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MASSACRE

Former Lowell School Teacher Writes of

TERRIBLE SCENES IN TURKEY.

What is Going on in Earth's Darkest Place--Sensations of an Eye Witness.

The people of Lowell will be interested in the following letter, copied from the Clarksville Record, written by Miss Mela Hess, a former teacher in Lowell schools, an eye witness to the scenes narrated:

The eighteenth of this month—ten days ago—the Arab soldiers were let loose on the city to burn, rob and massacre and well have they performed their work. For four weeks we have been having a reign of terror. Armenians were shot down at sight in the streets. Shops and houses were plundered, children disemboweled (I know of two) men's heads put on poles, or used as balls in the streets, and every other horrible thing. We were powerless to do anything, but had no fear for our personal safety until the 18th when we saw all the different parts of the city where Armenians are in flames. The sound of guns continually, and the sight of the mobs told us that a massacre had begun. We told the girls and ran quickly over to Lee's yard and were not a minute too soon. I think I have told you the situation of our premises before, we are the last in the city, to the north. There are mountains back of us and the city is on land sloping away to the south so we can look down over it. Everybody here has a wall of some kind around the yard. Ours is of the better class, of course, of mud, brick and stone from eight to twelve feet high. However, it would not keep anyone out who wanted to get in for it is not built to stand much. Well, our college yard is at the west, then a lane and the theological seminary yard, as large as from your house to the road, then the Lee's yard. There are high, strong doors in the wall and a beam of wood to draw across and lock. When we got over to the last yard they broke into the one we had just crossed and plundered two of our buildings there. They were occupied by a native professor and his family, who took care of a number of boys here. Now in this country they don't have places where you can buy wheat flour and other provisions any time in the year, so the people have to store it away in their houses for the whole winter. The city was filled with soldiers, 10,000 they were going to send for but perhaps only two-thirds of that number were here. The greater number were drawn up in line around the city to see that no resistance should be made, and the Arab soldiers let loose on the people. Now I have seen some pretty bad faces since I came here but those Arabs in their barbaric dress looked more like devils incarnate than anything I ever saw pictured as fiends. I can give you no idea of them. Our seminary yard was full and they were carrying away everything from the professor's house—I mean everything without the exception of a pin. We were peeping through a shutter and saw them seize a woman and hold a sword over her. She pulled away and pointed to a cave in another part of the yard, and then ran from them. They rushed to the cave, dragged out two theological students shot them over and over again and hacked them with a sword, but left them and went to help carry away plunder. There were several native houses overlooking the walls and we could see the soldiers in all of them. The people had fled to us so that in the two houses in the Lee's yard there were 200, mostly women. The affray became wilder, they set fire to the seminary and we then had no more hope of living, it seemed madness to think of hope. We knew that they would leave no foreigner alive to testify of that day's work. But the bloody work and pillage dragged on for eight hours. They had to carry things quite a distance to the barracks. There seemed to have been some kind of order among them, different bands at different times but some of these all the time. It came to me that this was God's way of helping this poor land. If we were killed America would have a hand in this question, and we had come to give our lives for them anyway, only instead of dragging out long years of weary and imperfect

labor, it was to be a great sacrificial day. I prayed to be spared. It seemed so sure that we were not to be—I dared not ask anything more than that His will might be done. I thought of all the dear friends who had done so much to make my life happy, and I thought of things I had left undone, and had done amiss. Oh! how trivial things look when one is facing eternity, that seem so very important at other times. It was as much my "last hour" as any I shall ever face. The seminary was flaming near us, the smoke came up from the city, and with coming darkness closed over us like a funeral. I had said, "They will send a larger detachment here because they may think we will resist," and just as the last had left the seminary yard, as if by magic, the street was full of Arabs, each armed with his gun ready to fire. My companion turned from the window quietly and said, "They have come." I also turned to go down stairs and be with my dear girls at the last. There was loud knocking and the sound of friendly voices—what did it all mean. Some one opened the gate and women and our native professor came in. Some one called out, "It's a guard." I did not faint, but I will not answer for what would have happened if I had not seen them bringing in the wounded of our students, whose wounds I hastened to attend. They brought one in the kitchen and another in another room. The native mattress is thick and they put it on the floor, there are no beds here but ours and the room filled to overflowing with men mourning in a truly oriental fashion. It was no use to tell them to get out. I had to use physical force to put them out. Just below us and in plain sight was a large house, the home of Miss Muritz, one of our teachers who was with us at the time, but her mother, grandmother, grandfather, uncle and family were in the house. Every one of the above were killed except the aunt, who escaped with her little daughter. The house was plundered and burned with the bodies in it. But there are hundreds and hundreds.

The government has had experience in burning American property in Turkey before, and they invariably have to pay, so when our building was burning they made up their minds not to have any more damage done to our property. They seemed to be so intent after plunder they did not make killing their principle business toward the last. They report 4,700 killed, but we think it is too many. There seems to have been some order not to kill the women, but many were burned in the church, and others shot. We have every reason to think the order came from the capital, as we hear from missionaries in other cities of the

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Mrs. Robert Johnson and son, Clayton, of Bowne visited her sister, Mrs. S. E. Morgan, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Godfrey and children of Paris township are visiting her brother, Arthur Moore.

Will Fox and family of Clarksville visited at William Cogswell's Sunday.

Mr. Speaker was taken seriously ill on Tuesday night. It being necessary to call a physician. He is better this, Thursday, morning.

Chauncey Townsend made a business trip to Grand Rapids last week.

