TELEGRAPHIC.

MOOSH COMMISSION.

European Delegates Disgusted with the Turkish Members.

THEIR METHODS TOO DISHONEST

Massacre of Nestorian Christians in the Mountains of Kurdistan Probably on the Program.

CONSTANTINOPLE, June 9.—Additional reports received indicate that the Moosh commission closed on Friday, so far as the work of the European delegates is concerned. They were compelled to tell the Turkish delegates that they could have nothing more to do with them. From the first the attitude of the Turkish delegates has been evasively and increasingly dishonest. According to the statements of those interested in the workings of the commission, the representatives of the sultan have not manifested honor, truth or decency. They have made no efforts to determine the cause of the outrages in Armenia.

The rupture between the Turkish and the European commission was caused by the refusal of the Turks, on purely farcical grounds, to hear important witnesses on matters pertaining to questions at issue. It was evident that the Turks were afraid the tissue of falsehoods that they have thrown around the situation in Armenia would be broken down.

ANOTHER MASSACRE.

The following report is made by a special correspondent of the Associated Press, dated Djoulfa, Persia, May 7.—The Turkish government, it is claimed, has just taken the preliminary steps in what may result in a massacre of Nestorian Christians in the mountains of Kurdistan. It is asserted that the government has given orders to starve the independent tribes of Nestorians in the mountain region immediately west of Gawar, which may be described as lying about midway between Bash and Lake Van, about fifty miles west of the Persian frontier. The order, it is stated, are that no food supplies of any kind shall be allowed to enter the territory of the independent tribes, and measures are said to have been taken to enforce these orders to the letter.

This again is apparently taken as a means of compelling the independent tribes to submit to the Turkish authorities and to pay the taxes demanded by the government, and is regarded as the first serious attempt the Turks have made to extort taxes from the independent tribes.

From the earliest times in the history of the Ottoman empire these tribes have been independent of Turkish rule. They have paid no taxes and they have acknowledged no allegiance to the Turkish government. The present course of the government is taken in some quarters as an indication that the sultan has set on foot a systematic persecution of Christians in all parts of the empire. The sultan has plenty of opportunity for knowing that the independent Nestorians are too poor to pay taxes, and that many of them make a living by going down into the villages of their less wretched poor fellow countrymen and begging.

These poor creatures, according to this story, are to be starved because they will not share with the sultan of Turkey the scraps of bread, the refuse [illegible] and the odds and ends which they have obtained by begging. Their homes are in a wilderness of mountain peaks and narrow rocky valleys, where nothing will grow except a bit of broom corn here and there in the crevices on the rocks of the mountains, and a few stocks of millet in a small square yard of soil in the valleys.

It is difficult to forecast the probable result of the starvation of this race of beggars should the report turn out to be correct. Driven desperate by hunger, the people will endeavor to obtain food from Gawar and other outside places, and there will be fights with the Turkish troops, the villages will be likely to be attacked, and some of the wretched people will be killed, and not one can prophesy where the persecution will end.

I have just returned from a rapid journey to the Kurdish mountains for the purpose of investigating the report that fourteen villages had been attacked and devastated by a raid of Kurds last week. The original rumor had it that the Kurds had massacred many Christians and had carried off women and girls to the mountains. After riding day and night to reach the scene of the raid, I at length arrived at the Margauvar valley, which lies, like the bottom of a bowl, beneath mountains covered from base to summit with almost unbroken expanses of snow. It was in this valley that the raid took place. I found that a band of Kurds from the mountains had indeed raided fourteen villages in this valley, but the raid was directed against other Kurds, and not against Christians. There were a few Nestorian Christians living in the valley, but they were not molested in any way.

As this raid was not a riot or a religious raid, it will probably have little interest outside of the valley. I regret to say that Mr. Paton, the British consul-general in Tabriz, Persia, is very much in disfavor with the gentlemen who are conducting the Armenian revolutionary movements. In spite of the fact that Mr. Paton has been collecting evidence of the Sassoun and Moosh massacre for the use of the British government, the Armenians look upon him as a spy. They may go to the length of using him coldly here.

The closing of the Caravan routes to Van has rendered more acute the suffering from famine in the devastated districts near Van. The only hope of relief is now cut off.

