

THE SULTAN DRUNK.

He Wanted to Kill Said Pasha, His Best Statesman.

SAID SEEKS ENGLISH SHELTER.

Interest in Russia's Black Sea Fleet -Turks Are Afraid to Kill When Watched by Missionaries.

London, Dec. 6.—The Daily News Constantinople correspondent says: Said Pasha's proclivities are not, as it is often expressed, that he did not take refuge at the Russian embassy instead of the British embassy. It is said that the sultan questioned Said Pasha, and on his professing ignorance the sultan reproached him with being at the head of the revolutionary movement. He had the reputation of being a most upright and single-minded minister.

The Constantinople correspondent of the Times says: In declining the appointment of grand vizier, Said Pasha asked the sultan's permission, on the ground of bad health, to retire and live abroad. This rankled in the sultan's mind and induced a proxy of anger and Said Pasha, who is neither a coward, nor a coward, is persuaded that the sultan would have killed him had he entered the Yildiz palace. The secret of the whole thing is that Said Pasha is so popular and so highly esteemed that it was feared he might join the malcontent party. He has always been regarded as the most able and able official pasha. Munir, the new ambassador to Paris, was formerly the head political spy. The story is current here that the sultan has returned to his youthful habit of drinking.

The Standard has a dispatch from Constantinople which says that after Said's first refusal of the office of grand vizier he was imprisoned for a week at the Yildiz palace.

The Graphic's Odessa correspondent says: Admiral Kopylov, commander-in-chief of the Black sea fleet, has been summoned to St. Petersburg. It is supposed that the summons is in connection with the Armenian question.

London, Dec. 6.—A dispatch to the Times from Paris says that the French bi-metallicists' league has convened an international conference, which is to meet on December 10, commencing on December 17, to agree upon the terms of an appeal to the respective governments to renew negotiations for an international agreement for the use of both gold and silver as money metals. Representatives of England, Belgium and Germany will attend.

Historian Lecky Elected to Parliament. Dublin, Dec. 6.—William E. H. Lecky, the historian, has been elected to the parliamentary seat for Dublin university, to fill the vacancy caused by the elevation of David R. Plunkett, Conservative, to the peerage. This shows a gain of a seat for the Liberal-Unionists.

A Swedish Town Burned. Copenhagen, Dec. 6.—The fire at the town of Aarhuus, which was quenched by the fire department, caused damage amounting to 1,000,000 kroner (about \$700,000). Many people were injured by the flames, and 600 out of a population of less than 2,500 are left homeless.

A Tory M. P. Unseated. Southampton, Dec. 6.—As the result of a petition against the election of T. Chamberlain, Conservative, to represent Southampton, alleging extensive bribery of voters through agents, Chamberlain has been unseated.

Anti-Socialist Minister Ousted. London, Dec. 7.—A dispatch to the Post from Berlin says the resignation of Koeller as Prussian minister of the interior has been formally accepted.

Andrew D. White on Turkey.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 6.—In an interview today Andrew D. White, ambassador to Russia, said, when asked his opinion on the Turkish Armenian question: "There is a widespread demand in America, arising from the reports of the Armenian outrages, that the sultan be summarily dealt with and deposed by the powers. To do this without taking preliminary precautions would be to invite the most terrible massacre of the nineteenth century. Unless prevented the sultan would certainly escape into Asia Minor, raise the standard of Mohammed and call the faithful to a war of extermination. The massacre of Armenians from Armenia are slight compared with the butchery that would follow. Scarcely a Christian in the confines of Mohammedanism would escape. The slaughter would be well-nigh universal. The Turk never had a genius for civilization, but they are, when inspired by the fanaticism of religion, among the bravest fighters in the world.

"This is my plan for the solution of the subject: Let the powers depose the sultan and place on the throne some able man connected with the royal family of Russia. Then let united Europe guarantee absolutely the independence of such government from outside interference. Fortunately there are two men in Europe to-day who would suit the emergency. Primarily my choice would be the Grand Duke Alexander, who married the sister of the czar. Alexander visited the World's fair at Chicago, and is a man of ability and liberal ideas. The other available candidate for the Turkish throne is King George of Greece, who is a member of the Russian czar's family. I believe, I continue Mr. White, that the European nations should be given some share of the spoils of the East in order to maintain the stability of a Turkish government such as suggested to protect the boundaries of the new empire and to preserve peace and order. Let Russia, for instance, have full control of Armenia, Syria, and Egypt. Let England's title to Egypt be confirmed. Austria should be allowed Salonica for a Mediterranean seaport, and Italy might in return be given Trieste, on the Adriatic, by Austria."

