

**TURKEY'S BIG DEMANDS.**

Conditions Upon Which the Sultan Will Accept an Armistice.

**WANTS TO ANNEX THESSALY,**

And in Addition the Defeated Greeks Must Pay an Indemnity of \$10,000,000—The Powers Will Probably Oppose Any Extension of Territory.

Constantinople, May 17.—The porte has replied officially to the note of the powers, and declines to agree to an armistice until the following conditions are accepted: The annexation of Thessaly, an indemnity of £10,000,000, Turkish and the abolition of the capitulations. The porte proposes that plenipotentiaries of the powers should meet at Pharsalos to discuss the terms of peace, and declares that if these conditions are declined the Turkish army will continue to advance.

The demand for the annexation of Thessaly is based upon the fact that the province was originally ceded to



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Greece on the advice of the powers, with the object of ending brigandage and Greek incursions into Ottoman territory. The porte believed at the time that the cession would attain these objects, but the recent incursions of Greek bands and the events immediately preceding the war have proved to the contrary. This is the substance of the reply.

The porte's reply demands, in its concluding paragraph, an extradition treaty with Greece, and that the ports of Volo and Prevesa be kept open for vessels carrying food supplies to the Turkish troops.

The ambassadors met yesterday to consider the porte's answer, which is regarded as raising an extremely grave issue. It is believed that representations will be made the sultan personally to induce a modification of these terms, but it is foreseen that this will be very difficult, owing to the attitude of the powerful old Turk war party. If the porte should prove obstinate an European conference is not improbable, although at present Russia is opposed to this.

It is regarded as quite certain that the powers will not consent to a retrocession of Thessaly. Even Germany is believed to be resolute on this point, because it would involve a violation of the Berlin treaty and imperil the peace of the Balkans.

Altogether the reply of the porte has caused the greatest surprise. It appears that during the discussion of the note from the powers by the council of the sultan's ministers news reached the council that 3,000 Greeks had landed at Patona and were marching to Janina with the intention of co-operating with other forces from Arta. This created a bad impression among the ministers.

Edhem Pasha's plans for the capture of Demokos are being rapidly perfected. Reinforcements are arriving, and all the Greek positions are carefully watched. The bad condition of the roads and the heavy rains delay operations for which the Turkish officers are anxiously waiting, but a general advance began at dawn yesterday.

**A Murderous Maniac.**

Philadelphia, May 17.—Frank Machermer, an insane lad of 19 years, yesterday afternoon cut the throat of Mabel Kurtz, the 7-year-old daughter of Adolph Kurtz, in the cellar of the little girl's home. She was removed to the Samaritan hospital, and the physicians there say there is very little hope of saving her life. Machermer is in custody. He has for some time been confined in the Norristown hospital. He was on Saturday brought to the home of his sister, a neighbor and acquaintance of the Kurtz family.

**Thought His Brother a Burglar.**

Dayton, O., May 17.—Clarence Wolf, aged 19, shot and mortally wounded his brother George, whom he mistook for a burglar, at a late hour Saturday night. George had left the room for some cause, and returning cautiously, so as not to arouse his brother, was in the doorway when Clarence awoke. Seeing the form of a man, and suspecting him to be a burglar, Clarence took from beneath his pillow a revolver and fired. The brother fell with a groan.

Huntsville, Ala., May 13.—At day-break the bodies of Nellie Smith and Mandy White, two negro girls, were found swinging from ropes from trees on the side of the road leading from Jeff, Ala., to Huntsville. The lynching was done at an early hour by a mob of about 20 persons. The two girls were suspected of poisoning the family of Joshua Kelly, a well known citizen of Jeff. They confessed to two attempts on the lives of the Kelly family. The first attempt resulted in the death of Mr. Kelly.

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**THE SUGAR MAGNATES**

Arrive in Washington to Stand Trial For Contempt.

