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TACOMA MUCH STIRRED

A Newcomer Has Brought a Chinese Servant to Town.

COMMITTEE OF FIFTEEN TO ACT.

Sensational Allegations to Be Made in the Suit Against Wright.

Wholesale Corruption of City Officials and Voters by the Water Company to Be Charged—The Philadelphia at Olympia—Populists Crushed at Fairhaven and Blaine.

Tacoma, Dec. 5.—Since November 3, 1886, when the committee of fifteen drove the Chinese out of Tacoma, there have been no Chinese laobrers in this city or Pierce county until now. This afternoon it was discovered that there was a Chinese domestic in the employ of Mr. Riggs, at 601 North Yakima avenue. Mr. Riggs is a new resident of Tacoma, and when told of the antipathy of the citizens of Tacoma to Chinese he said he hired the Celestial because he would work cheaper than white help.

Much excitement was caused by the discovery, and the committee of fifteen, which is still in existence, say they will meet at once and force the Chinese to leave the city. No violence is feared. Two Chinese merchants have done business in Tacoma for some time, and there is much feeling against them.

THE SUIT AGAINST C. B. WRIGHT

Wholesale Bribery of City Officials and Voters to Be Alleged.

Tacoma, Dec. 5.—Special.—Preparations for the $1,000,000 damage suit brought by the city of Tacoma against C. B. Wright and the Tacoma Light and Water Company are occupying the attorneys of both parties to the action. For the company, Harris A. Corell, of the law firm of Parsons, Corell & Parsons, is engaged daily at the city clerk's office taking off a typewritten copy of the proceedings of the council during the negotiations that led up to the sale of the plant in April, 1893, as well as the record up to and including the transfer on August 3 following. City Attorney James Wickersham puts in his whole time preparing evidence in the case and getting schedules, reports of committees, correspondence between the city and the company and other important documents together. The case is set for trial by jury in Judge Pritchard's court next Monday, and it is expected that fully three weeks will be occupied in the trial.

It is confidently expected that much of the evidence will be of a sensational character. In the pleadings the city alleges wholesale bribery and corruption of both city officials and voters. Much of these charges were stricken out, but it is expected the testimony of witnesses showing that money was spent in the election, if the city produces such testimony, will be admitted. Nearly all of the officials of the company have been subpoenaed or will be by one side or the other. Manager I. W. Anderson, of the Tacoma Land Company, who was active in his efforts to carry the election, will also testify. Altogether, it is believed the public will know to what extent, if any, money was used in influencing voters at the election.

Among other things the city will set up that it never received all that was bargained and sold. The city claims that by the terms of the sale a flow of 10,000,000 gallons of water daily was guaranteed by the old company at the Thomas and Patterson springs, or at least that they were represented to have that capacity. The flow of these springs has been frequently measured since the purchase, and it is asserted on the authority of the city officials that not more than one-quarter of the flow claimed for the springs can be obtained. The city is supposed to have paid something like $700,000 for this source of supply.

A short time before the election, it is claimed, a ship load of cast iron pipe for use in the streets was on its way from New York to Tacoma, purchased by the company, and, it is alleged, included in the original schedules of property to be sold furnished the fire and water committeee of the council by General Superintendent C. B. Hurley. This ship is alleged to have been stopped at San Francisco when the election carried and her cargo discharged there. The statement has been made that the pipe has remained there since. Part of the damages claimed are alleged to be by reason of the failure of the company to deliver this pipe.

At the time of the famous raid on the gas plant in the fall of 1893, there was considerable talk about a lost schedule, which is supposed to have been surreptitiously taken from the city hall just after the election. Certain it is that members of the council who inspected the property before the election claim that the inventory of personal property filed with the deed differed in many important respects from that furnished the fire and water committee in February, 1893, by which they were guided in placing a valuation on the plants. The whereabouts of the February schedule, as it is known, has never since been definitely ascertained. It is supposed to have contained much information now valuable to the city.

D. L. Demorest, ex-president of the board of public works, is assisting the city in the preparation of its case. He is familiar with the whole matter, having been a member of the board when the water and light plants were sold and delivered.

Brief Tacoma News.

Tacoma, Dec. 5.—Special.—John L. Cameron's suit against Byron Barlow & Co. for $8,000 damages was dismissed today on motion of Crowley, Sullivan & Grosscup, counsel for the contractors. Cameron did not make out a case against them.

