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## NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

The Vice-regal Party at Vancouver—Gold on Lulu Island—Municipal Matters.

Post Office Robbed—Mining at Rossland and in the Immediate Neighborhood.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

**VANCOUVER.**

VANCOUVER, Nov. 16.—(Special)—Mrs. Smith, the principal witness in the Benson murder trial, expressed pleasure at her husband's acquittal, but the liberated man refused to see her when invited to do so.

The coroner's jury in the case of Mat Dverad, who hanged himself in a cell in the police station, returned the following verdict: "Deceased came to his death by strangulation while in a state of insanity." The jury suggested that insane persons be more carefully guarded in future in the city jail.

The remains of Charles Hunter, accompanied by his sorrowing widow, were placed on the steamer Charmer this afternoon. Mr. Hunter died at the city hospital, Vancouver, last night from cancer of the heart. He was well known in Victoria, being a prominent member of the I.O.O.F. and took an active interest in B.C.B G.A. affairs.

J. H. Cleeve, of Limerick, Ireland, who is in the city, is interested in B.C. exports. Mr. Cleeve states that British Columbia frozen salmon arrive in perfect condition in England, and are considered almost, if not quite, equal to the Scotch salmon.

The most famous, and driest and most tedious perjury case of Regina vs. Kingsley, and other cases arising from it, are dragging their weary length at the Vancouver assize, before His Lordship Justice Walkem.

The residence of W. H. Sim, Westminster, was entered by a burglar last night and a quantity of money stolen. The thief opened the front door of the building with a skeleton key. There is no clue to the thief.

Yesterday was the last day on which a rebate of taxes was allowed by the Westminster corporation. A comparatively large amount of taxes were paid in, showing an improvement in the money market.

There is a rumor to the effect that the gold-borers at Burn, Lulu Island, had struck low grade gold ore. As the rumor is not well founded it has caused little excitement.

VANCOUVER, Nov. 19.—To-day the Governor-General and Countess of Aberdeen inspected the Mount Pleasant boys brigade, the St. Paul's hospital and the schools—in the evening they attended an entertainment entitled "In Garland Land" by the children of Violet guild. The vice-regal party leave on the Mainlor Vernon.

The St. Andrew's and Caledonia Society ball last night might be called a social triumph. The Governor-General and Countess Aberdeen arrived at 9:30. His Excellency was attired in Highland costume. After those present had been presented dancing commenced. The affair altogether was a complete success.

The city council decided not to meet last night, on account of St. Andrew's ball, but on Monday and this morning, however, meetings were held, the principal matter discussed being the lighting of the city by the Western Electric Light Co.

The Elmore post office was robbed of $15 last night.

**WESTMINSTER.**

WESTMINSTER, Nov. 19.—Thomas Kidd, M P.P., says that gold has been struck at a depth of 300 feet by the second bore on Lulu Island.

The mayor states that a delegation from the city had been assured by the Honorable the Attorney-General that a registrar of titles would be appointed for New Westminster at the beginning of the year.

The promoter of a spinning mill is looking for a bonus in New Westminster or Vancouver.

**NANAIMO.**

NANAIMO, Nov. 18.—The prospects of the mercantile club do not appear to be as promising as they were at first sight.

While working in Protection shaft on Saturday last Elijah Baray was injured by falling coal. The injuries are not of a serious nature, and it is expected that he will shortly resume work.

A lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah has been formed at Wellington.

Leiser & Hamburger have appointed E. C. Johnson, of Victoria, as head salesman of their shoe department.

The Wellington Methodist Sunday school is arranging for a grand entertainment, to be given in the church on Christmas eve.

A. Dick, inspector of mines, states that the front wall of the coke ovens at Union is nearly completed, and that a large quantity of fire-clay bricks has been ordered from the Old Country.

NANAIMO, Nov. 19—On Saturday evening a meeting of citizens will be held in Davison's hall, when a ballot will be taken on two candidates for the mayoralty. The candidates for nomination are Ald. Davison and A. Wilson. Last night there was another count-out of the council, making the third in succession.

There is considerable discussion in Wellington over the forthcoming municipal election. Only one name is, so far, mentioned for mayor.

