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THE SULTAN POISONED

That's the Sensational News But Without Detail.

TURKISH AFFAIRS MIXED

Germany Determines to Try and Straighten Matters—But Russia Won't Work With Austria.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor. BERLIN, Nov. 19.—A dispatch from Sofia, Bulgaria, says: "The Sultan of Turkey, Abdul Hamid, has been assassinated by poisoning. As yet there are no details." The news is sensational in the extreme. Fuller particulars are looked for great interest.

Tagblatt announces that owing to the fact of the proposal of count Cotechowski, Austrian minister of foreign affairs for absolute entente by European powers, in regard to Turkey has not found the unreserved approval and support of the powers. Emperor William has decided to take the initiative in an effort to establish closer intente between Austria, Russia, France and Germany, and to take diplomatic steps at Constantinople and London to the end of restoring peace and order in Asia Minor.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—The Times' Rome Dispatch says Russia has declined Austria's proposals regarding the settlement of the Turkish question.

TRAIN WRECKERS AT WORK.

Soundrels Tamper With Rails Cause Fatal Wreck.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. SYRACUSE, N. Y., 19.—The New York Central fast mail eastbound No. 6 was wrecked two miles west of Rome this morning by some one removing the fish plates from the rails. Engines No. 88 was burned. Engineer Nate Hager was killed and fireman Wagner was injured as were two mail clerks and a tramp. The entire train, four mail cars and three sleepers were piled on the engine.

Ek. "Billy" or "Bobby" Tramp, from Syracuse, died; E. Readon, mail clerk, Herkimer, head injured, and J. E. Levine, New York; F. N. Paddock, H. R. Peck, Syracuse; C. W. Sackett, Herkimer; Mail Clerks M. J. McCarty, a porter from Buffalo, C. Wagner, Albany, and Fireman Body were cut and bruised. The wreckers broke open the company's tool house and released two rails leaving them in position on the track while the train was running forty miles an hour. Police company, detectives are following with suspicious clues.

FOG IN NEW YORK

Causes Many Accidents—Transportation Tied Up.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—The most dense fog in years settled down on the city this morning causing a general tie up of transportation and numerous accidents, the most serious of which was a collision on Brooklyn bridge. Thomas Cooper, a second conductor, had both legs cut off. Geo. Grannie, who was a graduate today at the College of Pharmacy, had a foot cut off. Conductor Shaffer was bruised and injured. Passengers were thrown in a heap, many of whom were bruised. On water there were many slight collisions. Elevated trains scarcely move.

CREATED A PANIC

Fire in a Building Causes Occupants to Jump From Roof and Windows.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Fire broke out in the basement of a sweet soap shop on Clinton street. The 300 occupants in the building became panic stricken and jumped from the roof and all the windows. Three persons were killed and four seriously injured. There were several ambulance loads more or less seriously injured.

No Change in the Strike.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—The strike remains about the same as yesterday. No additional men have been called out or new men taken the strikers' places.

Shouts Himself and Family.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor. MELBOURNE, Australia, Nov. 19.—Margaret Short, of the Commercial Bank of Sale, Victoria, shot his wife, two children and himself last night.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

Cotton Closes Steady & Points Off in New York.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Liverpool news was unfavorable, futures opened 3/64 lower and declined 3/64 more, closing barely steady. The spot business continues liberal, sales, 19,000 bales, of which 11,000 bales were American; 1,000 bales for export and speculation.

New York opened 8 points lower, and lost 5 points more. Afterwards the market improved gradually, closing very steady, only 4 points below yesterday's close. Manchester continues to fall freely and the interior receipts are buying off notably. Notwithstanding these facts, the South is a liberal seller.

A better market is expected tomorrow unless political troubles cause a depression. Continental spinners keep aloof but they will soon be obliged to enter the market. Estimated receipts, 86,840 bales, against 70,000 last year. So far 121,465 bales against 110,265 last week, and 188,000 last year. Tomorrow we shall have to compare with 49,000 bales last year. Total stocks at all the ports, 298,000 against 1,107,000 last year. Exports are very liberal today, 49,000 bales.

