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### Letters of Missionaries Were Examined

#### BEFORE BEING FORWARDED

#### And News of the Armenian Outrages Suppressed.

#### BULLETIN ISSUED BY THE PORTE.

#### Ottoman Government is Angry on Account of Publications in Foreign Newspapers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The following statement with reference to the condition of affairs in eight districts of Armenia, in which Christian missionaries are stationed, was today issued by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions:

Official letters sent recently from the rooms of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions containing accounts relating to the European-Turkey Missions were opened by the Turkish officials. The letters were subsequently delivered, but with the Turkish word "Examine" written on the envelope. This indicated that the Turkish Government is attempting to assume all authority over the mail of foreigners.

When the reports of the massacre of Christians in the Sassoun district of Eastern Turkey became public, after more than two months of suppression on the part of the Turkish officials, the Ottoman Government was alarmed at the wide-spread publications in the American and English press. Under pressure from foreign powers the Sultan agreed to send a commissioner to investigate and report upon the outrages.

In view of this promise of the Government the representatives of the European powers at Constantinople decided to wait for the report before taking any positive action. But after this decision by the powers, and while they were waiting for the departure of the Sultan's commission, which had been appointed and which was to make full and impartial investigations of all the affairs reported by the English consul as well as by many individuals from the Sassoun district, the Turkish Government gave out the following official statement of the case, which statement was printed in the papers of Constantinople. All papers printed in Turkey are under close censorship, and no paper could refuse to print the statement under penalty of immediate suspension. Hence the Christian periodicals were compelled to print what they knew to be false. The statement is as follows:

"Some of the European papers have stated, contrary to the truth, that a few Armenian villages have been destroyed, and that the mercantile persons have been massacred by the Turkish soldiers in the district of Sassoun. Others, in order to magnify these reports, have asserted that the news of the outrages was prevented from leaking out by the obstacles the Government put in the way of travelers from that district.

"The subjects of the empire of Sassoun district are quietly engaged with their business, and the people travel wherever they wish in perfect safety.

"Some Armenian bandits, being induced by agitators, began lately in and about Sassoun to disturb the peace and comfort of the people by murdering, plundering and blocking the highways. In order to put an end to such disorders the Government has already sent necessary means and consequently ordered out a sufficient body of imperial soldiers of the Fourth Army Corps. Thus, the extension of the revolt being checked, the troops were withdrawn to their headquarters.

"There was no interference by the Kurds, but, as stated above, some Armenian bandits having ventured to disobey, the Fourth Imperial Army Corps and also the Governor of Bitlis undertook to investigate as to the facts, and subsequently a commission of inquiry, composed of Abdullah Pasha, Eomer Ber, Medjid Efendi and Hefiz Tevfik Pasha, who will start this week by steamer to the scene of the trouble."

#### DEPEW TALKS

To a Large Audience About New Outrages.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Dr. Channing M. Dewey to-night delivered an address on the Armenian atrocities. Addresses were also made by the Rev. David H. Greer, Rev. David Yohannan, an Armenian, and the Rev. Dr. McGraw.

Mr. Dewey began by saying that the year 1894 had been a peculiarly unhappy one. The world had been visited during the year by revolutions, both social and financial. But the crowning cause of unhappiness and the one which left a bloody stain upon the history of the year was the murder of the helpless Armenians by the Turks.

"It behoves us as public-spirited citizens to begin the new year with a protest against the outrages at Sassoun. The peace of Europe is only maintained by an ever-increasing armament. Armenians are subjected to all manner of outrages, the Turkish Government claiming they are in a state of insurrection, and that this is their only cause for the butchery. But the very nature of the Armenians show this is not so. The Armenians are the New Englanders of the East. They have sturdiness, thrift, desire for education that are so characteristic of the early New Englanders. With these attributes, if they only had good Government the Armenians would become one of the strongest and most prosperous nations of the earth.

"At Washington all may be silent, but America, with a 35,000,000 voice, in a language of her own—the universal language of the globe—will protest in tones that cannot be mistaken against the slaughter of our fellow-Christians."

Among the audience were 300 Armenians. Resolutions were passed by the meeting expressing good-will and heartfelt support to their Christian brethren in England and the continent who are endeavoring to investigate the outrages and

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#### SENATORS' SALARIES.

