TELEGRAPHIC.

ARMENIAN AFFAIRS.

Light Thrown on the Subject By a Missionary Society.

THE SULTAN RESPONSIBLE.

No True Statement Obtainable, Unless Foreign Powers Protect the Witnesses.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 16.—The American board of commissioners for foreign missions more than any other missionary organization in America, centralizes its work in behalf of Armenians in Asiatic Turkey. Its Western Turkey mission began in 1819, its Eastern Turkish mission in 1836, and its Central Turkey mission in 1847. These three missions comprise fifteen stations, two hundred and sixty-eight out-stations, forty-eight missionaries, one medical missionary in Eastern Turkey, forty-two married women and seventy-three unmarried women; in fact it employs seven hundred and ninety-one native laborers.

Numerous inquiries have been received from the press and from the congregational constituency in the United States which has induced this conservative organization to furnish the following statement relating to affairs in Turkey:

We are not unconcerned by the reports of massacres in eastern Turkey. The position of the 177 missionaries of the American board within the Turkish empire is an extremely delicate one. Sympathizing deeply on one side with all who are suffering by reason of poverty, oppression and misrule they have yet been loyal to the government under which they have lived and have never countenanced sedition or rebellion.

It has been their blessed privilege while preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ to aid the poor, to protect as far as possible the oppressed and to deliver from unjust officials, multitudes who have been arrested or imprisoned. They are doing their best amid no little peril to themselves in the interests of those for whom they have long labored, but our readers can well understand, that for the sake, both of the helpers and of the helped, it is inexpedient for us to present a full statement of all we hear and believe.

Some things we may properly say prior to the full investigation of the alleged atrocities which we trust will be made by the representatives of both our government and of the European powers. In the Sassoun region south of Moosh Plain, there are, or were, many villages inhabited by Armenians. These people were systematically robbed of their flocks by Kurds, and in the latter part of the summer the Armenians pursued the robbers in their endeavor to recover their property. In the fight which ensued a dozen of these Kurds were killed, among whom were some who were enrolled as Turkish soldiers.

When information was given that the Armenians had killed some of the sultan's troops, the charge of rebellion was made, and orders were sent to put down the insurrection. The result was these lawless and uncontrolled soldiers made indiscriminate slaughter of the people who had sought to defend their property. In the horrible massacre which followed, thousands were slain, some state 6,000, others 10,000. The details of this wretched affair are not obtainable unless foreign governments insist upon a thorough investigation, conducted by foreigners. The poor people are in terror and dare not state the truth unless under protection.

A document has been prepared near the scene of the carnage, purporting to give the judgment of the people that the thousands slain in Talvore, met their just deserts, and expressing regret that it had been thought best to send consuls to investigate, since there has been no need for their coming. The value of such a document will be understood when the methods for securing signatures are known. But such investigations should be made most vigorously either to relieve the government from unjust charges if the statements are incorrect, or if they should be proven, to bring about the corresponding punishment of the guilty parties.

Papers from Constantinople, entirely under the control of the Turkish censors of the press, announce that the sultan has sent one of his imperial guards to the city of Erzingan, in eastern Turkey, to carry a decoration to Zekki Pasha, the commander of the Fourth army corps, which is located there. Zekki Pasha is the military commander who led the troops against the defenseless villages in the Sassoun region at the time of the massacre. Another envoy carries four banners from the sultan to the four leading Kurdish chiefs who were associated with the military commandant in the reported massacre, and who probably were the instigators of it.

After the sultan had thus approved the action of his troops and of the Kurds, it will be impossible for any committee appointed by the Turkish government to investigate the outrage and bring any report that reflects on either the Kurds or the army. By this act the sultan seems to assume all the responsibility for what has been done. These stories of wrong and oppression have aroused the civilized world. We are glad to learn our government has directed one of its consuls to make an independent investigation of all matters connected with the reported massacre. But our government does not stand in the same relations to Turkey as do the other European powers, that under the treaty of Berlin secured the right of seeing that good government was maintained throughout the Turkish empire. The rights thus guaranteed ought now to be exercised and the first step should be the most thorough investigation as to the conduct of affairs throughout Armenia.

TRAGEDY IN A BANK.

Three Persons May Die as a Result of a Shooting.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Dec. 16.—At 11 o'clock today a tragedy was enacted in the private office of the Citizens' State Bank of Council Bluffs, which may result fatally for three persons. John Huntington, assistant bookkeeper and collection clerk, shot C. A. Cromwell, of Minneapolis, and F. N. Hayden, of Chicago, representatives of the Fidelity & Casualty company of New York, and then emptied his revolver into his own brain, inflicting a wound from which he died two hours later. Cromwell and Hayden, it is thought, will recover. Huntington was one of the best known men in Council Bluffs and numbered his friends by the hundreds. So far as can be learned, he had no bad habits and this is what makes his act harder to explain. On the 20th of last July a check for $500 was turned over to him by Ira F. Hendricks, one of the employes of the bank, in the regular routine of business. Huntington charged up the check to the Union Stockyards National bank of South Omaha, and from that day to this nothing whatever has been seen or heard of it. The day following Huntington left for a vacation trip of several weeks to New York City. The bank officials kept thinking the check would turn up sooner or later and deferred any action. As time passed on and it became evident that the bank was out $500, they sent a message to the Fidelity & Casualty company notifying it of the fact and suggesting that inspectors come on and make an investigation.

