

these destructive and bloodthirsty marauders. The other day a number of these marauders made an attack on Missions miles from Adana. They plundered the buildings, tore down the churches, wounded a great number and mercilessly beat the defenseless priest who attempted to rescue his wife from the grasp of those outrageous villains.

Many of our prominent men are thrown into jail without the pretense of an accusation against them. They are left to hunger and thirst, and are tortured in the most indescribable manner imaginable. Our wali (he governor) always justifies the Mussulmans against the Christians. No one dares venture out on the street after 6 o'clock in the evening. Even in the daytime no Christian female dares to attend church or school, because of the bands of Turks who are about the streets to capture these Christian women.

The other day the Turks made an attack on the American mission school girls on their way from church to their schoolhouse. They beat and wounded the superintendent's servant because he tried to defend the poor terror-stricken girls. The danger became so great that the superintendent sought refuge in Mersine. It seems there is no protection from any source whatever, even the English consul being indifferent to the atrocities committed.

"Business is all stopped, for the Christian business men do not dare open their store for fear of plunder. The farmers are robbed of their stock and their homes are pillaged and fired.

"It is the season to sow, but there is no seed, no cattle and no oxen to plow, consequently there will be very little or no crop next year. In addition to all the adversities described a great famine is expected."

This news comes close home to Americans, for near Adana is located St. Paul's Mission, under Superintendent Christie and a corps of American missionaries. These Christian workers have had to fly to Mersine and place in themselves under the protection of the American naval squadron represented by the cruiser San Francisco and the gunboat Marblehead.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Westminster Gazette this afternoon, in a leading article headed "The Way Out," says: "While the question intrinsically is not important, incidentally, it is of great importance. Great Britain cannot retreat from the position she has taken up, and the United States will not retreat from theirs. The only method of escape from this deadlock, which shall impose neither humiliation nor retreat on either side, is to find some thing which is not arbitration, but which is as like it as possible." The Westminster Gazette suggests that both countries agree upon a board of conciliation, not binding themselves, as in case of arbitration, to accept its decisions, except in case the conciliators are able to suggest a compromise acceptable to both countries.

In conclusion, the Westminster Gazette remarks: "We fairly believe a couple of impartial, sensible men, by the chief justices of the two countries, could easily settle the matter by this method."

—NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The Union

Pacific reorganization commission has received a majority of all the Union division, main line, and Kansas division first mortgage bonds in circulation, as well as large deposits of junior bonds, and nearly one-half of the capital stock. The company announces its intention to proceed promptly and energetically with general foreclosures. It extends the time for deposit of bonds and stocks without penalty until January 15th.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Alfred E. Beach, editor of the Scientific American, died at his home in this city today of pneumonia.

Mr. Beach was born in Springfield, Mass., in 1826. He was the son of Moses V. Beach.

When he was 20 years old he formed a partnership with O. D. Munn, and they became the proprietors of the Scientific American, which was at that time the only weekly journal of its kind in the country. During nearly fifty years Mr. Beach was active in the editorship of the Scientific American and in the direction of the extensive patent business of the firm.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 1.—At an early hour this morning the situation in the street railway strike was very grave. The employees were then in executive session with the leaders and various committees, and it was evident from the atmosphere of things that a second strike could be easily precipitated. The matter under discussion was the result of a conference held earlier in the night by a sub-committee of the employees and General Manager Rollin of the Union Traction company, discussing the proposition made by the company last Monday night, asking the men to agree that all differences be adjusted if the 200 imported motormen and conductors were put at the foot of the "extra" list and the old men given their former runs.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.—President Cleveland announced the appointment of the Venezuelan boundary commission as follows:

David J. Brewer of Kansas, justice of the United States supreme court.

Richard H. Alvey of Maryland, chief justice of the court of appeals of the District of Columbia.

Andrew D. White of New York.

Frederick R. Coudert of New York.

Daniel C. Gilman of Maryland.

The commission is regarded here, among those who had an opportunity to see the list of names after they were made public, as a very satisfactory one, whose opinions and conclusions will be received by the American public with the confidence which the standing of the members of the commission in the public eye inspires.

#### WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

Elwood Maden, formerly a well known saloonkeeper of Ogden, is reported to be dangerously ill at Denver.

The Arlington, Wash., Times estimates the season's output of the Stillaguamish logging camps to be 20,000,000 feet.

Menzo Clinton, a contractor, has shipped from San Jose, Cal., leaving his family penniless and a large amount of indebtedness.

A large jam of logs, a half mile long

and containing over 5,000,000 feet of logs, is said to be lodged near the mouth of the Satsop river, Wash.

M. J. Clump, ex-treasurer of Chatham county, Wash., was taken to the Walla Walla penitentiary to serve six years for embezzlement.

A memorial for the opening of the Yakima Indian reservation has been forwarded to Congress by the Commercial club of North Yakima, Wash.

At San Jose, Cal., Tuesday afternoon Judge Buck of San Mateo county sentenced Steven Wade to pay a fine of \$3,000 for the seduction of Miss Zeipha Scott in April, 1894.

The San Francisco coroner's report for 1895 shows that the office handled 869 cases, among which were 141 suicides and thirty murders. The suicide record is the highest ever known in the city.

Isaac Gilmore fell over 400 feet Monday morning down the incline shaft at the Vulture mine, near Phoenix, Arizona. He is still alive and has a fair chance to recover, although severely injured.

The salmon pack for the Pacific coast in 1895 amounts to 2,034,877 cases, of which 177,500 were put upon the Columbia river, 105,500 cases on the Sound, 512,877 cases in British Columbia, and 647,000 in Alaska.

California is to have the most vigorous woman's suffrage campaign in its history in 1896. Rev. Anna H. Shaw, Miss Susan B. Anthony and Mrs. Carrie Chapman-Catt will be engaged in it.

Portland's (Ore.) police force on Christmas presented Chief Minto with an elegant seven-pointed gold star, resting upon a wreath of oak leaves, the center bearing a handsome diamond.

Montana's listed mines paid in dividends during the month of November \$800,000. Up to and including November of this year the listed mines of the state—ten in number—have paid \$1,654,140.

The receipts of the Nevada State Land Office for eleven months of 1895, ending December 1st, were \$400,915.11, which is in excess of any year since 1887, and equaled only in the years 1873, 1885 and 1887 since 1865.

Calvin Cobb and William Balderston, editors of the Idaho Statesman, were arrested on Tuesday on a charge of criminal libel, upon complaint of W. A. Mullins, a school teacher. Mr. Balderston was formerly editor of the Salt Lake Times.

Albert Groux, a young Swiss, whose residence is in San Francisco, was accidentally killed on Union Island, Cal., Sunday evening. He was hunting in the tulips, and while drawing a shotgun from a cart it was discharged, entering Groux's breast.

On Sunday evening, at Oakland, Cal., as the Rev. Marshal Law, pastor of the Episcopal church, was performing the marriage ceremony of A. W. Gray and Miss Marian Gleason, he was stricken down with paralysis. A justice of the peace had to be called in to perform the ceremony.

George W. Cook, an aged Oakland chemist, was run over by an express wagon driven by Charles Hook, Mon-