

JAPAN IS CONFIDENT.

THE MIKADO IS SUSPICIOUS OF CHINA.

Turks Avert Investigation of Armenian Matters—Famous San Francisco Resort Burned—Everything Quiet in Georgia.

Flushed with Victory.

The Japanese Parliament was opened by commission. The speech from the throne briefly referred to the victories achieved by the Japanese troops in every engagement, and says they are steadily pressing forward in the enemy's territory, adding that it is especially satisfactory to note that in spite of the cold and hardships the forces are more than ever distinguishing themselves by their valor. The relations of Japan with the neutral powers are more friendly than ever. The revision of treaties on long-cherished desires has been accomplished with some countries and with other States the negotiations for this purpose are making favorable progress. In conclusion the speech says: "Having been placed in such a glorious situation we wish more than ever to promote the civilization of the country, and enjoin Parliament to take notice of the state of affairs at home and abroad, and by securing harmony between this Government and the people assist in the furtherance of the imperial wishes." The Government is still skeptical in regard to China's peace overtures.

HARVEST FOR BLACKMAILERS.

Take Advantage of Lexow Investigation to Bully Officers.

The wholesale terror in which New Yorkers hold the Lexow Committee is the capital stock of a new kind of blackmailer. Some persons are threatened with accusation before the committee, while others are to get subpoenas as witnesses if they refuse to pay. Not are the police escaping. When they subscribed to the traveling expenses of Katie Schubert and Mrs. Thurow, others who know the damaging facts were inspired to ask for free transportation or its equivalent in coin. A police captain told a reporter that he had been bullied or threatened by more than twenty keepers of disorderly houses. The women told him if he refused to pay them money they would go to J. W. Goff and the Lexow Committee and accuse him of receiving bribes in return for protection. The captain said the practice was becoming general, and that he had a number of fellow sufferers.

GEORGIA WAR IS OVER.

Troops Ordered to the Scene Find Everything Quiet.
The trouble in Brooks County, Ga., is over. The Valdosta Videttes were ordered out by the Governor, Captain Caferty, Lieutenant Peoples, Dr. Bass, and Sheriff Thrasher at once visited the scene of the trouble. They found peace restored and the citizens assured them that there would be no more trouble. The killing of the negroes was entirely uncalculated. They were killed because they were supposed to know the whereabouts of Waverly Pike, whose crime was the original incentive to lawlessness. Good citizens of the county will do their utmost to bring to justice the men who are responsible for the trouble.

SULTAN BARS HIM OUT.

Says Jewett May Not Investigate the Armenian Atrocities.
The Sultan, Monday evening, made a final reply to the application of United States Minister Tewell, at Constantinople, for permission to have Consul Jewett make an independent inquiry into the Armenian troubles. The Sultan positively declined to allow the Consul to accompany the commission. This refusal was not unexpected at Washington. The reluctance of the Turkish Government to accede to the request is accounted for by the formidable proportions to which the agitation in the United States in favor of intercession on behalf of the Armenians in Turkey has attained.

FAMOUS HOUSE DESTROYED.

One of the Great Resorts Near San Francisco Wiped Out by Fire.
The Cliff House, located about seven miles out of San Francisco, was destroyed by fire Tuesday night, entailing a loss of \$20,000. The Cliff House had a worldwide reputation, as it overlooked the sea rocks and was part of the possessions of Adolph Sutro. The buildings were frame structures and were used as restaurants, saloons and curio shops. In addition, there were wide balconies from which the seals could be viewed. The new salt-water baths, capable of holding 20,000 people, were not burned.

Disastrous Fire in Cleveland.

At Cleveland fire broke out in the new four-story brick block, owned by the Doan estate and Marius Adams, and destroyed it quickly. The loss on the building is \$30,000. The occupants, the D. B. Doan Company and the French Delicacy Company, lost \$140,000 and \$67,000, respectively. The old wooden Empire Hotel, across Water street, caught fire and burned down, loss \$10,000, and the cable railroad waiting-room adjacent to it, worth \$1,000, was also consumed.

China Wants to End the War.

Minister Denby cabled the State Department that the Chinese Government has appointed two peace commissioners, Chang Yiu Huan and Fiao, who will proceed at once on their mission from Pekin to the Japanese capital.

Storm on the Channel.

The telegraph lines in the northern part of Great Britain are still down and the full amount of damage by the storm is not known. It is estimated, however, that from 50 to 100 persons lost their lives in various manner during the progress of the gale.

