

LONDON, Feb. 3.—Hon. A. J. Balfour, first lord of the treasury and conservative leader in the House of Commons, spoke at Bristol tonight, confining himself mainly to home politics. He declared that the government had done all in its power to prevent the Armenian horrors, and that it had not prevented Russia from intervening. Russia, he said, had not been willing to undertake the duty. Mr. Balfour closed with an eloquent peroration in favor of an alliance between the two great Anglo-Saxon races.

Mr. Balfour was greeted with prolonged cheers upon the close of his speech.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—A dispatch to the World from London says: The Times intimates that the situation in the Transvaal is much more serious than it appears on the surface. It calls attention to the fact that the appeal against the Boers and the dispatches stating that there is imminent danger cabled to it by Uitlanders, are sent from points under British rule, thus showing an absolute censorship of telegrams by the Transvaal authorities, as the Eastern Cable company report that the lines are all right.

BOSTON, Feb. 3.—The first letter from the disturbed district in Turkey, under a January date was received here today. It was written at Alntab, Central Turkey, January 2nd, and says that although no more mobs have been let loose, a purpose to ultimately crush and destroy the people is apparent.

"Twenty-five of the principal Christians," says the writer, "have been called to the government headquarters and questioned and now they are in prison. What this means those familiar with Turkish methods can surmise."

The writer refers to the relief work, which has already begun, saying: "Aid from England and America is arriving and the work of relief for this city is well organized and most efficiently managed."

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 3.—Col. A. B. Colt was given a rousing reception on his arrival here last evening. No fewer than 5,000 people were at the railway station. A carriage covered with flags and hunting was in waiting and into this Col. Colt, accompanied by his attorneys, stepped, and, escorted by the entire body of militia, were driven to his home, where there was an informal reception, a great many citizens pressing up to shake his hand and express congratulations.

BOSTON, Feb. 4.—The following letter shows what the trials of travel in Turkey are at the present time. The writer journeyed from Mosul to Mardin.

"We heard rumors," says the writer, "of the dreadful happenings in the region of Diarbekir and Mardin. Had we left Mosul in the time proposed we should have entered the storm surging about Mardin. There was some uneasiness in Mosul, but the vali kept things quiet. Friday, November 22, I received a telegram from Mardin to come to Jeziret with government protection. The vali who had been unwilling, finally ordered two mounted policemen to accompany me. Monday the road was declared unsafe and we waited.

Four attempts were made to depart

with soldiery, moving towards Mardin and each time at the last minute the military commander declined to do escort duty. On the fifth attempt, December 10, the writer left Mosul with a column of infantry. He was well treated on the journey, the officers offering escorte or protection if necessary. On reaching Jeziret, the troops were sent to Bitlis and an escort to Diarbekir and with aid from Mosul home was safely reached.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The steamer St. Paul, of the International Navigation company's line, which went ashore on a sand bar off Long Branch, a week ago last Saturday, was pulled off the bar at 9.20 this morning, by four wrecking tugs of the Merritt & Chapman Wrecking company, with the aid of kedge anchors. Fifty minutes later the vessel passed Atlantic Highlands, bound for New York under her own steam.

PORTSMOUTH, Feb. 4.—The British cruiser Blenheim, with the remains of Prince Henry of Battenberg on board, entered this harbor this morning.

All flags on ships, forts and buildings were at half mast, and guards of honor were drawn up on the decks of the old battleship Victor and the port guard-ship Inflexible as the Blenheim steamed slowly to the wharf, where she was moored, preparatory to transferring the body to the royal yacht Albert for conveyance across the Solent to the Isle of Wight.

The Alberta started for Cowes at 3 o'clock this afternoon. As the Alberta steamed slowly through the double column of battleships they fired minute salutes.

The queen, accompanied by the young Prince Alexander Albert, of Battenberg, Princess Victoria, of Battenberg, Prince Leopold, of Battenberg, the three eldest children of Prince and Princess Henry, of Battenberg, drove in a closed carriage to the pier at Cowes, where they were greeted by the crowds with a general uncovering of heads. Her majesty went on board and placed a wreath of lilies of the valley on the coffin.

The coffin will remain on the Alberta until tomorrow, when it will be escorted to Whippingham church where the royal family attend.

LINCOLN, Ill., Feb. 4.—The finale in the McAfee murder case was a surprise to all, even to those who had been convinced of the guilt of Giles on the day of his arrest. The tramp had maintained his innocence until Saturday and many believed him, throwing the guilt on a person from here. But a query from his sister, Mrs. Hough, who had come from Ohio to attend his trial, brought forth a confession. This was repeated in court, after which Giles told his own story. He claimed that a revelation from God had commanded him to found a new sect, and that after reading the Book of Mormon he became convinced that this was the doctrine he sought. It was while still with this idea in his mind that he came to this vicinity. On the fatal Sabbath day he passed the home of the honest old farmer who fed him the morning before. He said that an irresistible impulse overcame him then, and he jumped over the fence and shot McAfee as he stood shaking the crumbs out of the table cloth.

The tracks of Giles, were closely fol-

lowed to this city limits, and his worn satchel found beside them, but no trace of the pistol could be found. In his confession Giles told how he had hid it in the corn field as he fled and had carefully patted down the earth to conceal the hiding place. Still claiming he had fulfilled a mission from God he asked the court to give him the death penalty in preference to imprisonment. Judge Herdman, however, could only give the sentence of the jury, which sends Joseph L. Giles to the penitentiary for 17 years.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—A fire started in the drying room in the basement of the Gilgey House early this morning, and caused much excitement among the 224 guests, who were aroused from sleep by the automatic signals. Many women became hysterical; others fell down stairs in their efforts to escape from the building. For a time the hallways were filled with smoke and there was every indication that the building would be consumed. Several servants on the sixth floor, thinking retreat had been cut off by the flames, climbed down the fire escape in sight of hundreds of people. On the arrival of the engines in response to the first alarm the smoke was so thick that a second alarm was sent in. In a short time the fire was extinguished, the guests filing back to their apartments. The total damage was not more than \$500.

CHICAGO, Mrs. Lydia Spalding began a suit in the superior court today against the Pullman Palace Car company and the Denver and Rio Grande railroad company for \$100,000 damages for alleged false arrest and imprisonment. Mrs. Spalding, who, according to the bill, is a hotel keeper in San Francisco, claims that last June she bought a ticket over the Denver and Rio Grande from San Francisco to Denver and a ticket from the latter city to New York, whence she expected to sail for Europe. She also purchased at San Francisco a sleeping car ticket to Denver.

Platiff alleges that when the train stopped at Leadville she was taken from the Pullman car and conveyed to Leadville jail, not even being given time to put on all her clothing. She was put into a room twenty feet square, in which there were ten male prisoners. The room, the platiff says, was filthy, filled with vermin and the walls covered with obscene pictures. She remained in jail 48 hours. Mrs. Spalding says no charge was preferred against her and at no time was she taken into court. She had several thousand dollars of money and valuable jewelry on her person, all of which was taken from her and never recovered.

It is charged that the arrest was brought about by the employees of the sleeping car company with the object of robbery and that they were successful.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—The city council last night passed an ordinance prohibiting any person from engaging in the traffic of horse meat, also an ordinance imposing upon all foreign insurance companies doing business in Chicago a tax of two per cent upon their gross income for the benefit of the fire department and requiring foreign insurance companies to pay a license.