Options closed as follows: November, 8.08 to 8.10; December, 8.08 to 8.09; January, 8.12 to 8.13; February, 8.17 to 8.18; March, 8.21 to 8.22; April, 8.26 to 8.27; May, 8.29 to 8.30; June, 8.33 to 8.34; July, 8.36 to 8.37; August, 8.37 to 8.39.

Hubbard Bros. & Co.'s Cotton Letter. Special to the Press-Visitor. NEW YORK, Nov. 19.

The decline in Liverpool was caused by heavy selling on the part of London Stock Exchange operators on the renewal of the weak market in the Kaffir department. Reports of political troubles in the East were also current, but the active markets do not confirm these rumors here. The market opened easy and declined under heavy selling by the South and Wall Street. It is noticeable that the cotton is passing into the hands of the largest house in the trade, and the market seems to be sold out unless, indeed, there is an increase in the movement to change the current crop estimates. The feeling here is very bearish, based on the belief that it will be impossible for the market to recover from this depression without a decided increase in the speculative sentiment.

Receipts at the ports and at the interior towns show no evidence of an increase in the movement from plantations. It is a feature which deserves attention that the demand for cotton in Liverpool is large in spite of the weakness of the future market.

Chicago Grain Market.

CHICAGO, Nov. 19.—Grain quotations closed today as follows: Wheat—December, 87 1/8; May, 81 5/8. Corn—December, 87 3/8 to 87 1/2; May, 80 3/8.

New at the Game.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 19.—The Great Northern express was held up last night near St. Cloud. The robbers cut the train in two, compelling the engine and mail car to run down the track, leaving the remainder of the train in the woods. By a mistake they also cut off the express car letting it go ahead with the engine, thus preventing a hold-up.

Canada to Have "Flyers."

By Cable to the Press-Visitor. LONDON, Nov. 19.—The Canadian high commissioner, Tupper, today confirmed the report that his government has decided to join with the Dominion in establishing fast trains for Atlantic steamship service.

Orators to Speak in New York.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 19.—Secretary Ogilvie left for New York today to speak before the Chamber of Commerce tonight.

Eastern Field Trials.

The annual Eastern field trials opened Saturday at Newton. Many prominent sportsmen were in attendance and the weather and race were fine. The derby commences today, while the United States Club's trial will open on November 25.

Mrs. L. Banks Holt and three daughters left for the Atlanta Exposition this morning.

The carpenters' union meets at 7:30 o'clock tonight in the Pullen building.

MR. HENRY MAHLER DEAD.

A Successful and Public Spirited Man Passes Away.

At his home on Fayetteville street Mr. Gebhard Henry Mahler, well known as one of Raleigh's best and most public spirited citizens, died at 11 o'clock last evening of heart failure. Death came suddenly and was a severe shock, not only to the public, but to his family and friends who had no idea that the gentleman's condition was in the least serious.

For more than two years Mr. Mahler had been in feeble health, but was thought to be in danger. Yesterday he was confined to his bed, and at 11 o'clock last evening death came almost without warning. He passed away in a second of time, and without pain.

Mr. Mahler was a native of Germany, having been born at Osnaburk, Prussia, sixty-four years ago. He came to this city in 1854 and engaged in business while yet a young man, and at his death had amassed a considerable fortune. During his long residence in this city, he has built up from a small business the largest jewelry establishment in the State. His business success was due to his thoroughness and to his never-failing honesty. This honesty and straight forwardness of purpose was the conspicuous trait of his character.

During the war he married Mrs. Kramer, who survives him. He leaves three children, Messrs Louis and Fred Mahler, of Raleigh, and Julius Mahler, of Durham; three step-children, Mrs. Joseph E. Pogue, of Raleigh, Messrs. Sam and Albert Kramer, of Durham, his granddaughter, Miss Blanch Blake, of this city. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning from Christ church at 10:00. The services will be conducted by Rev. Dr. M. M. Marshall.