Destitute Settlers.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 9.—For some time reports of destitution and suffering among the settlers in parts of Oklahoma have reached the public, but for the most part they were not believed. It was thought that the newspaper correspondents of the Territory were using the subject as a means of tiding over a dull season, and official denials of reported instances lent color to this theory.

The Rev. F. Shane and Judge T. B. Nash of Grant county, Oklahoma, reached the city today with a story of the actual condition of affairs among the settlers.

They declare the condition of affairs among the settlers of Grant county is one of desperate want. Hunger is their constant companion, and the situation is such that only instant aid will prevent actual starvation among those who are trying to hold the claims which they secured in Cherokee Strip opening, September 16, 1893.

Slowly, but surely, the settlers exhausted their resources. With actual starvation in sight, the people of Prairie township held a meeting, and started the movement which resulted in the county sending out the Rev. Mr. Shane and Judge Nash, to tell the story of their extreme want to the charitable people of Kansas and Missouri, and to beseech aid. They want provisions, flour, seed, food, clothing—anything, in fact, that will avert nakedness and fend off hunger.

WOMAN AGAINST WOMAN.

Cycling Condemned by the Boston Rescue League.

BOSTON, June 9.—The Woman's Rescue league has adopted resolutions that the "bicycle woman" and the coming "mannish woman" are productive of "much harm and no real good to the industrial and self-supporting women, who create 90 per cent of the wealth in all the light manufacturing industries in this country. These women are entitled to political recognition by our lawmakers, because they help create the wealth of the nation, while the 'sporting woman,' the 'mannish woman' and the 'bicycle woman' bring disgrace on the true woman."

The league condemns bicycle riding by young girls and women for these reasons:

"Thirty per cent of the 'girls' who have come to the Rescue league were bicycle riders at one time. It is resolved that since the closing up of the houses of ill repute in Boston the sporting girls are taking to bicycle riding, because they can better ply their vocation on account of the opportunities given as cyclists."

An appeal is made to the prominent clergy of the United States for the suppression of bicycle riding by young girls, because of the tendency to encourage immorality. The league further condemns the coming "mannish woman" as a creature entirely useless and an unnecessary evil in this country, which should not be encouraged.

Town Totally Destroyed.

WHEELING, W. Va., June 9.—The town of Cameron, W. Va., a place of 1,500 people, on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, twenty miles east of Wheeling, was almost totally destroyed by fire tonight, and the homeless are camping on the hills that surround the ruins. The fire broke out at about 10 o'clock, in Fitzgerald's livery stable, and spread rapidly. The town was without fire apparatus, and help was asked from Wheeling. An engine was placed on a special and started for Cameron at once. A special at 1 o'clock this (Monday) morning says the entire town north of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad has been burned.

Preached Himself to Death.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., June 9.—A singular death occurred in the Colored Baptist church, near Double Springs, this morning. The pastor, the Rev. Greenleaf Lee, a young man, strong and healthy, was preaching on death. He worked himself into a great furor, describing the tortures of hell and quoting from the scriptures. As the words, "There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth," issued from his lips, he fell to the floor and in a few minutes was dead. Doctors say death was due to the rupturing of a blood vessel, caused by excitement.

FIFTY AGAINST TWO.

Man and Woman Maltreated by a Mob.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., June 9.—Fifty masked men, heavily armed, took Joseph Fossati and Robie Allen, a colored woman, and applied to them a coat of tar and feathers early this morning.

Shortly after midnight a body of men wearing masks over their faces went to the house occupied by the woman, a hack was driven up to the front door, the men broke open the door, and going to a bed room, dragged Fossati and the woman from the bed and carried them to the hack, which was driven to the outskirts of the city. Their clothes were torn off, and a heavy coat of tar and feathers applied, and the two ordered to leave the city.

Fossati is the son of a highly respectable family, and has persisted in living with this woman, and on Friday went to Dayton, where they were married.

PECULIAR VERDICT.

The Judge Found Guilty Instead of the Defendant.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 9.—Geo. Parker, a citizen of Alva, Okla., was arraigned a few days ago before Judge Goodwin, for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. Judge Goodwin impanneled a jury of twelve men to try the case, who returned a verdict of guilty against the court. The verdict reads: "We find the defendant, Geo. Parker, not guilty, as charged, but we find the judge of this court guilty of the offense charged against the defendant, and that the costs in this case be assessed against him."

