

THE SECRET REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

MARVELLOUS STRIDES MADE BY THE "COMMITTEE"

Entire Country Now Virtually Organized Into a Republic—Relation of the "Committee" to the Citizens at Large—Educating the Populace in the Benefits of a Representative Government—Lessons Which the Macedonian Patriots Have Learned from Our History

By ALBERT SONNICHSEN

(Special Correspondence of The Evening Post.)

KUŠTENDIL, Bulgaria, November 1.—Perhaps there is no secret organization in the world which has been so widely advertised as the Macedonian Committee. I remember first hearing of it on the veranda of a tea house in Nagasaki some years ago.

Then Miss Stone helped to advertise its existence some more. Now, I suppose that every schoolboy in Europe and America knows that there is a Macedonian Committee.

I believe that it is popularly supposed, outside of the Balkan Peninsula, that the committee is a secret society of semi-political bandit chiefs, a Ku-Klux Klan sort of organization, or, at the best, an assembly of revolutionary leaders. But it is neither of these.

The Macedonian Committee is nothing less than the Senate of a secret republic established within the Turkish empire, chosen by the people by popular but secret elections, of the people, and for the people.

I am beginning slowly to realize this truth after three months of familiar intercourse with members of this secret government, including its chief representative, the President of the Macedonian Republic. I realize now that in the heart of the world's greatest empire there has grown up from below the complete form of a political organization, as complete in all its branches as that of a free republican nation.

There is a Macedonian police; there are Macedonian courts of justice, a Macedonian militia, Macedonian schools and newspapers, and a Macedonian postal service, all existing in spite of the regular recognized Government's mightiest efforts to destroy them.

DEMOCRACY BIRD OF OPPRESSION. Oppression breeds democracy among a people; this truth is strongly illustrated here in Macedonia and free Bulgaria.

Then came the Americanists, first as missionaries, but gradually developing into schoolteachers as well. They planted the first ideas of liberty and equal rights among the Macedonians. Now every Macedonian peasant knows more about American political institutions than the average Englishman.

In 1858 an American school was founded in Turkey in the village of Adrianople. It was only the first of many others that followed, even up north, in what is now free Bulgaria, they sprang up. Thirty years ago two Americans came to Constantinople, where they founded an American college, where they founded an American college.

Every year this institution, Robert College, has turned out between one and two hundred graduates, among whom Bulgaria has found some of her ablest statesmen. This was the famous English journalist, W. T. Stead, editor of the Review of Reviews, said of Robert College three years ago:

"They have insisted that every student within their walls shall be thoroughly trained on American principles, which since they were imported by the men of the Mayflower, have well nigh made the tour of the world. That was their line, and they have stuck to it now for thirty years, and what results? That American colleges in today the chief hope of the future of the millions who inhabit the Sultan's dominions.

There is an underground mail system established throughout all Macedonia, which is better than the Turkish official post. A friend of mine in Salonica mailed me two letters at the same time, one by Turkish post, the other by the committee's courier system. The latter reached me twenty-four hours sooner. These couriers also act as guides to those traveling in unfamiliar districts on business for the committee.

They know all the short cuts through the mountains, and they can always avoid the Turkish scouting parties. Through them, also, information of every movement of Turkish troops is supplied to every local committee in the land within a few days, and, incidentally, to the members of the Central Committee. Thus they can always choose upon a favorable spot in which to meet.

Founded on American principles as it is, it is only natural that the committee should have its chief executive representing in its person the people of Macedonia as a whole. And so it has. He does not rule them; he obeys their will, and deals with such situations as may arise on which there is no word been spoken against the Sultan's Gov-

IN "THE HOLE" IN THE WALL

A HAUNT OF WESTERN DESPERADOES

The Beginnings of the "Wild Bunch"—A Woman Member—Probable Perpetrators of the Cody Bank Outrage—"The Hole in the Wall" Once the Site of an Ancient Lake

In that chapter of "The Virginian" immediately following the one called "Superstition Trail," Owen Wister has sketched the rendezvous of the Wyoming "wild bunch" which is known locally as "The Hole in the Wall," and from him the story of the "wild bunch" and its members emerged.

