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THE ARMENIA HORROR

An Associated Press Representative Visits the Scene.

THE STORY HAD FOUNDATION

He Further Says that the Published Stories of Turkish Atrocities Has Two Sides.

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London, Feb. 2.—A letter has been received here from a special correspondent of the Associated Press who was sent to Armenia from London to investigate the reported Armenian atrocities, and who at present is in Armenia. For reasons that will be readily understood, the name of this correspondent is withheld, but he is a newspaper man well known in America, and he was instructed to make an impartial investigation of the stories told of Turkish cruelty. The Associated Press correspondent spent a week or more in Constantinople before starting for Armenia, during which time he investigated reports current there and continued his journey. His first letter contains the first authentic news from Armenia direct, and says:

"Whatever secrets may lie under the snow on the Armenian mountains, it seems beyond dispute from what I have heard from many lips, that the published stories of atrocious butchery and red horror in Sassoun villages, have at least a reasonable foundation of truth, and that any change authorized by further investigation, will deal more with numbers than with the degree of horror."

But from what the correspondent says in the latter part of his letter, there are two sides to the Armenian story, as he remarks:

"But no matter what light we throw upon the spasmodic wickedness of Turkey, or upon the atrocious severity of the revolutionary conspirators, we find that it is still the innocent, that suffer most."

"The Turks declare that the Armenians have indeed smothered outrage upon Turkish men and women, and from what is already known of the conspiracy meshes, it is quite likely that the story is true. For instance, it is reported that as a means of inciting the Turks to commit outrages that will bring upon them the wrath of the civilized world, the Armenians have thrust gun cartridges into the bodies of living Turkish men and women, and have exploded them. Armenian peasants to the number of several thousands were tending their herds and flocks in their summer pastures in the Sassoun mountains along the borders of Kurdistan. A band of Kurdish bandits searching for a winter's supply of provisions, roused their stock. The villagers and their Kurdish protectors made a vigorous defense. They would have ended it, but before the fighting was over, the Turkish government came into the affair, and with the real trouble began."

"Some of them telegraphed that a conspiracy was in progress among the Armenians in the mountain villages, and an order came straight from the sultan. 'Burn the villages to the utmost extremity.' The Kurdish bandits joined forces with the Turkish regulars, and even the Kurds who had been defending the Armenians turned traitors. The four Armenian peasants were then left to the mercy of a force of Turkish regulars, and two bands of Kurds. The Armenians fought as only men can defend their wives and children from outrage and death. They took refuge in their houses, but the Kurdish cannon made short work of these. They were slain without mercy, men, women and children. The outrage of Armenian women and children by the Turks in that part of the country is a common thing. The Armenians in Athens and Constantinople assert that nearly 10,000 persons were massacred, but more important and equally well informed persons put the number from 1000 to 2000 persons killed. The exact number will never be known. 'As for the Turkish commission, it is such a fraud that it is a waste of breath to talk about it.'"

"When an Armenian girl is to be married she is taken from her home and outraged by hands of Turks and Kurds, and any member of her family who lifts a hand in defense of her honor is shot down."

"It is declared there is not a young Armenian woman living along the Kurdish frontier who has not been outraged. Even children of tender years are not exempt, and some have actually died in most frightful agony. It is difference of religion that is the basis of all this injury, oppression and wrong."

A DETROIT DENTIST KILLED.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 2.—Dr. Horace E. Pope, dentist, was killed this morning by William Druseman, Mrs. Pope's

husband. Unlawful relations between Druseman and Mrs. Pope are said to have caused frequent and bitter quarrels between the couple. The police believe this led to the murder.

QUEEN LIL IN TROUBLE.

She is Arrested for Conspiracy With the Insurgents.

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—News from Auckland, N. Z., states that ex-Queen Liliuokalani was arrested for complicity with the insurgents on strong evidence. A large supply of arms and ammunition and dynamite bombs were found at her residence. Leaders of the revolt, Robert Wilcox, Sam Nowien, and Henry Bartelme, were caught and are on trial for treason. The uprising proved a fiasco. Order was promptly restored.

CREATED A SENSATION.

London, Feb. 2.—News of the arrest of ex-Queen Liliuokalani published this afternoon, created a sensation. The facts were telegraphed to Queen Victoria at Osborne, and Theophilus Davis, guardian of Princess Kaiulani, of Hawaii, heiress presumptive of the throne. It is expected the queen's friends here and elsewhere will make diplomatic representations to Great Britain and the United States in order to secure her release.

THE ENGINEERS' BROTHERHOOD.

Will Possibly Call a Strike on the Southern Pacific.