Ezra Bowen, of Philadelphia, Pa., a director of the Tacoma Land Company, who has been spending several weeks in the city on business connected with the company, left yesterday for the East.

Daniel Sully, the comedian, appeared at the Tacoma theater tonight in "Daddy Nolan."

Capt. Cotton, of the flagship Philadelphia, lectured at the Ninth street theater last night before a packed house, his subject being "Strange Sights and Scenes Familiar."

Jarvis-Conklin Assets Sold.

Kansas City, Dec. 5.—Securities of the Jarvis-Conklin Mortgage Trust Company of the face value of $1,775,000 were sold here at public sale today by J. F. Downing, receiver for the company. The North American Trust Company, of which R. R. Conklin, of the old Jarvis-Conklin company, is the controlling officer, bid in all the securities in bulk for $236,000. A large amount of California, Georgia, Utah and Oregon securities brought a very low price.

Rose Zetler Convicted of Grand Larceny

Tacoma, Dec. 5.—Special.—The career of the notorious Rose Zetler, of Seattle, received a setback yesterday, when the jury brought in a verdict of grand larceny. She was charged with robbing William Stratton of $185 in a disorderly house. The verdict was reached at 9 o'clock last night.

Receiver for Bellingham Bay Bank.

Washington City, Dec. 5.—The comptroller of the currency has appointed Joseph B. Dawson receiver of the Bellingham Bay National Bank of Whatcom.

Whatcom, Dec. 5.—Special.—It is authoritatively announced this morning that Joseph B. Dawson, of this city, has been appointed receiver of the suspended Bellingham Bay National Bank. He is quite a young man, an attorney and abstractor, and was the Democratic candidate for county clerk last year. He was strongly indorsed for the receivership by a large majority of the bank's depositors.

MRS. DUTCHER'S AFFECTIONS.

County Assessor Howard, of Skagit County, Not Proved Guilty.

Mount Vernon, Dec. 5.—Special.—The sensational damage suit in the superior court brought by J. W. Dutcher against County Assessor Henry C. Howard for $10,000 damages for alienating the affections of Dutcher's wife, was dismissed last evening by Judge McBride. The suit created a great sensation when it was first brought, nearly a year ago, and the court room at the trial was packed to overflowing. Howard is a prominent politician and well-known all over the county. He has been assessor for three years, and at the last election a bitter fight was made on him, but he was elected by a good plurality. A woman scandal figured in that campaign, Howard being charged by a Hamilton citizen named Jones with making indecent proposals to his wife. Dutcher is a cook and restaurant keeper and has cooked at various places all over the Sound. In his complaint Dutcher alleged that Howard had not only alienated his wife's affections, but that in September, 1894, he had seduced her. Several witnesses testified to meetings between Mrs. Dutcher and Howard, while Howard himself admitted spending several days at a hotel in Shelton where Mrs. Dutcher was. Mrs. Larson, of Seattle, testified that Howard had come fo her house to see Mrs. Dutcher several evenings, and that Mrs. Dutcher had confessed to her that Howard had seduced her. Mrs. Dutcher is in Seattle, and she refused to come to the trial or to testify. Judge McBride granted a non-suit upon the ground that no positive or direct evidence had been brought out showing the seduction. Dutcher will appeal.

The Montesano Election.

Montesano, Dec. 5.—Special.—At the city election Tuesday the following officers were elected: Mayor, H. M. Sutton; treasurer, C. N. Wilson; clerk, D. W. Fleet; attorney, A. E. Griffiths; health officer, Dr. A. K. Bush; police justice, John Campbell; councilman-at-large, F. A. Tarr; three councilmen, to serve two years, T. M. Bryan, J. Carothers and E. Kellerman. The attorney and three councilmen for two years were independent candidates, nominated by petition, the independents indorsing the balance of the caucus ticket, except treasurer, the caucus candidate being elected. With that exception, the independent candidates were all elected, or, rather, the candidates whom they indorsed. The main contest was over the treasurership, the Citizens' candidate being the present incumbent of the office and the independent being G. W. Boyington, who left the Republican ranks a year ago, when his term of office as county auditor expired, and joined the Prohibitionists for a time. His action in leaving the party which kept him in office for two terms in this county as soon as his last term expired, had something to do with his defeat, and, coupled with that fact, his opponent is very popular.