"Somewhere at the eastern base of the Tetons did those hoofprints disappear into a mountain sanctuary where many crooked paths have led. He that took another man's possessions, or he that took another man's life, could always run here if at his heels. Steep ranges, Jackson's Hole, it is high up in the Teton range among the cottonwoods, when Steve and Ed were hanged to expiate the high crime of the cattle country, 'rustling,' it will be remembered that the Virginian and his companion struck off through the hills and up to the higher peaks. After a long climb up a rocky trail the two reached the basin, where Shorty's final tragedy was played. Out of that basin ran only Trampas—emerged—his horse's hoofprints were followed by the two:

"Somewhere at the eastern base of the Tetons did those hoofprints disappear into a mountain sanctuary where many crooked paths have led. He that took another man's possessions, or he that took another man's life, could always run here if at his heels. Steep ranges, Jackson's Hole, it is high up in the Teton range among the cottonwoods, when Steve and Ed were hanged to expiate the high crime of the cattle country, 'rustling,' it will be remembered that the Virginian and his companion struck off through the hills and up to the higher peaks. After a long climb up a rocky trail the two reached the basin, where Shorty's final tragedy was played.

It would be hard for the keenest observer to note in Dr. Tatarcheff's frank, almost boyish countenance, the traces of his own wonderful past life, a life that would please the hearts of the writers of medieval romances. Years ago he was a practicing physician in Salonica, and while he openly practiced his profession, he secretly worked for the cause of Macedonian freedom.

It was to "The Hole in the Wall" that Trampas and Shorty, with but one horse between them, had fled. Trampas got there, and was swallowed up, and Shorty, a victim to "necessity," was left behind. In the real life of Wyoming scores of "rustlers" and murderers and train robbers have found refuge from the law in the "Hole in the Wall." It was to "The Hole in the Wall" that Trampas and Shorty, with but one horse between them, had fled.

It was to "The Hole in the Wall" that Trampas and Shorty, with but one horse between them, had fled. Trampas got there, and was swallowed up, and Shorty, a victim to "necessity," was left behind. In the real life of Wyoming scores of "rustlers" and murderers and train robbers have found refuge from the law in the "Hole in the Wall."

It was to "The Hole in the Wall" that Trampas and Shorty, with but one horse between them, had fled. Trampas got there, and was swallowed up, and Shorty, a victim to "necessity," was left behind. In the real life of Wyoming scores of "rustlers" and murderers and train robbers have found refuge from the law in the "Hole in the Wall."

It was to "The Hole in the Wall" that Trampas and Shorty, with but one horse between them, had fled. Trampas got there, and was swallowed up, and Shorty, a victim to "necessity," was left behind. In the real life of Wyoming scores of "rustlers" and murderers and train robbers have found refuge from the law in the "Hole in the Wall."

It was to "The Hole in the Wall" that Trampas and Shorty, with but one horse between them, had fled. Trampas got there, and was swallowed up, and Shorty, a victim to "necessity," was left behind. In the real life of Wyoming scores of "rustlers" and murderers and train robbers have found refuge from the law in the "Hole in the Wall."

It was to "The Hole in the Wall" that Trampas and Shorty, with but one horse between them, had fled. Trampas got there, and was swallowed up, and Shorty, a victim to "necessity," was left behind. In the real life of Wyoming scores of "rustlers" and murderers and train robbers have found refuge from the law in the "Hole in the Wall."

FLUSHING'S QUAKER RELICS

ANCIENT HOUSES STILL IN GOOD CONDITION

Quaint and Interesting Records of a Time When the Village Was a "Hot-Bed of Toleration"—Flushing's Famous "Remonstrance" to Governor Stuyvesant—The Furniture and Bible Used by George Fox, the Founder of the Society of Friends

The Evening Post of October 25 last contained an account of the demolition of a barn built in 1885 on the Van Polt estate at Bath Beach, and said to be the oldest frame structure in Greater New York. In this assertion is well founded, the metropolitan is far behind many of its neighbors in the possession of time-honored buildings.

Among the villages rich in buildings whose history is well known, and which are still interesting examples of pre-Revolutionary architecture, is Flushing, where close by the modern houses and cottages of New York business men who have been lucky enough to make homes in a lovely old town, are houses that remain very much what they were 200 years ago or more.

THE BOWNE HOUSE NOW A MUSEUM. Thanks to the public spirit of the present owner of the Bowne House it is now preserved as a museum, and for a small fee that goes to a local charity the visitor is welcome to explore it from top to bottom and to enjoy the fine old furniture.

