

NEWS SUMMARY

THE WAR IN THE EAST.

Serbian troops have captured Pirot, with a quantity of guns and ammunition.

It is impossible to procure full information regarding the condition of the Russian and Transylvanian soldiers and Turkish prisoners who were on their way to Bucharest during the snow-storm, but from disconnected details that have come to hand, it is evident that there has been terrible suffering.

The following is the text of England's note to Russia: "Her Majestys Government begs to inform the Russian Government that it is open to peace negotiations. The Empress's wisdom and repeatedly-expressed love of peace justify the hope that we will lend a favorable ear to the Sultan's request." It is said that if the Turks desire an armistice they must apply direct to the Russian Commander-in-Chief.

Details are slowly coming in concerning the sufferings of Turkish prisoners from Pleven on their way to Rumania. The prisoners were unaccompanied by any vehicle for the purpose of picking up those who fell by the way-side. These were left by the guards to freeze, as they had no means of carrying them, and a half would only have been to increase the number of victims.

The Russians have achieved a rare feat of perseverance and endurance in crossing the Euphrat Balkans, and, though the force cannot be very numerous, and the whole movement seems to savor of a bold, adventurous raid like Gen. Gourko's over the Hanko pass than of a regular military operation, it cannot but hasten the withdrawal of the Turkish troops from the Balkan line, at any rate from the western portion.

British officials say the army which has crossed Schleswig and descended with Gen. Gourko, has now moved up to Adrianople, gives no sign of activity, and, while the present weather conditions make operations would be impossible. The deep snow offers an almost insurmountable obstacle to wagons, and the Russians have no sledges.

The bloody battle over the Balkans rocks called the Schipka pass, from which a few months ago, responded the groans of the dying until the whole world cried out against the needless slaughter, has at last been left to the Russians who have so stoutly occupied it. The evacuation of that portion of the Turks was compelled by the state of the weather, which at that high altitude, is understood to be far too rigorous for the existence of the hot-blooded Turk.

A telegram from Gen. Gourko announces that a desperate engagement occurred on Jan. 2nd. The Turks attempted to surround five battalions of Russian infantry and a brigade of cavalry, but were defeated, leaving a thousand dead on the field. The Russians lost 200.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

The newspapers of the City of Mexico are exceedingly belligerent in tone and are urging an alliance of the Central American states against what they are pleased to term Northern aggression.

In London, on the 29th ult., there were two meetings of workmen, they were called to consider the Eastern question, and one of them was composed of friends of Turkey, while the other was made up of champions of peace. They reasoned with each other for an hour, and, after a free interchange of opinions, broughams and paving-stones, were adjourned by the police before deciding the questions at issue. There were many broken heads and a number of arrests.

Other intelligence has been received concerning the success of the Chinese troops in Kastiger. They had fortified Tschongkangar and Aska, two strong strategical points. The inhabitants were fleeing in terror into Russian territory.

Stanley, the African explorer, has arrived at Cairo, Egypt, where he was magnificently entertained by the Khedive.

The *Advertiser* hears, on reliable authority, that official information has been received in St. Petersburg that the Chinese have massacred 15,000 men, women, and children in the Kashgar town of Manas, committing most frightful atrocities.

A terrible explosion of gunpowder recently occurred at Montevideo, S. A., resulting in the killing and mortal wounding of some sixty or seventy officers and soldiers.

The uneasiness in France at the prospect that England would seize upon Egypt was so great as to lead to a diplomatic correspondence on the subject. A note of inquiry was recently addressed by the French Government, and in response the British Minister of Foreign Affairs gave the most positive assurance that England had no intention of helping herself to the hand of the Pharaohs.

Gen. Corona, Mexican Minister at Madrid, has signed a treaty by which the naturalization of Spanish subjects to Mexican citizens since 1870 is discontinued.

Ex-President Grant arrived at Alexandria, Egypt, on the 5th of January, and was received by the authoritarians with princely honors.

The Pope's health is improving.

A London dispatch says there talk in some quarters of a dissolution of Parliament in consequence of the hopeless division in the Cabinet. The anti war agitation throughout the country is on the increase, but seems confined pretty closely within party lines.

The King of Italy is seriously ill.

City of Mexico Items: President Diaz pretends to entertain anti-European sentiments, and is apparently countering a close alliance with the United States. Outside the capital the unsettled condition of the border is hardly discussed. The press is disposed to be cautious on the subject. Congress, before adjourning, authorized the construction of railroads from the City of Mexico to Mora; from Celaya to Pinal de Amoles, and from Ometepec to Pachuca. A convoy carrying \$30,000 in silver was robbed in the District of Mexico. The robbers escaped.

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE.

East. The notorious Northampton (Mass.) bank robbers, Scott and Dunlap, have each been sentenced to twenty years' confinement in the State prison.

George M. Brooks, banker, Louisville, Ky., has failed, liabilities \$60,000.

George B. Bigelow, a prominent Boston lawyer, has been arrested for embezzling \$40,000, held by him in trust.

John Haddock, of Ferdinand, Pa., shot and killed Miss Lizzie Davis, and then ended his own life by the same means. Love and jealousy.

The office of J. H. Young, in Nassau street, New York, was robbed, the other day, of \$100,000 worth of bonds.