Since the trial Parker has had the judge arrested for drunkenness in office. The jury was composed of the best men in town.

New Hawaiian Minister.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 9.—The designation of Wm. R. Castle by the Hawaiian government to succeed Lorin W. Thurston as minister to the United States, came as a surprise to the diplomatic circle. It had been rather generally presumed in Washington that Mr. Frank P. Hastings, who came to Washington as secretary of the legation and has acted as charge d'affaires ever since the return to Honolulu of Minister Thurston, would be promoted to the position.

John A. Forepaugh Dead.

PHILADELPHIA, June 9.—John A. Forepaugh, owner and manager of Forepaugh's theater, died at his home in this city this afternoon. The deceased was well known throughout the whole country.

Would Murder His Wife.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 9.—J. K. Emmett Jr., the German dialect comedian, attempted to murder his wife last night, and was only prevented from executing his design by the forcible interference of neighbors. Emmet had been about town all day, and in the evening returned home in a drunken condition. He and his wife had an altercation, and the woman fled from the house. Emmet pursued her into the street, and fired a pistol at her at close range. Then he caught the unfortunate woman and beat her about the face with the butt end of the weapon. Two young men pulled the maddened actor from his victim, and turned him over to the police.

Mrs. Emmet was taken to the Receiving hospital, where she refused to allow her wounds to be examined. She had a violent attack of hysteria, and the surgeons could do nothing with her. She insisted that she had not been shot, and said her husband was too big a coward to shoot her. There was a slight wound in her temple, and the police surgeons think that the bullet glanced from the bone and lodged under the scalp.

Saw the Alleged Murderer.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 9.—A witness has been found who saw a man at the door of Miss Harrington's flat at 1:30 p. m. on the day she was murdered. The witness is a twelve-year-old boy, residing in the flat below the scene of the tragedy. The man's back was turned to the street, and the boy did not see his face, so that he can give no description. There is every reason to believe that this man, who was in the act of ringing, when observed, is the murderer, but the police have paid no attention to the lad as a witness, or even interviewing him.

At the coroner's inquest into the murder of Miss Harrington, which was begun today, tenants of the Harrington flat testified that the glass door of Miss Harrington's room had not only never been locked before, but a key had never been in it. After the murder had been discovered, the door was found locked from the outside.

The private correspondence of Miss Harrington, produced in court, threw no light upon the tragedy, nor did the letters prove as sensational as the detectives had intimated. The writing on several notes was identified by Mr. Frank M. Buck as that of his father, Senator L. M. Buck, who died as a result of an accident, a few days ago. The notes were addressed to "My Dear Nell," and were signed "Nell," one being signed "Ever your darling, Nell." The only letter produced significant of improper relations between the two was dated Chicago, and written on a letterhead of Potter Bros. The penmanship was not positively identified as that of Buck. Frank Buck, when asked to explain the familiar way in which his father addressed Miss Harrington, frankly stated that it was because of his great affection for her.

The inquest will be continued on Monday.

SETTLED AT OMAHA.

The Short Line and the U. P. Receivership Case.

OMAHA, June 9.—Today at Union Pacific headquarters it was practically conceded that the Short Line and Utah Northern would be divorced from the Union Pacific system, and that in all probability Salt Lake would be chosen as headquarters for the Short Line with a receiver, however, favorable to the Union Pacific, who may be S. H. H. Clark.

There is shown a disposition to be satisfied, as the appointment of Mr. Clark or some other impartial man would go far toward preserving the property of both the Short Line and the Union Pacific.

JOINED THE REBELS.

Reporter in Command of a Cuban Company.

NEW YORK, June 10.—A special to the *Herald* from Key West, Fla., says: "Woodward, the American newspaper correspondent in Cuba, reported as killed by Spanish papers, finding it impossible to get back from the insurgents' line, has joined the insurgents, it is now said, and has been given command of a company under Maceo. The man killed is now reported to be one E. Boynton, who was trying to sell a dynamite machine to the insurgents, which he offered for $25,000.

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