Dr. O'Brian, the umpire, has awarded Mr. Dumont $150 for Mr. Jordan's right of way through his property. Coal will probably be shipped from West Wellington next week.

**ASHCROFT.**

(From the B. C. Mining Journal.)

It is reported that a valuable mine of asbestos has been discovered about 60 miles south of Ashcroft.

About 250 feet of new siding is now being built by the C.P.R. on this side of the railroad. The B.C.X. Co. will build a warehouse north of Harvey, Bailey & Co.'s, for the accommodation of their freight receipts.

The Ashcroft-Lillooet telegraph line has been connected with the Ashcroft end. The Lillooet end lacks about a mile of wire, which will be connected Monday or Tuesday. The poles are set clear through and only the short space mentioned is to be connected to give telegraphic connection with Lillooet.

The railroad work in the vicinity of Ashcroft has gradually been drawing to a close till one gang, doing rock work below here, is the only one left, and the work may be said to be over for this year.

The forwarding of over 130,000 pounds of freight North the past week shows to what proportions the freight handling at Ashcroft has grown. As a matter of fact from 400,000 to 500,000 pounds a month pass over the big road. A large slice of it goes to ranchers and stockmen up country, but the mining interests absorb a great deal.

James Ker, of Montreal, who has been employed on the Horsefly mine the past summer reports the mine as shut down for the season and that a cleanup is being made which will realize $7,000 or $8,000, but it will not be complete. This will bring the output of the mine up to about $49,000 or $50,000 for the present year, and an additional cleanup of $6,000 for last season would aggregate $55,000 or $56,000 as the total output of the mine. The running expenses of the mine are about $7,000 a month since its equipment, so that enough has been taken out to pay for one year's work on the mine. When it is considered that only 60 or 70 days' piping all told gave the above output mining men will agree that the Horsefly is a good producer.

E. Lapointe, the Vancouver cattle buyer, shipped Wednesday night three carloads of cattle numbering 60 head and a carload of sheep numbering 196 head. The cattle were in fine condition, while as for the sheep Mr. Lapointe declared that no finer lot of sheep were ever seen in Vancouver.

Sixty Short Horn Durham bulls were recently purchased in Ontario and are now on their way to British Columbia. Nearly all of them are for the B C. Cattle Co., but ten are for Mr. Hewitt Bostock. Those for the cattle company will be wintered at the Perry ranch and in the spring will be distributed among the various ranches of the company.

**NEW DENVER.**

(From the Ledge.)

Applications for certificates of improvements are being applied for by the Goodenough, American Boy, Jim Fair and Twin Lakes.

One of the most important schemes in the history of Trail Creek camp is now on foot. James F. Wardner and Mr. Eckhart, who started for San Francisco yesterday, are the leading spirit in this new scheme. The proposition is nothing more nor less than the saving of the tailings from the concentrator. Under the present system of treating ore at least 25 per cent is lost. By means of the new process, which was invented by a California man, nearly all the tailings can be saved at a cost of six cents a ton. One man in California made $60,000 last year by means of the new process. Messrs. Wardner and Eckhart expect to get the San Francisco capitalists to put their new process in operation at Trail during the coming summer. Rumor, however, has it that the main object of the visit is to cause the entrance of some new California capital into the country and thus aid very materially in furthering the mining interests of the Northwest.

**ROSSLAND.**

(From the Prospector.)

The Cliff has just made a shipment of 38 tons of ore valued at $995 50.

Le Roi ore is valued at the custom house for shipment at $45.80 per ton.

The Oriental has been purchased by Col. Geo. Turner, representing a company of Montreal capitalists.

Bob Shields has gone about four miles west of the Douglas B. camp on Arrow lake and located several mineral claims.

Six men are working on the Southern Cross, driving a tunnel from the canyon—a branch of Tiger creek—to cross-cut the ledge.

The last shipment of ore from the Cliff was valued at $26.20 per ton, which is a good deal better than that mine could do a few months ago.

Mr. Durant, manager of the Centre Star, is of the opinion that a matting plant at the mines will be required to treat the vast body of low grade ore.

The Argonaut Mining Co. (C.P.R. officials) has six men developing the Londonderry. George Turner is superintending that work and also the work on the Violet, a claim adjoining the Southern Cross in the south belt.

