A UNIVERSAL WAR.

That is What the Armenian Trouble May Lead To.

ACCORDING TO A MANIFESTO.

A Strong Appeal to the Christian World to Rescue the Persecuted People.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—H. H. VanMeter, who prepares "The Missionary Manifesto," bearing on the origin of the Chinese outrages, has completed another upon the Armenian outrages, to be sent to every newspaper of importance in Austria, England, France, Germany, Italy and Russia. It is in part as follows:

"The powers do not dare to touch Turkey," said an official of the Ottoman empire. "One watches the other and waits, dreading to advance, as the treachery of the past has warned them to beware of the honor, both of friend and foe. If one solitary site, another is ready to strike, so nothing is done." Speaking of the massacre at Zeitoun, and recent revelations of the real relation between the sublime Porte and the Turkish atrocities, he greatly regretted it, and added: "The Armenians have been deceived, having been led to believe that the powers would protect them, according to a treaty offering; pledging all necessary reforms; but they have been betrayed by the powers of Europe, who guaranteed their protection."

The blood of the murdered men, outraged women, and slaughtered children of Armenia is upon those statesmen of Europe who have persistent their persecution, in spite of pledges and power to prevent.

Before the throne of the Eternal, they stand today to testify against the bloody persecutors and their perfidious betrayer, and the day of reckoning is drawing dreadfully near.

One of the most momentous times in the history of the world is at hand, and a crisis is coming which may end in the clash and crash of mighty empires.

Any spark of international jealousy in the Occident or the Orient, may explode all the magazines of Europe and the Americas combined, at almost any moment.

When, in 1878, the victorious Russians, with their liberated allies, whom they had secured from the autocratic Turk, were thundering at the very gates of Constantinople, and had throttled the inhuman monstrosity upon his tottering throne, till in mortal terror he was ready to release the helpless victims of his outrageous, ravenings, robberies and barbarities, and willing to acquiesce with any terms that would tolerate his execrable existence, and permit him to escape the just punishment for his infernal fiendishness, certain powers of Europe for financial and political purposes, interposed to checkmate the czar, and turn back the triumphant allied armies which had brought the bloody Turk to say, fill he stood face to face with his former victims, then his victors, and trembled as he saw his inevitable fate about to befall him.

Then came the treaty of San Stefano, March 3, 1878, between Russia and Turkey, arranging terms of peace, as the triumphant armies closed in upon Constantinople. Then the humane Turk plead for international interference "in the interests of humanity," and England and Austria, anxious for their selfish interests, began to intercede, till finally five powers intervened, when the conference of Berlin was held, which began on June 13, 1878, having been called ostensibly "in the interests of peace," but in reality to accomplish by diplomacy, what its chief instigators dared not do by "force of arms."

Austria, England, France, Germany, Italy, Russia and Turkey were represented by able plenipotentiaries, and Prince Bismark was chosen to preside, while Disraeli, seconded by Salisbury, endeavored to dictate.

By the terms of the treaty of Berlin it was agreed as follows, in Article 61: "The Sublime Porte engages to realize without delay those ameliorations and reforms which local needs require in the provinces inhabited by the Armenians, and guarantees their security against the Circassians and the Kurds. It undertakes to make known from time to time, the measures taken, with this object in the powers, who will watch over their application."

Article 62—"The Sublime Porte having expressed its willingness to maintain the principle of religious liberty, and to give to it the widest sphere, the contracting parties take cognizance of this spontaneous declaration." (They should have said of this stupendous false pretension.)

Article 63, concluding the treaty, closes with these words: "In witness whereof, the plenipotentiaries affix their signatures," and the seven powers participating bound themselves by this treaty.

It is said to be one of the most remarkable international agreements ever entered into, signed by more great powers than had ever before bound themselves by any one compact.

The Congress lasted thirty days, adjourning July 13, 1878, but just before its close, the British government announced its treaty of defense with Turkey, causing a great sensation.

This unholy covenant was published as follows:

TREATY BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND TURKEY.

Article 1—"If Batoum, Ardahan, Kars, or any of them, shall be retained by Russia, and if any attempt shall be made at any future time by Russia to take possession of any further territories of his imperial majesty, the sultan in Asia, as fixed by the definitive treaty of peace, England engages to join his imperial majesty the sultan in defending them by force of arms.

