

HORRORS IN ARMENIA

TURKS AND KURDS ARE THIRSTING FOR BLOOD.

All Moslems Are Becoming Aroused—Should the Prophet Declare War, Butcheries Would Be Terrible—Sultan Hopes the Powers Will Quarrel

Alarm for Constantinople.

The heart grows sick over the recital of the outrages and butchery of the Armenians by the Turks. So fearful were the massacres that it was hard to place reliance upon the earlier reports from the scene of disturbance. But as report after report came in they only confirmed the inhuman treatment heaped upon the helpless followers of Christianity. The testimony from a number of sources, whose reliability is undisputed, is that the worst has yet to be told. The latest advices are that the extermination of the Armenians goes right on despite the protests of Christendom and the presence of the warships of the civilized powers in Turkish waters. The Sultan cannot stop the butchery even if he so willed. His time is taken up in planning to ward off the assassins who are seeking his life. Therefore the murderous Turks are left free to carry out their blood-thirsty propensities. Until a checkrein can be applied to these unbridled ruffians the massacre will go on in spite of the appeals brought to bear to have them stopped. For days past Turks and Kurds have been pouring into Constantinople from the devastated regions of Asia Minor. Their primary object is the disposal of the plunder which they have obtained during the massacres. They are also hopeful of a richer harvest in the event of the Sultan's permitting a rising at Stambul. Their stories, coupled with the display of plunder, have inflamed the lowest class of Moslems. They are ready to seize upon the slightest provocation for an attack. It is unwholesome significant of this state of affairs that the government is seizing and deporting daily numbers of Armenians of the poorest but most robust class.

It is hard for the unseeing to believe—



MAP SHOWING THE APPROACHES TO CONSTANTINOPLE.

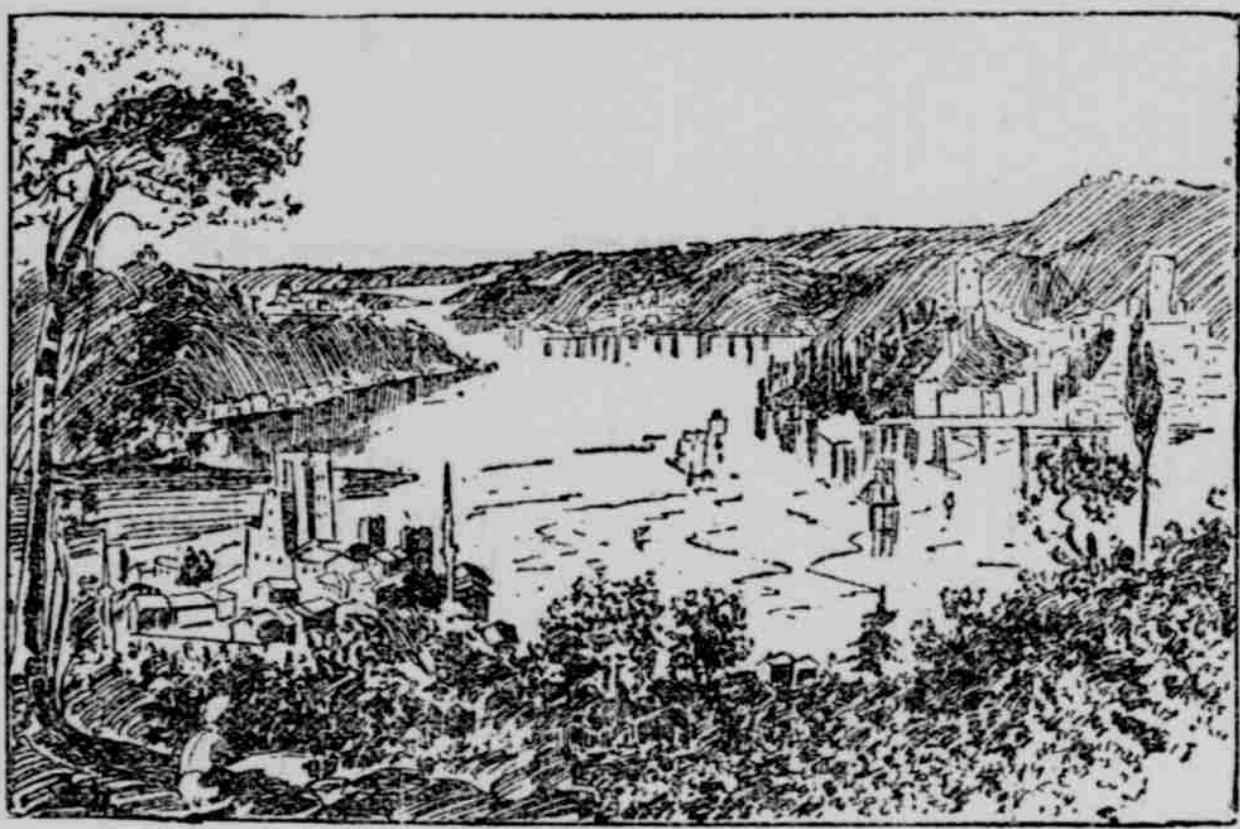
to realize that at this very moment, men, women and children are being butchered within sound of the guns of the fleets of Christian Europe. But such is the actual state of things, and while the sword of the Moslem runs red with Christian blood, Europe stands idly by uttering public protests, whereas she should enforce her demands until the Turk was rendered harmless for oppression or wiped from the face of the earth. There should be no compromise when civilization meets savagery and fanaticism—the latter should go down to a resurrectionless grave. Since the beginning of the Turk's rule of the sword in Armenia, only a few months ago, 500,000 people have perished or are on the verge, through starvation and suffering, of the grave. Of these 500,000 have been butchered outright and day after day the outrages and the tragedies continue, the unfortunate Armenians being crushed from the earth at the rate of nearly a thousand a day. What the sword leaves undone starvation completes, and by the time Europe awakes to its responsibility the Armenian question shall have settled itself by the complete extermination of the Christian population of the country.