The large boiler for the Centre Star mine arrived here on Friday from Trail.

The Black Prince will be developed this winter. It has two ledges. At a depth of eight feet mineral is obtained that goes $8.10 in gold. The Black Prince is located one and a half miles below Trail and only three-quarters of a mile from the Columbia river. It is owned by J. J. Hand, W. N. Pfeifer and John Lowering.

The men who have been working on the Cliff, under the direction of Colonel S. M. Wharton, are rapidly developing it into a mine equal to the War Eagle and Le Roi. Mr. Wharton values it a great deal higher than he did a month ago.

The waterworks company let the contract to Jas. Clark to clear the right-of-way for the flume. The distance from Columbia avenue to the point on Stony creek where the water is to be diverted is about three miles. The company represents that it is going to expend $25,000 or $30,000 on the waterworks. The distance from the creek to the reservoir site is 10,000 feet—nearly two miles.

So many ledges have been discovered in the mountains to the south of and near the foot of Lower Arrow lake that it seems probable that a producing camp will be developed there. The best known claim in that locality is the Douglas B It is owned by D. D. Bruce, Alex McKenzie and J. A. Gillis and Chas. Barbour. On this claim there is a ledge 10 feet wide cropping out on the surface. W. J. Tretheway, the Kaslo assayer, found it to contain $6 20 gold per ton and 3 5 per cent. copper. A shaft following down a well defined wall has been sunk 40 feet and is in mineral. Shipments will be made as soon as soon as a pack trail can be made. Near the Douglas B. is the Kingman, located by John Doyle for himself. Also the Jess, located by Duncan McCormack for Thos. Wilson. Some of the best showings in this new camp are on the Rob Roy, the Duncan, the Whatcom, the Thomas and the Daylight.

What is believed to be the first "gunplay" ever made in Rossland occurred on Tuesday evening. At about six o'clock the large bar-room of the International hotel was pretty well crowded, when a young man named Johnny Langford turned around and told Thomas J. Thomas to "keep away." It is said that Thomas attempted to kick Langford, whereupon the latter drew a Colt's revolver and struck Thomas over the head with it. He then fired, the bullet making a scalp wound on Thomas' head, grazing the neck of Walter L. Carruthers, a Slocan prospector, cutting a clean hole through the large glass in the front window, and narrowly missing the head of Mr. J. S. Clute, barrister, who was passing on the sidewalk.

**KUPER ISLAND.**

KUPER ISLAND, Nov. 16.—What might have been a very serious blaze took place at the Indian industrial school, Kuper island, yesterday, between 1 and 2 o'clock in the afternoon. At this time all the boys (with their teachers) were at work in the back part of the school ranch, clearing a piece of new land. The building in which the fire occurred, and which contains the boys' school room, play hall, dormitory, as well as the general stores, is situated at a little distance from the other premises so that just then it was literally deserted. There was no one near it save two or three little fellows who were playing about. Happening to go into the play hall they found it full of smoke and at once ran to tell the good sisters who forthwith gave the alarm. The sound of the school bell soon brought teachers and children scurrying across the fields and in less than two minutes the boys were swarming around the seat of the fire like bees, some bearing buckets of water, others ladders, pickaxes and other tools, ready to perform their several duties as they had been trained. The fire had already made some headway and was blazing around the door leading from the play hall into the school room as well as on a portion of the partition and ceiling. In another minute it would have reached the second floor into the dormitory and then it would have been all up with the building. As it was, the boys made short work of putting it out in a manner which reflects great credit upon themselves as well as their worthy director who spares no pains to render his pupils efficient in every thing they undertake. The fire brigade was very kindly assisted by Chief Tom and others from the village, who hearing the school bell came with all speed and in time to give a helping hand. The cause of the fire has been traced to a defective flue in a new portion of the building erected last summer.

**MIDWAY.**

(From the Advance.)

Parties are applying for license to prospect for coal in the Kettle river valley, it having been discovered at Rock Creek and other places.

An option of purchase till December 1 has been given on the Calumet, they to pay $500 on that date and $9,600 before July 1. The claim is in Wellington camp, where a road and bunk and shaft houses are being built on the Winnipeg claim acquired by Marcus Daly.