The Oppression of the Armenians. Washington, City, Dec. 6.—The committee of Armenian citizens which met in Washington City in behalf of their countrymen has presented to Mr. Hill and other members conspicuous in foreign affairs statements regarding the treatment of Armenians who are naturalized American citizens, which put a very serious aspect upon the relations of the United States with Turkey, and may induce a declaration by congress. It is reported by the committee that the Turkish government refuses absolutely to permit naturalized Armenians to return to their old homes, and also prevents them from bringing other members of their families out of the Turkish domains to this country. Beyond this the Armenians declare that the Turkish government compels all naturalized Armenians doing business in this country to remit taxes on their business and income taxes to the sultan's officers. These taxes are levied arbitrarily and their collection is enforced by unique methods. One Armenian doing business in Massachusetts, it is said, was recently asked to remit an income tax of \$300. He refused to pay the tax, whereupon his brother in the sultan's domain was imprisoned and kept there until the money was forthcoming.

DR. NANSEN IS SAFE.

The Explorer's Wife Receives a Letter by Carrier Pigeon. Christiania, Norway, Dec. 6.—The wife of Dr. C. Nansen, the Arctic explorer, has received a letter by carrier pigeon to the effect that her husband's expedition is doing well.

The French Deputies Scored.

Paris, Dec. 6.—In the chamber of deputies today, at the conclusion of the debate on the budget of the ministry of justice, a stranger in the gallery fired two shots from a revolver. Thereupon electric bells, which were placed all over the building for the bomb outrage committed by Valliant, the anarchist, were rung. The doors were instantly closed and guarded. The stranger was arrested. Nobody was hurt. The prisoner was found to be Gilbert Le

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Not a respectable draper's clerk, aged 25 years. He was seen to fire in the direction of the diplomat's gallery, and when he was seized he made no resistance. Upon his examination by a magistrate he declined to respond to the questions put to him. A search of his sleeping apartments proved without result. Nothing has yet been discovered as to the motive of the outrage. His pistol contained four cartridges when it was taken from him on the ninth and tenth classes. The arrival of General Passenger Agent Hurlbut, of the Navigation company from Portland, today gave rise to a rumor that he had come here to confer with the Southern Pacific about settling the present quarrel over rates and business. The gentleman denied the rumor, and said his company, as far as the Pacific coast is concerned, has no conference with the Southern Pacific.

The Fight Against the Canadian Pacific. Chicago, Dec. 6.—The Daily News Washington City special says: Congressman Hardy, of Indiana, introduced an important bill today in the interest of American railroads, for the purpose of securing to the Pacific coast after it crosses the Canadian border into this country. The bill repeals sections 3,096 and 3,097 of the Revised Statutes, which are paragraphs on the interstate law. Mr. Hardy says that goods coming into this country from Canada are bonded, and the Canadian roads get all the freight charges. He proposes to remedy the statute, to insure to American lines the freight revenues that are collected this side of the Canadian border. His bill is accompanied by a resolution calling on Secretary of War Taft to make a statement of the quantity and value of such goods that crossed the border last year.

German Knights of Pythias Defeated. Chicago, Dec. 6.—The appellate court has handed down an important decision in the case of Waldeck lodge, Knights of Pythias, against the Grand Lodge of Illinois. The decision is in favor of the lodge, and is based upon the fact that the lodge was suspended because of its using a German translation of the ritual of the order and refusing to discontinue its use. The lodge appealed from a decision of the grand lodge, and the appellate court has reversed the grand lodge's decision. The lodge is now allowed to use its German ritual, and the communication of the password. Upon a hearing before the lower court, Judge Brennan gave a decision favorable to Waldeck lodge on every point, from this the appeal was taken, resulting in the appellate court handing down a decision reversing Judge Brennan and remanding the case to the grand lodge. It is expected, however, that the lodge will not appeal, as it was generally understood that this would be the case, the action of the fourteen other German lodges in Chicago is awaited with interest. J. J. Brown, of Vandana, grand chancellor of the order, has already now called upon the lodge to obey the law or be suspended.

