

TOWN DESTROYED BY GREAT EARTHQUAKE.

Population of Two Thousand Turks and Armenians Perished

Constantinople, June 1.—Advices which reached here to-day from Asiatic Turkey show that a terrible earthquake occurred on April 29th at Melazgher, in the vilayet of Van, eighty miles southeast of Erzerum, on the Euphrates. The town was totally destroyed, with its entire population, numbering 2,000 souls, including 700 Armenians, as well as the troops forming the garrison of Melazgher. In addition, over 400 houses in neighboring villages collapsed.

garrison of Melazgher, with his whole family, three other officers and eighty soldiers, perished in the ruins. Lieut.-Colonel Tayib, whose family perished, became insane. The telegraph operator who sent the news of the catastrophe, said he himself was badly injured, and that his wife and sister had been killed. He rescued his instruments from the ruins of the office with the greatest difficulty. The Foreign Office has expressed its sympathies for the relief of the destitute Mohammedans and Christians of the Melazgher district.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN

There were six deaths from bi-plague at Iquique, Chile. Two Russian artillery officers confessed to plotting to kill notable personages.

The deaths from the plague in the Punjab from Jan. 1 to May 2 numbered 141,789.

A number of Jews are leaving St. Petersburg because of the receipt of threatening letters.

One hundred houses and many business buildings were burned down at Laconia, N. H.

King Alfonso of Spain has inherited \$7,500,000 under the will of his grandfather, the late King Francis.

An explosion of gas in the Charities coal and coke mine at Federal, Pa., to-day killed four men instantly, badly burned seven and slightly injured a number of others.

Newspaper correspondents charge the French Government with neglect in regard to the arrangements made for the auto race which was attended by so many fatalities.

The afternoon Paris papers contain long stories of the remarkable case of a young woman living near St. Quentin, who, after living in a trance for twenty years, awoke last night.

George Dieckhoff, imprisoned in the Essex County Jail, Newark, N. J., on a charge of burglary, hanged himself in his cell yesterday.

Walter Smith, seventeen years old, of Clinton, pleaded guilty in the Superior Court at Worcester, Mass., yesterday morning of killing his father, Thomas Smith, April 20th, and was sentenced to the State prison for life.

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Times Correspondent Has Been Asked to Make Himself Scarce.

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St. Petersburg Celebrates.

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