THE GREEN FLAG OF THE PROPHET.

blem of Extermination. Since the commencement of the war between Russia and Turkey, the world has several times been startled by the anneuncement that the "Flag of the Prophet" was about to be unfurled in the streets of Stamboul. Such an event, if it should happen (which may heaven avert), would proclaim a crusade in which all true Mussulmans would be fight against Christianity in every part known volcano in Nebraska : of the world. They may be in India, Arabia, Egypt, or wherever else their scattered race has found a home; the raising of the green standard is a call which none may disobey without, as the to mind the fact that the "Ionia Vol-Koran lays it down, sacrificing all his hopes of paradise.

This fearful appeal to all the worst passions of the Eastern races hangs like a menace over the Mohammedan world; and if the word was once uttered and the dreaded flag unfurled, there is no telling to what sanguinary excesses it might lead an enthusiastic and half-savage people. It may be of interest to our readers if, under these circumstances, we endeavor to make them acquainted with the origin bluffs in that locality have come vapors, and history of a banner which has not seen the light of day since the Empress Catharine of Russia attempted to reinstate Chistianity in the City of the Sultans, and which once unfurled would set a whole world ablaze.

There have been many flags or signals used by various nations at different crises in their history to incite the peo- bank of the Missouri river, in a bluffy ple to battle on behalf of religions, dynasties and ideas; but none has attained to the fearful notoriety which appertains to the fearful notoriety which appertains make such subjects a study, and hence to the large aggregate of the two pre-to the terrible Flag of the Prophet; is not mentioned, as we believe, in any which is really a banner of blood, for it dispels the idea of mercy from the minds and hearts of its followers, and gives no quarter to man, woman or child.

sun upon a field of crimson signified "no quarter!" but this celebrated Flag Its vapors have arisen almost constantly, of the Prophet means infinitely more and, for the first time since white men than this. It is a summons to an anti-Christian crusade, a challenge of every believer in the Prophet to arms; a warsignal, in fact, which, like the Fiery Cross of Scotland, would flash its dread command through the domain of Islam.

The prophet himself predicted that one day, when his followers should number 100,000,000—which they do now, New York and Canada. The course of with 20,000,000 more added to it—his the shocks was from west to east. They flag should fly against the advancing power of the northern races; and the Koran or Mohammedan Bible says that when its silken folds are flung forth "the earth will shake, the mountains melt into dust, the seas blaze up in fire, and the children's hair grow white with anguish." This language is of course metaphorical; but it is easy to conceive, by the light of very recent history, that some such catastrophe might take place, as the displaying of this terrible symbol would raise a frenzy of fanaticism in the breasts of the Mohammedan race all over the globe.

everlasting and unive

march against the infidel; in fact, the green turban was the sacred head-dress of the pilgrim or perfected Islamite who The walls of a court-house in Columbus had gone to Mecca; and hence the sanc-tity of this formidable standard.

When once unfurled, it summons all Islam by an adjuration from the Koran high school, a four-story brick, were that the sword is the solitary emblem and instrument of faith, independence and patriotism; that armies, not priests, make converts; and that sharpened steel is the "true key to heaven." Upon that fearful ensign are inserted the words is the "true key to heaven." Upon that fearful ensign are inserted the words which are supposed to have been written at Mecca itself—namely: "All who draw it (the sword) will be rewarded with temporal advantages; every drop shed of their blood, every peril and hardship endured by them, will be registered on high as more meritorious than either. The building in great alarm. Two distinct shocks of earthquake were felt at Blair; goods carelessly placed on store shelves were tumbled upon the floor; \$2,305,355, but this was mainly owing to better prices, the quantity having only increased from 9,191,589 to 9,581, nearly a minute; buildings were violently shaken, and several Indian tepees were knocked down. The Indians at Wenken against the building in great alarm. Two distinct shocks of earthquake were felt at the building in great alarm. Two distinct shocks of earthquake were felt at the buildings were damaged. At the buildings were violently shaken, and several Indian tepees were knocked down. The Indians at the building in great alarm. Two distinct shocks of earthquake were felt at the buildings on the year before. Hops sprang from \$1,385,621 to \$2,305,355, but this was mainly owing to better prices, the quantity having only increased from 9,191,589 to 9,581, 108 lbs. Another million of dollars of the increase comes from tallow, and two millions more from seeds—of which later the buildings were violently as the buildings were transfer to be buildings were violently as the buildings were violently as the buildings on high as more meritorious than either fasting or praying. If they fall in battle, their sins will be at once blotted out, and they will be transported to paradise.
But for the first heaven are reserved those of the faithful who die within cases, and although there was not a heavier shipments and higher price of the mindows mineral oils, the aggregate value of sight of the Green Flag of the Prophet."
Then follow the terrible and all-significant words, the fearful war-cry against God and man: "Then may no man give cers at work in the second story of the porter."

