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THE RUSSIAN-TURKISH WAR.

The Latest Dispatches from the Seat of War.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—The fever and dysentery have increased in the Russian army.

The *Daily News* correspondent reports that the Roumanians have been unsuccessful in their attempt to capture the Idgavitza redoubt, after having sapped close up to it, then displayed great gallantry and suffered severely. No confirmation has yet been received of the intelligence which still seems current that the Turks have crossed the Danube opposite Silistria. The project is, however, imminently possible, and any day may see its fulfillment.

The *Times* correspondent at Shumla confirms the report that Mehemet Ali had fallen back to the Kara Lom.

A special from Rome says that Cardinal Rearie Sforza, believed by many to have the best chance for Papal succession, is dangerously ill, and has received the last sacrament.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—The retirement of Mehemet Ali behind the Kara Lom seems to indicate that the Turks will be satisfied to maintain their present position and depend on winter to force the Russians back across the Danube. The *Times'* Shumla special says the retrograde movement was partly because the recent rains rendered it difficult to bring up supplies, and partly on account of the Russians massing considerable forces on the Lom. It would appear from this explanation that the idea of yielding the country between the Lom and the Yantia has been abandoned by the Turks. Thus it once more becomes possible for the Russians to isolate and blockade Rustchuk, which, however, has probably been supplied for the winter, during the last month that communication has been open. Mehemet Ali's right will again be about Kazelvo, with Rasgrad as a base, while his left will extend as far as the defiles south of Osman Bazar, being within easy support from Shumla.

Correspondents with the Czarowitch are not sanguine of his ability to force the line of the Kara Lom, notwithstanding the arrival of several divisions of the Imperial Guards.

Comparative Cotton Statement.

NEW YORK, September 28.—For the week ending to-day, the net receipts at all United States ports during the week 42,996; net receipts at all United States ports same week last year 95,726; total receipts to date 385,773; total receipts to same date last year 201,308. Exports for the week 3,705; exports for same week last year 15,117; total exports to this date 15,988; total exports to same date last year 50,461. Stock at all United States ports 128,241; stock at all United States ports same time last year 309,721; stock at all interior towns, 11,812; stock at all interior towns same time last year, 20,858; stock at Liverpool, 598,000; stock at Liverpool same time last year 721,000; stock of American afloat for Great Britain 149,000; stock of American afloat for Great Britain same time last year, 25,000.

Liverpool Cotton Circular.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 28.—The following is the circular of the Liverpool Cotton Brokers: "Cotton has continued in active demand and quotations of most descriptions show a further slight advance. American was in active request and quotations are raised 1-16d each. In Sea Island a fair business has been done at full prices. Futures opened quietly with a moderate business but on Monday the demand became active and the market closed strong this evening at an advance of 5-32d over Thursday's rates. Since then, however, there has been decidedly more disposition to sell, amounting on Thursday almost to pressure and the whole of the advance has been lost."

Shipping.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—The steamship Isaac Bell, hence for Norfolk 27th, same day off Sandy Hook, sprang a leak off the bar by the steam tug Cyclops, staying a hole in her port bow about her water line, and returned to this city for repairs.

PROVIDENCE, Sept. 28.—A coaster has gone in search of an unknown lumber schooner damaged by collision with steamer Providence, which was not materially injured.

A Test Case.

BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT, Sept. 28.—In Windham County Court yesterday Ophelia Snow recovered a verdict of $2800 against Daniel C. Carpenter & Son, hotel proprietors, and prominent citizens of Treadsboro, on account of injuries received by being thrown from a wagon in consequence of her husband being drunk. The liquor was purchased of the defendants, and as the suit was a test case under the Vermont liquor law, it excited great interest.

Insurance Losses.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 28.—The insurance on the property burnt yesterday was between four and five hundred thousand dollars.

PROVIDENCE, Sept. 28.—The total loss by yesterday's fire was $675,000. Insurance $540,000.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Sept. 28.—One death and Fernandina since last report and six new cases.

Unsuccessful Attempt to Rob a Treasure Coach.

CHEYENNE, WYOMING, Sept. 28.—The regular weekly treasure coach from Deadwood was robbed by two masked men, near Cheyenne river, Wednesday night last. Resistance was made, and Scott Davis, one of the messengers, was wounded in the leg, disabling him. The robbers then got possession of arms which were in the coach, but were unable to force the iron safe.

The McKee Case.

ST. LOUIS, September 28.—Justice Miller delivered his decision in the McKee case this morning. It overrules the demurrer of the government to the answer of the defendant, and the suit, therefore, falls.

A Light Sentence.

NEW LONDON, CT., Sept. 28.—Jas. E. Buddington, who killed Wm. Thompson at Groton Sept. 10th, and pleaded guilty of manslaughter, was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail.

Washington Items.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Senator Conover, of Florida, is quoted as saying that he is first for Florida and next for Conover. He was a republican and should stand by the principles of that party, but would be tail to no one's kite. He believes in the justice and wisdom of Hayes' Southern policy. Conover feels favorably toward seating Butler and Stafford, but could not determine until he heard the claims of Corbin and Kellogg discussed. Hayes is represented as being determined that New York office holders shall not set his administration at defiance. Mr. Evarts was heard to express regrets that the republican party in New York was divided as in 1871. Judge Kelly estimates the independent vote of Pennsylvania anywhere between 30,000 and 80,000, and no one can tell which party will be most hurt.

WASHINGTON, September 28.—On the 25th inst. warning was given from the signal office to Southern cities through the Associated Press that a cyclone then in the Gulf might be expected to reach the Southern coast within three days. The cyclone now entering the South and Central Atlantic States near Cape Hatteras is believed to be the storm reported in the windward islands. On the 21st, also, a hurricane was passing 250 miles south of Porto Rico, and on the 23d and 24th, it moved thence in a northwesterly direction over Hayti and over the Gulf Stream to North Carolina, where the registered maximum winds are now eighty-six miles per hour. The path of this cyclone to the present date is very similar to the track pursued by the cyclone of September 16th to 19th of last year. This storm is now moving slowly to the north, and danger to navigation is not at present anticipated in the Gulf or along the Florida coast.

Appointment of Wm. G. Stewart, postmaster at Tallahassee, Fla.

The new Indian Commissioner, Hoyt, qualified to-day.

WASHINGTON, September 28.—W. W. Corcoran has called on Hayes.

Secretary Schurz desires it stated that no additional clerical aid will be needed on account of the fire.

District Judge Billings, of Louisiana, is at Willard's.

Morton is recovering rapidly and expects to be able to sit up soon.

There was a full Cabinet meeting to-day, except Thompson.

The Sioux will "have another talk with the President to-morrow."

Secretary Sherman has awarded the revenue printing, for which all the bank note printing establishments had bid, to the Bureau of Printing and Engraving.

Judge Billings, of Louisiana, is here in connection with legislation relating to the Federal Courts. He urges among other measures the repeal of the test oaths for grand and petit jurors.

Asked to be Released.

HARTFORD, September 28.—The Directors of the Charter Oak Life Insurance Company ask a release of 40 per cent from the policy holders, otherwise the concern must go into the hands of a receiver.

Burned to Death.

MONTREAL, Sept. 28.—A farm house six miles from St. John, burned. Eight children were burned to death their mother, the only adult in the house, escaped.

Suicide.

RICHMOND, VA., Sept. 28.—Travers Phillips, a prominent lawyer of Staunton, was found in bed shot though the head with the pistol still in his hand.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.