A sample of the Highland Queen ore in Providence camp assays $263 to the ton.

Development work is being done by Schofield and McCormick on the Mother Lode claim, Deadwood camp.

E. J. Hickey, of Spokane, who has just been up the North Fork of the Kettle river, says that although he had offered to lay down $1,000 cash on a $50,000 bond for the Seattle claim, owned by R. Clark, the privilege had been refused him. He acknowledged that it was 200 feet wide in its widest part, and not less than 80 feet in the narrowest portion of the claim, and the ledge a solid body of copper ore, carrying gold, with a good percentage of silver.

**VERNON.**

(From the News.)

Fall ploughing is well advanced throughout the Spallumcheen district, and fall wheat has been largely sown.

The Okanagan Flouring Mills Company is paying $18 per ton for wheat at Armstrong.

Passenger and freight traffic on the S. & O. branch and the lake steamer appear to be more lively than during the summer.

Mr. Susman, C.P.R. mining engineer, who left for the East on Thurday's train, speaks very confidently of the richness of the mines in the Boundary Creek district, and Camp Hewitt. He was driven out to the Swan Lake Mining Company's property, and the Bon Diable claim on the B X, with both of which he was very much pleased. The Swan Lake ledge he pronounced to be of wonderfully large extent, and with its unrivalled facilities for mining and working should make an extremely valuable property.

Hewitt & Brett have succeeded in getting some of the business men of the city interested in their mineral claims at Camp Hewitt, and left on Wednesday to commence work on the King Solomon and Meadow Lark. They will expend $2,000 on these claims and will drive in about 200 feet of tunnels.

**KAMLOOPS.**

(From the Inland Sentinel.)

Although the Big Bend has not come up to the very sanguine expectations of last spring, there is every indication at present that next spring will see active operations commenced on new ground, principally quartz There are ledges of ore fully better than those of Trail creek which can be worked to advantage even as facilities are now, but there are good prospects of better facilities in the near future.

Active operations have been going on for some weeks preparing timber to be used in the construction of the new bridge at Revelstoke across the Columbia river. The number of men employed is being increased almost daily, and quite an addition to the population of the town has been made. The present staff is principally made up of experienced square timber workers, but a number of laborers for rough work will be taken on soon. The gravel pit where they are working presents quite a lively scene.

The first meeting of the trustees of the newly incorporated brewing company of Kamloops was recently held at the offices of F. J. Fulton, the company's solicitor. The number of shares applied for amount to about 2,000 out of the 3,500 shares required, and it was resolved that the present proprietors be asked to extend the time for handing over the business. To this Messrs. Wehrfeitz and Hopkins assented, signing an agreement to hand over the business when required by the trustees.


**COULD HARDLY SPEAK.**

SIRS,—Last winter my father had such a cough he could hardly speak. He was persuaded to try Haggard's Pectoral Balsam at last, and was completely cured by half of one bottle.

MISS A. M. CRITTENDEN,
Baldwin, Ont.


## FALSE TESTIMONY.

A Perjured Affidavit Procured by Counsel for Murderer Holmes—Great Sensation.

The Offence Brought Home to the Advocate in the Clearest Possible Manner.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 18.—William A. Shoemaker, senior counsel for the defence of the convicted murderer H. H. Holmes, is charged with manufacturing evidence for the defence by bribing a woman who knew nothing of the case to swear in Holmes' favor. To-day was fixed for argument of the motion for a new trial and Judge Arnold was joined by Judges Thayer and Wilson. Mr. Shoemaker asked that argument be postponed, as since the verdict he had come into possession of new information and additional clues of vital importance to the case, which would result in Holmes' acquittal.

Subsequent to the trial, he continued, they obtained information of a person who knew Holmes while he lived at 1336 Callow Hill, from whom they procured an affidavit. This was made by Blanche A. Hannigan, and in substance is that in August, 1894, she kept a cigar store at 1239 Callow Hill street, and knew Pitzel as Perry. On August 19, when he was in the store, she told him that she would have to leave the store to visit a dying friend, whereupon Pitzel spoke of the uncertainties of life, saying he had more troubles than anyone would suppose; that he would not care if it was he who was dying instead of her friend. He spoke of many troubles and added: "The end would soon come, as he could not stand it much longer." His actions and words tended to show thoughts of suicide.