#### No More Back Pay to Men Who Fill Vacancies.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The three new Senators who will be elected to fill the vacancies in the States of Washington, Wyoming and Montana will probably not be paid the back salaries which have heretofore been paid to Senators elected or appointed to fill vacancies. They were cut out by an express provision in the legislative appropriation bill of the last session, which, it is believed, will put an end to this practice for the future.

Under the system which has prevailed heretofore each man chosen would have received the pay for the entire term of six years, notwithstanding that two years of the time has already elapsed. The new provision will, therefore, work as a saving to the Government of \$30,000 in this instance, and of larger sums in the future. The new law provides that the salaries of Senators shall begin on the date of their election or appointment.

#### APPROPRIATION BILLS

#### Many of Them Ready to Be Taken Up.

#### They May Displace the Canal Bill When Congress Resumes Work.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Both houses of Congress will resume their sessions on Thursday next, and it is expected there will be a more determined effort to press forward the work of the session for the next two months than has characterized the proceedings during the months which have already elapsed.

The necessary work of the session is the passage of the appropriation bills, of which there are fourteen. None have passed the Senate and only five have received the sanction of the House. It is in order for the Senate to take up any reported appropriation bill at any time, and whether the Nicaragua Canal bill, which stands on the Senate calendar as unfinished business, shall continue to hold its place of vantage will be dependent upon whether the Appropriations Committee shall desire to supplant it with the pensions or fortification bills, or with any other appropriation bills after the other bills shall be reported from the committee.

The probabilities are that the Nicaragua Canal bill will not be displaced for the present. Senator Morgan has been devoting the holidays to the preparation of a reply to Senator Turpie's attack upon the canal bill, and his friends expect him to make a vigorous and exhaustive defense of the measure. He will probably speak an entire day and possibly two or three days.

#### Governor Oates' Opinion.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 30.—Governor Oates, who has just returned from Washington, says, in an interview, that the Carlisle currency plan will be defeated, the Nicaragua canal bill will fail to pass and that Congress will do but little this session.

#### SWISS REFERENDUM SYSTEM.

#### People's Party Make Strong Plans to Push It.

St. Louis, Dec. 30.—About thirty-five delegates to the National Council of the People's party have organized a National Initiative and Referendum League. James H. Lathrop of Topeka, Kans., was elected president and an executive committee and national and State organizers were chosen. It is decided to at once push the organization throughout the country to promote the scheme of the Swiss system of initiative and referendum. Thirteen States were represented at the organization.

#### MONSTER DEFICIT.

#### Money in the Treasury Twenty-Eight Millions Short.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The Government receipts so far this month amount to \$21,122,962 and the disbursements \$27,082,783, leaving a deficit for the month of \$5,959,821, and for the fiscal year to date \$28,254,963.

#### LIU KUN YEI APPOINTED.

#### He Will Supersede Li Hung Chang in Command.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—A dispatch from Peking says that the ex-Viceroy of Nanking, Liu Kun Yei, has been appointed to the chief command of the Chinese forces, thus superseding Li Hung Chang and Prince Kung, the Emperor's uncle.

#### IS STILL CONSCIOUS.

#### Slight Improvement in the Condition of Lord Randolph Churchill.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Lord Randolph Churchill is still conscious. The hemorrhage which caused the pressure on the brain having temporarily ceased, the improvement in his condition is maintained.

#### To Load Torpedoes.

QUARANTINE, S. I., Dec. 30.—The United States steamer San Francisco passed out at the narrows at 9:35 o'clock this morning for Newport, R. I., where she will receive her torpedoes before proceeding to the European station.

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#### SENATIONAL AFFIDAVITS

#### Introduced in the Case of Millionaire King.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 30.—In the William H. King case, the counsel for Mrs. F. A. Webster Ross, who claims that the insane millionaire now confined at Butler Hospital is not William H. King, but another man, to whom she is not of kin, has asked for two weeks' delay in filing affidavits in support of her claim.

In answer to this request the counsel for George Gordon King, guardian for the millionaire, read some sensational affidavits. That of A. H. Huse of Salem, Mass., said that Mrs. Ross boarded at his house at times, but not regularly, in the latter part of 1888 and February, 1891, and that she passed under the name of Mrs. Black. In February, 1891, Mrs. Ross brought to the house in Salem an aged lady named Mary Phoebe Dowie, who, Mrs. Ross said, she had brought to use as a witness in a property case. About six months afterward Mrs. Ross left the aged lady wholly dependent upon Huse for support.