Bellingham Bay News.

Whatcom, Dec. 5.—Special.—C. E. Cline, of Lynden, is soon to engage in the publication of the Farmer and Fruit Grower here, in company with J. C. Clinton, postmaster at Friday Harbor, who now has a printing office there. Mr. Cline will do the editorial work.

There was the usual tempest-in-a-teapot fight at the election at Sumas Tuesday, and yesterday three arrests for alleged illegal voting were made, the men arrested being railroad employes, one of them a fireman on the Bellingham Bay & British Columbia road and the others employes of the Lake Shore.

Receiver Blanchard, of the Columbia and First National banks, is in town from Tacoma.

Nelson Smith, the ex-police officer who brutally assaulted the crippled son of George C. Blakeslee last Sunday, is said to have been "slated" for marshal had the A. P. A. ticket won in Tuesday's election, or if the present marshal was re-elected Smith was to be made a patrolman.

The Fairhaven Election.

Fairhaven, Dec. 5.—Special.—It is reported that all the municipal officers elected Tuesday are Republicans with the exception of Treasurer Darling, who had no opposition. J. O. Sharpless, elected to the council from the Third ward, affiliated with the Populists last year, but became incensed at the way the local legislative ticket was sold out, and is now said to be lukewarm, to say the least, on the subject of Populism.

At Blaine, which has been a hotbed of Populism, there has been a great overturning, the Populists being overwhelmingly defeated in Tuesday's election.

Supreme Court Decisions.

Olympia, Dec. 5.—Special.—Opinions in the following cases have been filed in the supreme court:

Cora E. Nixon, appellant, vs. Mary D. Post, respondent; from Pierce county; affirmed.

State ex rel. John Collins, petitioner, vs. Superior Court of Snohomish county, respondent; writ ordered issued.

A Populist Jumps His Bail.

Whatcom, Dec. 5.—Special.—Ollis Moran, who made a vicious assault upon Thomas Dahlquist, of the Whatcom Grocery Company, at the Populist picnic a year ago last summer, and who took an appeal to the superior court after his conviction in a justice court, has forfeited his bail bond and skipped. A bench warrant for his arrest has been issued.

The Fogarty Failure, at Ellensburg.

Ellensburg, Dec. 5.—Special.—The Fogarty stock of merchandise, which has been tied up in litigation in the United States court for the past year, was to have been sold at marshal's sale this morning, but a bond was furnished and E. F. Fogarty gained possession. He expects to reopen for business in a few days.

The Philadelphia at Olympia.

Olympia, Dec. 5.—Special.—The flagship Philadelphia arrived in this city today, and the officers paid their respects to the governor this afternoon. A public reception will be tendered to the officers of the ship tomorrow evening at the Olympia hotel.

The British Columbia Parliament.

Victoria, Dec. 5.—The parliament of British Columbia has been summoned for January 23. The session promises to be a short and uninteresting one.

The Shortage of Librarian Spofford.

Washington City, Dec. 5.—The report of the treasury auditor on the shortage of Mr. Spofford, librarian of congress, has been delivered to the president. It is understood Spofford has deposited from time to time amounts found due, with the exception of a comparatively small amount about which there is a difference of opinion. When questioned whether the report disclosed any wrongdoing on the part of Spofford beyond carelessness and an extremely loose system of keeping accounts, treasury officials declined to answer, saying the matter was entirely in the hands of the president.

Mrs. Addick's Divorce Suit Falls.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 5.—Commissioner Cooper, who has been taking testimony in the Addicks divorce case, refuses to grant Mrs. Addicks a divorce from her husband, Edward Addicks, the gas millionaire.

If you are anxious to find the most reliable blood-purifier, read in Ayer's Almanac the testimonials of those who have been cured of such terrible diseases as catarrh, rheumatism, and scrofula, by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Then govern yourself accordingly.

Visit the bargain tables at Cowley's Basement Store, southwest corner Second and Columbia.

REED HARD AT WORK.

Assigning the Members of the House to Committees.

HE WILL FAVOR LABOR UNIONS.

Senator Gallinger Offers a Resolution to Preserve Greenbacks.