A GIFT OF \$75,000

Made by Messrs Spence and Watts to Union Theological Seminary. Through a gift of \$75,000 jointly made by Mr. W. W. Spence, of Baltimore, and Mr. George W. Watts, of Durham, N. C., and through other donations, making a total of \$125,000, says the Baltimore Sun, the removal of Union Theological Seminary from Hampden-Sidney, Va., to Richmond is made practicable.

A site embracing twelve acres of land in the northwestern suburbs of Richmond was presented to the institution by Major Ginter, of that city. The seminary is seventy-two years old and during its career has sent out over one thousand ministers of the gospel. It is under the control of the Presbyterian Synods of Virginia and North Carolina.

Plans are now maturing for the work of removal. At a meeting held in Richmond by the executive committee of the board of directors a building committee was named. The funds now on hand will be employed in the construction of the essential buildings which it is hoped to supplement later with others.

Those to be erected at present include an administration building, which will also contain a chapel and lecture rooms, a library to accommodate 50,000 or more volumes, dormitory buildings for 100 students, a refectory and its residence for professors. A gymnasium building is to be added when the finances of the institution are sufficient for the purpose. It is hoped to open the seminary in its new quarters by September of next year.

Spain Doesn't Hold Up.

By Cable to the Press-Visitor. MADRID, Spain, Nov. 19.—Prime Minister Castillo declared today that the persistent rumors of peace negotiations by Spain with the insurgents are untrue. He discredits the reported defeat by Gomez in the province of Santa Clara.

An Oklahoma Town Burning.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. FERRY, O. T., Nov. 19.—The town of Hereell, Indian Territory, is burning. At noon several deaths were reported. Appointed Minister to Switzerland.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 19.—John L. Peak, of Kansas City, has been appointed Minister to Switzerland.

Masonic.

Hiram Lodge, No. 40, A. F. & A. M., are earnestly requested to meet tomorrow, November 20th, at 9:30 o'clock, to attend the funeral of our late brother, Henry Mahler. Brethren of other lodges are cordially invited to unite with us. By order of W. W. WILSON, W. M. E. B. THOMAS, Sec.

FRUIT FOR A LYNCHING

A Madison County Negro's Dastardly Crime.

HIS VICTIM MAY DIE.

Robert Soles Attempted to Outrage Miss Belter—She Screamed and He Shot and Maimed Her.

Madison county may have a lynching in the near future. Had the crime committed there by Robert Soles, a burly negro, occurred among the hot-headed people of the South, the perpetrator would soon be summarily dealt with by those whose ideas of meeting out justice are not confined to a court room. But North Carolina are conservative; they rarely take the law in their own hands. If lynching is ever justifiable, it would be so in this case of a crime that for brutality and fiendishness stands out prominently among the horrors of the State. But the fiend's girl victim may recover, so he may perhaps escape a capital punishment.

The Executive Office was today informed of the particulars of the assault on and perhaps fatal shooting of Miss Belter, a young white girl of Madison county, by Robert Soles. The story is one of beastly horrible detail. One day last week Miss Belter was sitting dreamily in front of her father's doorstep in the bright sun shine of an Indian summer day, and the peaceful country home, with the little sister playing within the hall, and the pigeons fluttering around the barn yard looked little like the scene of an approaching tragedy. Over in a distant field the father and brothers were at work; the young woman, her morning duties ended, was at home alone with her sister, and in indulging probably in some day dream of budding womanhood.

Then it was that Soles, big and burly and black, stepped on the scene. It must have been a strange contrast as he approached, his dark face gleaming with passion; but the girl was not afraid and greeted him cheerfully. A moment later the vile suggestion of the negro made her start back, affrighted. The burly negro was no longer a man, for the best in his nature, thinly disguised, had turned him into a raging madman. He seized the girl roughly by the arm and commenced to pull her, screaming with terror, across the yard.