Mrs. Emil Vandora Miller, a widow of Washington, D. C., deposed that she had never heard that Mrs. Ross had any relatives answering to the description of William H. King. Mrs. Miller then says that Mrs. Ross has become insane over the question of property and the inheritance of large sums.

The case will finally be continued until Thursday.

#### FLORIDA FRUIT CROP.

#### It Has Suffered Greatly by the Big Frost.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 30.—Reports by wire from fifty-one correspondents in the orange districts of the State indicate that at least 1,810,000 boxes of unpicked oranges are rotting, and more than 300,000 boxes in warehouses or lying in bulk preparatory to picking are frozen. Tomatoes, cabbage, beans, peas and all vegetables in the northern half of the State are ruined, except the pineapple plantations, which are not much injured.

The day before yesterday half of the season's great orange crop of five million boxes was still on the trees.

The tail of the northern blizzard switched around through the Florida peninsula and within the space of a few hours Florida had sustained a loss that, estimated in cash, would reach into the millions. The destruction will be felt for many years, indirectly or directly, by all the people of the State.

Previous to this time the coldest weather known was in 1885, but there is no record to show just how cold it was then.

Reports from the interior of the State show that the cold weather has been general and has extended from one side of the peninsula to the other. The lowest temperature at Tampa was 18 degrees, and the same was reported at Titusville. At Cedar Key it was said to be as low as 16.

The cold weather played havoc with the plumbing and water supply in Jacksonville, and many people found their water pipes frozen. The occurrence was so unusual that it was some time before residents could realize that the water had actually frozen in the pipes. There was ice in shallow places, however, and there were icicles everywhere.

The weather has moderated and the cold spell is now broken. At 8 P. M. the temperature was 40.

#### SNOW IN THE SOUTH.

#### The Storm is Causing Great Hardships to the Poor.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 30.—The worst snowstorm ever known in this section is prevailing. Four inches of snow fell today and to-night the fall is renewed furiously. The weather is very severe and much suffering exists among the poor. Many cattle are starving.

In this city the streetcar companies ran their cars all night to keep the tracks clear. The snowstorm extends all over the northern section of the State.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 30.—From 6 to 8 inches of snow is reported to-night in Middle and West Tennessee, Arkansas, North Mississippi and Western Alabama, with a steady drift in temperature.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 30.—Six inches of snow fell to-day at Columbus, and 4 inches at Starkville, Water Valley, Holly Springs and Grenada, Miss.

DECATUR, Ala., Dec. 30.—Five inches of snow fell to-day and the prospects are good for more.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 30.—About one and a half inches of snow fell to-day, but to-night it is clear and cold.

#### REPORT DENIED.

#### Local Officials Don't Make Up Budget of Tariff Duties.

MADRID, Dec. 30.—Senator Blassa, Minister of the Interior, has entered a formal denial of the statement which recently emanated from Washington to the effect that a plan has been under consideration allowing local officials of Cuba to make up the budget of tariff duties, afterward submitting it to the Government for approval.

To Aid Nebraska's Poor.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 30.—A call was issued to-day for a mass-meeting of the citizens of this city for the purpose of securing food and supplies to be sent to the destitute districts in Nebraska.

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#### FINANCIAL SCANDAL.

#### Warrants Issued for Prominent French Railroad Officials.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—A judicial inquiry into the conduct of the directors of the old French Southern Railroad has revealed another financial scandal and warrants have been issued for the arrest of a number of contractors, bankers and politicians.

The question of the relation of the Government to this company was debated in the Chamber of Deputies on December 22 last, when the Government narrowly escaped defeat. The matter indirectly led to the harmless duel between Dr. Barthou, Minister of Public Works, and M. Janzé, the Socialist leader, who accused the Government of seeking to protect a number of exploiters, which statement Dr. Barthou branded as a lie.

#### NATURAL GAS EXPLOSION.

#### Works a Hardship to the People of Fremont, Ohio.

FREMONT, Ohio, Dec. 30.—While repairing the regulator at the Northwestern Ohio Natural Gas Works to-day an explosion occurred, wrecking the regulator and seriously injuring C. L. Stevens, Charles Crable and J. B. Loveland. The fuel gas supply to the city had to be shut off and thousands of homes were left without heat, making it a very serious thing for the people in view of the cold weather. The gas cannot be turned on for several days.