It is to "The Hole in the Wall" that Trampas and Shorty, with but one horse between them, had fled. Trampas got there, and was swallowed up, and Shorty, a victim to "necessity," was left behind. In the real life of Wyoming scores of "rustlers" and murderers and train robbers have found refuge from the law in the "Hole in the Wall."

It is to "The Hole in the Wall" that Trampas and Shorty, with but one horse between them, had fled. Trampas got there, and was swallowed up, and Shorty, a victim to "necessity," was left behind. In the real life of Wyoming scores of "rustlers" and murderers and train robbers have found refuge from the law in the "Hole in the Wall."

It is to "The Hole in the Wall" that Trampas and Shorty, with but one horse between them, had fled. Trampas got there, and was swallowed up, and Shorty, a victim to "necessity," was left behind. In the real life of Wyoming scores of "rustlers" and murderers and train robbers have found refuge from the law in the "Hole in the Wall."

It is to "The Hole in the Wall" that Trampas and Shorty, with but one horse between them, had fled. Trampas got there, and was swallowed up, and Shorty, a victim to "necessity," was left behind. In the real life of Wyoming scores of "rustlers" and murderers and train robbers have found refuge from the law in the "Hole in the Wall."

It is to "The Hole in the Wall" that Trampas and Shorty, with but one horse between them, had fled. Trampas got there, and was swallowed up, and Shorty, a victim to "necessity," was left behind. In the real life of Wyoming scores of "rustlers" and murderers and train robbers have found refuge from the law in the "Hole in the Wall."

FLUSHING'S QUAKER RELICS

ANCIENT HOUSES STILL IN GOOD CONDITION

Quaint and Interesting Records of a Time When the Village Was a "Hot-Bed of Toleration"—Flushing's Famous "Remonstrance" to Governor Stuyvesant—The Furniture and Bible Used by George Fox, the Founder of the Society of Friends

The Evening Post of October 25 last contained an account of the demolition of a barn built in 1885 on the Van Polt estate at Bath Beach, and said to be the oldest frame structure in Greater New York. In this assertion is well founded, the metropolitan is far behind many of its neighbors in the possession of time-honored buildings.

Among the villages rich in buildings whose history is well known, and which are still interesting examples of pre-Revolutionary architecture, is Flushing, where close by the modern houses and cottages of New York business men who have been lucky enough to make homes in a lovely old town, are houses that remain very much what they were 200 years ago or more.

THE BOWNE HOUSE NOW A MUSEUM. Thanks to the public spirit of the present owner of the Bowne House it is now preserved as a museum, and for a small fee that goes to a local charity the visitor is welcome to explore it from top to bottom and to enjoy the fine old furniture.

It is to "The Hole in the Wall" that Trampas and Shorty, with but one horse between them, had fled. Trampas got there, and was swallowed up, and Shorty, a victim to "necessity," was left behind. In the real life of Wyoming scores of "rustlers" and murderers and train robbers have found refuge from the law in the "Hole in the Wall."

It is to "The Hole in the Wall" that Trampas and Shorty, with but one horse between them, had fled. Trampas got there, and was swallowed up, and Shorty, a victim to "necessity," was left behind. In the real life of Wyoming scores of "rustlers" and murderers and train robbers have found refuge from the law in the "Hole in the Wall."

It is to "The Hole in the Wall" that Trampas and Shorty, with but one horse between them, had fled. Trampas got there, and was swallowed up, and Shorty, a victim to "necessity," was left behind. In the real life of Wyoming scores of "rustlers" and murderers and train robbers have found refuge from the law in the "Hole in the Wall."

It is to "The Hole in the Wall" that Trampas and Shorty, with but one horse between them, had fled. Trampas got there, and was swallowed up, and Shorty, a victim to "necessity," was left behind. In the real life of Wyoming scores of "rustlers" and murderers and train robbers have found refuge from the law in the "Hole in the Wall."

It is to "The Hole in the Wall" that Trampas and Shorty, with but one horse between them, had fled. Trampas got there, and was swallowed up, and Shorty, a victim to "necessity," was left behind. In the real life of Wyoming scores of "rustlers" and murderers and train robbers have found refuge from the law in the "Hole in the Wall."