

LATEST NEWS FROM WASHINGTON

TURKEY'S EXPLANATION. The Sultan's Government Says the Armenians Have Been Well Treated.

The Turkish government, according to reliable information received here, has notified the signatory powers of its intention to execute to the fullest extent the entire spirit of the reforms embraced in the treaty of Berlin.

It is pointed out that the Armenian subjects of the sultan have retained their national rights and privileges, as an evidence of this, the fact is cited that 57 non-Muslims are employed in the Turkish government service at Constantinople alone, while the number of Muslims in the government service is but 1,800.

The Armenian revolt was started, it is said, in order to secure autonomy in the six provinces where the population is predominantly non-Muslim.

DEALING WITH OFFICIALS.

Hereafter Chinese Authorities Will Be Held Responsible for Outrages.

The state department has just received the final report of the commission appointed to investigate the Kuehng riots in China last spring, and to secure the punishment of the perpetrators of the outrage on American missionaries.

ARMOR FOR THE WARSHIPS.

What the Carnegie and Bethlehem Companies Have Furnished.

The Naval Ordnance Bureau requires over \$9,000,000 next year, of which \$7,720,796 is needed for the armament of new vessels already authorized.

Capt. Sampson directs attention to the fact that the price contracted for the Carnegie and Bethlehem armor is less than that of any plate yet furnished the department by the Carnegie and Bethlehem companies, averaging \$531.73 a ton.

The Carnegie company now claims a yearly output of 4,800 tons of armor. Experimental tests on slabs of D'Humy plate of thickness ranging from one to eight inches have proven failures.

The quotations of the Scrap purchasing agencies for iron in the various grades are as follows: Tiona, \$1.37; Pennsylvania, \$1.17; Barneville, \$1.07; Corning, \$1.07; New Castle, \$1.07; North Lima, \$1.07; South Lima, \$1.07; and Indiana \$1.07.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN WILLING.

They Will Assist the United States in Protecting the Fur Seal.

It is stated by officials at Washington that the United States will have the co-operation and support of both Russia and Japan in the approaching issue over establishing adequate protection for the fur seals of the North Pacific ocean.

The Japanese government stands ready to join the United States in any plan of seal protection, and is desirous, also, of including seal otters, which are being exterminated in the Japanese islands.

The Russian government also, it can be stated authoritatively, will welcome an extension of the protection to the seals. It is pointed out that while Russia owned Alaska and the seal islands now attached to the United States, there was complete protection to the seals, and that the destruction began under the American management.

YANKEE WAR SHIPS.

Largest Force Afloat Since '65 to Our Show National Teeth.

It is understood to be the intention of Secretary Herbert to have the North Atlantic squadron undertake a more extensive series of maneuvers and drills than have yet been attempted as soon as the ships can be made ready.

The word has gone out to push steadily the work of completing all of the ships which can be made ready within a reasonable time, and as many vessels will be put in commission as is deemed desirable.

A BULLETIN ON HOUSE INSECTS.

Valuable Pamphlet Issued by the Bureau of Entomology.

The agricultural department has just issued an instructive bulletin of 130 pages prepared by the division of entomology. It treats of the principal household insects of the United States, giving an interesting account of their habits, upon what they feed, and the best method of exterminating the little pests.

The work displays an absence of any attempt to discuss the topics from a technical standpoint and will be of great practical benefit to those sections of the country where housewives are bothered with insects.

A BRUTAL CRIME.

A Missouri Woman and Her Two Babies Hacked to Pieces.

Mrs. Eva Winner and her two children, a girl aged 3 and a boy aged 18 months, were murdered at Richmond, Mo., Oct. 27. The woman's head was cut with an ax and the throats of the children were cut and their spinal cords severed.

The coroner's inquest it developed that the husband, Jesse Winner, who is a coal miner, was not at home when the crime was committed.

SHOT THE PROSELYTES.

Three Young Men Started to Break Up Mormonism.