Messrs. Cromwell and Hayden arrived in this city last Friday and took rooms at the Grand hotel. Huntington and the representatives of the Fidelity company met Saturday night and made arrangements for another meeting at the bank Sunday morning, when the investigation was to be resumed.

The conference had not been in session more than five minutes when Huntington arose from his chair, pulled a revolver and commenced firing at the representatives of the Fidelity company. The revolver he used was a 44-calibre that belonged to the bank, and had been kept in the desk of H. F. Spencer, the paying teller. The first three shots were fired at Cromwell, who had taken the lead in the investigation, and all three took effect. The fourth struck Hayden and then Huntington raised the weapon to his own head and fired. He fell to the floor unconscious and remained so until his death at 1:10 p. m.

TROUBLE IN ROME.

Ex-Minister Giolotti and Others to be Arrested.

ROME, Dec. 16.—The *Messagero* reports that ex-Prime Minister Giolotti and others said to be implicated in the bank scandals will be arrested. The paper says that troops have been hurriedly summoned and are already arriving to reinforce the garrison at Rome. A meeting attended by 150 opposition members of the Chamber of Deputies was held this afternoon, the Marquis di Rudini, ex-prime minister, presiding. He was supported by Signor Imbriani, Cavallotti and Zanardelli.

The meeting was convened for the purpose of discussing the advisability of charging the opposition members to get up a protest against prorogation. The marquis declared that it was his intention to address a protest to his constituents. The result of the meeting is not known but it is stated that great indignation was expressed because of the government's action and that the speakers insisted upon an appeal to the country as the judge between Signor Crispi and the opposition.

SIGNOR CRISPI ACCUSED.

ROME, Dec. 15.—The papers which ex-Premier Giolitti presented to parliament a few days ago in connection with the Banca Romana scandals which are published today, are mainly those which were shelved by the police when the government decided to prosecute the officials connected with the Banca Romana disclosures and are rambling accusations against notable persons made by Signor Tanlongo, formerly director of the Banca Romana when he was thrown into jail.

Premier Crispi in the chamber of deputies today declared the papers were a mass of lies and blunders and a motion to discuss them today was defeated. It was decided, however, that the papers should be discussed tomorrow. But it is believed a royal decree will be issued tonight prorogating parliament.

The principal accusation against Signor Crispi is that of procuring discounts.

A Noted Novelist Dead.

AUCKLAND, N. Z., Dec. 16.—Advices from Apia, Samoa, of date December 8th, are to the effect that the well-known novelist, Robert Louis Stevenson, had died suddenly from apoplexy. His remains were interred on the summit of Pala mountain, 1,300 feet high.

At the time of his death Mr. Stevenson had just completed the writing of a new novel. He was born in Edinburgh, Nov. 13, 1850. He was educated at private schools and at the University of Edinburgh, and was called to the Scottish bar, but traveled and devoted himself to literature.

One of his earliest works was an account of his travels in California, but the work which established his reputation as a writer of fiction was "Treasure Island," published in 1883. Among the most popular of his works is "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," which was dramatized and played at the Lyceum in London in 1888, and subsequently in the United States. Among his other works are "Kidnapped," "The New Arabian Nights" and "The Black Arrow."

De Lesseps Laid to Rest.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—The funeral of the late Count Ferdinand de Lesseps, who died on December 7th, took place at noon today in the church of St. Pierre de Chaillot, outside of Paris. The church was crowded. The body lay under a catafalque near the altar. The casket was surrounded by many floral offerings.

After the funeral ceremonies the remains were placed in a vault which had been prepared for their reception.

The Budd Election Contest.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The Republican state committee in executive session here today finally resolved to contest the election of James H. Budd as governor. A committee of seven was appointed, under instructions to go before the state legislature and demand a recount of the entire vote for state officers, particularly San Francisco's vote. Republican politicians profess to believe that a recount of the votes of San Francisco will overcome Budd's plurality of 1,300 in the state.

Seely and His Wife.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Samuel C. Seely, the National Shoe & Leather Bank bookkeeper, locked up at the Ludlow street jail, charged with stealing $354,000, saw his wife for the first time today since he abandoned her some time in November and fled to Chicago. His wife has been very ill since his flight, and the prisoner's chief anxiety has been for her, for the pair are devotedly attached. Before allowing Mrs. Seely to see her husband Keeper James McMahon went through the formality of announcing to Seely, who was in the reception room, that his wife and brother-in-law desired to see him. The prisoner arose from his chair, grasping its back to steady himself. His nervousness was so great that it was nearly a minute before he found voice to say: "My wife here? Please, quick, admit her." A few moments later they were sobbing in each other's embrace. The evening was well advanced before Mrs. Seely went away. Another sad scene was enacted at the separating. The two clung to each other for a long time without saying a word, and then, moaning and supported by her brother, the woman walked slowly out of the room.

