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FAMINE IN ARMENIA.

Survivors of Recent Massacre Utterly Destitute—An Appeal for Aid.

Washington, Nov. 28.—Mr. Norton, the American Consul at Harput, in a report upon the condition of the Armenian population in the Sessun district, says that of the 10,000 survivors of the recent massacre few have saved anything but their lives. Nearly every house in the region was ransacked and burned.

Extracts from the report were made public at the State Department in the hope that the story may bring relief to the unfortunate Sessuns.

"Worst of all," Mr. Norton says, "their flocks and herds, practically the only source of food, raiment and income, were swept away. These unfortunates are now without food and without a prospect of food for the coming winter.

"The helplessness of these mountain folk in their need is heightened by the enforcement of administrative measures which prevent them from leaving their ruined villages and seeking assistance or work in more favored localities.

"The case is one appealing most strongly to the sympathies of the benevolent. Unless aid is rendered promptly, few may be left to receive it. Clothing, blankets, and food must be brought from outside before the approaches to the mountains are blocked by snow."

Mr. Norton says the only persons within a short distance of the Sessun region competent to direct any measures of prompt relief are W. J. Heathcote, the British Vice Consul at Bitlis, and the Rev. R. M. Cole of the same city, missionary of the American Board.

AUTO STOPS RUN ON BANK.

Loaded With Money, It Rushes to Aid of an Ohio Institution.

Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 28.—An automobile loaded with money checked a run on a bank today.

The run came early in the morning on the Willoughby branch of the Wade Park Banking Company. Rumor had stated that the bank was affected by the suits brought a few days ago by Herbert Newton of Brookline, Mass., against Mrs. L. J. Chadwick of this city, and the depositor, nearly all of whom are working people, got alarmed.

The bank officials wired to their bank here and the larger tanks of the city at once came to their aid. Gov. Herrick, who is president of the Society for Savings, ordered his bank by telephone to render any financial aid necessary, and other institutions did likewise.

In a short time a big automobile loaded with \$75,000 arrived at the doors of the Willoughby Bank and the money was stacked up on the counter. This ended the run, and the depositors who had drawn their accounts out earlier in the day returned and asked to have their money taken back.

B. C. SCHOLARSHIPS.

One of the Trustees a Former Frederic- tonian.

Victoria, B. C. Times:—It will be a source of great satisfaction to all interested in higher education in British Columbia to know that through the generosity of one of Victoria's most public spirited citizens, whose name is withheld for the present, two scholarships, each of the annual value of \$250, tenable during the third and fourth years of the scholars' university course, will be offered for competition, one in June, 1905, and the other in June 1906, among the students of the various high schools of the province.

The holders of these scholarships may pursue their university course in arts or science and take their degrees either from McGill or Toronto University.

The committee of selection probably will consist of the following gentlemen: The Hon. Mr. Justice Irving, Lieut.-Colonel F. B. Gregory, the superintendent of education, Mr. Alexander Robinson; the superintendent of the city schools of Vancouver, Mr. W. P. Argue; and the superintendent of Victoria city schools, Mr. F. H. Eaton.

Dr. Alexander Stewart Townshend, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, at Parrsboro, N. S., died at his residence Saturday of paralysis, aged 62 years. Deceased was a son of the late Canon Townshend, for many years rector of Amherst, and was a brother of Judge Townshend of Halifax.

Sunday morning as a double header freight for Toronto was pulling up the grade out of Allandale, the boiler of one of the engines blew out, frightfully scalding Engineer Ford and Fireman Holmwood, who are now in Barrie Hospital and may not recover.

A Bad Bargain for Russia.

Paris, Nov. 28.—The water at Mukden being so foul as to be undrinkable, the Russian government has just purchased in this country a complete plant of the latest model for distilling and sterilizing water, and has paid several hundred thousand francs for it.

Before dispatching the apparatus to Mukden the Russian authorities decided to consult an eminent French medical and sanitary expert attached to the army here as to whether the distilling and sterilizing plant was in perfect order and would do all that was promised of it.

The expert replied in the affirmative, but pointed out that the apparatus could only be worked by gas power.

There is no gas in Mukden.

The Russian government is now endeavoring to cancel its bargain with the manufacturers of the apparatus.

The question remains, What will the Russian army at Mukden do for water?

Ralph Connor's New Book.

Ralph Connor's latest book, "The Prospector" (the Westminster Publishing Company, Toronto,) is a tale of the same rugged country with which the reader becomes familiar in "The Sky Pilot" and "Black Rock." The actors are, however, quite new, and there is more plot and action in the book than in most of its predecessors. Mr. Connor takes the opportunity of showing here in vivid colors the somewhat startling effect of the transfer of the cruder type of humans from the conventional east to the unconventional west. No man has had a better opportunity of observing this phase of life than the Winnipeg pastor, who has given us such delightful stories of Canadian life under the rom-de-plume of Ralph Connor.

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Sydney Stockbroking Firm Failed and Fled the Country.

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 28.—Killikelly & Wilson, a firm of stock brokers in Sydney, have failed and both men have fled from the country.

Wilson, about two or three weeks ago, gave out that his partner had gone to the United States on some important business. Wilson himself has now disappeared and it is thought that he too, went to the United States.

The extent of the failure is not known, but it is understood that their liabilities amount to three thousand dollars, while there are no assets beyond a little office furniture. They were in business only a few months.

Their failure is due to a bad run of business for the few weeks past. Wilson belonged to New York, while Killikelly was an Englishman who came to Sydney three or four years ago from Pittsburg.

Milton sold the copyright interest in "Paradise Lost" for \$72 in three payments and finished his life in obscurity.

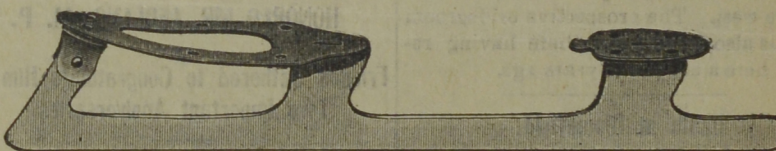
A college education is often blamed for a man's failure in business.

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