"In return, his imperial majesty, the sultan, promises to England to introduce necessary reforms, to be agreed upon later between the two powers, into the government, and for the protection of the Christian and other subjects of the Porte in these territories; and in order to enable England to make necessary provision for executing her engagement, his imperial majesty the sultan further consents to assign the Island of Cyprus to be occupied and administered by England."

This compact had been secretly signed at Constantinople on June 4, 1878.

Thus the land that claimed to be the leading nation of Christendom, was leagued with the head power of heathendom; and that the worst in all the world; almost as holy an alliance as a league between heaven and hell.

While Europe watches and waits, the bloody Turk keeps up his awful work, and the raising of the standard of the false prophet may prove the final effort of the rulers of the rotten Ottoman empire to restore the prestige of their despotism by arousing the hundreds of millions of Mohammedan fanatics to rally to the rescue of their cause.

The atrocities in Armenia are Mohammedan massacres. The cause of Christians in Armenia is not one of any particular race or religion, but humanity at large and civil and religious liberty in general. The uniting of the green flag of Mohammed among the troops that are overrunning Syria, means not only the massacre of Christians, but of Buddists, and others as well. This is the signal for a "holy war," and the sign of a general uprising of Mohammedans, which, unless met immediately by the united, powerful forces of Christendom, will spread until armies of millions assigned for robbery, murder and rapine may indefinitely extend an era of cruelty and bloodshed so terrible that the world may well shudder at the very thought of it.

Over one hundred millions of Moslems in Africa, forty millions of Islam in India, besides uncounted millions more in China, Arabia, Persia, Thibet, Afghanistan, Tartary, Turkey and other countries, consider the sultan their religious, if not political ruler, and Constantinople their sacred capital. According to recent reports of their uprising in Central Asia they are overrunning peaceful provinces in the interior, in vast hordes, bearing fire in northwestern China with all the fury of their fanaticism, and sweeping the miserably equipped, poorly trained, unpatriotic hosts of the celestial empire like sheep to the slaughter, utterly annihilating whole armies of Buddhists.

They are reported to have captured the great city of Si-Ngan, the capital of the province of Shensi, China; the metropolis of Central Asia, second only in size and importance to Pekin. ...and it is stated that they massacred many thousands of Buddhists, the men, women and children, but spared all the Mohammedans among the mixed population composed of Thibetans, Mongols and Tartars, the majority of whom were Buddhists and Christians, though the dregs of the first century of the Christian era had taught the truth there, and left a tablet, still standing, dated A. D., 71.

Another recent report states that a Chinese general whose army was composed both of Buddhists and Mohammedans, was warned of conspiracy upon the part of his Moslem troops to massacre all his Buddhist soldiers, just in time to detect the plot, by arresting the ringleaders, seizing the arms of the mutineers, and hastily dividing his forces before the scheme could be consummated.

Tasirs is the loving kindness that forces the broken hearted mother with blessing feet, tottering on as long as she can be driven by cruel blows, or dragged alive by the chains that bind the slave gang together, till they are separated to be sold or slain.

Tasirs is the holy passion that today ravishes the purest, tendrest and truest. While it reeks and revels in the innocent blood of their outraged victims till death delivers the unfortunate who have been betrayed by the powers pledged to protect them, while these powers delay dangerously longer in doing their duty to which they are bound by the most powerful inviolate sacred treaty obligations, permitting insulted millions of Islam to hear the call to a religious war, in which to win is victory with bowie and unbridled rapine, and to die is eternal triumph in a paradise of debauchery and delight!

The diplomats of Europe are not to blame. They voluntarily bound themselves to defend those whom they rendered defenseless, as the price of an infamous peace which was purchased by perfidy, and is perpetuated still by the betrayal of those whom they plighted their faith to the whole world to protect at any cost, and they are accordingly responsible before God and man for the massacre, outrage and death of every man, woman and child thus sacrificed in Armenia.

All the powers who are parties to the treaty of Berlin are bound by all the ties of national honor, integrity and justice to protect the persecuted Armenians, and their failure to do their duty at once, only opens the way for war. United action now could avert that awful calamity a little later.

Now is the time to right these wrongs, and wipe out this disgrace upon the world, without waiting any longer to parley over possible divisions of plunder, while helpless humanity perishes. The Dardanelles can be controlled by a commission, as well as the Danube is. To delay is out to increase incalculably the danger of a universal war involving the whole world in its consequences, if not its carnage, with Russia on the one side and England on the other, marshalling all the allied armies of earth to meet in mortal combat, while no human wisdom nor power could possibly begin to limit such a conflict, or control its terrors.