Only Two Lynched.

Late advices from Brooks County, Ga., are to the effect that only two negroes were killed in the rioting there, instead of seven as at first reported.

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SENATORS FROM NEW STATES.

Vacancies Can Only Be Filled on the Date of the Regular Election.

Some question has arisen as to whether the Senators to be chosen to fill vacancies in the States of Montana, Washington, and Wyoming can be elected upon the first day the legislatures meet or whether the elections will have to be postponed until the prescribed time when Senators are elected to succeed sitting members whose terms are about to expire. Senator Dubois, of Idaho, has been looking up the matter and has found that Senators elected to fill vacancies must be elected in precisely the same manner as those to fill terms to expire in the near future. This will prevent the election of Senators to fill the vacancies until the time when the regular Senatorial elections would occur. Another matter which he ascertained in looking up the section, and is declared to be the preservation of the ground where they fought of the history of one of the most memorable battles of the armies of the Southwest, as has been done for the armies of the East at Gettysburg and for those of the Central West at Chickamauga.

SHAME OF NEW YORK.

Capt. Schmittberger Makes a Clean Breast to Lexow's Committee.

Maximilian C. Schmittberger, captain of police and now in command of the ten-district in New York, made a confession before the Lexow Committee Friday to the effect that the entire police system of New York City, with the exception of Supt. Byrnes and a few others, was rotten to the core; that blackmail and bribery, extortion and corruption were common crimes in the department, and that mercenary methods alone actuated his fellow officers. His charges implicated Inspectors Williams and MacAvoy, ex-Inspectors Steers, Police Commissioners James B. Martin and John C. Sheehan, Capts. Price, Gastlin, and Martens, ex-Capt. John Gunnor, and Wardman, Robert, Davel, Vail and James Gannon. Capt. Schmittberger is under indictment for bribery. He had previously refused to testify before the Senate Committee. Friday, however, he was rearrested and his bail increased. Then he took advantage of an offer of immunity from punishment held out to him by Counsel Goff and made a clean breast of it.

HANGS IN THE SENATE.

Twenty-Three Armenian Villages in Ashes and Others Pillaged.
The Cologne Gazette publishes a letter from Armenia telling of fresh horrors there, including twenty-three villages laid in ashes, eleven other villages pillaged and forty priests massacred. An Armenian paper published in Tiflis has advices from Moosh, Turkish Armenia, showing that since the appointment of a commission to inquire into the outrages Turkish oppression has greatly lessened. Many Armenians who had been arrested have been liberated. The Kurds have been held in check, and a Kurdish chief has been summoned to Constantinople.

STARTED THE FIRE WITH OIL.

Elyria Man and His Wife Burned to Death and Their House Destroyed.
J. B. Cook, a well-known resident of Elyria, Ohio, attempted to light his kitchen fire with coal oil, when the oil exploded in his face, the blazing oil running down his body, burning all his clothes off. Mrs. Cook, who ran into the room, also caught fire, and the two appeared a moment later enveloped in flames. The flesh was burned off their bodies. They lived but a few hours. The house was destroyed.

Feeding Wheat.

The feeding of wheat to animals has become so general throughout this country that requests are now constantly received at the agricultural department for information as to the best methods of feeding that grain to cattle, hogs and other animals. In discussing the subject Secretary Morton said: "Wheat is an animal food is great. But the wheat must be used carefully, and with due regard to the habits and environments of the animals, and the feedage accompanying it. Growing and fattening animals are found to thrive upon it. The profit in growing wheat when that cereal and corn are at the same price is greater than in feeding the latter. Wheat weighs 7 per cent heavier than corn. Wheat is weight to weight, equally good for fattening animals and better for growing animals. The pork from that feeding is pronounced superior to any other. The feeding should begin by giving very small quantities to the animal. It should be mixed with chopped hay or with other grain.

Perils of the Deep.

San Francisco dispatches say there are now ten ships overdue in this coast and 300 lives are at stake upon their fate. The vessels are: Steamer Montserrat, fourteen days from Nauvoo; steamer Keeweenaw, thirteen days from Nauvoo; bark Germania, fourteen days from Seattle; bark Columbia, fourteen days from Port Blakely; ship J. B. Brown, seventeen days from Nauvoo; bark Sea King, sixteen days from Nauvoo; schooner Mary and Isidore, sixteen days from Shoal Water Bay; ship Red Rock, fourteen days from San Francisco to Portland; ship Glenini, sixteen days from San Francisco to Portland; bark Dominion, fifteen days from San Francisco to Puget Sound.