Washington, May 17.—Elverton R. Chapman, of New York, the sugar trust investigation witness, arrived in the city last night. This afternoon Mr. Chapman will surrender himself to Marshal Wilson, of this district, under whose direction he will be taken to jail to serve out his sentence. The actual amount of time he will be compelled to remain in jail will be 25 days, as the law provides for a remission of five days in the case of good behavior. In an interview Mr. Chapman expressed himself as follows:

"There is nothing more to be said about the case than has already been made public. Believing we were right, we took the case to the highest courts, and now that we are beaten, I am disposed to accept the situation in a philosophic way. I expect to serve out the 25 days of my sentence."

Messrs. Henry Havemeyer, the president, and J. E. Searles, the secretary, respectively, of the sugar trust also reached here last night. The trials of their cases is set for tomorrow. With them was Messrs. John E. Parsons, Mr. Havemeyer's attorney, and ex-Senator Edmunds. The probability is that an attempt will be made to secure a postponement for a time, on the ground that counsel are not ready to proceed. District Attorney Davis is anxious, however, to push the trial, and considerable doubt is felt whether he will consent to delay except for a few days.

There is a rumor that Messrs. Havemeyer and Searles have decided to plead guilty to the charge of refusing to answer questions propounded by the senate committee, but will raise the issue that the questions were such as the committee had no right to ask.

**TRAIN ROBBERS' GOOD HAUL.**

Proceeding in the Approved Fashion. They Secure About \$10,000.

San Antonio, Tex., May 15.—The west bound Southern Pacific passenger train was held up by masked men and robbed about 250 miles west of here early in the morning. As the train pulled out of the little town of Lozier three men jumped aboard, and pointing pistols at the engineer and fireman compelled the former to stop the train about one and a half west of the town.

After forcing the doors of the express car one of the robbers entered the car and dynamited the two safes of the Wells-Fargo Express company. Both the through and local safes were opened and the contents secured. The local safe contained about \$2,000 or \$3,000. The amount secured from the through safe is unknown, but it is believed it will not fall below \$7,000 or \$8,000.

The express car was badly wrecked by the force of the explosion of dynamite. The top was blown off and the sides and floor badly shattered. The mail was not molested by the robbers, but it was greatly damaged by the force of the explosion. It is claimed that the bandits are part of a gang that came into this section recently from Mexico.

**Decrease in Immigration.**

Washington, May 15.—The returns received by the immigration bureau during the last several months show a marked falling off in the number of immigrant arrivals in this country. The number of arrivals during the nine months ended March 31, 1897, was 142,941, as compared with 209,630 for the same period in the fiscal year 1896. This is a decrease of 66,689. During April the decrease at New York alone was 11,433, and during the first 11 days in the present month the falling off at New York was 10,800. Commissioner General Stump estimates that the decrease for the entire country during the fiscal year ending June 30 next will not be less than 93,000, of which New York probably will show 70,000.

**Aeronauts Rescued From the Ocean.**

Long Branch, May 17.—The balloon sighted off Sandy Hook by a tug last Thursday evening belonged to Leo and Frank Steven, the aeronauts. They made an ascension at Rahway on Wednesday in their new balloon, and when about 12 miles off Sandy Hook they feared the approaching storm and cut their canvas boat loose from their airship. They were picked up five hours later by the sloop Mary Jane. The aeronauts were exhausted. The balloon in which they made their ascension was valued at \$2,000, and the men spent Thursday and Friday in hunting for it. Captain Conroy brought the men here Saturday.

**General Miles Off For Constantinople.**

Southampton, May 13.—General Nelson A. Miles, U. S. A., who arrived here yesterday from New York, on his way to the scene of the Greco-Turkish war, was asked whether the conclusion of peace, when brought about, would change his plans. The general said it would not, that he intends to see the Turkish army and the armies of Europe generally before returning to the United States. He started last night for Constantinople.

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Governor Black, of New York, has signed the civil service bill, which, it is claimed, practically abrogates the civil service law.

Charles Brown, a cook, and a negro employe are under arrest at Deadwood, S. D., for the murder of Mrs. Emma Brown, a restaurant keeper.

Unknown miscreants amuse themselves by mutilating the dresses of women crossing the North river ferry at Twenty-third street, New York city.