Electrolysis From Street-Car Lines. Tacoma, Dec. 6.—Special.—The board of public works today advised the judiciary committee to incorporate in its report to the council on the street railway franchise, a provision for the repair of all damage to water pipes caused by electrolysis. When Pacific avenue was being prepared for the street car line, the water pipes were more than one-half of the surface or connection pipes running from the mains to the buildings. These were eaten away and made almost useless by the action of the electric current from the rails. The cost to the city exceeded \$1,000. The board considers it essential that a provision should be placed in all franchises requiring the contractor to protect the city against damage to its pipes.

World's Bicycle Record Broken. New Orleans, Dec. 6.—George F. G. Barnett, class B, today broke the world's record for a mile in class or track size. He rode five unspaced miles from a standing start, led Fred Loughhead's world's record of 4:30 for two miles, lowered F. B. Smith's record of 4:24 for one mile, and 7:13, 10:25 for four miles to 9:50 and 12:57 2-5 for five miles to 12:15. He did not attempt the mile record.

Nova Scotia Storm Swept. Halifax, Nova Scotia, Dec. 6.—The heaviest windstorm for many years visited the coast this morning, extending to Cape Breton. Great damage has been done to shipping interests, but so far as known no lives were lost. Altogether about twenty schooners were wrecked and stranded.

Charged With Assault. Port Townsend, Dec. 6.—Special.—Fred Masters, tallyman in the Port Blakely mill, is here tonight with a warrant for the arrest of Tommy Martin, who recently employed at Blakely, charging the latter with felonious assault on Masters' son. Martin has not yet been found.

New York's Chief of Police. New York, Dec. 6.—Peter Conlin, formerly inspector and during the past few months acting chief of police, was tonight appointed chief of police, a half-brother of William J. Florence, the actor.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES. The report that the Russian church would build a \$500,000 cathedral in Chicago is false. Recent murders in isolated parts of Arizona have been upon Apache Indians, but there is no evidence whatever that the red men are guilty. Mexicans are more likely the criminals.

At the San Francisco races Friday the winners were: Seven furlongs, Red Glenn, 2:15; five furlongs, Red Glenn, 2:34; one mile and a furlong, Pepper, 2:37; one mile and a furlong, Pepper, 2:37; one mile and a furlong, Pepper, 2:37.

Near Williamson, W. Va., Thursday night Roy Hatfield, 14-year-old son of "Devil" Anse Hatfield, of Hatfield-McCoy fame, fired four Winchester balls into San Gray, killing him instantly.

James Jones, aged 21, was hanged at Ozark, Ark., Friday. He was convicted of the murder of a woman named into a stockman of Logan county, in February, 1904. He strongly protested his innocence on the scaffold.

During the past two weeks a trust comprising almost every tack factory in the country has been organized, and the price of tacks advanced to almost double the former rates. The original tack trust consisted of six of the leading New England tack manufacturers, who were engaged in advancing prices, but was dissolved about three years ago.

Albert T. Reynolds, one of the suspects in the Stockton, Cal., jail for the alleged murder of Postmaster George Marshall, was today indicted by the grand jury, cutting his throat with a pocket-knife. He was found dead next morning. The grand jury is investigating the charge against Wesley McReynolds, the co-defendant.

Work of the Police Commission. The police commission, at its regular monthly meeting last night, received the report of the chief and approved his estimates for January. It was decided to recommend to council the sale of two horses now in use in the department, and the purchase of a new team. The commission approved the action of the chief in suspending Detective Wells for five days. This man will work only seven hours a day instead of ten. It is estimated that this reduction in employees will save the Southern Pacific \$3,000 a month.

Southern Pacific Laying Off Men. San Francisco, Dec. 6.—William Mahl, C. Huntington's confidential accountant, left for the East today. The Examiner says that before his departure he was asked to consider the number of men employed in the Southern Pacific shops at Sacramento, Ogden, Oakland, Los Angeles, Tucson and this city. There are about 2,000 men employed in the shops at Sacramento, and this number is to be cut down 55. At Ogden twenty-five, at Tucson twenty-five, at San Francisco thirty-five, and at Los Angeles thirty-five men reduction, as the shops in that city are already running with a small force of men. In addition to the reduction in numbers, the men will work only seven hours a day instead of ten. It is estimated that this reduction in employees will save the Southern Pacific \$3,000 a month.

