

TURKEY'S TROUBLES

The Sultan's Procrastinating Policy Lands Him in an Awkward Position.

Outside Powers at Last Show They Mean Business in Armenian Reforms.

Added to This, Internal Troubles Are Tearing the Ottoman Empire Asunder.

Constantinople, Nov. 7.—Halia Rifat Pasha, Turkish minister of the interior, has been appointed grand vizier in succession to Kiamil Pasha, resigned.

The Turkish minister for foreign affairs, Said Pasha, has promised to give the ambassadors of the Powers a definite reply within two days of what steps the Porte intends to take in order to restore order in Armenia and provide for the protection of Christians in that part of the Turkish empire.

This was the point especially alluded to by the ambassadors on Tuesday last, when they called separately, yet identically represented that the present state of affairs in Armenia should not be allowed to continue. If adequate measures were not shortly taken to bring about the restoration of order the Powers would be compelled, acting in concert, to take their own steps in the matter. No combined action of such grave importance on the part of the Powers has been taken for years past. As already cabled, the Porte was reminded of the intervention of the Powers in Syria at the time of the massacre in 1859.

This is considered as a direct warning to the sultan that Europe will restore order in Armenia unless the Turkish government does so promptly. As each day passes, however, the situation becomes more portentous and adds to the difficulty of the task before the Porte, and possibly before the European Powers.

The most alarming reports are in circulation as to the number of Armenians who fell during the recent massacres. Some statements have it that tens of thousands have been massacred. Although this estimate is believed to be much exaggerated, there is no doubt that the situation is much graver than any body here is willing to admit.

From Syria especially the most alarming rumors are coming, and these are supported by the fact that by mobilization only twenty battalions of Redifs out of sixty are available, and steps are being taken to discontinue as promptly as possible the recruitment of Asiatic Turkey. This leads color to the reports that the Armenians are receiving support from unexpected sources, and that the Turkish government may soon be faced to face with open and widespread revolt against the rule of the sultan. It is even stated that the Armenians have been successful in a fight with the Turks and that some hundreds of Turkish irregular troops have been captured.

Revolutionary placards are being scattered here almost daily in the streets, and it is well known that the sultan has been threatened with a choice between abdication and assassination. Arrests of Armenian and Turkish suspects are constantly being made here and elsewhere, but the newspapers are so thoroughly under the control of the government that only a few important facts are allowed to leak out.

Possibly the most grave turn of events lies in the fact, established beyond a doubt, that the dissatisfaction against the sultan has extended to the Turkish army and navy, and that the palace officials are well aware of this fact.

Trustworthy reports which have been received here from Erzerum state that it has been established beyond dispute that the Turkish troops took part in the recent massacre and pillage of the Armenians there, and it is added that clear evidence of this fact can be placed before the representatives of the Powers.

Private accounts represent the condition of the Asiatic provinces of Turkey as being deplorable in the extreme. A veritable reign of terror is said to exist, and bloodshed, robbery and rapine are of daily occurrence. The Armenians are reported to be living in hourly expectation of being massacred. The police of this city are kept busy night and day making arrests and watching everything and everybody.

To such an extent is this system of police surveillance exacted, that two servants in the employ of English merchants here have been arrested while returning from the postoffice with letters and newspapers. The latter were seized by the police, in spite of the protest of the servants, and carried away to the police department for examination. The English merchants promptly complained to the British charge d'affaires, Hon. Michael Herbert, and the latter made a strong representation to the Porte on the subject. Of course such a state of affairs cannot be allowed to exist much longer as the lives of all Christians in Armenia are in danger and there is hourly expectation of most serious trouble in almost every part of the Turkish empire. The mere calling out of the army reserves will have little or no effect upon the situation, as the Turkish troops cannot be relied upon in such emergency, and the wretched condition of Turkish finances bars anything like wholesale energetic action upon the part of the Turkish government, unless a

holy war should be proclaimed, and that could only be done by inflaming the religious fanaticism of the Turks against the Christians, which the Porte would not hesitate to do in case of an invasion of Turkish dominions; but such a step would not be calculated to suppress the interior disorders, the basis of which should be the protection of the Christian population of Armenia.