D. M. Goodsell is in Grand Rapids this week in the interest of the Goodsell packing company of Chicago.

Mrs. John Goodsell's sisters, Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Reynolds, and mother, Mrs. Tibos, spent part of the day with her on Wednesday. Mrs. Goodsell is gaining slowly.

Sanuel Sifong visited W. M. Andrews in Keene Monday.

GRAND CLEARANCE SALE!

We are going to have a clearing sale of all odds and ends of

BOOTS AND SHOES

and Warm Goods during the month of February, previous to the arrival of Spring Goods. Everybody knows when we say

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Commencing on Saturday, Feb. 1, 1896,

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We have a special on Dress Goods, and will sell our entire stock of

Dress Goods at unheard of prices. Most of them are fresh new goods bought this year. Note these prices:

25c Dress Goods, 19c; 50c Henriettas, 33c; 50c Novelties, 33c; 75c Serges and Henriettas 57c \$1.00 Serges and Henriettas 75c; \$1.00 Novelties, 75c; \$1.25 Novelties, 95c.

THIS SALE LASTS ONE WEEK ONLY.

Wouldn't it be policy for everybody to buy a dress patterns at this sale and save 50 per cent?

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A General Banking Business Transacted Money Loaned on Real Estate Security

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same atrocities. In one place the soldiers were drawn up in line and the bugle sounded, they then rushed to their work of murdering and plundering.

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Will Erect a Large New Building.

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WILL WINEGAR

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Official Report of Late Doings of the Common Council.

Special session of the Common Council of the Village of Lowell, Jan. 25, 1906.

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No. 1. Boys all wool Knee Pants made with all the late improvements, and worth 75c. Special price 60c. Age 4 to 14.

No. 2. Men's all wool suits worth \$7.00. At this sale you can buy them for \$5.00.

No. 3. Canels' hair shirts and drawers worth 50 and 60c. All going now for 30c.

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TOO STOUT FOR CONVENIENCE. Following closely upon its consideration.

TAKE NOTICE. A special session of the Board of Supervisors.

LOWELL LEDGER.

Free Silver Coinage Supplement.

A QUAKER CRUSHED. Editor of North American goes down before reason.

Two Standard Dollars Worth 100 in Gold. Gold Dollar Split.

Job Lot of Silver for Sale Cheap. A few of the advantages of the Gold Standard.

NATIONAL BANKERS SHOULD BEGIN TO TREMBLE.

Senator Allison's bimetalism is a satisfactory kind, for it is not bimetalism based upon an impossible condition.

It is an admission that silver was wrongfully demonetized and that it ought to be restored.

Notice that "the bank act" binds the bank to buy all the gold offered at nearly 30 an ounce.

It is not to be supposed that the critical moment of the National Bankers' needs any information upon the point.

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PATRIOTS. LOW-CAPITULATIONS.

FRANCIS KING, ROBERT HARDY, G. H. FORCE, M. C. GRIS

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A General Bank Money Loaned

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Fortunately the "silver kings" in the Senate are amply able to take care of

The "Morrills," the "Shermans," the "Aldriches" and the "Platts" are ex

Voorhees, Harris, Vest, Jones of Arkansas, White and Daniel are among

In this connection it may not be out of place to say that Senator Allison,

"The strange spectacle is thus presented of the silver kings taking possession

"Give me a dollar for half a dollar," say the Senate silver kings; while out

"Let's call ourselves patriots," says "Coin" Harvey to the workmen,

Consider for a moment what it amounts to. Under free coinage the

The idea that under the increased demand created by free coinage silver

The goldites tell us that the farmer has no reason to complain of the fall

Oh, No! The goldites tell us that the farmer has no reason to complain of the fall

Send for "The Great Conspiracy." Read it. Then send it to some one you

LAW AND GOLD VALUES

DEMONETIZE IT AND ITS PRICE WILL FALL AT ONCE

In That Respect It Is No Better than Silver—Still the Plutocrats Claim that They Cannot See the Problem That Way.

Prior to 1844 the price of gold bullion in London averaged £3 17s. 6d.

But it may be asked, How was it that the bullion was worth less than the coin when coinage was free?

Here in America, if the depositor of gold had to wait for his money, the bullion would be worth less than the

Of course the closing of the American mint to gold would not destroy its

So we see that the expressions that a "gold dollar is always worth a dollar,"

But if there were a charge for coining, as above stated, a delay in getting

We also see that the "money value" of gold is entirely a matter of law,

If people will bestow a little thought upon the subject they will easily perceive

It takes just as many grains of gold to make a "dollar" as the law says

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25 8-10. Why? Simply because the law has been changed.

But to-day the gold dollar of 25 8-10 grains is about twice as valuable as the gold dollar of 27 grains formerly was

This means that the producer is now selling his product for about one-half the amount of money which he formerly

ARE AGAINST SILVER.

That's All the National Bimetallist Cares to Know About Men and Things.

Some of our contemporaries seem to be laboring under a misapprehension with reference to the position of this

Referring to a suggestion lately made that the National Bimetallist strikes

Our strictures upon Cleveland, Carlisle, Herbert, Morton, Eckles and Preston have been called out by their

If they were in private life we should have paid no attention to them except,

The silver question cannot be settled by wildly kicking at nothing and wasting

In conclusion, and for all, we desire to say that the National Bimetallist

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The "Silver Craze" is not dead! It will not die! Hasten the return of our rightful prosperity and happiness by your united, united and loyal action. The National Bimetallist Union, 134 Monroe Street, CHICAGO.