Southern Pacific Cuts Rates Again. San Francisco, Dec. 6.—The Southern Pacific company made another important move in its fight against the O. R. & N. company on business between here and Portland today. It has altered its freight rates in shipments from Portland and Albany, Or., to San Francisco, on ten different classes of freight. This new depart-

ment in rates from Oregon to California will establish a new rate from San Francisco to Portland. The tariff from here to Portland will be 12 1/2 cents per 100 pounds for the first four classes of freight, and 10 cents for the remaining six classes. From Portland to San Francisco the tariff will be 40 cents per 100 pounds on the first three classes, 35 cents on the fourth class, 30 cents on the fifth and sixth classes, 25 cents on the seventh and eighth, and 20 cents on the ninth and tenth classes. The arrival of General Passenger Agent Hurlbut, of the Navigation company from Portland, today gave rise to a rumor that he had come here to confer with the Southern Pacific about settling the present quarrel over rates and business. The gentleman denied the rumor, and said his company, as far as the Pacific coast is concerned, has no conference with the Southern Pacific.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

LONELY, BUT GRAND.

Destruction Island Rears Its Head From the Pacific.

WHERE THE WILD FOWL SWARM

And Slay Themselves Dashing Blindly Against the Lighthouse—How the Whales Are Killed.

The keeper of the government lighthouse which was established a few years ago on Destruction island doubtless leads a lonely life, but he has some experiences which a lover of the romantic and the adventurous might well covet. The island itself is not without a certain weird fascination. Thirty-five miles south of Cape Flattery it rises abruptly from the face of the ocean. It has a picturesque, though wild and rugged beauty, and as it stands facing the northern blasts that have sent more than one stout ship to the bottom, it calls up the name of Isla de Dolores, which the early Spanish navigators gave it to commemorate his misfortunes, and the later name of Destruction island, given to it in 1871 by Capt. Berkeley on account of the sad fate of several of his crew who were murdered on its savage coast. On wild and stormy nights, when the wind whirling the sea into foam against the beetling edges of the island, the scene passes the merely beautiful and becomes majestic and sublime.

On such nights the keeper has visitors that do not come to the door of the ordinary land-lubber, but fly blindly towards it, and with the force of the wind added to that of their own stout wings, they are driven against the lens with a momentum that sometimes shatters the thick glass, but often results merely in instant death to the birds. Sometimes there is a positive volley of birds against the face of the light, and as many as a dozen have been known to strike it simultaneously. After a stormy night it is not uncommon for the keeper to pick up at the base of the tower as many as twenty-five dead birds. Many of these are of the choicest kinds, and the keeper's table seldom lacks a supply such as an epure might crave.

During the day the keeper is frequently troubled by the thrills of a whale hunt by Indians in the neighboring waters, a chase as hazardous and exciting as any on mountain or plain. Each canoe goes out with a crew of six oarsmen, and a spearsman in the bow, and the captain or helmsman in the stern. To the end of the spear an air-tight sealin, inflated like a bladder, is attached by a line fifty feet long. As many as a dozen boats go out together when a whale is sighted. Stealthily a single boat moves out from the little fleet and approaches the big game, the oarsmen stoical and calm, the spearsman erect, right astern. It is a moment of grave peril. A splashing oar, a sudden move, a wavering hand or hot head at the helm, and boat and crew would go down beneath a single stroke from the great monster now so near. At precisely the right instant the spearsman hurls his spear with unerring aim, and the battle begins. And then one standing on the island cliff sees the little boat dart away, and the whale fiercely churning the water. The other boats come up rapidly. Weakness by loss of blood, retarded by the air-tight skins that float on the water, and worn out by turning hither and thither in whimsical pursuit of his many foes, the whale slowly gives up the unequal combat, and is towed at last, like the great bulk of a merchantman, to Neah bay, where the Indians gather for a great feast.

COTTA SKIPS AGAIN.