Holy War May Come.

The condition of things in Turkey under Abdul Hamid is strikingly like what it was nearly twenty years ago under Abdul Aziz. Turkey was insolent then as she is now. In 1876 the massacres were in Bulgaria. Now they are in Armenia. Then it was the slaughter of Turks by Bulgarian Christians who despaired of help from the powers that provoked the horrible slaughters in return. Now the Armenian Christians, despairing of help from the powers, have planned and carried out an uprising, which in turn has been put down with ferocious cruelty by the Sultan. In 1876 Abdul Aziz was called upon by the powers to introduce reforms which were tantamount to giving his Christian subjects immunities and rights not guaranteed to his Mohammedan subjects. The result was that the latter were inflamed to a dangerous pitch of revolt. That experience is duplicated now. Nothing more dreadful could happen to Christian humanity in the remote east than the outbreak of a "holy" war, a war in which the followers of Mahomet should draw the sword of extermination against not only every Christian missionary, but every citizen of a Christian state wherever found.

When it is borne in mind that the followers of Mahomet number at the lowest calculation 200,000,000, some idea may be gained of what a general religious outbreak against Christianity among them would mean. There are 5,000,000 in Egypt, vast numbers in the colonies of Southeastern Asia, at least 40,000,000 in India and 20,000,000 more in other British colonies. The Sultan is the recognized head of the whole Moslem world,

save Persia and Morocco, where the head of the faithful is Ali, son-in-law of Mohammed. There is only one way of proclaiming a holy war. There is only one man who can proclaim it. The Sultan is that man. When the formal words declaring war against a foe are uttered, according to strict Moslem ritual, every Mohammedan in Asia or Europe must respond as he hopes to attain paradise. All Turkey would be in an uproar at once. The fate of Christian missionaries to the southwest and southeast of the Sea of Marmora would be sealed. Bloodshed



STRAITS OF THE BOSPHORUS.

would follow in all quarters of the East. Of course the powers would win in the end. The struggle would be a long one, so far as Abdul Hamid is concerned. His declaration of a holy war would mean his own deposition; but, in the meantime, and afterward, what? In the meantime, one of the bloodiest wars of history, and afterward the revival of the rivalries of the powers in sharper form than ever.

Great Powers Foes at Heart.

