A Universal Summons—Its Origin—An Emblem of Extermination.

Since the commencement of the war between Russia and Turkey, the world has several times been startled by the announcement that the "Flag of the Prophet" was about to be unfurled in the streets of Stamboul. Such an event, if it abould hannen (which was been to be the street. if it should happen (which may heaven avert), would proclaim a crusade in which all true Mussulmans would be bound to take an active part, and to fight against Christianity in every part of the world. They may be in India, Arabia Egypt, or wherever else their Arabia, Egypt, or wherever else their scattered race has found a home; the raising of the green standard is a call which none may disobey without, as the Koran lays it down, sacrifleing all his

hopes of paradise.

This fearful appeal to all the worst passions of the Eastern races hangs like a menace over the Mohammedan world; and if the word was once uttered and the dreaded flag unfurled, there is no telling to what sanguinary excesses it might lead an en-thusiastic and half-savage people. It may be of interest to our readers if, under these circumstances, we endeavor to make them acquainted with the origin and history of a banner which has not seen the light of day since the Empress Catharine of Russia attempted to reinstate Chistianity in the City of the Sultans, and which once unfurled would set a whole world ablaze.

There have been many flags or signals used by various nations at different crises in their history to incite the people to battle on behalf of religions, dy-nasties and ideas; but none has attained to the fearful notoriety which appertains to the terrible Flag of the Prophet; which is really a banner of blood, for it dispels the idea of mercy from the minds and hearts of its followers, and gives no quarter to man, woman or child.

In France the "oriflamme" or golden sun upon a field of crimson signified "no quarter!" but this celebrated Flag Prophet means infinitely more than this. It is a summons to an anti-Christian crusade, a challenge of every believer in the Prophet to arms; a war-signal, in fact, which, like the Fiery Cross of Scotland, would flash its dread

command through the domain of Islam. The prophet himself predicted that one day, when his followers should num-ber 100,000,000—which they do now, with 20,000,000 more added to it—his flag should fly against the advancing power of the northern races; and the Koran or Mohammedan Bible says that when its silken folds are flung forth "the earth will shake, the mountains melt into dust, the seas blaze up in fire, and the children's hair grow white with anguish." This language is of course metaphorical; but it is easy to conceive, by the light of very recent history, that some such catastrophe might take place, as the displaying of this terrible symbol would raise a frenzy of fanaticism in the breasts of the Mohammedan race all over

The origin of the insignia is a curious

Flag floating as a sign that all true be-lievers should take up their arms and march against the infidel; in fact, the green turban was the sacred head-dress of the pilgrim or perfected Islamite who

that the sword is the solitary emblem and instrument of faith, independence while fleeing from the building. The agricultural products, about half the and patriotism; that armies, not priests, make converts; and that sharpened steel is the "true key to heaven." Upon that fearful ensign are inserted the words which are supposed to have been written at Mecca itself—namely: "All who draw it (the sword) will be rewarded with temporal advantages, and the supposed to have been written believes were tumbled upon the floor, but no buildings were damaged. At both temporal advantages, and the supposed to have been written as the special policy of the supposed to have been written as the supposed to have been written at the shocks of earthquake were left at Blair; goods carelessly placed on store shelves were tumbled upon the floor, but this was mainly owing to be the supposed to have been written at the supposed to have been written at the shocks of earthquake were left at Blair; goods carelessly placed on store shelves were supposed to have been written at the shocks of earthquake were left at Blair; goods carelessly placed on store shelves were tumbled upon the floor, but this was mainly owing to be the supposed to have been written at the shocks of earthquake were left at Blair; goods carelessly placed on store shelves were tumbled upon the floor, but this was mainly owing to be the supposed to have been written at the shocks of earthquake were left at Blair; goods carelessly placed on store shelves were tumbled upon the floor, but this was mainly owing to be the supposed to have been written at the shocks of earthquake were left at Blair; goods carelessly placed on store shelves were tumbled upon the floor, but the supposed to have been written at the shocks of earthquake were left at Blair; goods carelessly placed on store shelves were tumbled upon the floor, but the supposed to have been written at the supposed to have been written at the supposed to have been written at the supposed to have been at the supposed to have been written at the supposed to have been at the supposed to ha with temporal advantages; every drop with temporal advantages; every drop shed of their blood, every peril and hardship endured by them, will be registered on high as more meritorious than either fasting or praying. If they fall in battle, their sins will be at once blotted out. on high as more meritorious than each fasting or praying. If they fall in battle, their sins will be at once blotted out, and goods fell off the shelves in the trader's store. In Lincoln, at the Globe office, the racks were swayed to and fro office, the racks were swayed to and fro office, the racks were swayed in the those of the faithful who die within sight of the Green Flag of the Prophet." Then follow the terrible and all-significant words, the fearful war-cry against God and man : "Then may no man give