#### PECULIAR MURDER CASE.

#### An Official Standing in One State Kills a Man in Another.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 30.—It may be safely said that the case of the State vs. Hall, in an opinion of the Supreme Court just filed, had no parallel.

Deputy Sheriff Hall, standing just on this side of the North Carolina line, fired and killed Andrew Brison, a prisoner, who was escaping into Tennessee. Hall was tried and convicted of murder in this State.

On appeal this was reversed on the

## BURNED AT LAST.

### Delavan House at Albany Is No More.

#### IT WAS AN OLD FIRETRAP,

#### And the Escape of Inmates Is Miraculous.

#### ONLY ONE PERSON WAS KILLED.

#### Building Was Without Fire-Escapes and Burned Like a Box of Tinder.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 30.—The Delavan House, the mecca of politicians and the center of all big State political events for forty years past, was destroyed by fire to-night.

It was 8:30, when the political headquarters of both Mr. Fish and Mr. Mathey were filled with politicians and newspaper men, that cries of fire from different parts of the house caused consternation among the guests. The outbreak of flames before an alarm could be given was appalling. Up the elevator shaft shot a solid column of fire, which spread quickly to each of the five floors. Fortunately the guest list was not very large, and the majority of those registered were politicians and were on the second floor.

There was a rush for the stairs in the front and the servants' stairs in the back, where the flames had not yet reached, and in a few minutes there was a tumbling mass of humanity coming down these two means of access. Those on the two upper floors could not avail themselves of these exits, for the flames were rushing along the corridors, and people in the street, who had not yet seen the flames, heard a crash of glass and saw figures come tumbling out of the windows. Within ten minutes after the first note of alarm at least twelve persons were dangling in the rope fire escapes or hanging to the window sills.

The fire department arrived quickly, but it took some time to get ladders up and in the meantime some of the people had dropped to the street.

On the right side of the building there appeared at the window surrounded by a man and a woman. The man had hold of the woman and was trying to persuade her to wait for help, but she broke away and sprang out. She struck a balcony and rebounded to the street. The man waited for a ladder and was taken down in safety. His name is H. A. Foakes and he represents a cash register company in Dayton, Ohio. The woman was his wife and she will probably die.

In ex-speaker Mathey's room, which was to the rear of the elevator-shaft where the fire first appeared, there was the greatest excitement. About twenty politicians were there, including Congressman Weaver and Curtis, Senator Killbuck and Mr. Mathey. A rush was made for the stairs, and when the party landed in the street, the only injured one was found to be Assemblyman Robbins, whose hair and face were badly burned.

Although five stories high there were no outside fire-escapes, and the only means left for the people in the cut-off rooms was to use the ropes.

B. F. Hellman of Brooklyn was in the third story. He opened his door as soon as he heard the cry of fire. A burst of flame made him look to the window as means of escape. He had but two alternatives—a fiery death or a jump. He chose the latter. When picked up from the sidewalk he was dying. His wife, who was in the room with him, tried the rope fire-escape, but it either broke or else she failed to hold it, for she fell to the pavement. Her right limb was broken, her left ankle dislocated and she was badly burned about the face and head.

Edward Walsh, a reporter, was caught in the hall and badly burned.

In less than fifteen minutes after the fire-alarm was turned in the entire building was wrapped in flames, resembling a huge crater, and all hopes of saving the famous structure were given up. The hotel takes in the entire block, about 110 by 450 feet, and this was in another fifteen minutes a blazing furnace only bound by the four walls.

At 10:30 the east wall fell in and some of the firemen narrowly escaped being buried. At 11:30 the Broadway wall fell out and one fireman was buried in the debris. He was taken out and is not thought to be dangerously hurt.

It is rumored at this late hour that there are bodies in the ruins, and that quite a number of people did not escape. The clerk says to-night that he is positive all the guests escaped, but does not feel so sure about the help, of which there was a great number. There is no way to-night of finding out positively whether these rumors are true or not, and it will take a day or so to determine.