Cleveland on a Hunting Trip.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—President Cleveland, accompanied by Dr. O'Reilly, Captain R. D. Evans and Mr. Charles Jefferson, left Washington this evening on an Atlantic Coast train for a hunting trip on the coast of South Carolina. The party will return in about a week.

Miss Stevenson Ill.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 16.—Vice President Stevenson returned to Washington last night. Mr. Stevenson is liable to be recalled to Asheville any hour, as Miss Stevenson's condition is extremely critical. In fact, it is conceded that her recovery is impossible.

LOVE IS IMMORTAL.

General Clay Says So in Defending Himself Against Criticism.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 16.—The *Leader* publishes today a letter from General Cassius M. Clay, aged 84, to Senator John O. Hodges, thanking the latter for his indignant protest in the Lexington *Observer*, against the discreditable treatment of the illustrious abolitionist by certain newspapers on the occasion of his recent marriage to his fourteen-year-old ward.

General Clay says: "In marrying a young girl and a peasant I but exercised the privilege allowed the humblest citizen of the Republic, to spend my money as it pleases me and to rule my own household, and nothing more. The disparity of ages is our business and nobody else's. My regard for the physical as well as the moral laws of the nation places me beyond the cavil of inferior souls who criticise me so severely.

"After all, love and sensualism, or passion, are as far apart as night and day. Passion pollutes and may degrade, but love refines and elevates. Love is immortal. My experience shows me that a young girl may love an old man intensely, for love is of the soul, passion of the body."

Chinese Blunders.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—K. P. Lee, a native of China, graduate of Yale, secretary and interpreter for the Chinese minister at Washington during President Cleveland's last administration, has just returned from his native land. He says words cannot express the blundering and stupidity of China during the war which he predicts will not cease until the Japanese army marches into Pekin, this winter, or at the latest by spring. By that time he says that China will be completely vanquished. He ascribes China's defeat to the corruption of the officials who have stolen millions of dollars and to the fact that Japanese young men educated abroad are given positions of trust whereas China will not give a chance to native youths educated abroad.

To Purify San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—The clergymen of this city are arranging for the organization of a movement in this city, similar to the Lexow plan, for the improvement of municipal morals. Rev. J. Cumming Smith, pastor of Trinity Presbyterian church, who has had verbal and written communications with Dr. Parkhurst, took the initiative. A union movement has been inaugurated by the local organizations of Presbyterians, Methodists and Baptist ministers to take concerted action. If the California legislature does not appoint an official purification committee the ministers will conduct the investigation themselves with the aid of citizens generally.

HELD AS A SLAVE.

A White Lad Among a Tribe of Indians.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 17.—At Oaklish Inlet, on the west coast of Vancouver Island, between Kyuquot and Cape Scott, Arthur Bellinger, a seven-year-old white boy is held as a slave. His owner and master is Chief Tilliouse of the Chuckleset tribe, who purchased the lad a few weeks ago for 100 cash, and who expects to rear the youngster, inculcate the traditions of the tribe, so that he may become the head and founder of a new and strong Chuckleset nation.

The lad was seen by a number of sealing captains, who went to the west coast to sign Indian hunters, and who found the boy tattooed, painted and garbed in the costume of a young brave and enthroned in the chief's house at Oaklish. Chief Tilliouse explained that his tribe was rapidly becoming extinct and it would be the boy's great mission to avert this fate. He would, the Indian promised, be well cared for and allowed to want for nothing. He had been brought into the tribe, but not to toil. Already 20 wives had been selected for him, the number allowed to the greatest chiefs.

A CHINESE STAR.

The First Appearance of Miss Fung Kum in "Wu Chi Ti Ku."

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Manager Chu Fung, of the Chinese theater, has imported a young actress from China. For several weeks Mr. Fung has been advertising his new star among the residents of Pell and Mott streets till tonight when she made her appearance in the play "Wu Chi Ti Ku," celestials to the number of 300 had gathered to welcome her.

Miss Fung Kum is the heroine of the comic opera, drama of tragedy presented last night. She is rather short, but stout. She appeared in a robe with all the colors of the rainbow, excelled, ordered the other actors on the stage off and condemned a number of them to death. When the Americans played too loud for her she stitched, which was the sign for the orchestra to moderate its noise a little. After the play was over Miss Fung was entertained at supper by Manager Fung and his friends at the Chinese restaurant on Pell street. Miss Fung seemed to be pleased with the reception she got. She gets a salary of $300 per month and all her expenses.

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GEO. REYNOLDS,
Secretary of the Presidency, Mormon Church.

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JNO. W. GREENMAN,
U. S. Commissioner.

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