Although the powers of Europe have agreed to act in combination and probably will maintain that attitude for the present, it is not believed that there is any real accord among them. They are rivals to the bitter end in the East. Their ob-

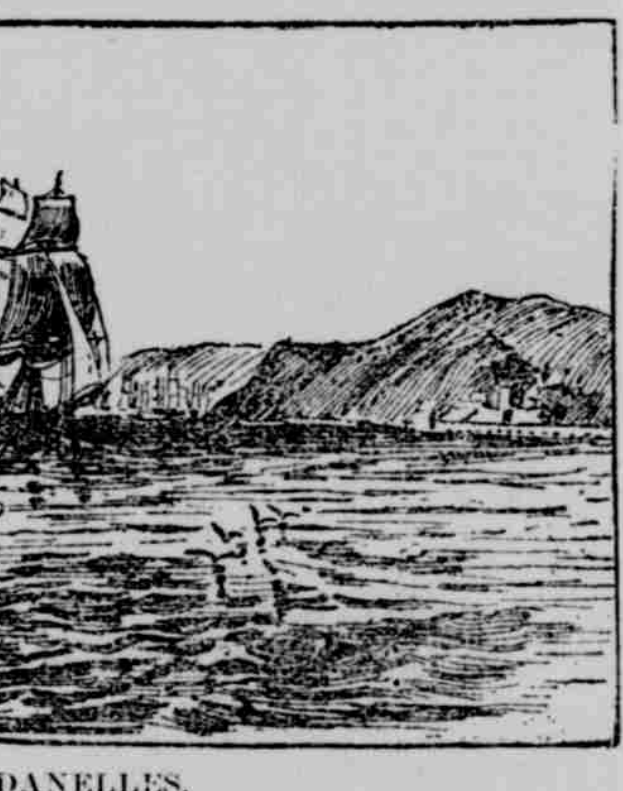
jects are conflicting, and it is only mutual fear which avails to preserve mutual deference. The powers do not care a whit for Turkey or its sovereign, and would sweep Abdul Hamid and his system off the face of the earth if they acted upon their impulses. But to do away with the Turkish empire means to invite a condition of things perhaps ten-fold worse than that which now exists. If Turkey were effaced as a geographical entity the powers would have more trouble in agreeing as to the division of the land among the conquerors than they have had over any problem of European politics.

Turkey must stand intact under some form of government, if the outward accord of the powers is to be maintained. The jealousies of England and Russia in Asia have been forcibly illustrated during the last twelve months in the Japan-China war and in the Korean imbroglio.

The city of Constantinople itself occupies a triangular promontory above the Propontis. It has been strongly fortified on all sides, including the side washed by the sea and that which is the base of the triangle and connects it with the mainland. The walls extend twelve miles, sweeping from sea to sea, running along the whole length of the harbor and terminating in the celebrated fortress of the Seven Towers. At some points the foundation of the walls is formed by huge masses of rock, a species of architecture still to be traced in a few of the most ancient Grecian structures and formerly termed Cyclopean. In other parts, particularly on the side of Marmora, the masonry commences regularly from the edge of the water. The most ancient portion of the walls is necessarily that which incloses the ancient Byzantium, now known as the Seraglio Point, where the

apex of the triangle divides the Propontis from the port, and instead of being protected by the busy multitude of the city, is silent in the stateliness of its gilded palace and overhanging groves. These walls that are now standing were built over 1,000 years ago. The body of an unknown girl, who committed suicide at a fashionable boarding house, and who is supposed to be from Canada, lies at the morgue at Buffalo. It is that of a young woman about 24 years old. There is no clew to her identity and even the marks on her linen have been obliterated as if with careful purpose.

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THE DARDANELLES.

But the matters at stake there are a mere bagatelle compared with those at the Bosphorus. It has been the steady policy of Russia for a hundred years to lose no move on the European chessboard that brings her nearer to Constantinople and the control of the Marmora Sea, and it is the determination of Europe that Russia shall not occupy Constantinople.

This is the Eastern question: What to do with Constantinople? The powers would take all the risks of a holy war if they could be sure that the overthrow of the Turkish empire and its partition would not fatally disturb the balance of power.

FORTS OF THE DARDANELLES.

What Gunboats Would Encounter En Route to Constantinople.