A new Turkish ministry has been formed as follows: Halfi Rifat Pasha, grand vizier; Said Pasha, president of the council of state; Tewfik Pasha, minister of foreign affairs; Pashan Pasha, minister of marine; Riza Pasha, minister of justice; Sabri Pasha, minister of finance; Arifi Pasha, without portfolio.

DURRANT'S LINE OF DEFENCE

Dickenson Preparing His Bill of Exceptions in the Blanche Lamont Case.

Defence's Motion for a New Trial Will be Made To-morrow Morning.

San Francisco, Nov. 7.—General Dickenson is busily engaged in the preparation of the bill of exceptions which is to be the basis of his motion for a new trial in the case of the murder of Blanche Lamont. He intends paying a visit to his father at Portland, and is desirous that the hearing be had at once, or that the date for argument be set for such a time as will enable him to make the trip in the meantime. The motion for a new trial will be made when Durrant goes before Judge Murphy for sentence to-morrow. Judge Murphy may decide to hear the argument at once, or he may decide to wait until after his vacation, as he intends to take a rest before trying the Williams case. There is a possibility, therefore, that the final end in the Lamont case, so far as the superior court is concerned, will not be reached for some weeks, but it is generally believed that Judge Murphy will be disposed to get rid of this case for good and all as soon as possible, for it is a foregone conclusion that the motion will be denied. Judge Murphy was exceedingly careful in his rulings, and often gave the defense the benefit of the doubt rather than leave a loophole that would serve as good foundation for such a motion, which was, of course, anticipated.

General Dickenson said that the defense is ready to proceed to trial in the Minnie Williams case at any time and indicated that he has a much stronger defense than in the trial just ended. He said he was not sure that a change of venue would not be asked for, but from his recent expression relative to the state of public opinion, it is practically certain that such a procedure will be adopted. That a change of venue will be granted if asked is very probable, as it would be next to impossible to secure another jury here, and the district attorney has announced that he will offer no opposition to such a motion. These reasons, therefore, are very little likelihood that the Williams case will be tried in San Francisco. General Dickenson, in speaking of the Williams case, said:

"I'll fight this thing to the end, you may believe me," indicating that he would carry Durrant's case to the highest court in the land before he would yield up the life of his client. "Do you suppose we can get witnesses to testify for the defense," he said, "when they know that as soon as their identity is known something will be trumped up against them? Take that man Clark. He went voluntarily to Deuprey and told his story. He believed he was right and he was right, but it was no sooner known that he was to testify for the defense than he was made out an embezzler and everything else that was black, and it was even said that a warrant was out for his arrest. It was all a lie; there was not a word of truth in it, but it kept him from telling what he knew. Let me give you another instance, and so it went. I tell you, the public mind was so prejudiced against the young man, that those jurymen would not have dared to go home to their wives if they had not convicted him. Talk about a fair trial! There was never a more inhuman travesty on the term, and it will be the same in this case. But I told you we were good to fight and we will show we mean it before we are through."

A local paper this morning says that an official communication from Martinez de Campos was received at the Cuban headquarters in this city. It is simply a copy of an official order, sent to all generals of districts and brigades and is apparently sent as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the Spanish commander. It is evidently meant as a polite intimation that it would be possible to open up relations on a regular war footing.

The opening up of such negotiations would indicate that an exchange of prisoners would follow, certain agreements to be effected, and prisoners on both sides to be treated as soldiers. According to members of the Cuban junta, in the beginning of the order General Campos apologized for the necessity of sending it out, but declared that unfortunate comments have been made by the press of all nations in regard to the obvious and apparent misstatements in Spanish official reports of engagements. He says reports of the number engaged and the number killed and wounded are entirely disproportionate and calculated to bring ridicule on the Spanish army.

PREVOST'S TRIAL.

He Will To-morrow Elect to Be Tried by Speedy Trials.

J. C. Prevost will come up in the supreme court to-morrow to elect to be tried by Speedy Trials. He formerly elected to be tried by a jury, but has changed his mind. When the trial takes place the Hon. A. N. Richards will appear for the prosecution, although it is understood that Prevost will plead guilty.

WESTMINSTER PIONEER DEAD.

Henry Elliott Passes Away Suddenly—Sentences at the Assizes.