In presenting the affidavit, Mr. Shoemaker said Mrs. Hannigan would have come forward with this testimony before but she disliked notoriety, and had been out of the city for some time. Besides this new testimony, Mr. Shoemaker went on that there were many other clues to be run down, some of which came to his knowledge as late as last Saturday.

District Attorney Graham asked that Mrs. Hannigan be called to the stand. Mr. Rotan replied that he was unable to find Mrs. Hannigan, and that the affidavit had been procured by John Sweekler, detective. Counsel would not permit her testimony until he had an opportunity to examine her privately to sift the truth of her statements. Mr. Shoemaker said that the affidavit had been written by himself at the direction of Mrs. Hannigan.

Upon this, Mr. Graham arose, and said that during the early part of the recent trial he had received information that efforts had been made to secure false testimony by bribery. Later he learned that these efforts were being prosecuted to the end. Thereupon he sent for the person thus employed to furnish evidence and she was in court at the present time. "I will produce her, show that she was employed by Mr. Shoemaker; that she was taken to his office and questioned; that she said she knew nothing about the case; that the attorney then told her that was all right; that she was induced upon payment of $20, to sign the affidavit which had been already prepared."

Mr. Shoemaker grew pallid, the judges' eyes opened wider, and it was some time before the buzz in the court room was stilled. Then Mr. Rotan and Mr. Shoemaker made an attempt to be heard, but the court ordered that the witness be first heard.

Detective Geyer said that during the trial he was called upon by John Sweekler, who said Mr. Shoemaker had asked him to procure a woman who lived around 13th and Callow Hill or Vine street, who would swear to certain facts. Next day Sweekler again called and Shoemaker showed him a typewritten affidavit. This was even before the woman had been looked for. Mr. Geyer submitted the matter to the district attorney and on his advice, after the trial, Geyer procured the woman. He introduced her to Sweekler who in turn took her to Shoemaker. After several interviews with him she signed the affidavit and received the money in ten dollar bills, which he marked with her initials for identification.

The supposed Mrs. Hannigan, who said her name was Margaret Reah, took the stand and corroborated this story. Producing the money, she declared that Shoemaker neither read nor told her of the contents of the affidavit. She signed in absolute ignorance. The statement made in court this morning by Shoemaker that she had dictated it to him was false in toto.

Shoemaker here arose excitedly and cried: "I did not say so." The district attorney declared he had a copy of the affidavit in his office before the woman had been found.

John Sweekler corroborated the preceding witness, saying he was first employed by Shoemaker to get the woman on November 4, the second day of the trial. Four or five days afterwards Mr. Shoemaker dictated the affidavit to his stenographer. This was before the woman had been procured. After Sweekler had been given the affidavit, he turned it over to Detective Geyer, who said he would procure a woman.

Sweekler emphatically repeated, "Blanche Hannigan was not known and had not yet been procured when the affidavit was prepared."

Shoemaker, his face livid with excitement, finally exclaimed:

"I ask if I will have an opportunity to refute these charges?"

"At the proper time, sir, and in the proper place," interrupted Judge Thayer.

With tears in his eyes Mr. Shoemaker protested:

"I am sure I can show my innocence of anything reflecting upon me as a member of the bar. This is a trap, a damnable trap, set by the district attorney to destroy a member of the bar. I appeal to the court to grant me time to defend myself. I appeal to the members of the press," turning to the reporters seated near by, "to withhold all that has been said against me in this court until I have had an opportunity to clear myself."

Judge Thayer again cautioned the attorney. "Under the present condition of affairs, sir, I think you will find safety in silence," he said impressively.

All this time the murderer Holmes smiled with cynical amusement.