Naval engineers are of the opinion that Constantinople cannot be successfully assaulted by water. They claim that the

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THE PEOPLE'S MONEY

HOW GOLD STANDARD WORKS

THE present condition of affairs constitutes an object lesson that ought not to be lost on thoughtful people. We are realizing some of the results of our supreme folly in permitting British and foreign interests to dictate the character of our monetary system. The situation is more ominous than the symptoms that appear on the surface would indicate. Those surface symptoms are the continued outflow of gold and an uneasy feeling in business circles that the British gold standard is leading to results that were not anticipated by those who ignorantly placed their influence behind it. Behind this uneasiness in business circles is to be found an absolute depression of trade almost equal in extent to that which followed the fall in silver and the subsequent unconditional repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman act in 1893.

Two weeks ago the information came that various manufacturing industries were shutting down for the purpose of keeping up prices. That movement showed the desperate tactics to which our industries are driven to realize profits under the British gold standard. During the week just closed the number of failures was almost as large as that of the "panic year," 1893, and liabilities were only a million less.

Dun's report says that there is no reaction from the business depression, and frankly adds that "efforts to explain it or to attribute it to this or that temporary influence are wasted." That is true. It can be explained only by the operations of the single gold standard, which constantly enhances the value of gold as compared with other forms of property and with all the products of human labor. There can be no prosperity under the single gold standard in a nation that is a heavy debtor of foreign countries.

Under the monetary standard that is suited to our people we would be able to pay our foreign debts with the surplus of our staple commodities, such as wheat, cotton, provisions, etc., but under the single gold standard the prices of our exportable commodities are so low that the sum realized for them falls far short of paying our debts abroad, and, consequently, our small and constantly dwindling stock of gold must be drawn on.

The speculative spirit in business, over which the gold monopolists congratulated themselves two or three months ago, has entirely expended its strength. Industries that responded to it in the vain hope that it meant a revival of prosperity have been compelled to shut down or to sell their products at prices that represent only the most meager profits. Over and over again The Constitution and other bimetallics have assured business men that there can be no permanent prosperity in this country under the single gold standard. We have not permitted this statement to go out either as a prediction or as an assumption, but have shown, with an accuracy that is mathematical, that the increased demand for gold would make it more valuable, and that this constantly increasing value would hurt all forms of business, save that of money lending, and reduce the prices of all products of human labor below the profit level.

That is precisely what has happened and is happening, and it is this process that drags both business and speculation down when they make an effort to rise to the high level of prosperity that formerly marked the course of trade and traffic. It seems queer indeed that there are to be found people who cannot see what is happening before their eyes. The Constitution is now and always has been the apostle of optimism. But the most pronounced optimist cannot afford to discredit his sanity by pretending to believe that the people can be really prosperous under the single gold standard, unless, by means of a miracle, the world's stock of gold available for monetary purposes should be trebled or quadrupled.

We say that our people—especially the people of the South—are able to survive the operations of the single gold standard for a time at least; but we say, too, that it is both foolish and criminal to compel them to suffer under a system that robs them for the benefit of the money lenders and gold speculators.

The most ordinary intelligence can perceive the direction in which the country is drifting under the British gold standard. The tendencies are all in the direction of bankruptcy. We are told, when the administration threw the doors of the treasury open to the shysters of Europe and invited them to help themselves, that the outflow of gold was caused by the issue of treasury notes for the purchase of silver. This was stopped, and when gold continued to go out we were informed (after two bond issues) that a syndicate of foreign bankers had pledged themselves to prevent the export of gold. The syndicate did reasonably well until it pocketed its immense profits, and then it dropped the affair as a child would drop a hot potato.

Now that gold has begun to go out at the rate of more than a million a day we are politely informed that, after all, the greenbacks and treasury notes are the cause of the trouble, and that if the people will consent to the suppression and retirement of \$500,000,000 of legal tender money, everything will then be serene, because the treasury will not then need to keep any gold on hand.

This so-called "remedy" will only make our financial troubles more acute. Such a tremendous contraction of our legal tender money with lower prices still further and add tenfold to the business depression that has been gradually deepening and increasing ever since our mints were closed to silver. Nevertheless the money power is behind it, the administration is working actively for it, and it may be that the representatives of the people can be induced to sell them out again, just as they were sold out in 1893.—Atlanta Constitution.

"Best" Money.

