

CRISIS EXPECTED SOON

Situation in Turkey Very Critical.

PROMISED FIRMAN NOT GRANTED

A British Gunboat Heading for the Dardanelles—Attempt to Secure its Recall.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 28, via Sofia, Bulgaria, Nov. 29.—The political situation is critical, and a crisis may be expected within the ensuing 24 hours. The sultan, who is once more thoroughly under the influence of the palace party, led by Izzet Bey, still declines to grant the firmans applied for by representatives of Great Britain, Russia, Italy and Austria, for the passage of the extra guard ships through the Straits of Dardanelles.

This is extraordinary, as on Tuesday Tewfik Pasha, the Turkish minister of foreign affairs, personally assured Sir Philip Currie that the port had determined to grant the permission required. It would thus seem that while the Turkish ministers are apparently in favor of granting the firmans, the palace party, priests, chamberlains and others, who are the real advisers of Abdul Hamid, are opposed to it as calculated to lower the dignity of the sultan. Meantime the Mussulmans are growing uneasy, looking upon the threatening advent of the extra guard ships as nothing less than warlike demonstrations before Constantinople.

Sir Philip Currie, when assured by Tewfik Pasha that the firmans would be forthcoming immediately telegraphed to the admiral in command of the British Mediterranean squadron instructing him to dispatch a gunboat to the Dardanelles to be used in the Bosphorus as an extra guard. The twin-screw torpedo gunboat Oriad, carrying four seven-inch and four six-pounder quick-firing guns, is expected to arrive at Chanakkale today and pass right on to the Bosphorus. The sultan is known to be in a state of the greatest agitation at the news that an extra British gunboat is heading for the Dardanelles.

The minister of foreign affairs was sent for at midnight and an exciting interview took place between him and the sultan, during which the latter bitterly and tearfully reproached Tewfik Pasha for his action. The pasha tried to justify himself by recalling that the granting of the firmans had been agreed to in substance by the sultan. The sultan insisted that it was impossible to issue the firmans, as that would cause rioting in Constantinople, and that the powers should be content with the measures taken by the government to maintain order. The sultan then instructed Tewfik Pasha to do everything possible to induce the British ambassador to countermand his order for a gunboat. Sir Philip refused, saying he was tired of being trifled with, and reminding him that Great Britain was acting fairly within her treaty rights.

Tewfik Pasha returned to the palace in a very unenviable frame of mind, with the failure of his mission. The sultan, frantic with rage, drove him from his presence with fierce revilings, and the president of the state council, Said Pasha, who is supposed to have some influence with Sir Philip Currie, was sent for. The sultan eagerly besought him to go immediately to the British ambassador and spare no effort to induce him to order the recall of the Oriad. Sir Philip finally consented to place the whole matter once more before his government and await further instructions.

DOUBLE ACTION RULE.

Beets Make Whisky and Whisky Makes Beets.

OMAHA, Nov. 29.—The vast yield of sugar beets in Nebraska and the inability of the farmers to dispose of the enormous quantity as rapidly as convenient, has provoked some peculiar violations, of the revenue laws. A still has been captured in Sherman county from which whisky was being manufactured from beets.

Republicans to Organize.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—There is a growing probability that the republicans at their caucus on next Monday will decide to attempt to reorganize the senate on republican lines, and that the candidate for president protem will then be decided upon. Quite a number of republican senators, including three members of the steering committee, were at the capitol today and an informal exchange of views among them resulted in a general adoption of this conclusion. There is a difference of opinion as to the

wisdom of attempting more than the election of the presiding officer in the beginning, but the preponderance of opinion is that the action at that time will be confined to this. If the republican candidates succeed in this contest, the republicans will then place candidates in the field for other elective offices.

Water Commissioners Meet.

The regular meeting of the city water commissioners was held Saturday afternoon. There were present Commissioners Robert Mays, J. O. Mack, J. B. Crossen and Hugh Chrisman. As T. A. Ward, the president of the commission, was absent in California, it became necessary to elect a president pro tem and the honor fell upon Robert Mays. The meeting was not marked by any business other than of routine character. After the reading of the minutes, to which there were no objections, the following bills were ordered paid:

Mays & Crowe, supplies.....	4 16
J. H. Blakeney, hauling.....	5 75
W. H. Young, labor.....	75
Hugh Glenn, labor.....	35
I. J. Norman, salary supt.....	75 00
H. Laffin, supt helper.....	55 00
H. Chrisman, secretary.....	5 00
The treasurer's report, which was read and accepted, is as follows:	
Oct 31—To bal cash on hand.....	\$ 320 98
Nov 30—Cash from I. J. Norman	
water rent.....	1008 35
Total.....	\$1329 31

CONTRA.

