

BY CABLE FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

REPLY FROM THE PORTE.

The Sultan Tells First the Armenians Struck Victim.

The reply of the sultan to the letter recently addressed him by Queen Victoria, it is learned, expresses the sympathy of the sultan with the humane sentiments conveyed in the queen's communication, but declared that the massacre of Armenians by Turks have originated with evil-disposed persons.

NICARAGUA CANAL REPORT.

The Estimate of the Government Board for Its Construction.

In the judgment of the United States government Board of Engineers, which investigated the subject, it will cost \$183,472,898 to construct the Nicaraguian canal.

FOREIGN NOTES.

The Kaiser has delayed his demand upon the German Reichstag for a larger navy.

The British steamer Laurestina, which sailed from Baltimore, December 6 for Szig, is reported lost, with Capt. J. Gavin and a crew of 20 to 25 men.

The owners of the British steamer Crathie have appealed against the judgment of the court at Rotterdam, which found that steamer to blame for the sinking by collision in January of the North German Lloyd steamer Eibe.

The Chinese Government has signed a contract with Colonel Jeffers, representing an Anglo-American syndicate, for the construction of a railroad from Hankow to Peikin.

A movement will soon be made by the bankers' section of the Montreal Board of Trade to secure information regarding the amount of United States silver and silver certificates in the Dominion of Canada, with a view to restricting its circulation.

The Canadian Press Association unambiguously renews its pledge of loyalty and its devotion to the British Empire and a determination as Canadians to stand by the motherland when the latter is menaced by war in any part of the globe.

The examination of the Ullander prisoners arrested in Johannesburg, charged with rebellion has been begun in Pretoria.

The Canadian government has relinquished all claim to Coleman Island, an official survey demonstrating that it lies in United States waters.

The combination of Scotch oil trade established some time ago at Glasgow, with the object of maintaining rates, has been broken and rate cutting begun.

The Japanese government has issued formal notice of the opening up to trade and commerce of the island of Formosa, recently acquired by Japan from China.

The German government says it will recognize the Monroe doctrine, but will not demand that the railroad claim be paid, but does not threaten force. It is stated that Venezuela will pay the claim.

An earthquake shock, of an alarming nature was experienced at Santa Cruz del Sur, province of Puerto Principe on the 5th.

The Consul encloses a printed call upon the men to suspend work in this fashion, but doubts whether it will be generally heeded, although as there are at least 100 to many mills in existence, the only recourse seems to be to check the output.

With such a revolution in business suddenly effected, the customary records of the past week and month are of less value than usual.

But there have been signs of improvement in the iron manufacture. Although the average of price is nearly 1 per cent lower this week, orders for wire are estimated by a decision to advance the price again.

There is also a more active demand for plates and sheets. Southern competition lowers coke iron at Chicago, and prevents advance at the East, while sales of last year's specifications in the Pittsburg region still depress Bessemer. The ore pool is expected to fix the price for the year at \$4, or possibly \$4.50 and the coke pool still reduces the output.

The speculative market has been largely influenced by rumors of injury to the coming crop and by foreign advices. Corn has been comparatively quiet. Cotton is practically unchanged.

The stock market has been growing stronger all the week, until the sale of bonds, though yielding a little on realization. Railroad earnings for January have been 10.6 larger than last year, but 8.3 less than in 1893, and the tonnage east-bound from Chicago was in January nearly 1 per cent larger than in 1893.

Death of William H. English. William H. English, capitalist, politician and theaterist, died on the 7th in his rooms at English's hotel, Indianapolis, after an illness of six weeks. He was at first attacked by grip. This was followed by inflammation of the air passages and the membranes of the throat. Of this he almost recovered, but two weeks ago he was seized with inflammatory rheumatism, which, with organic disease of the heart, completely exhausted him.

He leaves an estate estimated at from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000. The funeral took place Sunday, January 27, 1894. He was postmaster at Lexington, his native town, before he was of age. He was speaker of the first legislature after the adoption of Indiana's constitution in 1816. Under Polk's administration he was a treasury clerk, and in 1829 he was elected to Congress, where he served until 1831. He was the author of a compromise measure in relation to the admission of Kansas as a state, which became a law and was a prolific cause of controversy in the political circles of that day.

Heir to the Miner's Riches. An heir has been found for the old miser Peter Antonio. The son of Peter's short time ago. He abandoned his life and so he was, when the latter was only a few days old. It has been discovered that the boy is now a pilot at Havana, and he inherits the money.

NOT A CANDIDATE.

Harrison is Grateful to His Friends, but Not Seeking the Presidency.

Capt. John K. Gowdy, chairman of the Indiana State Republican Central committee, called by invitation at the residence of Gen. Harrison, Monday evening, when the general personally handed him the following letter:

"In view of the resolutions passed by the State Central committee at its recent meeting, and of the fact that delegates to the National Republican convention are soon to be chosen in this state, I have concluded that some statement from me as to my wishes and purposes should now be made to my Indiana friends.

"Hitherto I have declined to speak to the public upon this matter, but scores of friends to whom I have talked, and many more to whom I have written, will recognize in this expression the substance of what I have said to them. To every one who has proposed to promote my nomination, I have said: No, there has never been an hour since I left the White House that I have felt a wish to return to it.

"My Indiana friends have been the most devoted and faithful and I am their grateful debtor. The Republican party has twice in national convention given me endorsement and that is enough. I think the voters of our party are now entitled to have a new name.

"For the sentiment, great or small, that has been manifested for my nomination, I am most grateful, and I wish to express that kindness-breaking party lines—which has been shown me in so many ways, I am profoundly appreciative.