New Westminster, Nov. 7.—Henry Elliott, one of the pioneers of British Columbia and the second wealthiest man in the city, was stricken very suddenly last evening and died at 1 o'clock this afternoon. He was an Englishman born and sixty years of age. He leaves a wife and one son and daughter. W. H. Linn-Brown was tried and found guilty at the assizes of forgery, and was sentenced to one year.

A. W. Presley, Chilliwack, charged with arson, is a free man again. The grand jury returned no bill. The trial of Jimmy Page for murdering Annie, an Indian woman, at Ladners, is proceeding.

THE SINKING SHIP

Pitiable Spectacle of Premier Bowell Pleading With Chapleau to Come Back.

Those Familiar With Politics Will Understand—Chapleau Won't Come.

He Was Made a Tool of Too Long—Dewdney's Visit Significant.

Ottawa, Nov. 7.—Premier Bowell is in Montreal pleading with Chapleau to come to Ottawa and save the ship. In view of his political history the spectacle is a sad one, and Chapleau must enjoy it but he refuses to come.

A cabinet council was called for 11 o'clock to-day, but was adjourned until 2 o'clock, on account of the absence of Premier Bowell.

Sir Frank Smith is here on the subject of cabinet reconstruction. Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney arrived this afternoon and will be the guest of Sir C. H. Tupper during his stay here.

SPAIN HAS SURRENDERED

The Cubans' Fight for Liberty Receiving Recognition From Mother Country.

Granting of Autonomy Insisted Upon by Campos—The Insurgents Acknowledged.

New York, Nov. 7.—The Paris correspondent of the World cables the following: "I am able to send you the following authentic translation of copies of official cable dispatches now on file at Madrid:

"To Ministerio Ultramar, Madrid.—Referring to your cablegram of October 20th, expressing dissatisfaction at the newspaper interview in which I expressed an opinion that the United States would recognize the Cuban belligerency, I reiterate the statement, and say further if this war is not brought to a speedy termination by granting home rule to Cuba, the United States will surely give aid to the insurgents and espouse their cause sooner or later. I urge that autonomy be granted to the island, believing this to be the only means of ending the struggle without losing many lives and wasting the immense wealth of the island. Martinez Campos."

"To Martinez Campos, Captain General, Cuba.—The question of autonomy is being considered, but there is no fear that the Cubans will not accept it. Ultramar."

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THE HYAMS' MURDER TRIAL

The Case Proceeding—Phenomenally Low Water in the St. Lawrence River.

Railroad Servants Prosecuted for Swindling—Cases at Winnipeg Assizes.

Toronto, Nov. 7.—One of the most important crown witnesses in the Hyams trial to-day was Undertaker Humphrey. He described the position of the body and declared that the hands of one of the Hyams brothers was bleeding from abrasions. He said Hyams explained how the accident happened and attributed the cause to a weight falling off the hook in the elevator shaft.

Following is the Toronto Evening Telegram's special cable to-day: The number of emigrants to the Dominion of Canada during the month of October, according to the official returns, was 1767. The number of emigrants to Canada during the ten months ended 31st October was 21,215.

The Canadian horse Joe W., offered for sale at Aldridge's repository yesterday, and withdrawn at 290 guineas, was subsequently sold at that figure.

The executive of the Canadian Marine Association met yesterday and appointed a deputation to proceed to Ottawa and urge that work be commenced on the Montreal, Wexford and Beauséjour canal, which will prevent navigation next year being hindered and delayed the same as this year.

Montreal, Nov. 7.—The water in the St. Lawrence canal is so low at Cardinal and Cornwall that navigation is impeded and will be stopped altogether if the manufacturers are not immediately prohibited from using it. Many thousands of bushels of wheat are lying aboard the boats at these points, over due at Montreal, for transshipment to Europe. Business men are protesting bitterly. The Corn Exchange has passed a resolution asking that the use of water for manufacturing purposes be prohibited.

Three Rivers, Que., Nov. 7.—The hearing of the charges of conspiracy and by the Canadian Pacific Railway company against Conductor E. B. Campbell and Ticket Clerk and Operator Onlette took place this afternoon before Magistrate Deslites. The private prosecutors were represented by Mr. Lalieu, of Montreal, and Mr. Olivier, of Three Rivers, the prisoners being defended by Mr. Cook of this place.