Nov 30—By warrants redeemed Nos. 101-110..... 306 83

Nov 30—C D Dalles Nat Bank..... 700 00

Total..... \$1006 83

Nov 30—To bal cash on hand..... \$ 322 48

Respectfully submitted,
C. J. CRANDALL, City Treas.

The report of Superintendent Norman shows a total book account of \$1432.85, of which there has been collected \$1008.35. After some discussion it was moved and carried that the secretary be instructed to insure the tool house and tools, on Union street between 6th and 7th streets and a motion was also carried to the effect that the secretary be instructed to write the Aetna Insurance Company and ask for an extension of one year on the bonds from No. 1 to No. 25 inclusive.

As this seemed to wind up the business before the commission a motion to adjourn was carried.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of Testimonials. Address:
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The Durrant Trial.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29.—General Dickinson continued reading his affidavits for a motion for a new trial in the case of Theodore Durrant this morning. Dickinson complained that although the witnesses had been excluded from the courtroom during the trial the newspapers had persisted in publishing the testimony. He was still reading his affidavits at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Mrs. W. B. Meek, who resides at Camptown, Cal., says her daughter was for several years troubled at times with severe cramps in the stomach, and would be in such agony that it was necessary to call in a physician. Having read about Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy she concluded to try it. She found that it always gave prompt relief. It was seldom necessary to give the second dose. "It has not only saved us lots of worry and time," she says, "but also doctor bills. It is my opinion that every family should have a bottle of this remedy in the house." For sale by Blakeley & Houghton, Druggists.

One Vessel Bought.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—A local paper says: The steamer State of California, which has been running between this port and the Clyde for the Allan state line, has been sold to the Japanese government and will be converted into a cruiser.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

BOTH PARTIES CAUCUS

Reed and Crisp Re-nominated for Speaker.

SPEECHES BY THE GENTLEMEN

The Senate Republicans Will Caucus Monday, When the Question of Re-organization Will Be Decided.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The republicans of the house met in caucus tonight and unanimously nominated ex-Speaker Thomas B. Reed, of Maine, for speaker of the 4th congress. This action was anticipated, for at no time had an effort been inaugurated to contest his election. The Hon. Galusha Grow, who was speaker of the house in 1859, nominated Reed in caucus. He simply presented Reed's name, and the nomination was made by a rising vote, amid cheers. Grow, Cannon and Payne, escorted Reed to the hall, and, when the cheering, which greeted his appearance, had subsided, he made a brief speech of acceptance. He said:

"For the honor you have conferred upon me I tender you my sincere thanks. I am, however, not in the least liable to confound with my own personally this tribute of your kindness. I had once the good fortune to be so placed that I represented, as well as I was able to, the patriotic sense of a great party, and it is to that patriotic sense of our party that you tender the tribute to your martyr, as well as your temporary, approval. History will accord us praise for what we did in the 51st congress, and it may accord its praise in this for what we do not do.

"We have unfortunately a divided government, which usually leads to small results; but there are times when rest is as healthful as exercise. We must not forget that our first and greatest duty is to do all we can to restore confidence in business, and that we must avoid all business legislation, except in the direction of improved business. Rather than run risks we can afford to wait until well-matured plans give us remedies of permanent benefit. Crude and hasty legislation is above all things to be shunned.

"Could we cause our immense popular majority to overflow into the branches of the government, and could we have full control, we would create, not a perfect world, perhaps, but a world rather more fit to live in than we have lately had. Even as things are, I do not for a moment doubt that our patriotic instincts will lead us to make every sacrifice except that of principle to rescue our country from its temporary disaster.

"Not only have we been elected by the overwhelming vote of the people as their servants, but as members of a house of representatives, of which we are the majority, the right to initiate taxation for the people by the legislation is placed in our hands as a sacred trust, which we have no right to surrender, and which all parties, however they differ on other things, will assuredly maintain."

"That we shall be ready at all times to furnish adequate revenue for the government, according to our sense of purity, no man can doubt.

"This is the great nation of this hemisphere, and, while we have no desire to interfere with other nations, we shall maintain our position with firmness and self-respect, and at the same time with careful consideration of facts, and that conservatism of action, which shall leave no bad question to trouble our future. In this I trust the whole government and all its branches will be in accord with each other and with the people."

AN OPEN SWITCH.

Fatal Collision on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western.