The little sister ran to the door. The fiend pulled a pistol and poked in his victim's face: "If you yell again I'll kill you," he hissed. A louder scream was the result, but it died on the young woman's lips. For the cruel fighter, tumbling on the trigger, had lightened. And when the report died away, and the smoke cleared, Miss Belter lay prostrate. In her head was a horrible wound, from which the blood gushed like a geyser.

The father and brothers hastened to the scene, but the fiend had fled. The little sister was bending over the wounded victim.

The ball had entered near the right eye, entirely destroying that organ. The petition received by the Governor asking for a reward from Madison citizens, states that the young woman may possibly recover. So the Governor will offer a hundred dollar reward. And the people of Madison say nothing, as yet. For Bob Soles is still at large.

Secretary State Cooke's Sister Dead.

Secretary of State and Mrs. Charles M. Cooke returned yesterday afternoon from the western part of the State, where they had been to visit their son. When they reached their hotel, bad news in the shape of a telegram from Mr. Percy Cooke, of Louisville, awaited them. For it told of the death of Miss Belle Cooke, a sister of the Secretary of State. She had long been an invalid, and her death was not unexpected.

So last night Mr. and Mrs. Cooke continued their journey to the old Franklin county home place, where the funeral takes place today.

The Irony of Fate.

Constable W. J. Halstead, of Currituck county, brought Luther Fisher, a white man, to the insane asylum. Fisher, who is 45 years old and a single man, was a maker of patent medicines, which brought him in so much revenue that the success turned his head. At times he is violent, especially when any one worries him.

McBry Brothers United Show will give another performance tonight.

FIRST WHITE MEN IN YOSEMITE

Col. J. M. Roane, of Franklin, Was With the Discoverers.

A Raleigh gentleman has just received from Col. J. M. Roane, of Franklin, a letter of the greatest possible historical interest, as it describes the circumstances leading up to the discovery of the world famed Yosemite valley and falls. Colonel Roane was a member of the company which first entered the valley and captured and subdued the tribe of Yosemite Indians and their old chief. His party was the first body of white men that ever saw the beauty and grandeur of the famous falls and valley.

It was in the winter of 1850-'51 that Col. Roane left with a body of troops ordered out by Governor McDougle to quell ferocious and aggressive Indians disturbances. The tribe which they were pursuing finally retreated, after several skirmishes, into the wilds of the mountains, a country into which no troops or even the boldest of white hunters had up to that time penetrated. The detachment had as a guide an old Indian chief, of a tribe hostile to the Yosemite Indians. Under his guidance, the troops continued to push forward; and he led them on and on until finally they pierced into the silence of the grand valley, now so well known to tourists.

Col. Roane describes the sight of the valley and the falls as the most sublime spectacle of nature. The troops completely surprised the Indians who fancied their position impregnable, and captured the entire tribe, along with their chief, an old brave, eighty years old. A treaty was made and the captured Indians were led from their natural fortress to the valley of the San Joaquin and put to work on a government reservation.

After the capture the old, Yosemite Chief told Major J. D. Savage, who commanded the party that they were the first white men, who had ever entered the valley, which had been given them by the Creator as the foundation of the world, with a solemn command that a white man should never be allowed to enter its sacred walls, under pain of losing their paradise; that now, by carelessness letting in their foe, their inheritance was forever forfeited.

Col. Roane says that after Major Savage's report came out, many tourists entered the valley, and that now there are several parties that claim the honor of having been the original discoverers. He refers to a Dr. L. H. Bannell, of Horner, Minnesota, who has written a book concerning the trip, he having been with the party. Col. Roane is an old man now and will never again leave his Franklin county home to re-visit the grand canyons and wonderful falls and mammoth handwork of nature which the party, of which he was one, discovered forty-five years ago and displayed proudly for the admiration of the world.

SEVERAL NAMES MENTIONED

For a Successor to the Late Dr. Durham—Raleigh Baptists.