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## THE SULTAN ALARMED.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The Marquis of Salisbury has received assurances that the Sultan has dispatched commissioners to Asia Minor to put in force the reforms insisted upon by the powers, and that, beyond the assembling of the foreign fleet off Salonica, the powers will take no further steps at present. It is understood that the assembling of the fleets at Salonica bay is having a good effect, and that the Sultan has determined to make earnest efforts to put a stop to bloodshed in Asia Minor.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 18.—The British fleet here is being still further reinforced. The Sultan is said to be alarmed to the verge of insanity at the assembling of the foreign fleets at Salonica Bay. Not only has he sent messages to the Valis of disturbed districts ordering them to suppress the disorders but a number of special commissioners have been dispatched to various parts of Asia Minor armed with the highest authority to quell any revolutionary outbreaks.

Further massacres are reported from Sivas, and there is an unconfirmed story that 4,000 Armenians have been massacred at Gurrun. Although the reports of this wholesale killing are not confirmed, the Turkish officials admit that the Kurds made two attacks upon the Armenians of that locality with considerable loss of life. The Porte, it is said, has ordered a special inquiry into the massacre of Christians at Alexandretta, where three hundred Turkish troops are said to have looked on while the killing took place.

It is reported that a number of the members of the young Turkish party have been secretly executed.

No details have yet been received here of the massacre of about 800 Armenians at Kharput, or of the sacking and burning of eight out of twelve buildings belonging to American missionaries there.

Anti-Christian placards have been torn down by the police at Scutari, Albania, where a dangerous agitation is in progress. The Turkish officials do not seem to be doing more than making a show of frowning upon it.

## BRITAIN'S GOVERNMENT.

Ministerial Programme as Outlined in the Speeches of Prominent Ministers and Members.

Members of the Cabinet Severing Their Connections With Mercantile and Other Corporations.

LONDON, Nov. 16,—The Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury and leader in the House of Commons, made five speeches in Glasgow on Thursday, but he contrived in all of them to avoid making the slightest reference as to the government programme at the coming session. According to all precedent the cabinet must have already decided upon what bills will be introduced and given instructions for the drafting of the measures. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Chancellor of the Exchequer, speaking at Bristol, vaguely promised the earliest consideration of a measure for the relief of the agricultural depression.

Some revelation of the government's policy is found in a statement by Sir Robert Peel in a speech delivered by him at Tamworth, which constituency he has represented in parliament for 30 years. He declared that he had learned from executive and authorized sources that the government intended to consolidate and take over all mortgages on land by lending money to the lanelords at three per cent., thus enabling them to save two per cent., as most of the landlords have been obliged to raise loans at five per cent. The scheme, according to Sir Robert has the support of several of the ministers.

The Westminster Gazette declares as a landlord cabinet bill, that such a bill would certainly be the salvation of many land owners whose properties are heavily mortgaged; but it would require the government's full majority of 150 to pull it through the House of Commons.

Right Hon. Sir Matthew White-Ridley, the home secretary, promised a deputation of trade unionists, who visited him a few days ago, that the government would introduce an employers' liability bill, giving workingmen compensation for every accident that befell them in the course of their labors, with a clause enabling workingmen to contract themselves out of every right given under the bill. These measures with an Irish land bill form the fixtures of the session. The ministers desire to postpone for another year the denominational educational trouble.

All the members of the government are resigning company directorships. Mr. Gerald Balfour, chief secretary for Ireland, has retired from the board of the West India and Panama Telegraph Company, and Rt. Hon. A. Akers Douglas, first commissioner of works, has withdrawn from the exchange and hop warehouses. It may be pointed out that when the new government took office its members held directorships in sixty-four different corporations, including life, fire and marine insurance companies, breweries, railroads, banks and telegraphs, shipping, mining, commercial and manufacturing corporations. The fact that so many of the ministers and other members of the government were connected with corporations as directors led to the characterizing of the cabinet by certain of its radical opponents as a ministry of "guinea pigs," and there is a widespread feeling of satisfaction in Conservative and Liberal Unionist circles now that the members of the government display their willingness to retire from outside business. Their motives when private legislation affecting some of the many companies with which they were connected comes before the house cannot be impugned if they sever their connection with them.

## LAURIER'S LIEUTENANT.

TORONTO, Nov. 16 —(Special)—The World correspondent at Montreal says Hon. Mr. Laurier at St. Laurent referred to Mr. Tarte as his valiant lieutenant; also that that gentleman, at the gathering in question, remarked in Mr. Laurier's hearing that he would be Speaker under the Liberal government, whereat Mr. Laurier replied, "You will be a minister."