Insurance Law is Invalid.

At Denver, Col., Judge Graham has decided that the law prohibiting insurance companies from writing policies on the lives of children under 10 years of age is unconstitutional and void. This ruling will be far-reaching in its effects, as there have been a large number of convictions for these offenses. The passage of the law was procured through the efforts of the Colorado Human Society. The Prudential Insurance Company of Newark, N. J., was the principal concern affected by the law, which was passed in 1893, and it was in a case where the manager, Fred G. Leder, and a substitute agent, Charles Seigert, had been arrested that the decision was secured.

Swift for Mayor.

Alderman Madden of Chicago announces that he will not be a candidate for the Mayoralty in the election before the Republican convention next spring. The announcement occasioned no surprise among the politicians of both parties outside of the Alderman's intimate friends, who have known of his intentions respecting the Mayoralty for several days. Alderman Madden's declaration, it is generally conceded, means that George B. Swift will have a walk-over for the Republican nomination. Had Madden remained in the field the contest between the two men would have been close.

Sheriff Short in His Accounts.

Ex-Sheriff Charles H. Miller, of Becker County, W. Va., is short in his accounts with the State and county \$21,000. Suit has been instituted by the State.

"Bat's" Case is Desperate.

Petitions were filed with Governor Flower requesting him to commute the sentence of "Bat" Shea from death to imprisonment for life. He is not apt to interfere.

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passed both houses and only awaits the President's signature to become a law. The bill as it passed the Senate appropriated \$75,000, and provided for a park of 3,000 acres. It authorizes the Secretary of War to acquire possession of the land included in the proposed limits either by condemnation or otherwise, but provides that the present occupants may, under an arrangement with the Secretary, remain upon their lands, in which case they are to protect all landmarks either now existing or to be hereafter erected. The park is to be in charge of three commissioners, one of whom shall have served in the army of the Tennessee under General Grant, another in the army of Ohio under General Buell, and the third in the army of the Mississippi under General A. S. Johnson. The general purpose of the bill is set forth in the first section, and is declared to be the preservation of the ground where they fought of the history of one of the most memorable battles of the armies of the Southwest, as has been done for the armies of the East at Gettysburg and for those of the Central West at Chickamauga.

Review of the Year That is Past.

LOOKING BACKWARD

AT HOME AND ABROAD

Epitome of the General News of the World.

Chronological Recital of All the Important Events in Legislative, Judicial and Commercial Circles—Starting Deeds of Crime—Stirring Incidents in Military Matters—Record of Disasters on Land and Sea—Devastation by Fire and Pestilence—The Year of '94 Made History Rapidly.

City election; four killed.

4—President and another shot to death on the same day of execution to July 2, 5 killed in riot in coke region... Signorlato killed.

5—Eleven killed by fireworks explosion at Petros, near Bourgas, Bulg. 6—Five sailors killed at Davidson Theater in Milwaukee... Six sailors lost of logging train at New Era, Mich.

7—Thirty inches snow at Buffalo; fear lost and vegetation buried; many lives lost.

8—\$1,000,000 fire in Buffalo; 13 perish.

9—David Dudley Field dies at Brooklyn.

10—John Vaneau dies at Washington.

11—Henry S. Ives, "Napoleon of Finance," dies at Asheville, N. C.

12—Blasts at Omaha over Kelley's army.

13—Big fire at New York's Chinatown.

14—Earthquake in Greece kills 100.

15—Five negroes lynched for murder in Mississippi... Death of Jess Seligman, New York.

16—Contingents of Coxey's "Commonwealth Army" are marching all over the country, especially in the West; towns captured and cities closely guarded. Fire at New York.

17—Rains check forest fires... Tremendous rain fall in Chicago... Labor day general strike.

18—Fire renewed in northern pine woods.

19—Paul raises \$10,000. Duluth and other cities various smaller amounts for fire.

20—A fire at New York's Chinatown.

21—Great cyclone at New York.

22—Striking miners march on Tolosa, Ill.

23—Celebration at Chicago and Galena on Lincoln's birthday.

24—Great fire at Hotel New Orleans, burns four lives lost... Missouri Valley, Ia., man killed by burglars.

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