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—Chief Arthur of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, was in consultation with the engineers of the Southern Pacific company today. Chief Arthur said: "The engineers have a serious grievance, and it would be impossible for me to say how it will end. There has been a sweeping reduction of wages without any good reason for it. If the company does not make a concession which we think is right and just, there will be a strike ordered."

The Southern Pacific officials scoff at the idea of a strike, and say that and understanding will be reached.

ONLY THE WESTERN FORTS TAKEN.

Choo Foo, Feb. 2.—The western forts at Wei Hai Wei were taken by the Japanese January 20th, in spite of the good resistance made by the Chinese. A shell burst in the magazine of one of the Chinese forts, and the whole store of powder blew up, and it is believed to have caused great mortality. The eastern forts were bombarded for hours by the cruisers Kanatwa, Akitsushima, and Katsura. The Japanese fire was well directed and dismantled several guns, but neither of the eastern forts nor the city of Wei Hai Wei were captured. The authorities of Choo Foo are selling and sending Chinese soldiers who ran away from Wei Hai Wei. Further operations are impossible for the present, owing to the severity of the weather.

FOREIGN POWERS ADVISE PEACE.

Shanghai, Feb. 2.—It is stated that the British, French and Russian ministers at Tokyo and Peking, have received instructions from their government to advise Japan and China to arrange terms of peace.

THE APPROPRIATION BILLS.

Washington, Feb. 2.—The senate succeeded today in making progress on the appropriation bills without being led into extended financial debate. Hale, Chandler, and Aldrich made brief speeches denying the current reports that the senators were purposely delaying the appropriations bills in order to cut off financial legislation. These senators asserted there was no such concerted purpose and that the Republican senators stood ready to aid in any financial legislation.

BONDS TO BE ISSUED.

Washington, Feb. 2.—There is no longer any doubt that negotiations are about completed for the sale in New York of \$100,000,000 three per cent 20 year bonds. While the respective purchasers are New York parties, it is known that the bonds are expected to be disposed of by London bankers, and to be paid for entirely with foreign gold.

DAYS OF DEBATE.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Springer, chairman of the banking and currency committee, said this afternoon that a special order would be brought into the house giving Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to debate the currency bill.

R. AND O. TRAIN WRECKED.

Pittsburg, Feb. 2.—The Baltimore and Ohio Express from Cincinnati was wrecked at Woodliff, Pa., this morning. The passengers had a miraculous escape. Ed. Robinson, a fireman, was killed.

NEW YORK BANK CLOSED.

New York, Feb. 2.—The East Side Bank, of Grand street, has been closed by Superintendent of Parks Preston, in order that an examination into its condition may be made.

STILL THE SAME.

Boise, Feb. 2.—There is no change in the senatorial situation.

CRAZED BY RELIGION

A Mother Hacks Her Children With an Axe.

CUT IN STEAMER RATES.

The Mexico Puts the Fare Between Seattle and Tacoma Down to Ten Dollars.

Associated Press.

Napa, Cal., Feb. 2.—Mrs Peter Meternich, while insane, nearly killed her four children today by hacking them with an axe. Mrs. Meternich has previously had periods of insanity, but has not been very violent, and her husband has always cared for her at home and avoided having her committed to an asylum. Her mania was a religious one, and she had a delusion that she had greatly sinned against God and as a punishment for her sin, her children were to be sold into slavery, and she threatened to kill the children to avoid this. The children were Isabel, 5 years; Antonio, 6 years; Pauline, 3, and a baby 18 months old. They were all struck, inflicting ugly lacerations and awful bruises. It is feared the baby will die, but the other children will probably recover. She would probably have killed them, but the neighbors heard them scream and came to the rescue.

CUTTING STEAMER RATES.

The Mexico Brings Down Prices Between Seattle and San Francisco.

Seattle, Feb. 2.—A further cut was made today in steamer rates to California by the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, which reduced rates on the steamer Mexico from Seattle to San Francisco to \$10 for cabin and \$4 for steerage. The Mexico has just returned from Alaska and was going to San Francisco anyhow, so low rates were made to get a few passengers and take them away from the Farallon, which sails at the same time tomorrow. A new steamer company has just been incorporated with \$30,000 capital to run the Willapa to Alaska, beginning in March, and rate slashing is expected on that route.

MAINE INTELLIGENCE.

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—Active schooner Neptune, from Coos Bay. Cleared—Umatilla, for Victoria and Port Townsend; Columbia, for Astoria and Portland. Departed—Bertha, for Sand Point; schooner Charles Hanson, for Gray's Harbor; schooner C. T. Hill, for Willapa Bay; Peru, for Hong Kong and Yokohama. Freight and charters—American ship America, coal from Departure Bay to San Francisco; British ship Camdron, now at Tacoma, wheat thence to United Kingdom, Havre, Antwerp, or Dundirk.

