

PUT TO THE SWORD,

Mustafa Pasha's Minions Massacre Zeitoun Armenians.

BUT FEW ESCAPE DEATH.

Revenge of the Sultan's Bulldogs for the Recent Triumph of Insurgents.

RELIEF WORK OF AMERICANS

Red Cross Society Officers Flooded With Applications From All Sections.

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 22.—The Telegraph will to-morrow publish a dispatch from Vienna saying it is reported there that Mustafa Pasha, commanding a Turkish force, has captured the town of Zeitoun, which was some time ago taken by insurgent Armenians, and that he has massacred all the Armenians in the place who did not make their escape to the mountains.

RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS.

Applications to Join Relief Expeditions Pouring In.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—So many applications for accompanying the Red Cross on the proposed Armenian relief expedition are coming from nurses, doctors and people of all other vocations and of all nationalities, nearly that the following general reply has been prepared:

The American National Red Cross here to acknowledge receipt of your esteemed communication on the subject of the undertaking to distribute relief in Armenia and your kind offer of services in the work. In the beginning, I must apologize for this informal and general mode of replying to a communication which deserves a special and personal response, but I trust that a short statement of the circumstances will be sufficient to excuse this method of reply.

Since the first intimation of the probability that the organization would be asked to undertake the great and complicated work of delivering America's generosity to the destitute Turkish subjects, offers of service have poured in upon us from all parts of the country, and in such numbers that it has become an utter impossibility to give each one a separate acknowledgment and consideration; hence the actual necessity of preparing this circular answer.

At the present time it is not possible to definitely judge of the number of assistants that may be required, or of the character of help that will be needed. The Red Cross, having performed active field service in a dozen great disasters, has drawn into its ranks a staff of faithful and diligent helpers, upon whom it can call at a day's notice, and that staff for the present seems amply sufficient.

Your kind offer has, however, been duly placed on file, and should later developments call for an increase of the staff it will give us much pleasure to consider your letter further. In the meantime, in the midst of the labors of preparation and voluminous correspondence, I can only thank you in behalf of the Red Cross for your sympathy, good words and sacrificing offer to help. Faithfully yours,

ELIZA BARTON, President American National Red Cross.

TOLD BY THE PORTE.

Insurgents Credited With a Massacre of Muslims.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—The Turkish legation received from the Sublime Porte the following telegram under to-day's date:

"The insurgents of Zeitoun attacked the Mussulman village of Mehil, killed and burned two men, five women and three children and carried away property belonging to the inhabitants, the survivors of whom fled to Kemsoun. With the exception of Zeitoun, perfect order reigns in the whole empire."

STRUCK BY A STEAMER.

The British Bark Willowbank Run Into by the Big Berlin.

Disappeared After Having Come Into Collision With Another Vessel.

PLYMOUTH, ENGLAND, Dec. 22.—The British cruiser Blake arrived here to-day from Chatham. She reports that while off Portland at 5 o'clock this morning she passed a large steamer named the Berlin, which signaled that two of her boats had been searching for three hours for the British bark Willowbank, bound for Glasgow, with which vessel the Berlin had been in collision. No trace of her could be found. The Blake afterward saw an empty boat belonging to the Willowbank. The Berlin had a hole in her bow. She proceeded up the channel.

Those on the Blake could not say whether or not the Berlin was the steamer of that name belonging to the International Navigation Company. This steamer sailed from Antwerp for New York yesterday and was reported to have passed Dover to-day.

SOUTHAMPTON, Eng., Dec. 22.—It is known that the vessel that was in collision with the Willowbank was the International Company's steamer Berlin. She passed Hurst Castle this afternoon, bound for this port. She had sails over her bows, evidently for the purpose of keeping the water from entering the hole forward. She was hoisted inside the Needles, and this accounts for her delay in entering the Solent. A pilot and two tugs have left here to assist her in.

The Willowbank had a crew of thirty-nine men. They were all saved by the Berlin, which must have found them afloat after speaking the Blake. The only life lost was that of the pilot of the Willowbank, who went below to get his clothes. The vessel went down before he had time to again reach deck.

PULLED FROM THE ROCKS.

The Atlantic Liner Sneepe Damaged but Little by Its Mishap.

SOUTHAMPTON, Eng., Dec. 22.—The North German Lloyd steamer Sneepe, which stranded on Thursday last on Warden ledge, near Toland Bay, Isle of Wight, was got off at 1:50 o'clock this afternoon. She arrived here at 3:40 o'clock under her own steam, but assisted by tugs. She is

making no water and has apparently sustained no damage.

The Sneepe will go on the drydock to-morrow for examination. She is already reshipping her boats and gear, which were removed in order to lighten her.