or expect mercy !' This is the outburst of barbarism with which the world is threatened in this year of grace 1877; and the reader cannot do otherwise than mark the cunning nature of the portentous words inscribed on the prophet's banner. What would not most men do, civilized or savage, for "temporal advantages?" While to the Eastern people fasting and praying are looked upon as of so meritorious a nature, that to find something else which, in the eyes of Allah, would be deemed of greater value still, would be a desideratum which none would fail to a desideratum which none would fail to grasp, by any means whatever, if it came within their reach. But Mohammed's wonderful knowledge of human nature, and more especially of Eastern human nature, is shown in his picture of paradise as prepared for the faithful who fall in battle; while his declaration that the highest heaven in this socially that the highest heaven in this so-called paradise will be reserved for those who die within sight of the Green Flag, is a masterpiece of policy unequaled in the annals of mankind.

The standard itself is not a very handsome one, and is surpassed both in value and appearance by many of the banners which belong to the various benefit societies and other mutual associations of men in this country. It is of green silk, with a large crescent on the top of the staff, from which is suspended a long plume of horse-hair (said to have been the tail of the Prophet's favorite Arab steed), while the broad folds of the flag exhibit the crescent and the quotations from the Koran aiready mentioned.

The Flag of the Prophet is kept in the mosque of St. Sophia at Constantinople, and is in the custody of the Shik-ul-Islam, or Mahommedan chief escript where all well-wishers of humanity may sincerely trust it will ever remain. Chambers's Journal.

A Pedestrian's Great Walk.

The extraordinary feat completed re-cently by Gale, the Cardiff pedestrian walking 4,000 quarter miles in 4,000 rattled, and there was a plainly perceptionsecutive periods of ten minutes—is ble motion as of the floor slipping without parallel in athletic annuls. Compared with it, Capt. Barclay's historic 1,000 miles in 1,000 hours a feat frequently duplicated since, and lately, we believe, even by an English woman without parallel in athletic annuls. Compared with it, Capt. Barelay's historic 1,000 miles in 1,000 hours a feat frequently duplicated since, and lately, we believe, even by an English woman —sinks into the grade of minor performances. Robert Skipper's 1,000 half miles in 1,000 half hours was not nearly as remarkable a performance as this of Gale's, because the length of continuous sleep possible at each resting interval was much greater: Gale's previous feat of 1,500 miles in 1,000 consecutive hours was also unprecedented. In fact, Gale is the real Cardiff Giant.—New York year.

THE EARTHQUAKES.

Three Earthquakes—An American Volcano— The Earthquake in the Eastern States— Exciting Experiences of Inhabitants of Western Cities—The Southern Earth-

An unusually mild autumn was sig-nalized at its close by three severe earthquake shocks. These shocks were felt in the East, in the West, and in the South. Commenting upon them the Chicago Evening Journal makes the

chicago Evening Journal makes the following interesting statement about the recent active condition of a little-known volcano in Nebraska:

The latest earthquake shocks, which especially affected western Iowa, and were still sharper in northeastern Nebraska and southwestern Dakota, bring to mind the feat that the their Very Larry. to mind the fact that the "Ionia Volcano," known to a few scientific investigators of the west as existing in the high bluffs near the little village of Ionia, in northeastern Nebraska, is directly in the centre of the area traversed by the earthquake vibrations of Thursday noon. The little fire-mount has at times, in the memory of Indian and white settlers, put on all the airs of an embryonic but ambitious volcano. From out the seams or fissures in the bluffs in that locality have come vapors, heat and rumbling sounds. No snow could long accumulate in winter in close proximity to this place, since the heat of the ground would melt it, and springs of water running from the side of the bluff have been made too warm for drinking uses. Being in a retired spot, miles away from any line of travel, on the west bank of the Missouri river, in a bluffy region, the little volcano has attracted the attention of only a few of those who make such subjects a study, and hence is not mentioned, as we believe, in any of the works on geography or geology. The occurrence of the earthquake, with its key or centre at the Ionia volcano, makes worthy of remark the fact that for a few months past this little Ameri-can Vesuvius has been unusually active.

Its vapors have arisen almost constantly,

and, for the first time since white men

have viewed its action, these vapors have been easily distinguishable for a

dozen or more miles away.

The first of these disturbances of the earth's surface was perceived on November 4, by the inhabitants of northern All other experts except specie... New Hampshire, Verment, western Massachusetts, northern and central New York and Canada. The course of the shocks was from west to east. They were especially violent in the Adirondack mountains region. On November 15, an earthquake shock was felt in the States of Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa, and in Dakota Territory. The shock was a very severe one, and its effects only due in part to a smaller quantity, were perceptible in most of the cities the difference being largely occasioned of the States mentioned. In Omaha, by reduction in price. In breadstuffs Neb., there was a panic. All persons in there was some decline, but the reduction is mainly in quantity. The wheat fled to the street. The post-office, a four-story building, was almost deserted. tion short of \$1.17 per bushel, against railroad company's offices ran from the building, under the belief that a large fresh beef to the value of \$4,562.523, safe, which was being placed in one of the upper stories, had crushed in the gether making but a small part of the one. Mohammed gazing out upon a vast prospect of field, said: "Nature is green, and green shall be my emblem, that some part of the building had fallen. that some part of the building had fallen. for it is everlasting and universal."

In course of time, however, it lost that innocent significance; and amid his visions the great dreamer saw the Green Flag floating as a sign that all true believers should take up their arms and march against the infidel; in fact, the green turban was the sacred head-dress house of the place so shaken that the frightened children left the building. The walls of a court-house in Columbus had gone to Mecca; and hence the sanc-tity of this formidable standard.

The wants of a court-were cracked in nine places. The court-house at Plattsmouth was also slightly y of this formidable standard.

When once unfurled, it summons all damaged; the two upper stories of the was pretty evenly divided through the Islam by an adjuration from the Koran high school, a four-story brick, were list.

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cers at work in the second story of the

State block, a large building of brick and stone, became alarmed and ran frantically down stairs into the streets. Most merchants left their stores. In Sioux City, Iowa, there were two earthquake waves, the second being the most powerful and immediately following the first. There was a continuous vibration lasting forty-five seconds. In the court house the district court was in session in the upper story. The building began rocking, the chandeliers clanged, and apparently everything was about to tumble into ruin when the court, jury, and spectators rushed to the street bareheaded and greatly excited. A large congregation in St. Mary's Catholic Church, present to witness confirmation ceremonies, sprang to their feet in alarm, and would have rushed madly from the building but for the reassuring words of the priest. Several women fainted, and two were injured by jumping from their seats in the choir, to the floor, a distance of twelve feet. The scholars and teachers in the High School building were also greatly alarmed and fled into the street. Fortunately no one was injured, although several of the scholars leaped into the street from the first story windows. One of the walls of the building was badly cracked. The clocks in many houses were stopped, crockery was broken, and in one house all the panes in a window were broken, The town must have presented the appearance of a Peruvian village at the moment of an earthquake, for every one within a building fled from it and into the streets for safety's sake. A rumbli g noise was heard before the earthquake was felt. The direction of the wave was from northwest to southwest. Slight shocks of earthquake were felt in Iowa City. The first shock was scarcely no-ticeable, but the second and third were very perceptible. "On the ground floor of a building there was barely a perceptible tremor, in the second stories it was more distinct, while on third floors and fourth floors, gas fixtures and glass with jerks. Persons who were on the