STRIKERS CASES TO BE DISMISSED.

Woodland, Cal., Feb. 2.—The cases of Knox, Mullen and Compton, charged with train wrecking, will come up in the superior court on Monday. From a semi-official source it is learned that they will never come to trial, and that the cases will be dismissed on motion of the district attorney.

SENATOR WILSON'S RECEPTION.

Rockland, Feb. 2.—United States Senator-elect Wilson arrived home this afternoon. A brass band was in waiting at the train and Senator Wilson was escorted to a decorated carriage drawn by four white horses, and with Mrs. Wilson was driven to his home. This evening a public reception was given at Hotel Spokane.

OFF TO THE CITIES.

Olympia, Feb. 2.—The legislature departed the city this afternoon to spend Sunday at Tacoma and Seattle. The fish commission meets the commission from the Oregon legislature at Tacoma tomorrow. The senate held no session today.

MILLIONS IN CANNED GOODS.

A Prominent New York Commission Man in the City. Mr. Alex Wiley, of the firm of Wiley, French & Co., New York, is in the city. His firm is the largest export and import commission merchants in the metropolis, and are extensive handlers of California canned fruits and Columbia river salmon. He has been in the Golden State making arrangements for large consignments of fruit, and comes to Astoria to look over the salmon business, this being his initial trip. Formerly, for a period of 21 years, Mr. Wiley was a member of the well-known New York commission firm of Taubert, Wyland & Co., and has a record during that time of handling over \$5,000,000 worth of canned goods. He is a gentleman of pleasant and easy address, and capable of making

ALERT AND RANGER

The two Vessels Ordered to Proceed to Guatemala.

THERE WERE JUST TEN ABSENT

But It Left the Result of the Salem Senatorial Ballot the Same.

Associated Press.

San Diego, Feb. 2.—Orders were received by Commander Ida, of the United States steamer Alert, today, to proceed at once to San Jose de Guatemala. Captain Watson, of the Ranger, has received similar orders. Coal was taken on immediately, and preparations made to sail tomorrow or next day. It is probable the vessels will meet and accompany the Pennington, which has been ordered to the same port and is now on the way. Orders were regarded as an indication that the Mexico-Guatemala question is beginning to assume a serious phase.

THE RESULT THE SAME.

Salem, Feb. 2.—The vote for senator today resulted as follows: Dolph, 38; Hare, 19; Weatherford, 6; Williams, 11; Hermann, 9; Lord, 3; Lowell, 3; absent, 10.

The senate today passed Haley's bill creating the Sixth Judicial district, McAllister's creating the Eighth Judicial District, and that of Gowen, creating the Ninth Judicial district.

JUTE MILL ACT REPEALED.

Salem, Feb. 2.—The house passed the bill repealing the jute mill act.

OREGON NOTES.

The reason there are so many one-armed grocers in Salem is that twelve Portland drummers make that town.

A Portland firm contemplates establishing a catsup plant at Hood River if the citizens will count out the "encouragement."

Half of the Baker City girls leave their hats at home when going to the opera house and the other half stay at home with theirs.

For twenty-five cents an Albany man can borrow a "Tribble" from a circulating library and be right up with the Salem literary "push."

They claim that a dark horse was caught at Salem secretly trying on Senator Dolph's overcoat, while another tried on his overcoat behind the hotel cloak room door.

Every prospect pleases at Eugene except the horrible prospect that another brass band will be organized. It is claimed that winter has cancelled its date with Oregon and gone down East.

Douglas county has got up to the pie counter a good first at Salem, having carried off the following slices of pastry from the legislative side-board: H. T. McCallan is calendar clerk, while J. H. Shupe holds a clerkship on one of the committees. Miss Abbie Parrot, Echo Gaddis and Louise Dessen also hold clerkships.

Flammaron, the great French astronomer, says the earth is rapidly growing colder, and those seventy-five young ladies who didn't get clerkships at Salem this session have observed the same thing.

A Portland man went to a seance the other night and tried to get connection with some one who could tell him who it was that was going to beat "Old Dolph," but the spooks nearly broke the medium's table giving him the horse laugh.

A STATE CENSUS.

The constitution of Oregon provides that an enumeration of the people of the state shall be made every ten years, beginning with 1850. The statutes further provide that this enumeration shall be made by the county assessors, beginning not later than May 10th, and that, besides enumerating the people of the state, they shall classify them by age and sex, and collect various simple statistics of production and industry. The assessors are to make returns to the county clerk, and these to the secretary of state, who is to furnish blank forms for the enumeration and declare the result. Penalties are imposed upon assessors and clerks who fail to perform the duties imposed upon them by this law.

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