The specific charges were that certain tickets which had been sold on the Grand Piles train by the prisoner Onlette were not stamped, were collected by the train by the conductor, the prisoner Campbell, and not cancelled by punching as required by the rules of the company, but returned to Onlette for sale. According to the evidence adduced on behalf of the prosecutors it was proven conclusively that a private arrangement existed between the conductor and clerk to divide the proceeds of such tickets re-sold. The company claimed that the tickets in question were only once accounted for. The evidence for the crown was so overwhelming that both prisoners pleaded guilty and elected to be dealt with summarily.

His Honor Judge Deslites remanded the accused for sentence until Friday next, the 8th inst. The maximum penalty for the offence is seven years at hard labor in the provincial penitentiary.

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 7.—At the assizes yesterday the trial of Wm. Farr for arson and attempted murder was proceeded with. The evidence was mostly circumstantial and tended to establish the guilt of the prisoner. The testimony of Michael Farr, the thirteen year old daughter of the prisoner, gave some color to the contention of the defense that the fire was started by a woman in man's clothing. In addressing the jury at the opening of the case Crown Prosecutor Howell promised to produce letters written by Farr to Miss Robinson after his escape from jail, which would show the motive for the crime of which he is charged.

Portage, Nov. 7.—A serious accident occurred at a mine owned by Wm. McCarthy, about two miles from town, by which Edward McCarthy, a miner, was instantly killed and Wm. McCarthy had his arm badly broken and was injured about the back and legs, but not fatally. The cause of the accident was a premature explosion.

SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

Events of Interest in the Amateur and Professional Field.

AQUATIC ROWING IN TEXAS.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 5.—There was a large attendance present to-day at the opening of the international regatta here and fine sport was witnessed, though there were only three races. The first was trial heats, three miles, with three turns, over a three-quarters of a mile course, the competitors being Englishmen only. The entries were: Bubear, Barry, Haines, Wingate. Bubear won the race by five lengths, pulling a stroke of 28. Time, 21:48. Haines pushed him some in the last quarter, with a stroke of 29. Barry came in falling behind, being almost out of the falling behind from the start, Bubear and Haines, having won the race, will now row in the final against the Americans for the championship of the world, the two Americans to be selected to-morrow.

The second race, one and a half miles with turn, for the amateur championship of Texas, was won by Poggi, of Austin; J. Martin, Galveston, second. Time, 11:47.

Third race, trial heat, double scull, first crew in to row in the final against England's best crew for the championship of the world and a purse of \$1000, three miles with turn. Entries: Peterson and Hanlan; Gaudaur Brothers; Teemer and Rodgers. This was a beautiful race, all boats being rowed by the mile and a half flag, but Teemer and Rodgers, pulling at 35, soon caught and passed them, winning by five lengths. Time, 17:47. This last race was a magnificent one and lowered the world's

record on three-mile double scull race. Austin, Tex., Nov. 5.—There was an immense crowd in attendance upon to-day's races and they saw fine sport. The first race was a half mile dash for a purse of \$100. Teemer, Jake Gaudaur and Rodgers came in in the order named. The other starters were Barry, Haines, Wingate, Peterson, Hanlan and Rogers. Teemer won by half a length. Time 3:02.

The third race, trial heat between the English doubles for position in the final, three miles against Teemer and Rogers. American crew, was won by Bubear and Barry by half a length. Time, 19:34. This was a very close race and Haines and Wingate led clear to the last quarter, when Bubear and Barry's sport forged them ahead. Bubear and Barry will now have to row Teemer and Rogers to-morrow for a purse and the championship, and as their time to-day was 19:34 against Teemer and Rogers' corrected time yesterday of 18:02, the sports are choosing the Americans as winners and giving odds.

The fourth race was a mile and a half straight away between Rose Mosenstein, of St. Louis, and Tillie Ashley, of Hartford, Conn. Miss Mosenstein won by half a length in 12:17.

GREAT RACING DONE.

Astoria, Tex., Nov. 7.—Over four thousand people to-day witnessed one of the finest races ever rowed over any course. This was the double scull, mile and a half with turn, three miles in all. The starters were Bubear and Barry, English; Rogers and Teemer, Americans. At the three quarter flag the Americans had a boat length of a lead, which they retained for a considerable distance, when the Englishmen began to crowd them about ten lengths from the finish line. Teemer gave out entirely and Rogers had to pull the boat over the line by himself. The Englishmen immediately took the lead, winning in 17:40, lowering the world's record for double sculls.