SUNK IN A COLLISION.

The British Steamer Alicia Goes to the Bottom With Five of Her Crew.

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 22.—The British steamer Alicia, from Middleborough for Bilbao, has been sunk in collision with the British steamer Nettley Abbey, from London for Blyth. All the people on the Alicia, with the exception of five, who were drowned, were rescued by the Nettley Abbey. The latter vessel was somewhat damaged.

The Alicia was an iron, schooner-rigged, screw steamer of 907 tons. She was built at Hartlepool in 1880, and was owned by R. M. Middleton Jr.

ALL ON BOARD LOST.

The Schooner Victoria Goes Down in an Atlantic Gale.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 22.—A dispatch received here to-night reports the loss of the schooner Victoria with all on board. Her captain was Robert Bradbury.

The overdue schooner I. V. Dexter, bound from Boston to Liverpool with twenty passengers, has arrived here. She was delayed by rough weather.

Mrs. Averardi Consecrated.

ROME, ITALY, Dec. 22.—Mgr. Averardi, whom the Vatican a few days ago decided to appoint apostolic visitor to Mexico, was today consecrated a Titular Bishop. He will have no diplomatic relations with the Mexican Government, his mission being solely to the clergy of Mexico.

EAGER FOR A BATTLE.

Cubans Believe They Can Win in a Decisive Struggle With Spaniards.

Generals Gomez and Maceo Enter Matanzas Without Meeting Opposition.

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 22.—Castro Palomino, aid-de-camp to General Maceo, passed through this city last night en route to New York. He is the bearer of important dispatches to Cuban leaders in this country.

Palomino reports that Maceo and Gomez are both in the Matanzas district with 14,000 well equipped men. He says that the insurgents had several engagements during the past week, the most important being at Homoguerra and El Flores, in the Cienfuegos district, both of which were favorable to the insurgents. He also states that both Gomez and Maceo entered Matanzas without meeting any opposition from Spanish troops, and that the insurgents are anxious for an open battle, being confident they can defeat the Spanish troops.

OPPOSED BY REED.

Favorable Action on the Nicaragua Canal Bill in the House Not Expected.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—Pacific Coast Senators and Representatives are not hopeful that Congress will act favorably on the Nicaragua Canal bill. In the first place, Speaker Reed has announced that economy in public expenditures will be the rule. He will oppose liberal appropriations for river and harbor improvements and for public buildings, etc. In the second place, the House committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce is composed largely of railroad men, who will oppose the Nicaragua bill. But the Coast Congressmen say they will do their best.

The bill would undoubtedly pass the Senate but would probably fail of passage in the House, even if it was reported by the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee.

In the last Congress California had a member on this committee, Mr. Geary, but this time the State is unrepresented. Neither has she any member on the Committee on Ways and Means. This is very unfortunate, especially at this time, when tariff schedules are to be revised. If California was represented an increase on her fruits might be secured.

The California members are unorganized, as they always have been. They do not seem to be able to pull together; consequently California did not receive a single office under the House organization, while other States got from ten to twenty positions. She has no representative upon any of the important committees, such as Foreign Affairs, Ways and Means, Appropriations, Banking and Currency, Interstate or Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

CASH FOR CHEROKEES.

Tribesmen to Receive a Bountiful Christmas Present From Uncle Sam's Treasury.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—The United States Court of claims will to-morrow probably ratify an agreement entered into by counsel for all the parties in interest in what is known as the Cherokee fund. This fund, aggregating \$2,300,000, was by a treaty with the Indians paid them for surrendering to the United States what is termed the Cherokee strip. It was paid by the United States to the Treasurer of the Cherokee Nation and is now in the United States sub-treasury at St. Louis awaiting his order. A question arose when the money was about to be distributed pro rata among the tribe as to who was entitled to receive it. There were half-breeds, men who married Cherokee women, full-blooded Cherokees and other Indians who had become citizens of the Cherokee Nation.

All the parties in interest have now by counsel, after much bickering, come to an agreement and submitted to the court claims to ratify, each agreeing to abide by the court's award.

The essential feature of the agreement is that each of the several classes, Cherokees, half-breeds, and adopted citizens, is to receive \$25, and if any residue remains it is to be distributed to the full-blooded Cherokees.

The court on Thursday last heard oral argument in support of the agreement, in which all the counsel expressed their satisfaction with the compromise adopted, and the Court of Claims to-morrow is expected to ratify this unanimous agreement and thus make a Christmas present to the Indians and others interested.

HONORED BY SENATORS.