Cases, and although there was not a heavier shipments and mighe place of mineral oils, the aggregate value of which for the year was \$61,789,438 against \$32,915,786.—American Exporter. or expect mercy !"

This is the outburst of barbarism with which the world is threatened in this year of grace 1877; and the reader cannot do otherwise than mark the cunning nature of the portentous words inscribed on the prophet's banner. What would not most men do, civilized or savage, for "temporal advantages?" While to the Eastern people fasting and praying are looked more as of so meritorious.

In Sioux City, Iowa, there were two earthquake waves, the second being the most powerful and immediately following the first. There was a continuous vibration lasting forty-five seconds. In the court house the district court was in are looked upon as of so meritorious a are looked upon as of so meritorious a session in the upper story. The build-nature, that to find something else ing began rocking, the chandeliers which, in the eyes of Allah, would be clanged, and apparently everything was deemed of greater value still, would be about to tumble into ruin when the a desideratum which none would fail to grasp, by any means whatever, if it came within their reach. But Mohammed's wonderful knowledge of human Catholic Church, present to witness concerning and many control of France. nature, and more especially of Eastern human nature, is shown in his picture of paradise as prepared for the faithful madly from the building but for the remaining from the building but for the rewho fall in battle; while his declaration assuring words of the priest. Several that the highest heaven in this so-called paradise will be reserved for those who die within sight of the Green Flag, is a the floor, a distance of twelve feet. The masterpiece of policy unequaled in the scholars and teachers in the High School

annals of mankind. some one, and is surpassed both in value and appearance by many of the banners scholars leaped into the street from the which belong to the various benefit so- first story windows. One of the walls cieties and other mutual associations of of the building was badly cracked. The men in this country. It is of green silk, with a large crescent on the top of the staff, from which is suspended a long all the panes in a window were broken. plume of horse-hair (said to have been The town must have presented the apthe tail of the Prophet's favorite Arab

The Flag of the Prophet is kept in the noise was heard before the earthquake mosque of St. Sophia at Constantinople, was felt. The direction of the wave was and is in the custody of the Shik-ul- from northwest to southwest. Slight most winter wheat and wool. Illinois Islam, or Mahommedan chief - escript shocks of earthquake were felt in Iowa grows the most corn and oats and prowhere all well-wishers of humanity may City. The first shock was scarcely nosincerely trust it will ever remain. - ticeable, but the second and third were Chambers's Journal.

A Pedestrian's Great Walk. The extraordinary feat completed recently by Gale, the Cardiff pedestrian—walking 4,000 quarter miles in 4,000 rattled, and there was a plainly perception of ten minutes—is without periods of ten minutes—is one of the floor slipping without periods of ten minutes—is one of the floor slipping ble motion as of the floor slipping periods of ten minutes—is one of the floor slipping per without parallel in athletic annuls. Compared with it, Capt. Barclay's historic 1,000 miles in 1,000 hours a feat discovery alarmed, and spoke of the tremulous ducing State; Georgia comes next, and trequently duplicated since and letter. frequently duplicated since, and lately, motion as very plain." At Dubuque, then Louisiana; these three States yieldwe believe, even by an English woman the shock was slight, but the scholars in ing nearly the whole rice crop of the -sinks into the grade of minor performances. Robert Skipper's 1,000 half
badly frightened by the thought that the
most of the most of th miles in 1,000 half hours was not nearly building was about to tumble in, that mont, the most of the maple sugar, or as remarkable a performance as this of they were dismissed. In Des Moines, they were dismissed. In Council Bluffs, one-third of the whole product, New York coming next. Indiana gives the most so the most so the maple sugar, or one-third of the whole product, New York coming next. Indiana gives the most so the maple sugar, or one-third of the whole product, New York coming next. Indiana gives the most so the maple sugar, or one-third of the whole product, New York coming next. Indiana gives the most so the maple sugar, or one-third of the whole product, New York coming next. Indiana gives the most so the maple sugar, or one-third of the whole product, New York coming next. Indiana gives the most so the maple sugar, or one-third of the whole product, New York coming next. Indiana gives the most so the most so the most of the maple sugar, or one-third of the whole product, New York coming next. Indiana gives the most so the most so the most of the maple sugar, or one-third of the whole product, New York coming next. Indiana gives the most so the most so the most of the maple sugar, or one-third of the whole product, New York coming next. Indiana gives the most so the of 1,500 miles in 1,000 consecutive hours it was feared that several high buildings over 100,000,000 pounds of tobacco, or was also unprecedented. In fact, Gale would fall, but none were damaged. At considerably over one-third of the whole is the real Cardiff Giant. - New York the high school there was a slight crop; also one-half of all the hemp pro-

panic.