Senator Chandler Introduces a Bill for Free Coinage of Silver When Other Nations Agree—Senator Call Attacks the Government for Unfriendliness to the Cuban Patriots.

Washington City, Dec. 5.—Speaker Reed has begun for the first time to definitely outline his list of committees on paper. After receiving members of the house all day yesterday, he sat down at 9 o'clock and worked until a late hour putting on paper the assignments he had decided upon up to that time. Today he gave more interviews to members and listened to the presentation of their claims. No information has leaked from the speaker's room except remarks made by Mr. Reed to the friends of a member who asked for the chairmanship of the committee on labor, which seemed to indicate that he had decided to give the place to Mr. Phillips of Pennsylvania, whose name had been presented by the labor organizations. The labor unions are taking an interest in the committee on immigration as well as the labor committee, and are endeavoring to bring about the selection of committeemen who will favor Senator Lodge's bill, which, among other things, would bar illiterate foreigners from entry. It is estimated that not less than 20 per cent. of the foreigners admitted under existing laws would be excluded by a system requiring the ability to read and write their own language, and this is what the labor organizations wish to secure.

Probably the strongest pressure being brought to bear upon the speaker comes from various candidates for the committee on ways and means. The Republicans will be entitled to eleven places on this body if the party proportion of the last congress is maintained, and seven of the eleven will be new men. The influence of business interests of every class and section have been invoked, and many letters and petitions are pouring in. Next to ways and means in their desirability from the standpoint of the members, are the committees on appropriations and rivers and harbors, the two bodies which have charge of the distribution of the largest sums of money.

IN THE SENATE.

Call of Florida Makes an Appeal for the Cuban Patriots.

Washington City, Dec. 5.—There was a good attendance when the senate met at noon today. The first bill introduced was one by Mills, for the coinage of the silver in the treasury.

A bill introduced by Chandler for the coinage of silver at the ratio of 15½ to 1, the bill to become operative when England, Germany and France pass similar laws, was listened to with great attention by the members of the senate.

Petitions from Florida for recognition of Cuba and from the legislature of Montana against further issuance of bonds were presented.

A resolution offered by Call was adopted calling on the secretary of state for the correspondence relating to the case of Gen. Sanguilly, an American citizen sentenced to life imprisonment for alleged complicity in the Cuban revolution, and directing him to procure a copy of the record in the case if it is not on file at the department.

Gallinger introduced a resolution declaring it the sense of the senate that it is unwise and inexpedient to retire the greenbacks.

Mitchell of Oregon introduced a resolution, which was agreed to, calling on the secretary of the treasury to inform the senate why the construction of a public building at Portland, Or., for which an appropriation was made by the last congress, was not proceeded with.

Call addressed the senate in advocacy of his resolution for recognition of the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents and for strict neutrality by the United States in the war. Call drew a graphic picture of the ruinous misgovernment and barbarous cruelty against which the Cubans were contending, and their long struggle for freedom. He described former revolutions and declared the progress against tyranny made by the native Cubans, who maintained, as we maintained in 1770, that just government must derive its authority from the consent of the governed, entitled them to recognition as belligerents and the neutrality of other nations. He considered it an outrage that the United States should not hold out an encouraging hand to those struggling for independence. Instead of speeding the Cubans on their course he insisted that this government was actually retarding the revolution, in fact furnishing aid to the Spanish tyrant. "This government," said Call emphatically, "is responsible for many outrages that have been committed. I do not mean to say the president and cabinet are responsible, but the attitude of this government, negatively, by not recognizing the revolutionists as belligerents in our ports and territory, is maintaining today the power of Spain in the island of Cuba." In conclusion he described Cuba, the queen of the Antilles, as the future center of a confederated republic that would include all the islands of the West Indies, and called upon the committee on foreign affairs to consider his resolution in the spirit of our forefathers and report it favorably at an early day.

At 1:20 the senate went into executive session and at 1:35 p. m. adjourned until Monday.

Confirmation: Matt W. Ransom, minister to Mexico.

NEW BILLS IN THE SENATE.

One Provides for Silver Coinage and Two Relate to Alaska.