The Boot and Shoe Recorder, a Boston trade publication of the better class, in a recent issue contains the following editorial utterances:

"The simple fact is that 'best' money means nothing more nor less than lowest prices, and lowest prices cannot possibly mean anything else than depression in industry and stagnation in business. Legislation that would restore the use of silver as money here and in other countries would double the amount of money and make the whole less valuable. This would mean advancing prices just as positively as disuse of silver has brought more valuable money and declining prices. As long as the money-lending financial ideas are in control we cannot look for a change in this direction.

"The only prospect for relief in sight at present, therefore, or in other words, the only chance for getting a less valuable currency with advancing prices, is from the increasing production of gold, and from this cause, as we have previously pointed out, there is reason to be hopeful of good results. But the change cannot come at once. It will take time to develop the mines and get out the gold, and even with the large production of \$200,000,000 in gold a year, it will be some time before there can be a marked effect on the value of the world's stock of \$4,000,000,000 or over. We may get some measure of relief from tariff changes which will tend to advance prices again, but this would be only temporary as long as the general movement of the world's currency tends to make it more valuable or 'better' as our financiers express it.

"It is no answer to say that this argument could be carried to an extreme and that a currency of copper or tin or iron would be cheaper and therefore bring more prosperity. We could simply ask how the other extreme would work with a currency of diamonds or some other metal of which only a few pounds could be supplied. We are arguing on the existing conditions and in a business way, and the only common sense business conclusion must be that the movement in the direction of 'better' or more valuable money as a measure of values must be stopped before there can be any confidence or assurance or profit in business operations. We may have spurts in different lines and changes due to what might be termed local causes, but industry as a whole cannot prosper as long as declining prices destroy all chances of profit for the men who must take the lead in all various branches of wealth production. In so far as the recent great gold discoveries tend to this result there is promise and hope for the future."

The above utterance, coming from the representative journal of one of the heaviest items of manufacture in the East, may be classed as significant. It presents in business-like terms the relation of currency to commerce, a relation which the Eastern statesmen, beclouded by the London single standard fog, have been muddling for some years with fine spun theories and high-sounding terms, which mean little or nothing when reduced to practice.

For Restoration.

There is an amazing degree of misunderstanding of the real attitude of the farmers and manufacturers of the country on the silver question. This misunderstanding prevails in the West to a degree positively alarming and dangerous to the cause. It cannot be repeated too often that the information we get over the wires from the East or through the metropolitan newspapers of the East are subservient to the influences of the advocates of the single gold standard, because, in fact, they are, in the main, the property of the advocates of the single gold standard. For this reason, Western people should never look to the associated dispatches or to the editorials of the Eastern newspapers to ascertain the attitude of anybody on the silver question.

It has been stated before, but cannot be repeated too often, that the associated press falsified its reports of the action of the farmers' national congress at Atlanta on the silver question. The course that the delegates in that congress pursued was precisely the contrary to what the associated press reported, and was everything that the most ardent friends of the silver cause could ask.

To know the real attitude of the farmers and manufacturers of the whole country on this question, one must seek information from the middle classes, who compose the masses of farmers and manufacturers. It is a fact, which a thorough investigation will sustain, that among the farmers and manufacturers in the whole region east of the Missouri River nine out of ten are in favor of the restoration of silver coinage.

RECORD OF THE WEEK

INDIANA INCIDENTS TERSELY TOLD.

Fad Affliction of a Little Girl—Mind Reader Johnston—Has His Troubles—Ben Davis Kills Himself—Convict Eats Soap to Avoid Work, and Dies.

When Will the Night Be Over?

The 8-year-old daughter of William Jucks, of North Manchester, recently had an attack of scarlet fever, and as a result of the disease has become totally blind. Her parents have not had the courage to speak to her of the affliction, and the little one inquires pathetically, at short intervals, when it will be daylight again and when the night will be over. It is thought the loss of sight will be permanent.

Covert After Johnston.

Elder W. R. Covert, the anti-Spiritualist, who has been conducting a fight in the vicinity of Anderson, is branching out in a new line. Paul Alexander Johnston, the mind-reader, was billed for a performance in Anderson. Mr. Covert, who classes this with other "fakes," announced that he would arrest Johnston for false pretenses in obtaining money if he did not state before the performance that all of his mind readings and other matters were done by a trick method. Covert is also a mind-reader of no mean ability and he is able to expose how it is all done by trickery. Some of his readings, like those of his exposures of spiritual phenomena, are wonderful and border on the marvelous.