Statesmen Attend the Funeral of Assistant Doorkeeper Bassett.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—The funeral services of the late Captain Isaac Bassett, the venerable assistant doorkeeper of the Senate, took place this afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church. The services were conducted by Rev. Byron Sunderland, pastor of the church, Rev. Dr. Milburn, chaplain of the Senate, and Rev. Dr. Little.

Dr. Sunderland, whose acquaintance with the departed began in 1861, delivered an address. Among those who attended

WATERS ARE RISING.

Bottom Lands Along the Mississippi River Flooded.

WARSAW IS INUNDATED.

At Fairfield the Encroaching Element Is Wait High in the Stores.

MANY BRIDGES CARRIED AWAY.

An Early Repetition of the Devastation of Former Years Has Been Predicted.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 22.—

Since Thursday night the Mississippi River at this point has risen twenty-two feet, which is unprecedented in the same length of time. The boatmen and dwellers on the river bank were taken unawares and the loss is already very great. A number of shanty boats were swept away. In one of these—Sandy Hook—a dance was in progress last night and the revelers were not aware of their peril until the boat stuck in a tree.

The American Bottoms are half under water and the loss of stock is considerable. At 6 o'clock to-night the gauge read twenty-four and a half feet, whereas Thursday morning it was only two and a half feet.

Meager reports, due to breaks in communication, show that the flood covers the Mississippi Valley from the Iowa line to Cairo, Ill.

At Warsaw, Mo., the Osage River flooded the town and the last dispatch was sent out by an operator perched on a desk four feet high, while a boat was moored to the door.

At Fairfield, on the Osage, the water is waist high in the stores, the tracks are gone and no mail has arrived since Tuesday. At Taberville the Osage was fourteen miles wide and a mill and all the bridges were carried away. In Union County Joseph Eckert, a surveyor, went down with a bridge across the Bourbons and was drowned. St. Louis mail reaches Carthage, Mo., by going 200 miles through Kansas.

All small streams have but commenced to pour their flood into the Mississippi and a repetition of the disastrous floods of former years is predicted.

DROWNED IN FORCHE CREEK.

Three Lives Lost in an Attempt to Ford a Swollen Stream.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 22.—News has reached here of the drowning in the Forche Creek of Mrs. Jennie Whitard of Bismarck, her baby and her sister, Ada Hardage, while attempting to ford the stream on Thursday. The stream was high by reason of recent rains. The body of the babe has been found in the drift. The others are still missing.

MARRIAGE OR DAMAGES.

Mrs. Annie George Sues George D. Saxton for Breach of Promise.

The Defendant Is a Wealthy Brother-in-Law of Governor McKinley.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 22.—A special from Canton, Ohio, says: Mrs. Annie George yesterday filed a suit for \$50,000 against George D. Saxton, Governor McKinley's brother-in-law, alleging breach of promise. Saxton is a wealthy bachelor, and moves in the best society.

Mrs. George came from Columbian, Iowa, and opened a dressmaking establishment in a block owned by Saxton. Her husband sued Saxton for \$30,000, charging the alienation of his wife's affections. The case has been shifted about on legal technicalities so that it has not yet come to a hearing.

Meantime Mrs. George got a divorce in South Dakota. Her husband alleges in his \$30,000 suit that Saxton paid the expenses of the divorce case.

JUSTICE FOR MURDERERS.

Three Trials by Jury Under the Roof of Old Courthouse.

OMAHA, NEBR., Dec. 22.—To-morrow at the Douglas County courthouse three juries will be sitting in as many murder trials, a situation without a parallel in this city and perhaps in any city in this country. The Ish trial jury is the most important. It will probably be discharged in a day or two. The trial of the alleged murderers of Peter Seljan is being held before Judge Ferguson, and the trial of Fred Wehlgren for the murder of his former mistress, Mrs. Augustus Maitland, last July, will begin before Judge Scott.

Judge Scott yesterday sentenced George Morgan to be hanged on April 17, his act being the most recent of all. The trial of Claud H. Hoover for the murder of Councilman Dubois will begin in a few days.

TEA DESTROYED BY FIRE.

The Thomas Warehouse and Stock at Cincinnati Burned.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 22.—Fire this evening destroyed the five-story building at 214 Walnut street, occupied by W. W. Thomas, wholesale dealer in teas and spices. The contents of the building was burned. Ten thousand chests of tea was the principal stock on hand, all of which were lost. The building itself was gutted by the flames. The loss will be about \$100,000, of which insurance will cover about 80 per cent. The firm was the largest wholesale tea house in the country, outside of New York City.

The Cincinnati Scale Company and Howe Scale Manufacturing Company are also losers to some extent by water damage.

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