Washington City, Dec. 5.—A number of bills were introduced in the senate today. Among them were:

By Senator Mills—Directing the secretary of the treasury to have all the silver in the treasury coined into subsidiary coin, and providing that when the revenues of the government shall be insufficient to meet the current expenses of the government the secretary shall issue non-interest-bearing legal tender treasury notes in amounts sufficient to cover the deficiency and pay out the same in the current expenditures of the government, and also that when the gold reserve in the treasury shall be in excess of $100,000,000 and legal tender notes are presented for redemption in coin they shall be redeemed in either gold or silver coin, at the discretion of the secretary. The bill also provides that when the reserve shall fall below $100,000,000 the secretary shall redeem the notes in silver. It closes with a declaration for the maintenance of the parity of the two metals, and a provision for the repeal of all laws authorizing the issuance of interest-bearing bonds.

By Senator Morrill—For the appointment by the president of a register of copyrights, to perform the duties now performed by the librarian of congress. The measure is a result of the disclosures of the library bookkeeper's methods made during the Spofford investigation.

By Senator Call—To prevent and punish the control of elections by corporations engaged in interstate commerce; also a bill requiring the railroad companies to pay employes injured in the discharge of duty their salaries while disabled, and in case of death to continue to pay the salary to their widows during their natural lives.

By Senator Faulkner—Authorizing the governor of Alaska to grant liquor licenses, and providing for the punishment of those engaged in this traffic without such license; also a bill authorizing the governor of Alaska to create precincts and appoint justices of the peace and constables.

By Senator Sherman, by request—To provide for the reorganization of the line of the army, so as to consist of three regiments of field artillery, twelve regiments of cavalry and eighteen regiments of infantry. The bill follows the same general lines as Representative Outhwaite's bill of last year, and is devoted especially to the artillery service.

SENATE CAUCUSES.

Republicans Choose Committee on Committees—Democrats on Defensive.

Washington City, Dec. 5.—The Republican senators met in caucus immediately after adjournment of the senate today. Senator Sherman, the chairman, announced the selection of the following senators as a committee to arrange the committees of the senate: Mitchell of Oregon, Teller, Cullom, Quay, Platt, Chandler, Pettigrew, Gear, Pritchard. This committee was confirmed by the caucus. When the committee has selected the committee members the caucus will be called together to take action upon the arrangement. This committee is about equally divided as to silver, four being for free coinage, while Chandler is very friendly to silver. Senator Mitchell, chairman of the committee, says it will hold its first meeting on Monday, immediately after the adjournment of the senate.

The Democratic members held a caucus today, there being twenty-six senators present. The caucus decided upon the nomination of Harris for president pro tem. in case the Republicans should decide to attempt to elect one of their number to this office. The caucus also authorized the chairman, Senator Gorman, to appoint a steering committee, six of whom shall be old members. This committee is to confer with the Republican committee on committees, for the purpose of reaching an agreement as to the senate committees. There were several speeches on the policy of organization of the committees, and all were favorable to permitting Republicans to take them in case they decide they wish to do so. No opposition was developed to this plan. The six members of the old steering committee who are to be on the new committee are Senators Gorman, Cockrell, Harris, Blackburn, Bryce and Jones of Arkansas.

The Cable to Hawaii.

Washington City, Dec. 5.—Senator Hale's project, which had its origin at the last session, for the establishment of a cable line between this country and Hawaii under governmental control, is to be pushed onward again this winter, and it is believed with a chance of success. The original proposition passed the senate in the consular and diplomatic bill, but was left out in the house on account of the president's animosity, a sentiment that developed, it was alleged, out of criticism passed upon the executive in connection with the Hawaiian situation. Senator Hale has prepared a new bill, which he will introduce at an early date. It is learned that the Hawaiian government, desirous of the establishment of this cable connection, has guaranteed a subsidy of $40,000 a year. This makes the prospect of enacting the new measure more favorable than ever. It is the determination of the friends of the movement that this government shall absolutely control the project, but owing to the subsidy by the islands, the scope of the bill will be modified in such a way as to provide for a subsidized line, not built by the government, but at the disposition of the United States at both ends.

The Duty on Wool.