## TURKS MORE ENERGETIC.

The Authorities Said to Have Displayed More Energy in Putting Down Disturbances.

A Hundred Thousand Armenians Dying of Starvation and Exposure—Agitation Against Christians.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 19 (via Sofia, Bulgaria, Nov. 19.—It is learned in diplomatic circles that the Turkish authorities of Moosh have recently been displaying great energy in quelling the fanatical outbreak there, which was recently announced. They prevented much bloodshed, and in the latest of the disturbances there were only six persons killed and forty wounded. The Mussulman soldiers behaved well. The greatest anxiety certainly prevails at present among the Turkish officials to stop the carnage.

An official announcement says: "Armenian insurgents of Zeitoun plundered and burned the following villages: Louisikuhi, Kechkere, Moussali and Kerimili. Four bombs were found in the yard of an Armenian rioter at Diarbekir. The Armenian agitators at Marsovan attacked two Mussulmans going to the mosque and wounded them. They also fired from their houses to the barracks and to the palace of the governor. Disorder followed these provocations and on both sides there were dead and wounded. The authorities, however, succeeded in restoring order. All news concerning supposed insecurity of foreigners living in the towns where the troubles took place is absolutely false."

LONDON, Nov. 19.—The following telegram from Constantinople has been received by the Anglo-Armenian Association: "Armenians are being massacred everywhere in Asia Minor. Over 100,000 are dying of starvation and exposure. The season for the work of relief is closed. For God's sake urge the government to stop the most awful events of modern times. The porte is powerless, as all the telegraphs are under control of the palace officials who have incited the massacres throughout Anatolia."

A dispatch from Rome to-day says advices from Constantinople announce that the agitation against Christians in Northern Syria is extending, and that massacres have occurred near Aleppo.

Grand Duke Vladimir has received an autograph letter from the Czar to the Kaiser, relating to the situation in Eastern Europe. It suggests that in case England insists too much on the disintegration of Turkey the three powers who united upon the Japanese question shall again join hands against all comers.

Trouble between the Kurds and the Mussulmans at Kharput has been brewing for some time. It is claimed that the Armenians, excited by the agents of the revolutionary committee, have been preparing to revolt against the Turkish authorities. The crisis was to be precipitated by an attack on the Mussulmans' quarter. A second version of the affair is that the Turks, acting under instructions from Yildiz Kiosk officials, deliberately planned the massacre of the Armenians of Kharput. The Kurds were not armed with rifles, but provided with weapons similar to those used by the Turkish soldiers, and ammunition was plentifully distributed among them.

At a signal agreed upon, a quarrel was picked with some Armenians, and an attack upon their quarters commenced. The Armenians, however, had armed themselves as well as possible and had placed their dwellings in a state calculated to hold out as long as possible. They made so determined a resistance that at the first attempt the Kurds were repulsed.

When the Armenians repulsed the first attack of the Kurds the latter were so infuriated that they proceeded to Kharput, where the American missionaries were located, and ransacked and burned the houses, including eight of the American mission buildings.

The American missionaries, however, escaped uninjured, and placed themselves under the immediate protection of the Turkish governor, who still has them safe. It is believed to have been ascertained beyond a doubt that the Kurds were supported by Turkish troops in a number of instances, and in other cases the soldiers remained passive spectators.

Later a more successful attack was made by the Kurds upon the Armenian quarter, and a terrible massacre followed. The number of victims has not yet been ascertained, but conservative estimates say from 800 to 1,000 persons were killed. Fresh fanatical outbreaks occurred at Moosh, but were suppressed by the authorities after 40 Armenians had been killed.

## IMPORTS IN BOND

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—The Secretary of the Treasury has decided that foreign merchandise bought in Canada in bond and imported into this country shall be valued, for duty purposes, at the in bond market value in Canada.

SMITHS FALLS, Nov. 15.—Hon. Messrs. Haggart, Foster and Montague addressed a meeting of electors here last night and had a most enthusiastic reception. The opera house where the meeting was held could not contain one-fifth of those who sought to enter. An overflow meeting was held in the town hall, which was addressed by the same speakers as at the main gathering.


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