

TURKO-PERSIAN <text><text><text> Strange as Fiction SITUATION GRAVE Heretofore Massed on Russian Frontier Moved Towards Persia. INVADED HER TERRITORY Reported Advantage Being Taken of Disturbed Conditions to Make Strategical Gains, St. Petersburg, June 8 .- Special dispatches received here indicate a seri-ous situation on the Turko-Persian

GEN. ANTENOR FIRMIN.

Arrives in New York.

Firmin, leader in the recent Haytien revolution, in which he tried to overthrow the government, arrived in New York on the steamship Carolina, of the New York and Puerto Rico Steamship

Gen. Firmin was accompanied by Dr. Losalvo Bobo, formerly of Cape Haytien, who has recently been in exite in St. Thomas. The two Haytiens went to a hotel where some of their foreign are stored

went to a hotel where some of their friends are stopping. Gen. Firmin was expected in New York by his adherents here, and that he was the passenger of the Carolina did not surprise them. Gen. F. P. Frederique's, ione of Gen. Firmin's staff in the invasion of Hayrt, last year which failed largely because the year which failed largely because the arms for Firmin's army were selzed in this city when about to be shipped to Hayti, has been in correspondence with Gen. Firmin and knew of the latter's intention to visit the United States. Gen. Firmin is a man of wealth and he may make an extended tour of the United States.

LOTUS SEEDS CLASSIFICATION.

G. F. Terry, Mail Order House Proprictor, Pays \$10,000.

A HEAVY FINE.

frontier. Turkish troops which have

hitherto been massed on the Russian

side in the vicinity of Erzerum villayet

are in a movement toward Persia. De-

tachments already have ; invaded Per-

sian territory. The Turkish occupation of the district of Azerbijan, west of Urumiah lake, has been carried out in a systematic manner and the method of administra-tion of this territory is similar to the administration in regularly annexed territory, which would seem to indicate that the Turks intend to remain per-manently.

Bodies of Turkish regulars who have followed in the wake of the Kurdish tribesmen have commenced to collect revenues. In spite of the proverbial Turkish slowness, a customs house has been established at Kehlur, some miles inland from Urumiah. The Turks havo seized the salt mines belonging to the Persian crown and have expelled the shah's officials. There is overy indication, say the

There is every indication, say the dispatches, that the Turks are taking full advantage of the disturbed condi-tions in Persia to seize a valuable strategical wedge of the country.

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Turkish Troops

Portland, Me., June 8.—A fine of \$10,000, the maximum penalty, was paid in the United States district court today by George F. Terry, the Waterville mail order house proprietor. The sentence was imposed re-cently by Judge Hale for conspiracy to defraud the government of postage on second-class mall matter.

HELEN VON HAGEN TESTI-FIES AGAINST HITCHCOCK

New York, June &.--The state's case against Raymond Hitchcock, the actor, now on trial, charged with mistreating 15-year-old Helen Von Hagen, moved with expedition today. When court was adjourned until tomorrow by Recorder Goff a jury had been selected and the Yon Hagen girl had taken the stand and recited the story of her alleged wrongs which led to the indictment of the comedian.

the comedian. The jury box was filled within three hours after the opening of the day's proceedings, and Ast. Dist. Atty. Gar-vin presented an outline of the prose-cution's case in 10 minutes. After sev-eral witnesses had been examined, in-cluding Mrs. Von Hagen, mother of Helen Von Hagen, who testified on ex-amination that she had signed an affi-davit in which she stated that her daughter had never been harmed by the defendant. Helen Von Hagen took the stand to tell the story of her meet-ings with the actor and of the alleged occurrences in December, 1906, in a the comedian. ings with the actor and of the alleged occurrences in December, 1906, in a house on Forty-first street. The glrl repeated in detail the story she told when she appeared as a witness against lititchcock in his former trial, on charges based on an alleged assault on Flora Whiston. The Von Hagen girl told of their meetings with the actor





Leader of Recent Haytlen Revolution

New York, June 9 .- Gen. Antenor

LOTUS SEEDS CLASSIFICATION. New York, June 9.—While overruling a claim filed by Kwong Yuan Shing of New York, regarding the classification for customs purposes of lotus seeds, the board of general appraisers in a decision by Judge Waite, questioned the accuracy of Collector Fowler III returning the merchandise for duly under the tariff provision for "vegeta. bles in their natural state not spect-fically provided for." It was alleged by the importer that the merchandise should have been re-turned for duty under the provision in the tariff law for "nuts," which pay a lower duty. Judge Waite says it is a question whether the lotus nut should not have been classified as "seeds," but as this claim is not made in the protest, the decision of the col-berior must he dimend mend is enter.

in the protest, the decision of the col-lector must be affirmed, even if not cor-

The commodity is the seed of the lotus lilly, and is used almost exclusive-ly by the Chinese as a component of a boiled preparation usually called soap. While not affirming the classification imposed by the collector, the claim of the importer is held untenable. FROM HOTEL GRAMATAN

Mount Vernon, N. Y., June 9.-Two hundred and five guests of the Hotal Gramatan at Bronxville. Westchester county, were driven from their rooms by a fire which broke out early today in the left wing of the hotel. One-third of the hotel, which stood on a hill, was destroyed before the flames were ex-tinguished. There was no loss of life and the property loss is estimated at \$150,000. The fire started from a defective flue

on Flora Whiston. The Von Hagen girl told of their meetings with the actor and the visits, with Elsie Voecks, a girl companion, to Hitchcock's house in Great Neck, L. I. The witness stated that her visits to Great Neck were without incident, and it was not until she and the Whiston girl met the actor at the house on West Forty-first street that she was mistreated, according to her testimony today. She further testi-fied that the actor made an attempt fied that the actor made an attempt to assault her and Elsie Voecks on a later visit to the same house.

floor and the alarm was promptly sounded. Clerks and bell boys ran through the hallways and saw that all the guests were aroused. The hotel fire brigade ran lines of hose to the burn-ing wing.

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