

First preliminary meeting of European Plenipotentiaries at Constantinople. U. S. Senate asks explanations of President respecting sending troops to Virginia during Presidential election.

8. Large meeting in London, Eng., opposing the policy of British Ministry respecting Turkey. Mr. Gladstone making a powerful speech. Conspiracy to dethrone the Sultan discovered. Republican Governor declared elected in Florida.

9. Imperial Parliament prorogued until February. Heavy snow storms and violent winds throughout the Dominion and Northern U. S. Highly interesting discoveries made on the site of ancient Troy, by Dr. Schliemann. Ministerial crisis in France very serious.

11. Spanish Cortez pass a law making education obligatory. 45,000 working men out of employment in New York city.

12. Ministerial crisis in France arranged.

13. Conference begun at Constantinople. National Democratic Committee issue address to people U. S., respecting Presidential Election. Ice shove on Mississippi River injures a large number of vessels.

14. Democratic Government of South Carolina formally inaugurated. Warlike preparations still going on north of the Danube.

15. New French Cabinet bitterly opposed by M. Gambetta.

16. Preliminary Conference at Constantinople closed. Heavy snow fall, intense cold and high wind throughout North Eastern America.

18. Terrible colliery explosion at Newport, Wales. News of fearful famine in Madras, India.

19. Midhat Pasha appointed Grand Vizier of Turkey, and a policy of reform inaugurated.

20. Turkey refuses any foreign occupation of her soil. United States Territory of Huron Bill passed Congress. Quebec Government's Railway Policy passes House. Accident on Great Western Railway.

21. Heavy rains and disastrous floods in England and Portugal. Greek Chamber of Deputies pass a bill to raise the military force to 200,000 men.

22. Rival Legislatures of South Carolina adjourn.

24. President McMahon remits the sentence of 61 Communists. Socialist conspiracy discovered at Moscow. First meeting of Plenary Conference.

25. Porte refuses to accept proposed International Commission to superintend promised reforms. Convent at Joliette, Que., burned, and 13 children burned in it. Grand Trunk Railway dismiss a number of their employes, and a strike is threatened in consequence.

27. New Turkish Council declares itself in favor of war; warlike preparations increasing.

29. Terrible railroad accident at Ashtabula, Ohio. Strike on the Grand Trunk Railroad throughout its whole length.

30. Turkish ministers send their proposals to the Conference.

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1. Queen Victoria proclaimed Empress of India.

2. First railway accident in Denmark. Strike of ice harvesters on Hudson river.

3. Opening of Ontario Legislature. Ship *Northern Light* cuts her way through the ice and crosses Gulf of St. Lawrence.

4. Florida and S. California Investigating Committees conclude their work and return north. Plenipotentiaries agree to modify the terms presented to the Turkish Government.

5. Difficulties on G. T. R. finally settled. Ice blockade on Chesapeake Bay. Emperor of Germany forbids German military officers entering the Russian service.

6. Steamship *Amerique* wrecked off Long Branch. European ultimatum presented to the Porte.

8. California suffering from drouth. Floods in Great Britain on the increase, and the damage immense. Collision of two steamships off Cape May, with loss of 13 lives. Terrible hurricane in Spain, and conflagration among the woods and mountains. Duel between J. G. Bennett and Fred. May. Russia and Turkey concentrating their troops.

10. One hundred and sixteen deaths from small-pox in London. Number of vessels hemmed in by ice on the Cape Breton coast. Meeting of American Social Science Association.

11. Congress decides that the vote for President is vested in the Senate and the House, both bodies being co-ordinate and equal.

Germany refuses further concessions to the Porte. Export of grain and cattle from Turkey prohibited. German elections show strong feeling in favor of Socialists. Ten schooners of Mass. fishing fleet lost, with all hands.

13. Snow blockade in Dominion.

14. Ice gorge on the Ohio river. Immense loss of shipping.

16. Meeting of Dominion Board of Trade. Break in Anglo-American cable. Final proposals of the Powers presented to the Porte.

17. Scheme for counting electoral vote, U. S., agreed to by Senate and House Committees of Congress.

19. Outbreak of rinderpest in Germany. Terrible land slide in Austria on line of railway between Vienna and Trieste. Foreign ambassadors leaving Constantinople.

20. Constantinople Conference closed. Negotiations terminated.

21. Famine in Corea and northern provinces of China reported. Chinese railway blockaded by mobs, and traffic stopped.

23. Small-pox in London decreasing. Commercial intercourse between Russia and China interrupted by prohibiting decrees of Chinese Government. Severe thunder storm on Lower St. Lawrence. Steamer *Northern Light* proves perfectly successful in winter navigation of the St. Lawrence.

24. Porte tries to negotiate treaties with Montenegro and Servia.

25. Kossuth declines to return to Hungary. Electoral Compromise Bill carried in U. S. Senate. Turkey and Servia massing troops on Danube and Moravia.

26. French Government prohibit importation of cattle or sheep from other European countries. House of Representatives, Washington, pass electoral Bill.

27. Electoral Bill signed by President Grant, and Commission to investigate re-