The Pittsburgh (Pa.) Savings Bank has failed, with depositors about \$100,000.

Indebtedness have been returned by the Grand Jury of Hartford, Ct., against Meigs, Furber, Welsley, White and Wiggin, officers and managers of the late Charter Oak Life Insurance

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Company, for conspiracy to defraud policy-holders.

Thomas Lord, one of the wealthiest merchants of New York, aged 84, married a few days ago, the celebrated Mrs. Williamina Hicks, aged 43. His children have joined in a petition stating that their father is deprived of his understanding through old age, infirmity and decay of his natural powers, and is unfit for the government of himself and management of his estate, wherefore they have proposed a thorough personal investigation of the English civil-service system. The feature thereof which retains efficient and faithful officers will be proposed as a basis of all true reform in the executive branch of our Government.

The cost to Pennsylvania of suppressing the riots of last summer foots up about \$500,000. Two men were killed and a third probably fatally wounded at Glendale, L. L. by the explosion of a dynamite cartridge while preparing a blast.

The schooner Martha Innes went ashore on Cape Cod, and the crew of six men were lost. A number of other vessels were wrecked by the recent gales on the Eastern coast, and some loss of life is reported.

West.

Thomas Nixon, supposed to be one of the Union Pacific express robbers, has been arrested in Texas and taken to Omaha.

The number of hogs slaughtered and packed during the past two months in Chicago was 1,022,537, against 1,050,945 for the same period last year.

The loss of property on Western rivers during the past year is set down at \$5,330,000. This includes the ice and coal-boat disasters on the Ohio river, amounting to \$4,000,000. The number of lives lost during the same time was seventy, more than two-thirds by explosions and burning of steamers.

A poor orphan boy in St. Louis named August Kablemann, has been left a fortune of \$300,000 by the death of an uncle in San Francisco.

Jacob Bunn, banker, Springfield, Ill., has joined the innumerable caravan of bankrupts. Liabilities \$750,000; assets \$250,000. The State Savings Bank, Indianapolis, Ind., and Hoback & Speer, bankers, San Francisco, Cal., have also collapsed.

The Union Pacific Railroad Company has ordered a reduction of the wages of its employees.

A terrible explosion of nitro-glycerine occurred at Neganeen, Mich., on the 23d, by which seven men were instantly killed and several others more or less injured. The shock was felt for many miles around, shaking the buildings in Linsingen, three miles distant, breaking the glass in nearly all the stores and dwellings in Neganeen. The explosion occurred while some men were loading nitro-glycerine into a freight car on the Chicago and Northwestern railway track, just west of Neganeen, within twenty rods of the North Jackson mine. Some 4,800 pounds had been or was being loaded, when the explosion occurred, with such tremendous force as to completely demolish the locomotive attached to the car and blowing the car itself into many fragments. The engineer, William Morris, the fireman, and two brakemen, named respectively Charles Miller, John Foley, and William Spellman, were instantly killed, and their bodies horribly mangled. Mr. Hinley, S. A. Wheeler, and his son, 20 years old, who were handling the packages, were blown to atoms, fragments of their bodies being found four-tenths of a mile away. Considerable property was destroyed by the explosion.

Chicago papers announce the failure of Samuel Bliss & Co., wholesale grocers, and J. D. Easter & Co., dealers in Marsh harvester. The Dillie liabilities are given at \$130,000; assets not stated. Easter & Co. over \$140,000; assets (on paper) about \$150,000.

The failure is announced of Clement, Morton & Co., one of the heaviest wholesale dealers in Chicago.

Abraham Lipman, the leading pawnbroker of Chicago, has failed, owing creditors about \$100,000. When our "uncles" begin to go into bankruptcy the times must indeed be sadly out of joint.

It is reported that a desperate and bloody fight took place recently in the Pan-hall of Tees, south of the Red river, on the buffalo hunting grounds between a hunting party of Indians composed of Arapahoes and Pawnees, and another hunting party of Pawnees, during which thirty Cheyennes and twelve Pawnees were killed.

The gold and silver product of Colorado for 1877 reaches the next sum of \$7,875,432.

South.

The Tennessee Legislature has adjourned without agreeing upon any settlement of the State debt, the object for which the session was called.

A Nashville (Tenn.) dispatch says a frightened team backed a wagon containing Mrs. Morris Goodloe and four children off the bridge over the Ohio river, resulting in the drowning of four children.

The banks composing the Clearing-House Association of New Orleans have passed resolutions protesting against the remonetizing of silver.

The Comptroller of the Currency has called for a report showing the condition of the national banks at the close of business on Friday, Dec. 28, 1877.

The internal revenue receipts for December fell off \$44,000. The cause is thought to be the agitation in Congress to reduce the taxes on whisky and tobacco.

The coin in the national treasury, as shown by the monthly statement of the Treasurer, amounts to \$139,518,405. Nearly one-fourth of this belongs to private persons who hold certificates of deposit and may present them at any moment. The amount owned by the Government appears to be \$106,093,905, while the legal-tender paper outstanding, for the redemption of which this coin has been accumulated, is nominally \$350,007,305. A considerable portion of this is held in lawful money, principal outstanding.

Interest accrued and not paid.

Interest repaid by transportation of coin certificates.

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