Mormon elders have been holding meetings in Elliott county, Ky., and Eliu Isom and his family joined the church. Friday night, three young men of the name of Sparks declared that they would break up the Mormon business, and started for the meeting.

They stopped at the home of Bill Isom and demanded admittance. They were admitted, but when Isom entered their mission, he put them out and shut the door.

Colonel W. P. Sutton, assistant secretary of the Republican Congressional committee, has prepared an estimate as to the political complexion of the next House of Representatives.

LATEST FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

RUSSIA'S INFLUENCE FELT.

The Porte at Last Begins the Work of Reforms.

Since the recent visit of the Russian ambassador, M. de Neldoff, to the sultan and the long audience which followed, it is noticeable that there has been another change for the better in the attitude of Abdul Hamid and his advisers toward the Armenians in particular and the reform policy in general.

SPAIN'S EASTERN WAR.

Troops Pouring into the Philippine Islands.

The steamer Victoria arrived at Tacoma Wash., Oct. 30, from the Orient, bringing news that the Spanish steamer Catalina bearing 3,000 marine infantry to quell the Philippine rebellion, arrived at Manila, September 28.

Twelve hundred insurgents hold the fort near Cavite, and have provisions for two years. On September 21 the rebels appeared at Malabon and were driven off by the government forces.

The latest Ceylon papers note the arrival at Colombo of Dr. Rizal, leader of the insurgents. He was being taken to Spain on the steamer Yelde Panny to stand trial.

VENEZUELA PRESENTS ITS CASE.

Its Brief on the Boundary Question Now Being Translated.

The Venezuelan government has forwarded to Washington the brief prepared at Caracas by a commission of five eminent jurists on the diplomatic and judicial services of the country, and it will be submitted to the United States commission as soon as the translation is completed.

The Venezuelan government named this commission last February, with Dr. Seljas, dean of the diplomatic and judicial services of the country, at its head.

MORE THAN 2,000 KILLED.

Fearful Armenian Massacre—Bodies Found for Dogs.

Advices from Harpoot, Eastern Turkey, received in Boston confirm dispatches to the effect that a fearful massacre of Armenians had taken place at Egin.

LI HUNG CHANG IN POWER.

Appointed Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Telegrams from Peking announce the appointment of Li Hung Chang as Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs.

FEAR RUSSIA AND FRANCE.

A despatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Copenhagen relates to the enormous sums which are being expended by the Danish government upon the fortification of Copenhagen.

An official telegram from Rio Janeiro says that a large armed band in the interior of the Province of Bahia, who several years ago defeated a large detachment of troops, have pillaged a number of farms, several of them belonging to Italians.

RUIN AND DEATH.

Awful Cyclone Sweeps Through the South and Southwest.

Texas Parish, Louisiana, has again been visited by a most destructive cyclone. The atmosphere was heavy and sultry all day Thursday, the clouds growing blacker and blacker, and at 12 o'clock a terrific wind and rain storm reached Lake St. Joseph, Texas.

The next place reached by the storm was Johnsons Bend, on Lake St. Joseph. Johnsons Bend is leased by Mr. A. Bland, the grange house contained a great quantity of hay and was totally wrecked.

BANDITS KILL A WOMAN.

Mrs. Charles Kiser Shot Dead and Her Husband Wounded.

Murderous highwaymen did bloody work outside the limits of Norristown, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kiser, a young couple of Norristown, were returning from an afternoon drive when, just before they reached the road on Lake St. Joseph from it crossed the roads and seized the horses head.

Despite threatening pistols, Kiser refused the demand of the highwaymen and started to whip up his horse. Thereupon the desperadoes opened fire. Kiser was shot through the arm and his wife was shot through the head and instantly killed.

BATTLE WITH BANDITS.

Fosse Overhauls the San Antonio Stage Robbers.

A dispatch received at Albuquerque, N. M., Oct. 28, from Fort Stanton says that members of a hunting party which passed the post, stated that they learned from a ranchman with whom they had camped Monday night, about 30 miles northeast of the fort, that one of the fellows in pursuit of the outlaw Fosse, a few days ago, had come up to them and that a pitched battle had ensued.