The race won the championship of the world and the Englishmen a purse of \$1000.

The next most important event was a triangular three mile race for positions in the championship race for the Richard K. Fox cup and \$1000. The starters were Hanlan, Teemer, Gaudaur, Peterson and Rogers. Gaudaur led from the very start, pulling a steady stroke of 38. Teemer quit when a mile and a half of the course had been rowed, leaving Gaudaur and Rogers to win by easy strokes in 19:41. This will give Gaudaur and Rogers positions in to-morrow's great race against Bubear and Haines.

THE RING.

New York, Nov. 6.—Three of the Hot Springs fighting contingent—Joseph Vendig, manager of the ill-fated Florida Athletic Club; James Kennedy, manager of the Empire Athletic Club, and "Charley" White, one of the Fitzsimons trainers—arrived in New York to-day. All of them were greatly disgusted with their experiences, and Vendig laid the blame for the fiasco upon Julian, who, he said, had mismanaged Fitzsimons' affairs from the beginning. He asserted his belief that the Fitzsimons was not afraid to meet Corbett, and that the fight would have taken place but for Julian's poor work.

Chicago, Nov. 6.—Parson Davies and the party he took to Hot Springs returned from the seat of war of words last night. John L. Sullivan was in the party. "I'm that sick and sore of this fighting business that I'm compelled to stay over and rest it out," said big John. "It ain't so very long ago that I used to be in this fighting business myself, and say, I would always find a way to fight any fellow that wanted to fight. I ain't saying which one of these fighters did not want to fight, but it's a sure thing that one of them was scared. You can pick him out if you like. I won't tell you who he is." The champion goes east to-day.

Peter Maher was more thoroughly out of sorts at the fight fiasco than any one who has been to Hot Springs. "I have invited the members of the government and then to Hot Springs, all to no purpose," said he. The Irish fighter left for Pittsburgh, where, he says he will look over the field with his backer and then take a fresh start. Every one who came in from the selected battle ground tells the same story of two men fighting a war of words, when they should have been battling somewhere for the championship.

CHESS.

London, Nov. 5.—The Times says this morning that the Brooklyn Chess Club v. the British club match which will be played early in 1896, will be eight boards.

THE WHEEL.

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 4.—August Hanson, of this city in a 24 hours' bicycle ride, yesterday, made 375 miles. The best previous record is 267 miles, held by Hueblin. Other records broken were the American track, 353 miles, and the American boulevard record, 340 miles.

RECORDS LOWERED.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 5.—The world's record for one mile, paced with a flying start was broken by Arthur Gardner at Fountain Ferry track to-day. Gardner rode the distance in 1:42.5. This breaks Windel's record of 1:46.15, made at Hartford, and is 1.45 seconds faster than Johnson's professional record. C. B. Coulter also made a world's record for three quarters, paced, flying start, riding the distance in 1:18.5. This lowers Johnson's record of 1:21 on the same track in November, 1894.

HAMILTON TO TORONTO.

Toronto, Nov. 6.—Corney Meehan, of Toronto, to-day rode from the Herald office in Hamilton to the Mail office in this city in two hours and 58 minutes, lowering the best previous time for the course by 20 minutes. The distance is 41 miles, and the road hilly and very sandy in places.

THE TUBE.

Danville, Va., Nov. 3.—In the great race at Danville, N.C., between John R. Gentry and Joe Patchen yesterday, Gentry won in three straight heats. Time, 2:10, 2:09, and 2:09. Immense crowds saw the race.

Canadian News.

Toronto, Nov. 6.—The twelfth juryman was selected in the Hyams murder case before the court adjourned at six o'clock last night. The case for the crown was opened this morning.

POLICE HAVE A CLUE

They Have Their Suspicion as to the Man Who Murdered Mattie Crowe.

Edward Rohrig, Who Was Detained, Released Yesterday Afternoon.