In Kansas the shock was noticed at Topeka and Atchison. At Topeka, in the Santa Fe depot, the employees felt the building rocking gently from north to south. Three gentlemen seated in one of the rooms suddenly looked at each other, and all exclaimed: "What is that?" Several men felt seasick and dizzy, and ran to the windows to see if there was a train passing. In one room a door was shut and the rocking-chairs rocked. At Atchison there was a severe shock, and hundreds of people rushed into the streets. In the city clerk's office the chandeliers trembled for ten minutes

the chandeliers trembled for ten minutes after the shock. No damage was done. The earthquake was also felt in St. Joseph, Mo., and in St. Paul, Minn.
On November 16, the day following the earthquake in the West, a violent carthquake shock was felt at Knoxville, Tenn. The shock was apparently only perceived at this place in the South, as there are no reports from any other Southern city of such an occurrence. Knoxville buildings are not reported to have been damaged.

Our Exports of Agricultural Products. The following table shows in the first place a comprehensive classification of our agricultural exports, and in the second place the balance in our favor obtained by deducting the value of our imports from that of the entire bulk of products, manufactures, etc., exported. It will be seen, so far as the latter is concerned, that we have paid off our indebtedness to other countries during the last three years, to the extent of over three hundred and fifty millions of dollars, and that the debt thus dis-charged last year was more than equal to the large aggregate of the two pre-

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The clerks at work in the Union Pacific about \$1.241 the preceding year. In the preceding year. Cheese increased 10,-000,000 lbs., reaching the aggregate of 107,364,666 lbs., valued at \$12,700,627. The remainder of the increase shown

children of a school in Peru ran out of aggregate value, or about \$32,000,000, is the building in great alarm. Two dis- due to tobacco, on which the increase tinct shocks of earthquake were felt at was some seven millions on the year be-

Of the large increase in non-agriculin the third story, the type rattled in the tural exports the bulk is due to the heavier shipments and higher price of breath of air stirring, the windows shook and rattled as if a gale of wind was blowing outside. The county offiagainst \$32,915,786.—American Ex-

How Long will the Forests Last,

Under such a tremendous yearly drain,

the question naturally comes up, how long will our forests hold out at the present rate of manufacture? It is really an important question, upon which follows the inquiry as to what we are to do for building material when this magnificent wood—pine—is whausted. One authority after another has entered formally upon its solution, with satisfactory results in local instances, but very vague ones as to the field at large. At the rate we are cutting it to-day, from thirty to fifty years seem to be agreed upon as about the limit. Twenty years ago there was apparently no limit, for the consumption was not only less, but the means for its manufacture were primitive, and accomplished much smaller results than now. It seems as if it were impossible to further improve the machinery of saw-mills; but the near future may, for all that, see sawing machinery in comparison to which that of the present will be contemptible. So, although twenty years ago there was no foreseeing the end of the timber, now, with the modern mills and myriads of them we are beginning to calculate with them, we are beginning to calculate with dire certainty, as to the time when the "Wooden Age" will be a thing of the past.-Charles D. Robinson in Scrib-

Productions of States. Iowa now takes rank as the greatest wheat-producing State, Minnesota comes next in order, then Illinois, Wisconsin taking the fourth place. Ohio raises the most winter wheat and wool. Illinois grows the most corn and oats and produces the largest number of fat cattle and hogs. Pennsylvania grows the most rye, amounting to nearly one-fifth the total production of that cereal in the States. California produces the greatest barley crop, and also the most silk cocoons and wine. New York gives us the greatest amount of hay, hops, potatoes, peas and beans. Sweet potatoes are most largely produced in North Carolina. South Carolina is the great rice-pro-

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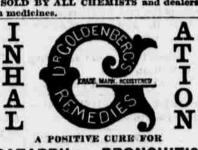
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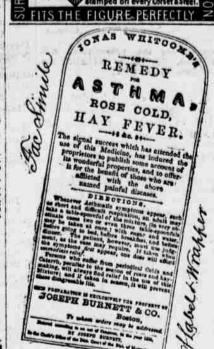
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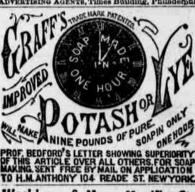
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