Mr. Mathey said after the fire: "It is inconceivable how the flames obtained such headway. The balls were a mass of fire before we received a word of warning."

Of the hundreds of guests none saved more than the clothes they wore.

One of the incidents of the fire was the escape of Miss Martin of New York. She was in the fourth-story window on the Steuben-street side, when a ladder was raised. A messenger boy rushed up and broke the window, thus freeing her.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Martin, Bradley Martin Jr., and Mrs. F. T. Martin were guests at the hotel, having come here to bury the former's son. They were on the second floor, a good way from where the fire started and escaped. Mr. Martin, when he reached the sidewalk, offered anybody \$500 who would get his wife's jewelry. Nobody accepted. There was a satchel filled with jewels valued at \$5000.

The Delavan House was fifty years old and one of the most famous hotels in the country. It is a part of the estate of Edward C. Delavan. Harley & Moore, the proprietors, paid \$40,000 a year rental and lately made vast improvements in expectation of a big winter season. The total loss is estimated at \$500,000, with an insurance of \$300,000.

On the ground floor of the Broadway side of the hotel two firms had stores. One was that of Heiser, Muhlfelder & Co., dealers in knittings, and the other that of Polby & Co., dealers in clothes. Both

## STOCKS WERE RUINED.

### The Wires of the Electric Light Company were Destroyed and a Section of the City was in Darkness.

#### THE SUPERINTENDENT BYRNES

#### SENT HIS PAPERS HOME.

#### No Doubt about the Retirement of Superintendent Byrnes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—It was apparent at police headquarters in this city to-day that a change in affairs there is speedily approaching and gloom pervaded the entire building. None doubt but that Superintendent Byrnes intends to retire as soon as his successor is appointed. He was in his office as early as 8 o'clock in the morning, but he denied himself to visitors. There was no concealment among those posted that the superintendent was engaged in making preparations to move. He was closed during the day with Sergeant Mangin and was clearing out all his private papers and effects which have gathered during the years of his sojourn in the building. They were packed up and sent to his home on West Fifty-eighth street.

Nobody cared to talk much about the matter, but those who did speak spoke in terms of astonishment and regret at their chief's coming retirement.

#### MYTHICAL MILLIONS.

#### Heirs of a Swede Want Part of Philadelphia.

#### They Claim to Have a First-Class Title to the Valuable Land.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The heirs of William Skillings, a name which his descendants have changed to Schilling, have decided to sue in the courts of Pennsylvania to regain that part of Philadelphia known as Southwark. It contains three and a half square miles, is solidly built up and worth many millions. Most of the heirs live in Southern New Jersey and belong to the Schilling, Hand, Townsend, Bennett, Roseman, Stevens and Hughes families.

William Skillings was a Swede, who owned the property in the middle of the eighteenth century and leased it in 1770 for ninety-nine years. With the twenty years of grace allowed to occupants of land for a perfect title this lease will expire in 1896.

The heirs claim Skillings received his right to the property from indentures which were made in legal order subsequent to the charter given to William Penn by Charles II, King of England, in 1681, and from this title in May, 1684, to the Swenson family by the Dutch Governor of Delaware, which grant was afterwards confirmed by Sir Francis Lovelace, the subsequent English Governor of Pennsylvania, and recorded at Upland, August 21, 1741.

#### AMELIA BLOOMER DEAD.

#### Passes Away Peacefully in Her Home in Council Bluffs.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Amelia Bloomer, from whom the bloomer costume, one of the first efforts toward dress reform, was named, died at her home in this city to-day.

Amelia Jenks Bloomer was born in Homer, N. Y., May 27, 1818, her maiden name being Jenks. In 1840 she married Dexter C. Bloomer, a lawyer, and resided in Seneca Falls, N. Y. Here she wrote frequently on the enfranchisement of women. On January 1, 1849, she issued the first number of The Lily, a semi-monthly publication devoted to temperance and women's rights, which attained quite a large circulation. She afterward became associate editor of the Western Home Journal, a literary weekly. She lectured on women's rights and dress reform at various cities and towns, and adopted and publicly recommended a sanitary dress for woman known as the Bloomer costume. In later years she withdrew entirely from public life.