TRAIN WRECKERS' WORK.

A Passenger Train Wrecked and One Man Badly Hurt.

On the Bradford, Bordell & Kinzua railroad at Palens Switch, in McKean county, Pa., a bad wreck occurred Wednesday evening. Passenger train No. 5 was speeding along towards Smithport, when it dashed into a switch that had been opened and spiked by train wreckers.

DIED AT AGE OF 118.

A Negro Woman, Born in 1760, Passes Away in Chillicothe.

Catherine Cushmanberry, a negro woman, died in Chillicothe, O., Oct. 25, at the advanced age of 116 years.

SEVEN ARE DEAD.

The Oklahoma Cyclone Was More Severe Than at First Supposed.

The known dead in Wednesday's cyclone in Lincoln and Payne counties, Ok., number seven, with three probably fatally injured.

SWEEP BY A STORM.

Houses Demolished and Several Persons Hurt by a Texas Storm.

A tornado originated about 5:15 p. m. Wednesday afternoon at Sherman, Texas. The destructive work was noted twelve miles southwest of Sherman, where the tornado demolished a tenant house on the farm of George Duke.

TERSE TELEGRAMS.

The steamship Havel from Europe brought \$1,235,000 in gold.

DUN'S REVIEW OF TRADE CONDITIONS.

SIMPLY WAITING.

Business People Will Do Nothing Until After Tuesday.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly trade review says: A market without anything but political pressure in carrying supplies and belief of foreigners that they can get what they want at lower prices by present abstention, have materially helped the powerful Chicago influence which has labored to depress prices.

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OKLAHOMA TORN UP.

The Cyclone Does Awful Work—A Postmaster and His Wife Killed.

A cyclone swept over a stretch of country twenty miles east of Guthrie, Okla., devastating a district several miles long and probably a hundred yards wide.

FREAKS OF A STORM.

Greater Part of an Arkansas County Laid Waste by Wind and Rain.

A terrific cyclone passed through the eastern part of Jefferson county, Ark., Thursday forenoon, doing great destruction. The full extent of the storm cannot be ascertained, but it is known to have been quite extensive.

FOUR PEOPLE DROWNED.

A Horse Backs a Scurry Off a Ferryboat Into the River.

Two women and two children were drowned at the upper ferry, Steubenville, O. Mrs. John M. Snyder and three children and a friend, Miss Mary Purcell, started to cross the river into West Virginia.

ENGLISH BAKERS ADVANCE THE PRICE OF LOAVES—SUFFERING IN INDIA.

The price of bread has gone up a half penny a loaf and the increase is being acutely felt in the poorer districts of London where many families have, in consequence, been obliged to reduce their supplies.

CONSPIRACY IN HAYTI NIPPED.

Exiles and Government Officials, Too, Are Implicated.

The New York Sun's correspondent in Kingston, Jamaica, under date of October 22, writes as follows: Private advices received here yesterday from Port au Prince, Hayti, report the discovery at Aux Cayes of a conspiracy to overthrow the government.

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Another Horrible Mines Explosion Near Wilkesbarre.

A terrible explosion of gas occurred at No. 3 mine of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal company in South Wilkesbarre between 1 and two o'clock Thursday afternoon.

INNOCENT MAN HANGED.

Mannow of Chicago Exonerates His Dead Partner.

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AUTHENTIC CUBAN NEWS.

A Private Letter Tells of Maceo's Attack on Artimisa.

Private letters received in Philadelphia by Saturday's mail from Havana throw light upon recent events in the island of Cuba. One letter in particular deals with late occurrences in Pinar del Rio, and gives a very hopeful view of the present Cuban situation.

The letter reads: To be with the Cuban army in Pinar del Rio does not mean that one is entirely cut off from communication with the outside world. Mail system of the republic is not in operation in this province, but the carriers of our commander reach Havana as do trains in the Grand Central station.

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