

and Logan is now confirmed by Professors McGee and DuRoi, of the ethnological bureau of the Smithsonian institute, who are just back from a trip of forty days among the Indians. The Indians first denied the killing, but finally admitted it, but would not point out the murderers. They denied that the men's remains were served at a cannibal feast. The explorers, however, found no trace of the bodies.

The Indians have been a life study of the professors, who say the tribe are the most primitive Indians they ever saw. The savages eat their meat raw and live entirely by the chase and the sea. About four hundred of them survive.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Nov. 25.—A Thanksgiving proclamation has been issued from Armenia to the people of the United States. It reads in part:

Thrice happy people of the land of the free:

You are thankful that the lives of your forefathers were spared and that God established here a great nation, standing upon liberty and freedom of conscience.

To say there is an ancient Christian nation, and her people are sitting around the smoldering ruins of their homes and mangled thousands of dead. She is robbed of her liberty, but keeps the freedom of conscience by martyrdom. You have read and you have been horrified at the inhuman cruelties perpetrated upon the helpless people of Armenia.

The horror of the slaughter and the bestial cruelty of the outrage have chilled the heart and polluted the ear of Christendom.

I ask the whole American people to declare to the world on this, the day of their glad Thanksgiving, by unanimous vote, their horror and consternation at the brutal slaughter of thousands of Armenian families and the crushing of mercy and justice with one blow before the eyes of the civilized world.

I ask them to cast that vote, not on paper, but one good cent, a dime if they will—but at least one American cent from every man, woman and child whose heart has ached for the stricken Armenian nation; to look upon the cent or the dime ere they cast it, and see there United States encircling liberty, and, exultant in the glory of their innerance, to dedicate that sacred symbol of a mighty protest against all oppression, and an expression of warm sympathy for a bleeding nation.

In the name of the horror-stricken women of Armenia, I appeal to the women and wives of Armenia, and through them to the sons and brothers of their love, for if they will respond, this vote will be cast and shake the world, to the everlasting honor of the womanhood of America.

In the name of the martyred Christian church of Armenia I appeal to the ministers of the gospel and members of all churches and Christian organizations to help swell the vote.

Pending the united organizations of all friends of Armenia, and for the appointment of officers and trustees, the following honored gentlemen will act as trustees of the fund: Mayor of Minneapolis, Wm. H. Eustis; Geo. A. Pillsbury, E. C. Chamberlain, president Security bank.

The trustees will hold the fund inviolate, to be used for two objects only:

First, to secure the protection of the Armenian people in Turkey from further outrages.

Second, to promote the cause of establishing a righteous government in Armenia.

To the editors of America, I appeal with a yearning. You, honored sirs, are the gatekeepers of the nation's heart. Will you not hold up this signal for the rescue of a nation? I pray you display this proclamation, and every line of bold type will be a blazing protest against soul murder and horrible desecration of sacred homes, and every reader will cast a burning vote. I invoke the rich blessings upon the press of America.

To you, noble people of the United States, Mother Armenia would send the soul blessing of Jerusalem of old: "Peace within thy walls and prosperity within thy places"—Homes of the liberty loving people.

Yours in the service of God and humanity.

HERANT MESROB KIRKETCHIAN,  
Secretary Armenian Association of the Northwest.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 25.—Tomorrow the seventh annual meeting of the Trans-mississippi congress will be called to order at Entertainment hall, Exposition building. About 400 of the 600 or more delegates who will be in attendance are already here, and the others are expected to arrive on the morning trains.

The Utah delegation had a meeting at the Planter's tonight, and organized, with L. W. Saurtiff as chairman and W. H. Culmer as secretary.

Among the more prominent delegates who are already here are Governor Waite of Colorado, ex-Governor Prince of New Mexico, Delegate-elect Cannon of Utah and A. C. Fiske of Denver, president of the bimetallic league. Hon. Thomas Patterson, editor of the *Denver Rocky Mountain News*, who was expected to make the principal speech on the silver question, cannot be present. A telegram was received today from Mr. Patterson, that owing to the serious illness of his daughter he could not attend. It is expected that Congressman W. J. Bryan of Nebraska will take Mr. Patterson's place.

FARGO, N. D., Nov. 26.—It is reported from Helena that Attorney General Haskell, of Montana, will bring suit for criminal libel against Aaron Hirschfeld. It is likely the present case will be brought to a speedy termination. The evidence on behalf of the plaintiff will probably be concluded today. Hirschfeld's friends fear trouble to him and wish to get away as soon as possible. Although Mrs. Hirschfeld appeared in Fargo for the first time last week, and the evidence on behalf of the plaintiff only has so far been presented, the feeling against Hirschfeld has grown so bitter that he is insulted on the streets and denounced in public interviews. It is feared this feeling will culminate in an open demonstration. So extensive has this sentiment grown that there are even muttered threats against the court if the public interpretation of justice is not meted out. The defense has no witnesses, being without funds

to pay the expense of their coming to Fargo. Their testimony is contained in depositions which will require several days' reading.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 26.—At 10:15 p. m. the guns from the fortress announced that Czar Nicholas II was married to Princess Alix of Hesse-Darmstadt. At present the newly married couple are receiving the congratulations of wedding guests at the palace.

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—The board of ordnance and fortifications of the United States have just been conducting a series of experiments at the Sandy Hook proving grounds the last two days with a view of ascertaining how well protected New York city is from attack by a foreign enemy and also to know with exactness what may be expected from mortar batteries in the way of accuracy when they are trained on the enemy's ship standing out at sea. The result of the board's investigations have been highly gratifying to say the least and shows that no warlike vessels could get near our harbor without undergoing the ordeal of a tremendous bombardment, both as regards accuracy of aim and rapidity of firing. The story is best told in the words of Gen. E. Cutcheon of Michigan, chairman of the board, who is an expert in military matters and particularly in projectiles, and was at the head of the House committee on military affairs in the Fifty-first Congress.

"Our experiments at the Sandy Hook proving grounds were directed for the most part to mortar batteries," said General Cutcheon. "We would fire them all together and then in groups of four. We experimented with them at the elevation and range for accuracy and to see if the projectiles would fall all together. We fired four at a 3,000 yards' range and a elevation of sixty degrees, so as to make them drop on the beach near the 3,000 yards' target. Then we went down to see where the projectiles struck, and had the shots plotted on paper. We were more than pleased to find that they had all fallen very closely together; that in fact the greatest distance or extreme dispersion was only thirty-two feet.

"A battery, you know, is made up of sixteen mortars, and we set them off in groups of four. One of the groups we fired out to sea, and the accuracy was such that they all seemed to be one projectile, striking simultaneously and making one splash: It was a beautiful sight to witness. You could see the projectiles sail through the air as if they were birds moving in curves, disappear from sight then re-appear again, and after describing another beautiful curve in their descent, strike the water in such a way as to stir it up like a volcano and send up a big wave from the depths.

"Our idea was to see just how accurately we could perforate the decks of an enemy's ship by our projectiles, and I need hardly tell you that the mortars would make it pretty lively for anyone who happened in the line of their range. Not only one, but all of them practically hit the target."

A deputy United States fish commissioner arrived in Alamosa, Colo., last week with 100 black bass, which were placed in Bucher's lake. If these fish thrive, as it is believed they will, more will be sent.