

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—One of the most interesting contract labor investigations at Ellis Island was made public by Commissioner Senter today. Some time ago Mrs. Richard Gambrell, who owns a beautiful house on Park avenue, went to Switzerland, and there left an order with a fashionable decorator, named Schultze, for several thousand dollars worth of material to be shipped to New York, and used in completing the appointments, equipments and decorations of her home. She also requested that five artisans accompany the material, to put it up, and touch it off with their dexterous hands. The Ellis Island officials are convinced that in asking that these men be sent over for three months the lady was unaware she was violating the law.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 3, via Sofia, Dec. 4.—It became known today to the surprise of the skeptics that England is really in accord with the powers and that the sultan need to look for no sympathy from the czar or his advisers in anything tending to thwart the determination of the powers to have order restored throughout the Turkish empire and measures taken for the protection of the lives and property of all the Christian subjects of the sultan. This news has cast a dismal spell over the Yildiz Kiosk and the ministers have been in almost constant attendance upon the sultan ever since. It is understood the concentration of troops at Marash is about completed and an advance upon Zeitoun may be expected any day. It is believed no mercy will be shown the Armenian insurgents there in spite of the promise to the powers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Assistant Secretary of State Uhl has wired S. M. Moore, of Chicago, the following message: "Minister Terrell cables that Kharput telegraphs report that the Americans are protected and that Mrs. Gates is convalescing."

EDWIN F. UHL."

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The World this morning says: The persistent efforts of proprietor Louis Klopsch, of the Christian Herald, to send relief to starving Armenians through Mr. W. W. Howard, the newspaper correspondent, have been finally checked. The Turkish minister at Washington said very plainly that Mr. Howard was objectionable to the sultan's government. The reasons assigned were Mr. Howard's dispatches describing the atrocities in Armenia.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—A band of 600 hardy sons and daughters of Sweden and Norway, who have become American citizens, but are eager for glimpses of the mother land, arrived from the far West last night. They filled a train of ten cars which reached the West Shore depot last night after a fast run from Chicago. The train was in three sections, the first getting in at 8:30 and the others after midnight.

Today at noon the travelers will take passage on the big steamship Island, which they have chartered of the Thingvalla line. It is to be a visit only. The voyagers are destined for many cities, towns and hamlets in Norway and Sweden, where they will

rejoin the friends from whom they parted years ago. They are going home to spend the holidays and will return to America in the early part of the new year.

Represented in the Norwegian delegation are several wealthy Swedes who have acquired fortunes in this country. Indeed, not one of the travelers carries less than \$500 back to the old country. There are tradesmen, lawyers, doctors and workmen among them. Nearly all are accompanied by their families. Thirty Norwegian societies are represented in the party.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—Joseph T. Jenkins and W. B. Macklin engaged in a quarrel on a west-bound Madison street cable car between 11 and 12 o'clock last night, and a carload of passengers, many of whom were women, saw Jenkins draw a knife and plunge it into the left side of Macklin's neck.

HAVANA, Dec. 4.—General Gonzalez, a insurgent convicted of taking up arms against the government, was today sentenced to be shot.

Later in the day a dispatch from Matanzas announced that General Gonzalez had been shot there today.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—Manuel Casin, General Antonio Ezeta's right hand man has chartered the small tug Carley Golden, and vague stories of an expedition against Salvador are floating about. The supposition is that Ezeta will be taken on board at Acapulco and some plan to get him and his friends into Salvador has been determined upon. The tug will sail south today or tomorrow.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—A dispatch to the World from Nicaragua says:

The commission sent here in behalf of the Cuban insurgents to induce President Zelaya to recognize Cuba's belligerent rights, have been thus far unsuccessful. Spanish influence is strong here, and the president refuses to aid the Cubans on the ground that it might lead to a violation of international law.

BOSTON, Dec. 5.—Mail advices received by reliable persons in this city from Canton, China, today give details of an attempt to capture the city of Canton by a secret organization for the purpose of establishing an independent government. The writer says:

"The plot was exposed October 22nd, when the attention of the United States consul was called to a suspicious telegram from a Hong Kong firm of its branch in Canton, concerning the shipment of certain packages. The authorities were notified and the packages, which proved to be five barrels of pistols and ammunition labeled 'cement,' were seized on their arrival. On the same steamer from Hong Kong came 400 men, who expected to aid in the revolt. The officials, however, captured seventy-five of them. The revolutionists had no weapons, but it was learned that they were to be supplied by friends in this city.

"The movement has involved the Christians to a considerable extent, and great excitement prevails, especially inside the city near a chapel which had been used, unknown to the mission-

aries, as a sort of rendezvous for some of the conspirators.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 4, via Sofia, Dec. 5.—During the past twenty-four hours there have been frequent cabinet councils at the palace, and several exchanges of communications with the representatives of the powers, but no decision seems to have been arrived at by the Porte on the subject of the firmans demanded by the powers for the passage of extra guardships through the Bosphorus. The dilatory policy of the palace people is continued apparently in the hope that some hitch will occur which will put an end to the accord of the powers. The ambassadors do not attempt to deny that the accord of Europe is liable to be disturbed at any moment, and it is to attain this end that the Turk is working assiduously night and day with all the skill and subtleness of Eastern diplomacy. The irritating rumors about the real designs of Great Britain are taken to the Russian embassy by the agents of the Porte and annoying insinuations concerning the ultimate aims of Russia, find their way through the Porte's agents into the British embassy. In turn the French ambassador hears of reports about the doings of the German ambassador and vice versa. So the game continues in spite of the efforts of the apparently united Europe. However, unless all signs are misleading, or something unexpected happens, there will be a decided change in the situation by Saturday.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Bishop Nicholas has been instructed by the Holy synod of St. Petersburg, to build a great cathedral in Chicago, to cost not less than \$500,000. It is a part of the decree that the sanctuary shall cover an acre of ground; the architecture must follow the established lines of the ecclesiastical forms of Russia; the general design shall reproduce the famous St. Vasil of the Kremlin, of Moscow; the priest house shall be the home of the head of the denomination in the western world, and the diocese of Alaska, and the Aleutian Islands shall be renamed to include this country, or a new see will be created.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The action of the United States court at Phoenix, Ariz., ruling that Pima Indians are United States citizens, does not, according to the Indian bureau views affect their status. They still remain reservation Indians and under official rulings do not become full-fledged citizens until the regular statutory requirements are fulfilled and they receive final deeds to their lands, which cannot be obtained for twenty-five years after the allotment.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 6.—State house officials are in possession of facts which seem to warrant an investigation of the burning of the Gosper county court house at Elwood, early in November. According to a report of C. A. McCloud, a state examiner of county treasures, he was examining the books of W. E. Aldrich, the treasurer, the day before the fire. In the evening, while he was absent, Aldrich and his clerk returned to the office and worked until late at night. In the early morning hours the court house was burned. Some of the books were preserved in the vault, but many were missing. McCloud is continuing his