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THE INSURRECTION IN CRETE.
 Its Origin and Purpose—Letter from Professor Packard, of Yale College, New York, March 15, 1897.

PROFESSOR PACKARD'S LETTER.
 Athens, Greece, Feb. 7, 1897.

The revolution now going on in Crete deserves from the American people more attention than it has hitherto received. It is a struggle for the freedom of a people who have been oppressed for centuries by the Turkish yoke.

The report of the Commissioners of Emigration for the year 1896, which has just been presented to the Legislature, contains some valuable information. Twenty years ago we had almost no emigration.

The statistics of emigration for the year 1896 show a marked increase in the number of emigrants. This is due to the fact that the country is becoming more and more overpopulated.

The moderate and just demands of the Cretans, though pressed in a quiet and responsible manner, have not been met by the Turkish Government. After waiting three months they were informed in July that a proclamation of Ismail Pasha, their ruler, had been issued.

The Turkish forces have held the towns and villages, while the mountains have been held by the Greeks. The Turkish army is estimated at about 7,000 men, including a number of Egyptian troops.

The *Troy Times* gives an account of a young lad named Lewis, who arrived in that city on Tuesday last. Lewis was a Major in the 152d New York Volunteers during the war.

The father of young Lewis was a man of large property in the State of Iowa, who had been a member of the Army during the war.

It is scarcely necessary to say that either party has gained any decided advantage as yet, though the Greeks are greatly encouraged by their success in holding out so long.

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The Confiscation Bill of Thad. Stevens—A Monstrous Enactment Proposed.

The measure entitled "A bill relative to damages done to loyal men," introduced into the House two or three days ago by Mr. Stevens, is a confiscation act of the most sweeping character.

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SPEECH OF HON. A. J. SWAIM, MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House having under consideration House bill No. 291, relating to the Morgan raid.

Mr. Swaim said: I will now give you a brief summary of the bill which is before the House for consideration.

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