#### AGAINST THE NEWSPAPERS.

#### Dr. Parkhurst is Forgetting Those Who Helped His Work.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The Rev. Charles Parkhurst preached a sermon this morning in which he made indirect and incidental reference to the work of the past year. The people had learned, he said, that a politician was a man of expediency, and that he might arrange things in such a manner as only a mighty uprising of the people could undo.

In looking over the field of the future he said the people should look for an improvement in the character of the newspapers. The papers, he said, that daily serve up a mass of undigested matter without discrimination to their readers were rapidly becoming a public nuisance.

#### THE PAPAL EDICT.

#### Dr. R. L. White Says Each Knight Must Decide for Himself.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 30.—Dr. R. L. White, supreme keeper of records and seals, Knights of Pythias, in an interview concerning the order and the recent papal edict says: "It seems that it is a matter which each individual must settle for himself. The man who considers himself his own master in worldly affairs will remain in the order if he is devoted to its principles. I have talked with several Catholic Knights of Pythias concerning the question, and they all say they intend to remain in the order. The Supreme Lodge had decreed that each member must be loyal to the Government under which he lives. You can see where that would fall to please the Pope."

#### Used Other People's Money.

HUDSON, N. Y., Dec. 30.—W. F. Rosman Jr., bookkeeper for the National Hudson River Bank of this city, was arrested last night on the charge of embezzling \$10,000. He confessed to the taking of the amount, and said he had spent the money in stock speculation in Wall street.

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## BARK OSSEO LOST

### And Everybody on Board Perished.

#### ON HOLYHEAD BREAKWATER

#### Vessel Driven Ashore by an Awful Storm

#### THAT RAGED IN THE IRISH SEA.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Severe weather has prevailed throughout Great Britain since Saturday, the heavy gale being accompanied by hail and snow, rendering navigation difficult and dangerous.

All vessels that could do so made for havens of shelter. Some of them, however, did not succeed in reaching port, but were wrecked almost within sight of safety.

This was the case of the British bark Osseo, Captain Boggs, which sailed from Talal August 15 for Ardrossan. She made the long voyage safely until this morning, when she was wrecked on the Holyhead breakwater and every soul on board of her, twenty-four in all, were drowned.

The ship was caught in the gale in the Irish Sea. The captain evidently thought to run to Holyhead and wait for the storm to abate.

Shortly before 3:30 o'clock this morning the keeper of the lighthouse at the seaward end of the long breakwater saw a bark come out of the gloom with her lights burning brightly and under close storm canvas. The wind was blowing a lively gale and a terrific sea was running before it. The bark, however, was making as good weather of it as possible, and was presently being handled in a most careful manner.

How the accident occurred is not exactly known, but it is surmised an extraordinary high sea lifted her when she was quite close to the breakwater and dashed her upon it. She struck amidships and immediately began to break up, the sea pounding at her furiously the moment she became stationary.

The lighthouse-keeper as soon as he realized what had occurred, fired a rocket to call the coast guardsmen and lifeboat men. In the meantime the bark had broken into halves, the mainmast going by the board. In its fall, it struck several of the crew who were on the deck, killing them instantly. Others of the crew had clambered into the fore and mizzen rigging to escape being washed overboard by the huge combers that were making a clear sweep over the wreck.

The coast guardsmen were the first to reach the scene and were followed soon after by the lifeboat men. Above the howling of the gale could be heard the cries of the men on the bark for assistance. The coast guards got a line aboard the wreck and it was caught by one of the crew. Before he could make it fast the fore and mizzen masts were whipped off close to the deck, and everybody in these rigging fell with them into the sea and were drowned.

The sailor who had caught the line was crushed to death under one of the falling masts. After the masts had gone by the board all was silence on the wreck, and those on the breakwater knew that all hands on the bark had perished.

In a short time nothing was visible seaward but broken spars and a raft of rigging attached to them. During the day nine bodies were recovered.

The identity of the bark was learned from some of her papers that were washed ashore. The Osseo was commanded by Captain R. Boggs. She was a steel vessel of 1399 tons and was built in 1889 at Londonderry, from which port she sailed. Her dimensions were: Length 245 feet 3 inches, beam 36 feet 9 inches and depth of hold 21 feet 5 inches. B. H. McCorkle was her owner.

#### New Cabinet to Be Formed.

#### RUDE-PESTH, Dec. 30.—Emperor Francis Joseph to-day requested Count Khuen Helderary to form a new Cabinet.

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