Gets Spot Cash with His Bride.

Mrs. Sarah Ray, an Indianapolis widow of 74, announced she would marry again, and if any young man of good character and good family was the suitor she would make him a present of \$20,000. George Brown, a society man of 28, thereupon paid court to the widow, and was accepted. In the meantime her heirs at law began lunacy proceedings against her, but the jury found she was sane. Fearing that other steps would be taken to prevent the nuptials, Brown and Mrs. Ray eloped and were married by a peace justice in an adjoining county. As the ceremony that made them man and wife was concluded, she handed her husband a check for \$20,000.

In Presence of His Sweetheart.

Ben Davis, aged 22, son of B. N. Davis, a farmer near Vevay, committed suicide in the presence of his sweetheart, Agnes Livingston. He visited her at her home, drew a revolver, put it to his head, and pulled the trigger. It missed fire, and before he could use it again the girl wrested it from him. He recovered it later, and backing to the door held the frantic girl back with one hand, while with the other he sent a ball through his brain and fell dead at her feet. He was a hypochondriac.

Ruse Ends in Death.

James Bogard, a convict sent from Evansville to serve two years for larceny, died at Jeffersonville of an illness superinduced by eating soap. Bogard had been a source of annoyance to the officials of the penitentiary by constantly shirking his tasks and asking admission to the hospital for treatment. He was serving his third term and the fact that he had been eating soap to produce sickness was revealed by a statement he made a short time before his death.

Charged with Embezzlement.

W. H. Swann, who has been manager of the Indiana Gas Belt station of the Standard Oil Company, located in Anderson, is missing. He is wanted by the company for embezzlements of nominal sums. The officers have been investigating for some time and got ready to make the arrest when they found that their man was missing. Mr. Swann is well known among oil men. It is thought that he has gone to Chicago.

All Over the State.

All licensed saloons at Colfax have been knocked out under the Nicholson law.

It is asserted that Oliver Torbett, of Terre Haute, who was killed by the explosion of gas in an oil-tank car, was buried seventy feet in the air. The body was found entirely stripped of clothing, and apparently bleeding from every pore.

Harry Galtier, driver of a beer wagon, upon opening the door of the storage house at Anderson and striking a match, was hurled some distance away by an explosion which wrecked the building. Natural gas, in some unexplained way, had accumulated in the building.

In the woman's room in the Indianapolis police station is a girl not 15 years old who is charged with administering poison with intent to commit murder. It was by chance that a whole family escaped death at her hands. She is a Mattie Gontley, and the story she tells is almost incredible. At No. 291 East Miami street lives Mrs. Amanda Teeters, her son Edward, a boarder named Elias Robinson and Mattie Gontley. The other morning Mrs. Teeters, after calling her son and Robinson, got the little girl out of bed. The child was cross, and said she didn't want to get up. Mrs. Teeters slapped her, and then she and Robinson went down-town. While Mrs. Teeters and Robinson were away Edward Teeters arose and began eating his breakfast. He drank some coffee. Before he had finished a mouthful of the coffee, as did Mrs. Teeters when she got back, Edward had taken so much that he became deathly sick. Suspicious that something was wrong the police were notified. The police questioned the girl and she said she had put rough on rats in the coffee because Mrs. Teeters had punished her and because she did not like Robinson, who was not kind to her. The girl said she put the poison in to kill Robinson and did not want to hurt Edward. She said she put some on the handle of a spoon and dropped it into the coffee. Dr. Kahlo said enough of the poison had been used to kill the entire family, but none of them had taken enough of the coffee. The child is an orphan, but has relatives in Dayton.

A maiden lady, who recently died at Laporte, 90 years old, was claimed to be the oldest spinster in the State. Miss Mary Collins, of Franklin, is 92 years old, and in excellent health. Recently she underwent a surgical operation for cataract of the right eye.

The Jay County Commissioners made an appropriation of \$500 to build a cottage at the Lafayette Soldiers' Home, to accommodate the disabled soldiers and their wives. This was done in response to a request of the Grand Army of the Republic and Woman's Relief Corps of the county.