THE EARTHQUAKES.

A Universal Summons-Its Origin-An Em. Three Earthquakes-An American Volcano-Exciting Experiences of Inhabitants of Western Cities-The Southern Earth-

Chicago Evening Journal makes the rocked. At Atchison there was a severe following interesting statement about shock, and hundreds of people rushed

The latest earthquake shocks, which were still sharper in northeastern Ne- Joseph, Mo., and in St. Paul, Minn. braska and southwestern Dakota, bring high bluffs near the little village of day noon. The little fire-mount has at have been damaged. times, in the memory of Indian and embryonic but ambitious velcano. From out the seams or fissures in the heat and rumbling sounds. No snow could long accumulate in winter in close proximity to this place, since the heat of the ground would melt it, and springs of water running from the side of the bluff have been made too warm for drinkaway from any line of travel, on the west region, the little volcano has attracted of the works on geography or geology. The occurrence of the earthquake, with makes worthy of remark the fact that for a few months past this little American Vesuvius has been unusually active. Its vapors have arisen almost constantly, and, for the first time since white men In France the "oriflamme" or golden for a few months past this little Amerihave viewed its action, these vapors

have been easily distinguishable for a

dozen or more miles away.

The first of these disturbances of the earth's surface was perceived on November 4, by the inhabitants of northern New Hampshire, Vermont, western Massachusetts, northern and central were especially violent in the Adirondack mountains region. On November 15, an earthquake shock was felt in the States of Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa, Total.. and in Dakota Territory. The shock was a very severe one, and its effects only due in part to a smaller quantity, of the States mentioned. In Omaha, Neb., there was a panic. All persons in there was some decline, but the reduction the upper floors of the lofty buildings tion is mainly in quantity. The wheat fled to the street. The post-office, a exported averaged in value a small fracfour-story building, was almost deserted. tion short of \$1.17 per bushel, against The clerks at work in the Union Pacific about \$1.241 the preceding year. In the railroad company's offices ran from the next item, that of provisions, is included building, under the belief that a large fresh beef to the value of \$4,562.523, The origin of the insignia is a curious one. Mohammed gazing out upon a vast prospect of field, said: "Nature is green, and green shall be my amblem. Others were of the opinion heavy increase of over twenty-five milgreen, and green shall be my emblem, that some part of the building had fallen. lions as compared to the year before. Of The United States military In course of time, however, it lost that innocent significance; and amid his visions the great dreamer saw the Green. Flag floating as a sign that all true believers should take up their arms and march against the infidel; in fact, the green turban was the sacred head-dress of the place so shaken that the green turban was the sacred head-dress of the place so shaken that the green turban was the sacred head-dress of the place so shaken that the green turban was the sacred head-dress of the place so shaken that the green turban was the sacred head-dress of the place so shaken that the green turban was the sacred head-dress of the place so shaken that the green turban was the sacred head-dress of the place so shaken that the proceeding year. Oheese increased 10,
of the place of time, however, it lost that all the Grand Central Hotel lost also, in a few seconds, most of their occupants. The earthquake was felt throughout the shipments of butter were quadrupled in value, reaching \$4,400,000, and more than quadrupled in quantity—having been 21,527,242 lbs. against 4,644,894 the frightened children left the building. were cracked in nine places. The court-house at Plattsmouth was also slightly damaged; the two upper stories of the high school, a four-story brick, were cracked, and some children were injured while fleeing from the building. The agricultural products, about half the aggregate value, or about \$32,000,000, is the building in great alarm. Two dis- due to tobacco, on which the increase State block, a large building of brick and stone, became alarmed and ran frantic-

women fainted, and two were injured by jumping from their seats in the choir, to the floor, a distance of twelve feet. The nnals of mankind.

building were also greatly alarmed and fled into the street. Fortunately no one pearance of a Peruvian village at the exhibit the crescent and the quotations from the Koran already mentioned.

