

## AT HOME AND ABROAD.

OMAHA, Nov. 25.—The evening session of the body opened with the discussion of statehood for territories, by Governor Prince, of New Mexico, in which he pleaded for the immediate admission of New Mexico and Arizona. The sentiment of the body was with him throughout. The topic consumed the whole session, and many members joined in the discussion. It was agreed that statehood could not be withheld from the territories much longer.

BOSTON, Nov. 26.—The following letter has been received in Boston from a reliable person in Constantinople: "The Turks have induced some of the subsidized European papers to speak of these crimes as Armenian outbreaks, etc., but the ambassadors have full reports which they ought to publish that refute these and show conclusively that within a day or two after he signed the reform scheme, ordered the Armenians to be massacred in order that there should be no question of an Armenian majority in any of the provinces. The people The people sought the spoils obtainable and did not execute the sultan's wish to the fullest. But the loss of life has been awful. Moreover, there seems to be no way of preventing more of the same sort. It is the most awful crime of the century because it is persistently falsified by its author. Everywhere the history is the same; a deliberate preparation and then a story sent to Europe that the Armenians attacked the inoffensive Turks and were reduced to order after a few had been killed. Worse times are in store for us. Europe is divided in council, and the Turks finding that nothing is done for this crime, will go on to extremities. The highest Muslim court has declared that the sultan cannot lawfully be restrained in the exercise of his will, since he is the representative of God for the whole earth. From 15,000 to 20,000 people have been slaughtered during the last month and in consequence no less than 100,000 persons heretofore dependent upon them for their food are now in want. The coming winter will witness a vast amount of suffering. It is not alone at Bassora, but all over the land where the occurrences have taken place."

LONDON, Nov. 26.—The Vienna correspondent of the Telegraph announces that a strenuous effort is being made throughout the Armenian provinces to compel clergymen and prominent persons by threats to sign addresses to the sultan declaring that the Armenians provoked all the outbreaks. It is claimed that the one which recently appeared from Erzerum was procured in this fashion.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 26.—The San Francisco Congregational club bascent a telegram to Secretary Olney expressing grateful acknowledgment for government protection given our missionaries in the Turkish empire and imploring protection for Armenians.

ALBANY, Ore., Nov. 26.—Lloyd Montgomery, the eighteen-year-old boy under arrest for the murder of his father and mother and Daniel McKercher near Brownville on Tuesday last has made a full confession, admitting

that he killed the three of them. He says he shot his father because he scolded him and killed his mother and McKercher because they took his father's part in the quarrel.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—A special from Kingston, Jamaica, to the World says: The Maxim guns sent forth by British Gulsans, on request of the imperial secretary of the colonies have reached the Venezuelan frontier. Advices from Dermeriera report that the Venezuelan troops on the border are said to have been greatly excited on seeing them. Their commander protested against the guns being pointed his way. The British inspector of police replied that the guns were not loaded; that they were meant for defense, not aggression. The incident increased the fear of a collision.

OMAHA, Nov. 26.—The annual election of officers of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress was the first order of business this morning, but the work in this direction was slow.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—A dispatch to the Herald from Barcelona, says: "A terrible accident resulting in great loss of life, occurred at Palma, capital of the island of Majorca, thirteen miles south of this city, yesterday. Eighty persons, most of whom were women, were employed in emptying old cartridges outside of the walls of the town, when one of the cartridges exploded in some manner. There was a large quantity of powder that had been taken out of the cartridges lying about over a large area, and this was ignited by the discharge of the cartridges. A tremendous explosion followed, which shattered the masonry of the town walls, which were extremely thick and did much damage to buildings. Thirty-seven women and fourteen men were instantly killed. Thirty-five women and five men were seriously injured and of this number twenty have since died."

MADRID, Nov. 26.—Sixty-two bodies, of which thirty-seven were women, have been recovered from the ruins of the cartridge factory at Palma island of Majorca, which was blown up yesterday. It is now said the explosion was caused by a workman who had been dismissed.

GREEN RIVER, Wyo., Nov. 26.—Friends of George McLain, photographer, started for Jackson's Hole with his wife and two children early last spring. McLain corresponded regularly with relatives until about the time of the Bannock Indian scare. This week a young man returning from Jackson's Hole reported seeing the wreckage of a photographic outfit in the Hole, and this occasions fear that he and family have been foully dealt with.

LAS VEGAS, Nov. 26.—Two persons were killed and fifteen injured in a collision on the Santa Fe Railroad at Shoemaker, N. M., last evening.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 25, via Sofia, Bulgaria, Nov. 26.—Now that matters seem to be quieting down again here and in the Asiatic provinces, people are beginning to form an estimate of the amount of damage done and the number of lives lost during the recent disturbances. Well-informed Armenians

also estimate the losses through the events which have just taken place in Anatolia alone at \$50,000,000, and the number of victims at 40,000. Of course, these are Armenian estimates, but there seem good reasons for believing that the property destroyed, the number of lives sacrificed and the terrible outrages committed are far beyond anything hitherto estimated or described.

OMAHA, Nov. 27.—The Commercial congress is consuming a part of today's session in the discussion of the free silver resolution. Some hesitancy was exhibited about provoking a discussion on this topic, but since the ice has been broken, the delegates are becoming quite enthusiastic.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—A special to the World from San Salvador says: Advices from San Miguel give an account of what is said to be the first lynching that ever took place in this republic. A band of twenty masked men assaulted the police officers who were taking Serpar Membrano, the prisoner charged with patricide, to Cacaguatique. The prisoner was wrested from the police and killed at once. The affair created the most intense excitement.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Secretary Hoke Smith of the interior department has made his annual report to the President. It reviews the varied work of the department, beginning with the Indian service; and calls attention to the strict enforcement which has been given to civil service reform, both as to those places covered by the classified service and those to whom the rules do not apply.

The secretary dwells upon the necessity of eliminating politics from the management of Indian affairs, and of conducting each reservation upon strictly business principles, the object being to make every Indian who remains upon the reservation self-supporting and ready, as soon as possible to resume the duties of citizenship and be freed from the paternal care of the government.

The secretary recommends the reorganization of the bureau.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Secretary of War Daniel S. Lamont, in his annual report, just submitted to the President, makes many valuable suggestions for the betterment of the service, and, speaking of the coast defenses, lays particular stress upon the slowness with which Congress's desires in that regard are being executed.

The expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, have been \$52,987,780. The appropriation for the year ending June 30, 1896, was \$43,466,571, and the estimates for the following year are placed at \$51,945,643.

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 27.—After a five hour's discussion of financial issues, the Trans-Mississippi commercial congress declared for the free and unlimited coinage of silver, on a 16 to 1 basis, and adjourned at 6 o'clock. The vote was 50 for gold and 127 for silver. Hon. W. J. Bryan led the friends of the white metal, and Hon. J. L. Webster of Omaha the opposition. The debate was spirited and participated in by most of the delegates.

CARNEGIE, N. Y., Nov. 29.—An accident resulting in the loss of thirteen or fourteen lives occurred at the Tilley Foster mines a little after 3 o'clock