There is a possibility that the man who murdered Mattie Crowe, and probably Cape Mudge Sally as well, will be brought to justice. Edward Rohrig, upon whom suspicion at first rested, was last evening released from custody, the story told by him at the inquest being considered quite satisfactory. Now the police are working upon a clue, which although very faint, gives them some hope of finding the guilty party. What this clue is, they, of course, will not say, as it may be some days, if at all, before they will be able to make an arrest. Detectives Perdue and Palmer are at work on the case.

The woman was undoubtedly murdered after midnight. Stedman saw her on the sidewalk at 12 o'clock, and Rohrig says her bedroom door was closed when he went to bed between 11 and 12 o'clock, while it was open when he got up in the morning. The murder, therefore, must have been committed while Rohrig was asleep, and as the partitions between the rooms are very thin, the murderer must have done his work quietly, although Rohrig went to bed under the influence of liquor and no doubt slept soundly. The woman was not known to have any enemies, in fact she was a small, frail and harmless individual, and no doubt, as the evidence went to show, the motive was robbery. Everything points to this, the open hand satchel, the bureau drawers ransacked and the woman's stocking turned inside out. But the murderer got very little. She had little or no money, and although she owned some handsome jewellery most of it is in the pawnshops.

If the man, the police suspect is not the murderer, the guilty party is no doubt by this time well out of the way. He had all day Tuesday and Wednesday to put some distance between himself and the police, as very little could be done until after the inquest, or at least the post mortem examination had been held. This was over twenty-four hours after the crime had been discovered. In cities where such matters are well regulated, the post mortem examination and inquest are held immediately after the discovery of the body, and the police then have the advantage of the evidence obtained by the doctors and that given at the inquest.

The verdict brought in by the jury last evening was as follows:

"That the deceased woman, Mattie J. Crowe, otherwise known as Mattie Crowe, came to her death from strangulation between the hours of 11:30 p.m. on Monday and 8 a.m. on Tuesday of this week, at her home at 27 Discovery street, but whether her fatal injuries were then and there self-inflicted or otherwise we have not sufficient evidence before us to decide."

THE PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS.

Completion of the Exterior Stone Work Celebrated To-day.

The whole of the exterior stone work of the main portion of the new parliament buildings being completed, the contractors, Messrs. McGowan & Levee, have called about the members of the government and others to be present to lay the last stone in the dome that towers above the main building. Among those present were Hon. D. M. Ebers, Hon. G. B. Martin, Hon. Col. Baker, Capt. John Irving, P.P., Col. Wolfenden, the contractors, and the architect, F. M. Rattenbury. The Union Jack was hoisted and congratulatory speeches made by those present, the contractors and the architect being commended for the energy and dispatch with which the work was done and highly pleased with the push shown by the contractors. The dome is already eleven feet high, of which will be added a copper covering fifty-two feet high.

VICE-REGAL PARTY.

Will Attend the Performance of the Tyrolean Queen and the Ball To-night.

The vice-regal party arrived from the Mainland on the Charnier last night, and have taken up their residence at Government House. The party includes His Excellency the Governor-General, the Countess of Aberdeen, Hon. Lady Marjorie Gordon, Hon. Archie Gordon, Dr. Gibson and Mr. William Campbell, private secretary. Capt. D. Erskine, A.D.C., and Mr. Wilberforce A.D.C., arrived on Tuesday evening. The party were met on the wharf by the Bishop of Columbia, Hon. C. R. Pooley, Hon. Col. Baker, Lieut.-Col. Prior, M.P., A.D.C., and Mr. E. A. Jacob, private secretary to Lieut.-Governor Dewdney. They immediately drove to Government House, which had been placed at the disposal of His Excellency by Lieut.-Governor Dewdney.

This evening the Governor-General and Countess of Aberdeen and children will attend the performance of the opera, "The Tyrolean Queen."

On the conclusion of the performance they will go to the Jubilee hospital ball at Assembly hall. To-morrow Lady Aberdeen will attend the annual meeting of the Victoria and Vancouver Island Council of Women.

STRIKERS RESTRAINED.

From Interfering in Any Way With the Running of Trains.

Spokane, Wash., Nov. 7.—The strike situation on the Great Northern took a new turn last night. Judge Hanford, sitting at Walla Walla, issued an injunction restraining the strikers from interfering in any manner with the property of the company, or in the running of the trains.