**SYMPATHY WITH CUBA**

Expressed at a Monster Meeting in the National Capital.

**SENATOR CHANDLER'S VIEWS**

Set Forth in a Letter in Which He Declares That President McKinley Will Redeem the Pledges of His Party on the Cuban Question.

Washington, May 17.—An enthusiastic audience of men and women, many of them well known in Washington, packed the Columbia theater to its doors yesterday afternoon at a monster meeting held in behalf of the cause of the Cuban insurgents. Seated on the platform and participating in the exercises were Senators Gallinger and Allen, ex-Senator Butler, of South Carolina; Rev. Hugh Johnson, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist church; Rev. Howard Wilbur Ennis, and a number of others identified with the interests of the insurgents. General William Henry Browne, president of the Cuban league, called the meeting to order, and called Senator Gallinger as the presiding officer. Later he made a brief address and read a number of letters and telegrams of regrets, among them being those from Senators Frye and Burrows, and Commander Clarkson, of the G. A. R.

Senator Chandler sent a letter of regret, which was in part as follows:

"As I wish to see the United States declare and maintain the independence of the island, as France did that of the American colonies and made the United States a nation, of course I shall, as a practical friend, vote for every minor method tending to the same beneficial end. I hope and believe that congress and the president will soon formally recognize a state of war and Cuban belligerency. This step, followed as it will be by all the other independent nations of the western hemisphere, cannot fail to insure the Cuban independence which is sought for."

"Moreover, without delay, we ought to send a fleet to enter the harbors and an army to land upon the soil of Cuba first to protect the lives and property of American citizens, and secondly to stop the atrocious and uncivilized methods of warfare adopted by the Spanish generals."

"In advocating all these measures I am conscious of no passionate hostility to Spain. In 1861 she recognized the southern Confederacy within less than three months after its military struggle began, and surely if she cannot hold Cuba without making it one vast desert and graveyard by driving the inhabitants into the cities to starve, and by hanging, shooting or garroting Cuban officers and soldiers for rebellion and incendiaryism, she ought to lose the island."

"President McKinley willingly recognizes the binding force of the platform upon which he was elected, and will soon do his part toward making Cuba free and independent. He may proceed with what will seem to impatient spirits to be undue caution, but he will not fail to be faithful to his pledges and he will be fore long register the decree which went forth in his triumphant election."

Mr. Karl Decker, of Washington, who, as correspondent of the New York Journal, spent some time in Cuba, much of it with a branch of the Cuban army in Santa Clara province, gave a description of the condition of affairs existing, and of the plight of many people suffering for the necessities of life. He ridiculed the claims sent out by General Weyler that the island has been pacified.

In the course of some interesting remarks Senator Allen, of Nebraska, humorously declared that there was no division in the Populist ranks on the question of Cuban liberty. In this whole matter he thought there had been too much sacrifice to a spirit of commercialism, and it was time this government had a little more humanity and a little more Americanism.

Tiptonville, Ky., May 14.—A sawmill boiler exploded on Reel Foot river, several miles from here, killing Ed Patterson and Dink Rodgers, white, and two colored men. Three other men were terribly mangled and will die. One man was blown to pieces and the fragments scattered for 200 yards. It is said water was run in the boiler while it was too hot.

Nashville, May 13.—In response to the urgent request of the director general of the Nashville exposition the secretary of the treasury has decided to admit for exposition purposes the 261 Chinamen recently arrived at San Francisco and the 64 at Tacoma. The secretary states, however, that under no circumstances will any additional permits to enter be granted.

Frankfort, Ky., May 12.—Governor Bradley refused to allow Dora Creech, a 12-year-old girl convicted of perjury, in Owsley county, and sentenced for one year, to come to the penitentiary, and granted her a full pardon. The governor threatens to pardon every juvenile convict out of both state prisons unless the legislature at once provides funds for state schools of reform.

Pikeville, Ky., May 13.—Three more persons died yesterday from drinking poisoned spring water. They are Edward Minnix, Miss Dorcas Alberts and John Tompkins. Tompkins' wife and two children are fatally ill from the same cause. As yet chemists have failed to learn what poison is being used, and there is no clue to the identity of the guilty parties. Five have now died from drinking the water.