The election of a secretary to the Baptist State Mission Board to succeed the late Dr. Durham, will not occur until there is a full meeting of the Board at the Baptist State Convention which meets in Greensboro at an early date.

The names of a number of Raleigh Baptists have been mentioned in connection with the vacant secretaryship. Mr. John C. Scarborough, Superintendent of Public Instruction, who is to complete the late secretary's report, is mentioned for the place. So is Dr. N. B. Cobb and Mr. N. B. Broughton. The name of Mr. W. V. Savage, of Tarboro, formerly of Raleigh, has been suggested.

A prominent Baptist in speaking of him said that he filled the requirements for the position nearer than any man he knew of. A young man of force and energy and a good speaker is needed, said he.

On Person Street.

There was a runaway of a country wagon and horse, which with the driver was mutually frightened at a street car this morning on Person street. The horse pranced into a force of a street-hands at work and caused much currying in their midst. Beyond this there was no damage.

While you are up on Person you will see many street "improvements." In front of Murphy school, the city has done much digging. Headamination in the story drum which sent the picks flying. Just above this point, the street is torn up with car track digging.

Down behind the Governor's mansion, a new house is being built and two others are being remodelled.

SEABOARD AIR LINE NEWS.

A New Depot at Atlanta—Gen. Hoke Re-elected.

The stockholders and directors of the Georgia, Carolina & Northern railroad held a meeting at the headquarters of the Seaboard Air Line in the Equitable building, in Atlanta Friday. There was a very enthusiastic session, and afterward the directors held a brief meeting.

Gen. R. F. Hoke, of Raleigh, was elected president for another year to succeed himself, he having been president of the company ever since he built the road to Atlanta several years ago.

Afterwards there was a meeting of the stockholders of the Seaboard Air Line Belt Railroad Company. This company owns the belt line which was constructed around the northern and eastern suburbs of Atlanta when it was found that the Georgia, Carolina & Northern could not enter the city on the right of way of the Georgia railroad from the southern limits of the city. Mr. John H. Winder was elected president, and Mr. R. C. Hoffman vice president.

The Seaboard Air Line will begin work on its new freight depot in Atlanta within the next two or three days.

There was a conference between President Hoffman, Vice President St. John and Colonel J. W. Thomas, of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railroad.

All these lines have an interest in the new depot, since by the contract with the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis the Seaboard agrees to furnish the latter half of the space of the new depot in consideration of the use of the tracks of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis into the city and under the passenger station.

The depot is to be one of the great storerooms in the South, and will be quite an ornament to the section of the city in which it is to be located.

AGAINST THE LEASE.

A Lawyer Thinks the Lease of the N. C. Road Unconstitutional.

The Caucasian will print this week an article from a prominent attorney setting forth his reasons why the lease of the North Carolina road to the Southern Railway is unconstitutional. The attorney will appear with ex-Judge Spicer Whitaker, who has been retained by the Alliance to fight the lease. The following are some of the suggestions made to defeat the consummation of the lease:

The legislature can defeat the ends of the road by hostile legislation.

The State can enact that no railroad shall be operated under a lease until the lease is approved by the Railroad Commissioners, or if the Commissioners see fit, they can declare it void.

The lease does not go into effect until after December 31, 1895, and there is yet time to institute legal proceedings and obtain an injunction against the consummation of the contract.

The Southern Railway obtained its charter in Virginia to evade other State's laws. The fact that the charter was obtained in Virginia does not give the road the privilege to exercise the right of eminent domain in this State.

Stick Democrats in New Jersey.

Capt. Brooks says the people in Trenton, N. J., who have been enjoying Democratic Government are the sickest set he ever saw.

"I thought we had some of the strongest dyed-in-the-wool Democrats that ever took breath, but New Jersey has several a few degrees hotter than any around here," remarked Mr. Brooks.

While in Trenton he met Mr. Edward Fox, the Governor's private Secretary and passed a pleasant time with him chatting over the war. They were pitted against each other in several engagements.