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LATEST NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL.

SILVER BILL SAT ON

The Ways and Means Committee Rejects the Bond Bill.

The House Committee on Ways and Means on Tuesday disposed of the House bond bill with the Senate free coinage substitute, by directing Chairman Dingley to report it to the House with the recommendation that the House non-concur in the Senate amendments. There was little or no discussion of the measure, its disposition being effected by a vote.

As soon as the committee was called to order the bill, as amended, was read, after which Mr. Dingley moved non-concurrence in the Senate amendments. Mr. Crisp moved to amend by making a motion to report the bill back to the House with the recommendation that the Senate amendments be concurred in. The vote was taken on the latter motion and resulted, Yea, 4; Nays, 11. The amendment in detail was: Yea—Messrs. Crisp, McMillin, Wheeler and McLaughlin. Nays—Messrs. Dainoff, Hopkins, Grosvenor, Dooliver, Steele, Johnson, Evans, Tawney, Turner, Tarsney and Dingley.

The substitute as amended substituted a provision for the free coinage of silver for the tariff bill to strike out all after the enacting clause and substitute therefor a provision for the free and unlimited coinage of silver. This motion prevailed by the following vote: For the substitute—Messrs. Jones, of Nevada (pop.); Voorhees, Indiana; Harris, Tennessee; Vest, Missouri; Jones, Arkansas; White, California; and Walthall, Mississippi—all democrats. Total, 7.

Against the substitute—Messrs. Merrill, Vermont; Sherman, Ohio; Allen, Iowa; Aldrich, Rhode Island; Platt, Connecticut; and Wolcott, Colorado—republicans. Total six.

Mr. Wolcott, although a silver man, is recorded against the substitute for the reason that he was in favor of the bill as it came from the house. With Mr. Wolcott so voting the majority for the substitute is one, that situation being made possible through the action of Mr. Jones, of Nevada, who has placed his vote in union with the republicans on tariff questions.

EVERYONE KILLED.

Richard Kloettke Murdered His Family of Six.

An entire family of six persons was found dead Wednesday morning, the result of the murderous work of Richard Kloettke, a carpenter, residing at No. 307 Borteau avenue, Chicago. The dead are:

Richard Kloettke, aged 38. Kate Kloettke, his wife. John Kloettke, his father, aged 73. Mina Kloettke, his mother, aged 71. Anna Kloettke, his daughter, aged 8. Emma Kloettke, his daughter, aged 7.

Kloettke had been out of work since Christmas. A pathetic feature of the tragedy is that two neighbors called at the Kloettke cottage that morning, each with the glad news of employment for him.

Each of Kloettke's victims was shot through the head, and death must have been instantaneous in each case. There was an odor of chloroform in the house, and it is surmised that the murderer had rendered his victims unconscious before firing the fatal shots.

The appearance of Mrs. Kloettke alone, who had been in the house, was the only indication of a struggle. Her hands were scratched and her clothing torn.

Little Emma and her mother were found in the rear room, while in the front room the aged grandparents lay in one bed and the younger two children in another. Kloettke's body lay on the floor. Beside him, on a chair, were a whetstone and two sharpened knives. He had emptied his revolver and refilled it.

A DREARY OUTLOOK.

Consul Howells Says Welsh Tin Makers Are in Hard Luck.

A dismal picture of the condition and future prospects of the Welsh tin makers is drawn by United States Consul Anthony Howells in a report to the Department of State. He says:

"The tin plate trade of South Wales has persistently during the past few months gone from bad to worse. When prior to the November election, the ruinous effects of the Wilson bill on American manufacture was portrayed in certain newspapers, there was much rejoicing on this side of the Atlantic. The optimism which asserted itself was remarkable, and when those facts were quoted as being against those who gloried because American failure meant British success their reply seemed to be, as it always is, that they were unwilling to be convinced of being in the wrong, that it was 'So much the worse for the facts.' Unhappily a crisis is at hand, and the only panacea suggested is a general stoppage for a little time next month, provided no improvement takes place in the meantime.

The Consul encloses a printed call upon the men to suspend work in this fashion, but doubts whether it will be generally heeded, although as there are at least 100 to many mills in existence, the only recourse seems to be to check the output. As it is scarcely one of the works has been running regularly, there being at present nearly 170 mills idle with a prospect of an immediate increase of the number.

CHANGED THEIR MIND.

Congressmen Bring Out Another Public Land Bill.

The House Committee on Public lands reconsidered its action of last week in adopting a bill to carry out the recommendations of President Cleveland's message that the limitation of five years for bringing suits to annul titles to patents established by the act of March, 1891, be repealed.

Another bill, embodying the views of different members of the committee and intended to furnish full protection to purchasers in good faith drawn by Mr. Allen, Utah, was substituted for the first bill. Chairman Lacey will report it to the House. As this legislation may affect the title to 60,000,000 acres, it has been difficult for the committee to draw a satisfactory bill. The new bill provides that suits brought by the United States to annul patents to land erroneously issued under a special grant shall only be brought within five years from the passage of this act, and suits to annul patents hereafter issued must be brought within ten years after their date.

A FIERCE BATTLE.

Spaniards Claim the Advantage—Campos Hissed in Madrid.

An important engagement has taken place at Consuelo del Sur, east of the city of Pinar del Rio, between the Spanish forces under General Luque and the insurgents under Antonio Maceo. The loss of the Spanish side was 30 killed. General Luque was wounded. The battle was fiercely contested, and the advantage is claimed to be on the side of the Spaniards. But it is significant that Maceo's forces, instead of being turned back to the westward, proceeded on their way toward Havana province after the battle.