaria and Serbia



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Macedonia after 1st Balkan War



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**Conditions under which
the
Treaty of Bucharest
was
Drafted**

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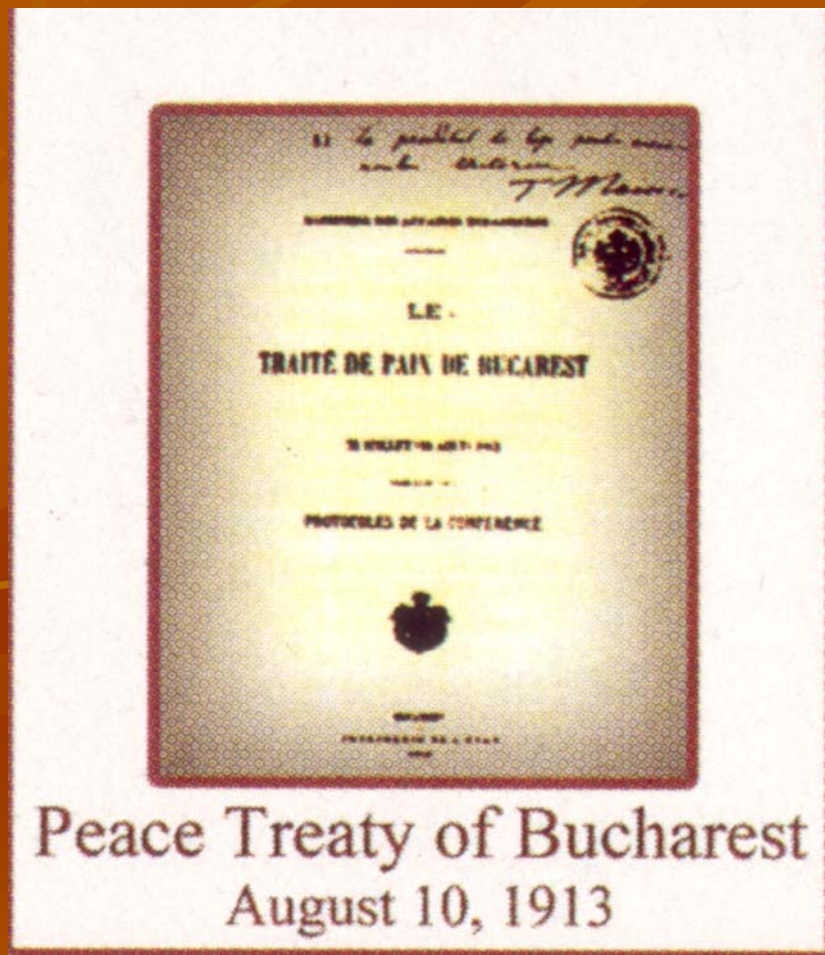
Macedonia after 2nd Balkan War



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The 1913 Treaty of Bucharest



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MACEDONIANS SHOW PATRIOTISM FOR COUNTRY

All over the world they are sore about Balkan affair

Fort Wayne News - August 19, 1913

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THE FORT WAYNE DAILY NEWS

THE MACEDONIANS SHOW PATRIOTISM FOR COUNTRY

ALL OVER THE WORLD THEY
ARE SORE OVER BALKAN
AFFAIR.

WANT WAR CONTINUED

Macedonians of United States Pass
Resolutions Condemning Recent
Balkan Treaty.

A new phase to the Balkan situation came to light today, through a local source, when it was learned that the Macedonians all over the world deeply resent the action which will be the result of the recent Balkan treaty. The Macedonians of America are leading a world-wide movement among the people of that race to rebel against the "rotting out of the treaty" (maneuver) as it means the elimination of Macedonia as a country and a world power. Under the treaty Macedonia is now recognized except as a large amount of territory to be divided among the recent contestants. A large part of the country would fall under Greek rule, and it is asserted that the Macedonians would even change their religion to escape from the rule of Greece.

A set of resolutions have been prepared by a secret committee of Macedonians, representing that race in America, and similar resolutions have been passed by every Macedonian community throughout the world, according to an assertion from one of the Macedonians who is high up in the affairs of the local colony. A copy of the resolutions was received by the local colony today.

"The idea of adopting a new religion is spreading very rapidly among the Macedonians," said this man this morning. "The civilized world may be astonished to see that the entire Macedonian nation has thrown off the spiritual fetters by which the Greeks have held them for so many centuries."

The Resolutions.
The set of resolutions were given to the News for publication, as it is said that they will be unanimously accepted by the members of the Macedonian colony of this city as they have been by hundreds of other colonies in this and other countries. The resolutions demonstrate extreme patriotism, and represent a world-wide movement. They are as follows:

"As the representative of the Macedonian government, and having the authority to submit to the Macedonian government and the parliament a problem, in the solution of which your government ought to take part, we, the Macedonians of the United States of America, in our demonstrations and meetings, organized by the Macedonian Revolutionary organization in the United States of America, on the 15th day of August, 1913, adopted and submit to your government the following resolution-protest:

"Whereas, The Balkan-Turkish war was declared and fought in the name of the freedom of Macedonia and the Christians in Turkey of Europe, in

which war we, the Macedonians, fought most vigorously and with our help Turkey was defeated;

"Whereas, The end of this Balkan-Turkish war was not the freedom of Macedonia, but most generous division of our country and people between Serbia and Greece, and our nation was compelled to submit to the Serbian and the Greek governments, a government more tyrannical than the Turkish government; and

"Whereas, The Serbian and the Greek governments now kill our fathers and our brothers, despite the virtue and honor of our sisters, mothers and wives, and molest our children, all of which inhuman acts aim at the entire destruction of our national existence in Macedonia, and

"Whereas, The present unjust division of our country was caused by the European diplomacy, and if the same exists in future, there will always be internal revolutions and disturbances which will keep all the Balkan states in readiness for war and might, throw all the European powers in disastrous clash;

"Whereas, The peace in the Balkans is only the freedom of Macedonia, and such freedom based on the principle: 'Macedonia for the Macedonians.'"

"We, the Macedonians in the United States of America, with all the vigor in us, protest against the unjust division of Macedonia and the tyranny of the Serbian and Greek governments in Macedonia;

"We appeal to the European powers to declare the conference in Bucharest, Roumania, between the representatives of the Balkan states unjust, and to demand autonomy of Macedonia;

"We declare to all the nations of the world, that if the freedom of Macedonia is not granted soon, we will continue our struggle and fight for the freedom of our country, and we will all die or become free. We cry: 'Give us freedom or give us death!'

"THE COMMITTEE FOR THE MACEDONIANS IN U. S. A."

Attend the ice cream social and dance given by the Olive club Wednesday, evening, Aug. 20, 1223 Maumee avenue, opposite club rooms.

Ice cream is not used to a great extent in England. If the season is unusually warm there is a good sale for bottled soft drinks.

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Summary

- 1878 was the year that the Great Powers were not going to support a free and independent Macedonian state and that the Macedonian territories were now free for grabs.
- As the frontiers became open and the new lands such as the USA and Canada, began to welcome migrant workers, Macedonians ventured further and further, always aiming to return home