

call a conference of the ambassadors immediately upon his return to his post, to discuss the question of financial and other reforms in Turkey and the opening of the Dardanelles.

Your correspondent has been able of late to speak to numbers of moderate Turks and Armenians, and all agree that the present condition of affairs cannot last. It is true that the people are quiet. There is eloquence in their silence.

It is the terrible calm of a people who have nothing to eat. The suffering in this great and beautiful city of Constantinople is too awful. Only conciliation can restore that confidence which can alone bring back prosperity. This is why the advocates of conciliation are playing such an important role. May they succeed in it.

In Mgr. Gormanian, the Armenians have found a singularly efficient religious leader. No one can charge him with being influenced by the court. He scarcely knows a member of the court. He is a diplomatist—that is to say an adaptable man. He is for conciliation but with honor—that is to say, without sacrifice of too much. He has around him a council of men of such position and strength as no patriarch has ever had before. He comes into power at a time when he can exercise more good influence and unless promises be broken meet with more support in high quarters than any of his predecessors, as he enters the office with the distinct understanding that one of his first requests will be an amendment of the Sabmanatru, or the organic law, so much called for, and that his request will be granted.

Although he says "the task of conciliation is difficult," there is good reason for believing that he can accomplish it in the absence of intrigue against him.

NEWS OF THE STATE.

Payson Header: At the beet-growers' meeting at Springville, Dec. 1, William M. Roylance, J. M. Westwood, William P. Fullmer, Alex. Robertson and Richard Thorn Sr. were chosen as a committee to gather information pertaining to the beet industry, and to try and interest capitalists in building a factory at Springville.

Monti Messenger: Mr. H. S. Kerr, superintendent of the Sanpete Valley road, left last Friday morning for a visit to his home in Washington, D. C., to spend the holidays. Before leaving Salt Lake on his journey he received the sad intelligence of the death of his brother, Arthur Dickline Kerr, who resides in Washington. Mr. Kerr's many friends in this city deeply sympathize with him in this sad affliction.

Logan Natlap: The home of O. M. Anderson at Paradise was burned Friday night at about 12 o'clock. The fire originated in the attic through a defective flue. The family was all in bed, and were awakened by the smoke. Mr. Anderson sprang up and on attempting to enter the attic was met by a volume of smoke and flame; seeing that it was useless to try to save the building he turned his attention to getting his family to a place of safety, which was speedily accomplished. In

the meantime some of the neighbors had been aroused and with their assistance some furniture was rescued from the angry flames. The loss is about \$500 partially covered by insurance. Mr. Anderson is a poor man and will feel the loss very severely.

Brigham Bugler: Saturday about 4 a. m. and early Tuesday morning two more distinct earthquake shocks were felt by people living in different parts of Brigham City. Citizens were awakened from sound slumbers by the tremor, the rattle of window blinds, loose pans and dishes. These shocks are becoming so common that some people hardly notice them any more, yet nearly every one must have a subdued secret dread that all these little ominous tremors may be the forerunners of some regular old bruiser of a quake. Last Saturday, Yates and Frodsham, cattle dealers of Callefort, drove a fine bunch of about 100 beaver to the Salt Lake market. These cattle were in excellent condition and no doubt brought a good round sum. The Willard Agricultural society delivered two cars of beef cattle to Ogden a few days ago. They were sold to Wallace Carpenter of Omaha. The society have two cars more of good beef cattle that they expect to put on the Omaha market in the near future, if a satisfactory price cannot be realized at home.

Brigham City Bugler: This week J. C. Cutler came in from Roselle valley, just west of Promontory. He says there are probably 20,000 sheep in that valley and still they come. The thousands of acres of range lands in the western part of Box Elder county are being fast covered with numerous flocks of sheep, which will already aggregate probably near 100,000 head. So far there were only about two inches of snow on the ground and the sheep are doing well. The greatest trouble the sheepmen have to contend with is the packs of hungry coyotes, which ate up as chickens on a roost. The herders have to attack by their flocks continually. But the coyotes are more terribly destructive at lambing time in early spring. Last year in the vicinity of Blue Creek it is estimated that they destroyed no fewer than 2,000 head, representing several thousand dollars' worth of property. The herders shoot a few coyotes; they poison more, but by the latter means they frequently lose valuable dogs. In view of these facts, the sheep owners naturally want a bounty placed on coyotes; probably 50 cents. They are willing to contribute liberally to such a fund. A concerted action will be made in the near future to induce the new county court to grant the request.

NEWS NOTES.

On account of the unexpected severe weather and snow in Idaho, there is almost a wood famine in Salmon city.

Wild dogs are becoming numerous in the vicinity of Wilcox, A. T., where they kill a great many young calves.

Frank Miller, a notorious butler of San Francisco, has been convicted of abducting a 14-year-old girl. He attempted to place her in a notorious house.

An organization of the unemployed

men of San Francisco has been formed with John Lee, a printer, as president. The organization numbers from 5,000 to 15,000.

Rawlins, Wyo., Journal: Pinkeye, chickenpox and grippe have made an attack on the juveniles and adults of the city. So far the diseases are mild in their attacks and no fatalities have occurred.

Deming, New Mexico, Headlight: Nine Mormon families arrived overland from Utah this week and went down to the colonies in Mexico. They will probably locate in Colonia Durban and Colonia Juarez. Four teams were driven in from the Colonies to meet the new comers at this point and assist in transporting their goods.

Edward L. Baker of Los Angeles, Cal., who was convicted of forgery in 1893, has been paroled by Governor Budd. His conviction was based on the testimony of his partner in business, a man named Hays, who to escape conviction, perjured himself and laid all the blame on Baker. A short time since Hays died and on his death bed made a confession of his guilt.

On Sunday morning the dead body of an unknown man about 50 years old, was found near the railroad track between Bagdad and Amboy, California. Near by were found a broken pick handle and a five-pound rock covered with blood and hair, giving evidence of a cold-blooded murder. The face and head of the unfortunate man had been battered into an unrecognizable mass.

Fong Ah Gai, a Chinese, charged with murder, hanged himself to the bars of his cell in the city prison at San Francisco Saturday. He ended his life by fastening his queue to the steel bars of his cell and allowing himself to suspend in such a position that his feet did not touch the floor. The prisoner had been confined in cell No. 27 while he was awaiting the ending of his preliminary examination.

Frank Miller, the sixteen-year-old driver of the Lompoc, California, mail stage, was on Sunday, arrested on the charge of robbing the United States mails. Miller reported to the Lompoc authorities that he had been held up near Stuart postoffice on Friday night by a lone highwayman who rifled the mail sacks. Deputy Sheriff Foxson organized a posse and departed for Stuart last night. A telephone dispatch, from Lompoc tonight announced Miller's arrest, but gave no particulars beyond stating that Sheriff Hicks was on his way to Santa Barbara with the prisoner.

J. Douglas McGeoch, 21 years old, an employee on the ranch owned by Wm. Young of Highlands, Cal., was playing with other employees on the farm, snapping beans at each other. In the course of the play a small bean lodged in McGeoch's ear, and though it gave him some annoyance at first, it was not particularly painful. An effort was made by himself and his fellow-workmen to dislodge the bean but it was unsuccessful. On the morning following McGeoch was suffering such intense pain that he became insane, and three days later he died from the effects of the lodgment of the bean in the ear.