Washington City, Dec. 5.—The National Association of Wool Growers of America met behind closed doors today, in order to adjust privately some differences within the association over the memorial to congress which it was decided to draft. The delegates from Texas and New Mexico protested to the association that the McKinley tariff schedule would work a disadvantage to their grades of wool, and urged higher duties on such wools than the McKinley rates. The meeting took up the memorial which was prepared by Judge Lawrence and approved by a special committee of five members, and seventy-two of the 120 pages were passed upon favorably, when an adjournment was taken until tomorrow. A special committee was also appointed for considering the rates of duty on wool desired by the growers as a permanent policy, and submitted for consideration a proposition to restore, with some changes, the wool duties of the McKinley tariff law as a means of temporary relief.

Chandler's Silver Bill.

Washington City, Dec. 5.—Senator Chandler today introduced a bill providing for the unlimited coinage of gold and silver in connection with other nations and establishing the ratio of 1 to 15½. After providing for coining the bullion and the issuing of silver and gold certificates, the third section of the bill provides that the law shall take effect and become operative when similar laws shall have been adopted by the governments of England, France and Germany, "which laws shall in substance provide for the purchase of gold and silver bullion without limit and shall make legal tender of the gold and the principal silver coins and any certificate representing them, the ratio between the gold and silver to be the same as provided for in this act, and when such laws have been passed by the governments aforesaid, the president shall make proclamation accordingly, and this law shall then take effect and be in force."

Chicago's Convention Fund.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Thirty-four thousand dollars of the necessary $100,000 has been subscribed to the guarantee fund for securing the Republican National convention for Chicago. Yesterday was the day upon which the various soliciting committees appointed by the general local committees were to meet and make their reports. Less than one-third of the various interests among which the work of solicitation was apportioned were prepared to report to the general committee. The meeting was secret. Those who were present represented the hustlers, and when the subscriptions secured were added up they amounted to something over $34,000. This, said Chairman Pearce last night, was a more satisfactory showing than the committee had expected, in view of the fact that the subscription books were sent out only last Monday, and he expressed no fear for the rest of the $100,000.

The Allison Campaign.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 5.—In regard to the report that the Republican state central committee of Iowa has launched a so-called Allison boom, a member of the committee says: "There is no truth whatever in the report. The committee meeting was a regular one, mainly to settle up the bills of the last campaign. In view of the important party questions before the people it was thought best to maintain headquarters in Des Moines, a place where the members of the party can meet and consult. Iowa ought to take pride and an interest in Allison's candidacy and promote it in every way, but no official booming will be undertaken, nor will any bureau, so-called, be established."

Secretary Carlisle's Report.

Washington City, Dec. 5.—It is probable Secretary Carlisle's annual report will not be sent to congress before Tuesday of next week. Various matters delayed its preparation, so that the secretary did not begin writing it till the latter part of last week.

The extra session of the Peruvian congress was opened Thursday, and the secretary read President Pierola's message asking for approval for the budget and of other measures, and for the creation of sufficient revenue to effect the ransom of the Tacna-Arica territory from Chile.

MORE SHIPS OF WAR.

An Italian Squadron Ready to Proceed to Turkey.

GERMANY AFTER THE PORTE.

Stories of the Massacre of Christians Continue to Arrive.

Gladstone Says the Powers Will Appear Utterly Ridiculous If They Back Down—The United Powers to Act on the Guardship Matter Saturday.

Rome, Dec. 5.—The Tribuna publishes information from Naples that a squadron of Italian men-of-war is anchored at Gaeta, and is under orders to be in readiness to proceed to Turkish waters.

A dispatch from Constantinople, dated December 5, says that Said Pasha, president of the Turkish council of state, formerly grand vizier, has taken refuge in the British embassy at Constantinople, believing himself not only in danger of arrest, but fearing for his life.

London, Dec. 6.—A Berlin dispatch to the News affirms that Germany has been much more active in endeavors to settle the Armenian difficulty and to maintain the unity of the powers than is generally believed. "It was upon Germany's advice," says the dispatch, "that the porte opened negotiations for the submission of the Zeitoun insurgents, which, however, proved fruitless."

The Daily Telegraph has a dispatch from Vienna which says sixty-three Armenians were butchered at Ziles and fifty-seven at Hassan Kalep with every accompaniment of ingenious cruelty. This correspondent affirms that even in Constantinople the aspect of affairs is far from reassuring.

Mr. Gladstone has written to the secretary of the Armenian Relief Association as follows: "I still hope in the indisposition of the powers to make themselves utterly ridiculous before the world."