May God graciously grant to the leaders among the nations honor, wisdom and courage enough, to right existing wrongs, before it is too late to avert the greater evils which threaten the whole world through them.

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CHICAGO, Illinois, U. S. A.

ANOTHER DISPUTE.

England and the United States May Have Another Matter to Settle.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—A special to a local paper from Washington says:

A more important issue than that over the Venezuelan boundary may be raised soon between the United States and Great Britain if recent reports from Nicaragua shall be confirmed by later developments. The substance of these reports sustained by important evidences, is that British interests are reaching out for the control of the Nicaraguan canal and that the government is being urged to annul the charter to the existing corporation. The report of British intrigue in Nicaragua which have been sent to the state department are likely to receive serious consideration before the transmission of the report of the Nicaraguan commission to Congress and may give a sensational turn to the expected special message of the President on the subject.

The United States, in case of controversies might be obliged to take its stand upon broader grounds and to object to any such interference in Central America affairs on the part of Great Britain as it might consider proper on its own behalf. If a British syndicate should persuade the Nicaraguan officials to annul their concessions to the American company and revive one in place for a British company, a question would be presented different from that presented in Venezuela, according to President Cleveland's definition of that question, in the particular that the United States might feel called upon to interfere without regard to the attitude in the existing government of the country affected.

The United States, it is believed, in such a case would not permit the Monroe doctrine to be construed so narrowly as to justify the increase of European power in Central America contrary to the interests of the United states, even with the consent of the officials who temporarily might shape the policy of the country in which such aggression took place.

If the efforts of British capitalists to secure the annulment of the American charter seem likely to produce tangible results, representations of a serious nature are likely to be made by the state department to the governments of both Nicaragua and Great Britain against the extension of British influence in the construction of the canal. Nicaragua is now with a diplomatic representative in the United States, but full reports of events in that country are coming to the state department through American consular officers and already are exciting the anxiety of the officers of the Maritime canal company.

No Lack of Gold.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The World today says:

Stephen H. Common, who is president of a gold mining company at No. 1, Broadway, has sent an open letter to President Cleveland, offering an unique plan for maintaining the gold reserve. He said in part:

"If the secretary of the treasury will put himself in communication with the owners of gold mines throughout the country he can cause the entire gold production of the United States to be placed at the disposal of the government in exchange for silver coin."

Natural Gas Explosion.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—With a shock which seemed to its 300 frightened inmates to fairly hit the building from its foundations and which was felt a mile away, natural gas exploded last evening in the basement of the Boston apartment building at Fifty-second street and College Grove avenue, injuring two persons slightly and O. L. Mills seriously. His face and body were burned and he inhaled flames.

The gas had leaked from a loose joint in the two-inch pipe and was probably ignited by the light of Assistant Engineer Mills who was hunting for the cause of the bad smell made by the escaping gas. Every window in the basement was blown out of the casings and heavy doors and posts were broken to splinters. The tenants became panic stricken and, screaming with fright, rushed from the building. The coolness of a few, however, soon restored quiet. The loss to the companies and the building will amount to $3,000.

AN IRPROBABLE STORY.

That the Stars and Stripes Are to be Forced Through the Dardanelles.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Considerable interest was manifested in Washington over the published reports of the practability of the mobilization of Admiral Bunce's North Atlantic squadron and probably also some of the ships of the South Atlantic and Asiatic squadrons in Turkish waters as a measure to compel the Porte to comply with the demands of the United States for indemnity for damages suffered by American citizens and for the protection in future of citizens of this country residing in the sultan's territory. The story found no credence among those well informed of the doings of the administration and its improbability was pointed out. It can be stated positively on unquestioned authority that any statement that any one of the three squadrons mentioned have been ordered to Turkey is untrue. It is represented that even if such a step were necessary the government would not at this time hazard the absence from the Atlantic coast of the vessels of the North Atlantic squadron and thus leave the vast seaboard practically unprotected.

Harrison's Marriage.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—A special from Indianapolis says: The announcement that ex-President Harrison will leave for New York this week has started rumors regarding his reported approaching marriage to Mrs. Dimmock, niece of his deceased wife. His friends now generally believe in the truth of the story. The fact that neither he nor Mrs. Dimmock have ever denied it have brought them to think there is foundation in fact for the report.

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