Twelve Trains of New Yorkers.

Thursday, November 21st, will be a great day with the Southern Railroad, for it will be handling the New York crowd bound for Atlanta. It will be the largest delegation of the season, as eighty sleeping cars have been reserved for the New Yorkers. These will be made up into twelve trains. The remainder will come through at twenty minute intervals. All these trains will be in addition to the regular trains of the Southern.

Capital Lodge I. O. O. F.

Capital Lodge No. 146 I. O. O. F. meets tonight at 8 o'clock. Full attendance is desired. I. T. JONES, N. G.

NEWS GATHERED IN A DAY

Condensed and Put in a Readable Form.

FACTS AND GOSSIP.

Interestingly Told as Picked up on the Streets and Various Points About Town.

The Atlanta Special left here today with ten crowded coaches.

Read Thomas & Maxwell's new advertisement today and give them a call. They have what you want.

Messrs. Julius Lewis & Co. can furnish you anything in the line of kitchen supplies. Read their new ad today.

Messrs. A. Williams & Co. always have ready for you a full line of stationery, school books, etc. Read their new advertisement today.

The report of the Commissioner of Labor Statistics is now in the hands of the State printer and will be one of the most valuable documents ever issued by the Department.

Mr. Fred Watson is prepared to take unlimited contracts to do your paper hanging and ornamenting, as will be seen by his announcement elsewhere. His work is always artistic and satisfactory.

No crop card was issued for November, as it was considered that the cotton and corn crops were not fully gathered. A card of enquiry will be issued for December, asking for a final report of cotton, corn and tobacco.

Messrs. Hicks and Rogers have something to say in their advertisement today that is worth your attention. They guarantee to cure headache or neuralgia with capidine. Give them a call and try it.

The following are on the honor roll in the Assembly hall of the Centennial school for the week ending, November 18th, 1895: Jack Perry, Talcott Brewer, Myrtle Belvin, Paul Faison, Mollie Ellington, Ray White, Mial Williamson, Eugene Bagwell, Mary Phillips, Ben Hardy, Mamie Hayes.

One of the most ingenious things we have ever seen is a pocket stove which was shown us by Dr. Nye. It is a unique little nickel plated dial-shaped concern, very much like a large sized watch. It contains a carbon which keeps up the combustion and will afford a couple of hours of uniform heat.

The paving of Hargett street with vitrified brick from Salisbury to Fayetteville streets, is nearly completed. The work of laying the brick progressed from the first street east. They have been laid to within twelve feet of Fayetteville street. Tomorrow the street will be packed; the experiment with vitrified brick will have begun.

A telegram announcing the death of Mr. Alonso J. Finch in Newbern, N. C., on November 15th, has been received. Mr. Finch was formerly a resident of this city, and was well known as an insurance man. He was a son of Rev. J. J. Finch, D. D., deceased, a former pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city, and was a brother of Mrs. W. T. Hodge and Mrs. W. I. Royster.

BY POPULAR SUBSCRIPTION.

Committee Appointed to Wait on Citizens for Greater Raleigh Fund. Last evening at the residence of Mrs. F. A. Olds there was an enthusiastic meeting of the lady sponsors for the Greater Raleigh fund and the committee recently appointed by the Chamber of Commerce.

His Excellency, Governor Carr, was present and presided at the meeting. Various methods were discussed for raising a fund to secure a suitable testimonial for the cruiser, and it was finally decided to appoint a committee of two to solicit subscriptions among the business people in the business portion of the city by popular subscription of \$1.00.

President Pogue and Mr. John B. Ferrall were appointed the committee and they will wait on the citizens.

The lady sponsors, Mrs. F. A. Olds, Mrs. Omega Foster, Mrs. J. B. Timberlake and Miss Eliza Pool will visit the residence portion of the city. While the popular subscription has been fixed at one dollar, those desiring to give a larger amount can do so.