The Daily News has a dispatch from Constantinople to the effect that the embassies have unofficially informed the sultan that if the firmans for the extra guardships are refused the Dardanelles will be forced by the powers. The same correspondent says: "The venal press here congratulates the sultan upon the success of his reforms and of his repressive measures, but if the massacres diminish it is merely because victims are lacking. To-day's news is that 200 Armenians were killed in Caesaria. A massacre has occurred at Kahniel, in the villayet of Erzeroum, about twenty miles east of the city of Erzeroum, where the Armenian monastery was sacked and burned, and the bishop, the vicar and other inmates killed. A feeling of alarm still prevails.

The Times will print a dispatch from Constantinople which says the embassies have received instructions from their respective governments that the guardships question must be pushed home, and that it is impossible for the powers to retire from the position which they have assumed.

It was semi-officially stated here this afternoon that for years the Russian Black sea fleet has been under orders to be prepared for active service at any moment. Therefore, it is added, there is nothing new in the situation. Moreover, it is pointed out, full understanding has been established between the powers regarding the situation in Turkey, and no apprehension exists of any one power taking independent action.

Constantinople, Dec. 5.—Mail advices from Jiddah, the seaport town of Mecca, dated November 5, say that the Turkish authorities have made several arrests among the chiefs of the Bedouins, with a view to force the tribes to surrender those persons who made an assault upon the British consul and vice consul, the Russian acting consul and the French consular secretary, on May 30 last. The Bedouins as a reprisal are trying to capture several Europeans to hold as hostages. It is feared that unless a settlement is arrived at the caravans during the coming pilgrimage season to Mecca will be attacked by the Bedouins and there will be much bloodshed. The whole country is now unsafe.

During the past twenty-four hours there have been frequent cabinet councils at the palace and several exchanges of opinion with representatives of the powers, but no decision seems to have been arrived at by the porte on the subject of firmans demanded by the powers for the passage of extra warships through the Bosporus. The dilatory policy of the palace people is continued apparently in the hope that a hitch will occur which may put an end to the accord of the powers. The ambassadors do not attempt to deny that the accord of Europe is liable to be disturbed at any moment, and it is to attain this end that Turkey is working night and day with all the skill and subtleness of Eastern diplomats. Irritating rumors about the "real designs" of Great Britain are taken to the Russian embassy by agents of the porte, and annoying insinuations concerning the ultimate aims of Russia find their way through the porte's agents into the British embassy. In turn, the French ambassador hears sly reports about the doings of the German ambassador, and vice versa. So the game continues, with Turkey still ahead, in spite of the efforts of the powers. However, unless all signs are misleading or the unexpected happens, there will be a decided change in the situation by Saturday.

Berlin, Dec. 5.—The Cologne Gazette today announces that a Russian squadron of seven battleships and nine torpedo boats is anchored off Sebastopol under orders to hold itself in readiness to sail at twenty-four hours' notice. It is added that orders for assembling this squadron were issued a month ago, when Russia became assured that Great Britain might attempt to send her vessels through the Dardanelles without consulting the sultan of Turkey.

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But His Rage Is Impotent—The Guardships Are Coming.

Constantinople, Dec. 5.—The existance of a cabinet crisis here has long been commented upon, but as a change of ministry is one of the oldest and most familiar moves of the sultan to obtain further delay no attention has been paid to the matter beyond conveying to Abdul Hamid the intimation that another change of ministry would in no way alter the determination of the powers to take any action they may think advisable under the circumstances. All the Turkish ministers are guarded, and all are in fear of death, not only dreading assassination at the hands of the Armenians, but standing in great apprehension of being summarily dealt with by the sultan, who is known to be irritated beyond any previous degree at everything and everybody.

Seeing the meshes of the European net drawing closer and closer around him every day, Abdul Hamid is described as being frantic with impotent rage and likely to wreak vengeance upon any or all of his ministers if he can only muster up courage enough to do so.

There are more rumors than usual in circulation today regarding the massing of the Russian troops on the Turkish frontier and the gathering of a Russian fleet near the Bosporus. Indeed, it has been reported that several Russian war vessels have been sighted off the Black sea coast of Turkey, and nobody would be astonished to see Russia's guardship steam into the Bosporus from the east at about the same time Great Britain's extra gunboat passes the Dardanelles.

The United States ambassador, Alexander W. Terrell, has received a note from