Curly-headed Restaurateur Leaves Creditors Gaiore at Portland. Frank J. Cotta and the New York Kitchen are two names inseparably linked together in Seattle, as numerous retail creditors will testify, and the story of the lively little restaurateur, as history repeats itself, has been repeated by his doings in Portland. It is told in three words: Cotta has skipped. The advent of Cotta in Portland dates from the time of his disappearance from

this city. Several months ago he appeared in that place, and established the New York Kitchen on Washington street, between Second and Third, forming a corporation of which the restaurateur and his wife owned ninety-nine shares, and their attorney one share. From the outset they secured a flattering patronage, the receipts ranging from \$20 to \$100 a day. About a month ago it was found that the concern could not meet certain pressing obligations, and Cotta announced that if he could find a partner who would advance enough to pay the debts, everything would go well. A man named James Parks, who had money to invest, heard of the opportunity to embark in business, and bought half the stock in the company, the consideration being several thousand dollars.

With last Monday came the day for collection of bills, but Mr. Park arrived at the kitchen to find that Cotta and wife had disappeared, leaving a letter to the effect that they would return in a few days. It is believed that they left on the night train for this city, and possibly made some connection at Tacoma or this city with a steamer for British Columbia. His friends in Portland believe he will yet return and square accounts, but, as the Oregonian says, "Others don't."

For some time in this city Cotta was steward for L. C. Riggs, founder of the original New York Kitchen, on Second street, between Marion and Madison. Riggs conducted an eating house that soon attracted the trade of the city. He always had a specialty; now it was strawberry shortcake, and again it was a 25-cent turkey dinner, with celery and other extras. During the years when Riggs managed the establishment on Second street he was always on the lookout for a partner with money. Riggs got the money and the partner for the experience, and was soon ousted. On one occasion Riggs started a restaurant in the Clancy block at South Third and Washington streets, made a great success of it, and sold a comparatively worthless business to a stranger for a large sum of money. Riggs' last partner was a middle-aged man named Frank Van Valkenburg, who was quite as sharp as Riggs. He was a telegraph operator by profession, and has made considerable money building telegraph lines in New Mexico. Van Valkenburg disappeared one day and no one knew what had become of him till his wife received a letter saying that he would not return. Mrs. Van Valkenburg obtained a divorce and is now in the city. Riggs at times made a great deal of money in his kitchen, but after the restaurant was closed at night he found ways of spending it, and many queer stories were told about his habits. All Seattle had been in the New York Kitchen before his stay came to an end, and all wondered how he could "do it for the money" and the explanation did not come until he had dropped out of sight and left his steward in charge.

In the meantime there had occurred one of those transformations so confusing and galling to creditors that once nipped they are careful forever after. The kitchen had been moved from Second street to a corresponding place on Front, in what had been the Grand Cafe, and somewhere along the road it had lost its corporate name to reappear as a different corporation. Although Riggs was gone, the kitchen continued as successful as before. Every evening the guests listened to music, and all was lovely as a summer's day. But Cotta was not considerate of his help, and one day he had a fight with a waiter named McDonald, culminating in the waiter being thrown down the back steps and sustaining fractures of both legs. After this Cotta got out of the restaurant and opened up at the corner of Cherry and Third streets.

One day the waiters commenced inquiring about their wages, and when they pressed their claims Cotta and his wife, who had been living at the corner of Fourth and James streets, disappeared. McDonald afterwards brought a damage suit and obtained a heavy judgment by default.

Cotta was a good-looking fellow, with dark eyes, full cheeks and very curly black hair. He was about 5 feet 6 inches tall and well built. In his dress he was neat. He wore black and always had a white shirt with turn-down collar and bow tie. He was always pleasant to customers and had a faculty of seeing that every one was well cared for by his waiters. Cotta came here from San Francisco, where he has a brother, also a restaurateur kept. When he left he is said to have "skipped" with the woman who passes for

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is wife, but who in reality was the wife of Cotta's former employer. Three new stores, which will be Nos. 815 and 817 Third street, belonging to Swan Lewis, were completed yesterday, and the plasterers were put to work. The stores will be ready for occupancy by the holidays.

Cost of Eggs. The cost of producing eggs on farms where the hens have a free range and fully supply their own wants with plenty of grass, insects and seeds that would otherwise be wasted without the aid of poultry, is almost nothing in summer, but in winter, when the whole of the food is provided, the cost of a dozen ranges from six to twelve cents, according to the proficiency of the hen's portion to the food consumed. Although eggs bring high prices in winter, profits are greater in summer, because eggs are then produced at no cost whatever on some farms.

An Incompetent Council. Phlegmatic Blatter. Prisoner—What that man is gibbering me? Why, he couldn't bring a no-account person through!

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