SYRACUSE, Dec. 1.—Passenger train No. 8, on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western road, which left Syracuse at 10 tonight, ran into an open switch at Preble and telescoped three freight cars. The engine of the passenger train was completely wrecked, and the baggage and mail cars and two coaches caught from a blaze under the wrecked boiler and were consumed. The engineer was instantly killed, and the fireman was taken from the debris by the passengers in a dying condition. The sleeping-car was the only one saved. Nobody else was hurt. The baggage and mail were almost all saved. The station-house caught fire and burned. The wrecking-train has gone to the scene.

The engineer who was killed was Richard Young, unmarried, of this city,

who has been from 15 to 20 years in the service. The fireman's name was Roof. The switch at the scene of the disaster was found blocked. Somebody had tampered with it, with a deliberate intention, evidently, of wrecking the train.

At the Methodist Church Last Night.

Prof. N. N. Riddell's lecture in the M. E. church last night on "Heredit and Pre-natal Culture," drew a crowded house. The professor is one of the pioneers on the American platform in handling this theme before mixed audiences and is doing untold good to humanity by popularizing a subject on which knowledge is of such vital importance to the welfare of the race.

The speaker in opening dwelt on the great importance of men of science turning their attention to the study of heredity as applied to man. It is the opinion of reformers and men who have studied the needs of suffering humanity that we will never be able to deal with crime and insanity till we turn our attention to the study of those laws that tend to make man better born. Every person is what they are from two causes: first, from inherent tendencies, and second, from education and force of environments. These are both of vital importance to the welfare of the individual, and neither can ever take the place of the other. To be well born is to receive the greatest gift within the power of man. Great men are born so or they never become great.

A scientific explanation was given of the gradual unfolding of the child's brain from a single cell up to the complete and complex brain. The active, strong characteristics of the parents became the native marked traits in the child's character. This law has received careful attention by many with results most satisfactory and have given us poets, musicians and orators who were born so. If men would only give more attention to these things, we would not have so many children that are mere ciphers with the rims rubbed out. Many apt illustrations were cited showing why people were what they were. The mother of Napoleon had a strong love for battle and went into the thickest of the fray and most bloody conflicts and before Napoleon was 10 years old he was found on the battle field. Italian beauties nearly all conform to the one ideal type, the Madonna, a likeness of which occupies the walls of nearly every home in Italy, has made a vivid impression on the brain of the mothers of this fair land, with the result as we know on the offspring. The time will yet come, the speaker thought, when none will be allowed to marry until they are educated on the laws of heredity, nor will any be granted this privilege who have criminal or idiotic tendencies.

In closing the speaker urged the importance of a life of social purity as equally binding upon man as woman. The young man can go astray, sow his wild oats and when he has disgraced everything that is pure and holy in his manhood and then repent and society will give him its sweetest smile. If woman is treated with severity when she has made a mistake, then let her brother suffer a like condemnation. If two sinners have gone astray let them suffer a like condemnation at the hands of society, as they must at the judgment bar of God, until the kind hand of mercy shall reclaim them both.

Tonight the professor will lecture on "Love, Courtship and Marriage," and close his address with a double wedding.

Those Prayers for Ingersoll.

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—Claude Falls Wrights, secretary to the late Mme. Blavatsky, delivered a lecture on "Occult Phenomena" at Chickering hall today. The lecture was under the auspices of the Aryan Theosophical Society.

During the course of his lecture, Mr. Wrights created a sensation by referring to the prayers of a large body of Christian Endeavorers in Cleveland for the conversion of Colonel Ingersoll, he said: "They are doing a great wrong and practicing sorcery and black magic. You have no right to attempt any change a man's life because you think it wrong and because it differs from your own. If Ingersoll wants to have a certain religion, why should not he? The Christian Endeavorers are not doing the fair thing. I do not think they will have much success. They are not competent to have great influence, for their minds are not right." Ingersoll is a good man, and this effort is only a display of religion."

Earthquakes a Daily Occurrence.

PUEBLA, Mexico, Dec. 1.—Travelers arriving from Pimotepec and Jamilepec, in the state of Oaxaca, report that earthquakes continue and are of almost daily occurrence.
Mays & Crowe have just received a car load of oak wood, which they will sell at \$4.25 per cord. dec2if.

NATION'S LAWMAKERS

The Fifty-fourth Congress Met Yesterday.

THOMAS B. REED ELECTED SPEAKER

Republican Caucus Nominees for House Officers Elected—No Action Taken by Republican Senators Towards Reorganization.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—All Washington hies to the big capitol building on opening days, and today there was an added interest on account of the changes involved and the large influx of new blood. It was an orderly crowd which came through the rain in private conveyances, in street cars and on foot. By 10:30 o'clock, an hour and a half before the time of meeting, the public galleries of both houses were filled and the eager crowd had overflowed into the outer corridors.

