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thus reverting to the proposal made by Czar two months ago.

The Turks have not failed to preserve the advantage accruing to their cause from the irresolution of Russia and Europe, and are not unlikely to continue unmanageable and stubborn as long as they can flatter themselves that the conference will break up without any other result than leaving them master of the situation.

The *Times'* Paris correspondent quotes a letter written by one of the most eminent members of the conference to show that there has been a complete change in the Porte's attitude, by which it now proposes terms to Europe instead of vice versa, is due to the fact, of which the Turks are finally aware, that the Russian mobilization has completely broken down, and that none of the other European powers are prepared to except anything but moral pressure.

The *Standard's* special from Constantinople, after reviewing the proceedings on Thursday's sitting of the conference, express is the opinion that the dangerous part of the crisis is over.

A dispatch to Reuter's Telegraph Company from Semlin, says it is expected an exchange of prisoners between Servia and Turkey will take place shortly.

The report that General Nikitiken has been called to Russia by order of the Czar, is not confirmed up to the present time.

The Monitor's Opinion.

PARIS, January 6.—The *Moniteur*, which is in close relation with the French Foreign Office, however, publishes the following paragraph:

"We regret to state that the disposition of Turkey was not improved in Thursday's sitting and leaves very little hope of an arrangement by diplomacy. Although the conference meets again on Monday, if the situation is not modified it may even now be stated that the task of England is ended."

Stopped Work.

The largest sugar refinery of Nantes has stopped work for want of raw material. Many other houses have discharged their workmen.

Sexton Wins in a Game of Law.

Judgment has been delivered in the case of Maurice Vignaux, the billiard player, against William Sexton, the American billiardist. Vignaux seized Sexton's billiard table and brought action against him. The tribunal decided Vignaux was not justified in seizing Sexton's table, and demanded payment of his expenses, and therefore condemned Vignaux to pay 100 francs fine and costs.

The Basque Provinces Besieged.

MADRID, January 6.—A state siege and suspension of guarantees will continue in the Basque provinces.

A Turkish View.

CONSTANTINOPLE, January 5.—The situation is unchanged. Negotiations continue among the plenipotentiaries and between them and the Turks, with the view of inducing the Turks not to formally refuse certain of the formulated proposals, which, however, the plenipotentiaries appear disposed to modify somewhat from their original shape. It is hoped that discussion of these proposals will be resumed at the next sitting of the conference.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Ashtabula Bridge to be Investigated.

COLUMBUS, O., January 6.—The House appointed a committee to investigate the Ashtabula bridge disaster.

The Little Boy that Died.

RAHWAY, N. J., January 6.—Last evening Walter Lewis, aged twelve years, was administered either by Dr. Westlake in order to have a tooth extracted, and it fifteen minutes was dead. It is believed death resulted from irregulation of the heart, as the ether administered was not enough to render him entirely unconscious. Westlake is prominent in his profession in Rahway. He was not arrested.

A Finished Strike.

MONTREAL, January 5.—The strike of the engine drivers on the Grand Trunk road is over.

A South Carolina Town in Danger.

CHARLESTON, January 5.—The town of Darlington was fired simultaneously in three places at one o'clock this morning. The office of the Darlington *Southerner* and another building were destroyed, but the exertions of the people saved the town. This makes the fourth attempt to burn Darlington since the November election.

Pigeon Assassination.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 5.—A pigeon match between Bogardus and Dr. W. F. Carver was shot yesterday; 30 birds, English rules, 30 yards. The match resulted in Bogardus killing 26 and Carver 25. A match at 20 birds, Prairie Club rules, 21 yards, resulted: Bogardus 19, Carver 19. Five pair were shot at under Prairie Club rules, 18 yards, and resulted: Bogardus 8, Carver 7.

A Kentucky Clerk that Steals.

CINCINNATI, January 6.—W. J. Sandford, city clerk of Covington, Kentucky, is charged with forgery by Mr. Shinkle, president of the City Council. Mr. Shinkle charges that several city orders have been raised by Sandford, and the latter's books made to agree with the amounts taken. A warrant was sworn out to-day for Sandford's arrest, but he could not be found. The amount of forgeries is not known. The Covington City Council to-night suspended him from office.

Vanderbilt Regretted.

NASHVILLE, January 5.—A large meeting of citizens was held to-day, Colonel John C. Burch, editor of the *American*, presiding, at which resolutions of respect for the memory and regrets at the death of Commodore Vanderbilt were adopted.

Governor Porter sent a special message to the Legislature on the same subject, and a committee of that body was appointed to draft appropriate resolutions.

An invitation from the faculty of the Vanderbilt University, to participate in the memorial services at that institution on Sunday next, was accepted.

The Fire in the Mines.

HARRISBURG, January 5.—A dispatch from Lykens to night says: Determined efforts are being made to extinguish the fire which has been doing such immense damage in the Short Mountain and Lykens Valley mines, and the miners are of opinion that the various streams of water which are conducted in slopes are having a good effect. The waters from Bear Creek and an old tunnel have been turned on the fire at several points, and in the Lykens Valley slope the water is pumped by means of a steam engine and conducted to points where the fire is raging most furiously.

Several men have been drawn from the slopes almost exhausted, the smoke having prostrated them. It is impossible to estimate the damage already done, but it will probably reach over $200,000. It is doubtful whether even in case the fire be extinguished, work can be resumed before next summer. Nearly 3000 men are employed in the several collieries in the Lykens valley, 1000 of whom worked in the burning mines.

The Vermont Democrats Will Consult Together.

MONTPELIER, January 6.—The Democratic State Committee have issued an invitation to leading Democrats to meet for consultation January 8 in Washington.

INDICATIONS.

(War Department,
Office Chief Signal Officer,
Washington, January 2, 1877—6 P. M.)

In the South Atlantic States, fading Sunday, higher barometer, slight changes in temperature, generally winds, and clear or clearing weather will prevail.

In the Gulf States, higher barometer, northeast to southeast winds, stationary to slightly lower temperature, and generally clear weather.

In the Tennessee and Cumberland valleys, and lower lakes, stationary or falling barometer, variable winds, and light rains or snow followed by rising barometer, winds shifting to northerly, northwest, and partly cloudy weather.

In the Middle States falling barometer, stationary temperature, cloudy weather, partly cloudy and snow, with northeast to southeast winds.

Cautionary signals ordered along the South Atlantic coast, and transferred hence to Hatteras.

River and Harbor News.

Mississippi River Falls, January 5, 6 P. M.—Wind northeast; weather cloudy. Mr. Wm. Crosby, Jr., reports 4 feet 4 inches on the falls. Yesterday there were 4 feet 4 inches on the falls. Last year there were 4 feet 4 inches on the falls. Mr. Wm. Crosby, Jr., reports the river at Minneapolis 4 feet 4 inches. Last year there were 4 feet 4 inches