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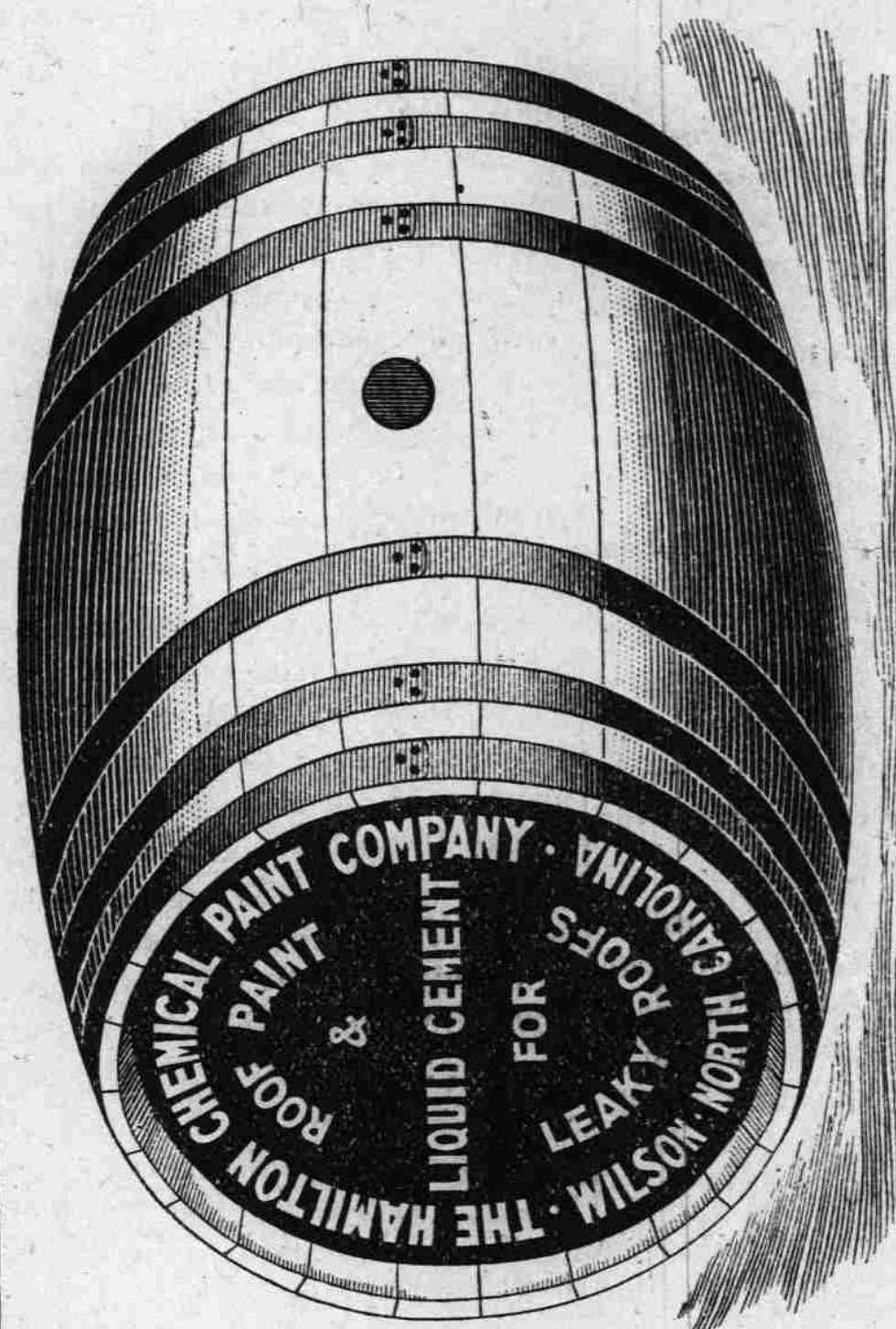
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