The senate was called to order promptly at noon. The vice-president administered the oath to the senators elect, and the usual formal resolutions were adopted.

At 1:30 it was announced that the president's message would not be submitted today, and the senate adjourned.

The republican senators caucused half an hour, but adjourned until Wednesday without taking action on reorganization.

IN THE HOUSE.

The 54th house of representatives was called to order at noon by Clerk Kerr. The roll was called and the clerk announced 341 of the 350 members present and that no credentials had been received from tenth New York and first Nevada districts.

Kerr then called for nominations for speaker. No nominating speeches were made, but Grosvenor of Ohio, named Reed, Sayres of Texas, Crisp, and Kern of Nebraska, Bell of Colorado.

The result of the vote for speaker was: Reed, 234; Crisp, 95; Bell, 6; Caberson, (dem.) 1. Total 236. The announcement of Reed's election was greeted with great applause, which was continued when he ascended the rostrum, and his speech was also punctuated with applause. It was as follows:

"It will not be unbecoming in me, I hope, if I acknowledge to this assembly that it is very agreeable to me to stand once more in the place I left four years ago. Of the past, however, I shall not speak, for the past speaks for itself in terms more fitting and appropriate than any words which could come from my lips. Nor shall I speak of the future, for we are not putting off the harness, but putting it on. Yet, I think I can venture to say of the future, in the light of the past, that if we do something which for the moment seems inadequate, it may be that time, which has justified it for us on many occasions, may do so again. Those who have acted with wisdom heretofore may be fairly expected to act with wisdom hereafter. I am sorry to say the pleasure associated with the honor you have bestowed on me, an honor no American citizen can fail to appreciate and for which I give thanks, lasts for but a moment or so, while the cares and responsibilities extend over many days.

"So far as the performance of my duties affects the whole people of the United States I invoke their considerate judgment. So far as it affects the members of this house, I ask from both chambers that cordial co-operation, without which I can not hope to succeed, assuring them that no effort on my part will be spared to aid them in the performance of their duties by that entire impartiality which is their just due."

The republican caucus nominees for house officers were promptly elected.

By unanimous consent Newlands, of Nevada, and Cummings of New York, whose credentials had not arrived, were sworn in with the other members.

The drawing of seats being concluded the house adjourned till tomorrow.

Fell Forty Feet Without Injury.

INDEPENDENCE, Dec. 2.—A thrilling but not fatal accident occurred last Saturday eight miles south of this place. William Caster was returning, at 5



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o'clock in the morning, from a dance at Saver, driving a horse attached to a dogcart. In crossing the Helmholtz bridge, which is covered, making it very dark, a place where two boards are missing from the side of the bridge was evidently mistaken for the end of the bridge, and horse, cart, and driver went through and fell 49 feet into the water below. The water, seven feet deep, broke the force of the fall, and neither horse nor driver was hurt.

READY FOR TALK.

Telephone Line Between La Grande and Union Completed.

LA GRANDE, Dec. 2.—The Grande Ronde Telephone Company has completed its line between this city and Union. Saturday night the instruments were put in at La Grande and Union, and Sunday satisfactory tests were made. The line will be open for business in a few days. The line between this city and Island City was completed today. The extension from Island City to Elgin is in operation, will form a circuit from Union through La Grande, Island City, Summerville, Elgin, Enterprise and Joseph, the two last named places being in Wallows county.

UNION, Dec. 2.—The telephone line between Union and La Grande was completed, and placed in working order today.

For Home-seekers.

An effort is being made to reclaim some of the arid lands between Ceililo and Umatilla. A large tract of fine land has been opened up by the Bailey Ditch Company, which has about nine miles of ditch completed, and water covering about 2000 or 3000 acres. They will rent these tracts to persons who wish them, and furnish plenty of water for one half of the produce raised. The lands are on the Columbia river, a few miles above Coyote station, and the past season the company has cultivated about 100 acres, and has raised some of the finest garden truck that ever grew in this section of the country; and for fruit-raisers the climate and soil cannot be excelled. Transportation and freight rates to all desirable points for market are reasonable and fair. Can ship to the Sound over the Northern, or into Montana over the Great Northern, or Spokane over the O. R. & N.

The outcome of the enterprise will be watched with a great deal of interest. Further particulars can be had by addressing the Bailey Ditch Company at Umatilla, or at 508, East Oak street,

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