The Flag of the Prophet is kent in the very perceptible. "On the ground floor of a building there was barely a per-

In Kansas the shock was noticed at Topeka and Atchison. At Topeka, in the chandeliers trembled for ten minutes after the shock. No damage was done. especially affected western Iowa, and The earthquake was also felt in St.

On November 16, the day following the earthquake in the West, a violent cano," known to a few scientific investi- earthquake shock was felt at Knoxville, gators of the west as existing in the Tenn. The shock was apparently only

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30. 1875. 1876.

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In cotton the diminished value was were perceptible in most of the cities the difference being largely occasioned by reduction in price. In breadstuffs 000,000 lbs., reaching the aggregate of 167,364,666 lbs., valued at \$12,700,627. The remainder of the increase shown was pretty evenly divided through the

How Long will the Forests Last.

Under such a tremendous yearly drain, the question naturally comes up, how long will our forests hold out at the present rate of manufacture? It is really an important question, upon which follows the inquiry as to what we are to do for building material when this magnificent wood—pine—is exhausted. One authority after another has entered formally upon its solution, with satisfactory results in local instances, but very vague ones as to the field at large. At the rate we are cutting it to-day, from thirty to fifty years seem to be agreed upon as about the limit. Twenty years ago there was apparently no limit, for the consumption was not only less, but the means for its manufacture were primitive, and accomplished much smaller results than now. It seems as if it were impossible to further improve the machinery of saw-mills; but the near future may, for all that, see sawing machinery in comparison to which that of the present will be contemptible. So, although twenty years ago there was no foreseeing the end of the timber, now, with the modern mills and myriads of

Productions of States.

them, we are beginning to calculate with

Iowa now takes rank as the greatest wheat-producing State, Minnesota comes noise was heard before the earthquake next in order, then Illinois, Wisconsin taking the fourth place. Ohio raises the duces the largest number of fat cattle and hogs. Pennsylvania grows the most rye, amounting to nearly one-fifth the total production of that cereal in the ceptible tremor, in the second stories it States. California produces the greatest duced in the United States.

The Influence of Malaria Counteracted. system of malaria may be effectually counter-The Earthquake in the Eastern States—
the Santa Fe depot, the employees felt acted has been demonstrated for years past by the protection afforded the inhabitants of vast to south. Three gentlemen seated in miasma-breeding districts in North and South one of the rooms suddenly looked at America, Guetamala, Mexico and the West each other, and all exclaimed : "What Indies by Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Used An unusually mild autumn was signalized at its close by three severe earthquake shocks. These shocks were felt in the East, in the West, and in the South. Commenting upon them the Chicago Evening Journal makes the each other, and all exclaimed: "What is that?" Several men felt seasick and dizzy, and ran to the windows to see if there was a train passing. In one room a door was shut and the rocking-chairs proved their adequacy to the task of eradications are recorded. At Atchison there was a severe in great the state of the sustain that is that?" Several men felt seasick and dizzy, and ran to the windows to see if there was a train passing. In one room a door was shut and the rocking-chairs proved their adequacy to the task of eradications are recorded. At Atchison there was a severe in the sustain that it is that?" Several men felt seasick and dizzy, and ran to the windows to see if there was a train passing. In one room a door was shut and the rocking-chairs proved their adequacy to the task of eradications. ing such maladies from the system. For dis-orders of the stomach, liver and bowels, which bound to take an active part, and to the recent active condition of a littlefight against Christianity in every part known released in Nelvaska. thorough remedy. They also strengthen the system, tranquilize the nerves, promote digestion and sound sleep, and impart unwonted relish for food.

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there are no reports from any other and occurrence. Southern city of such an occurrence. Knoxville buildings are not reported to have been damaged.

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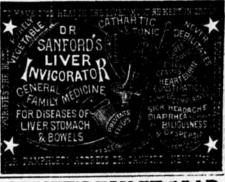
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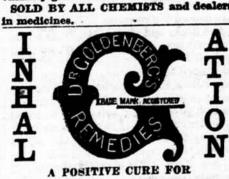


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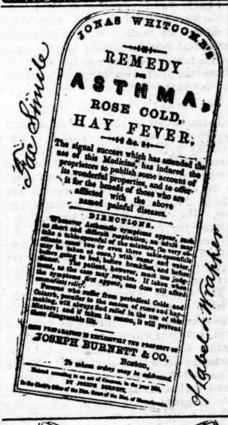
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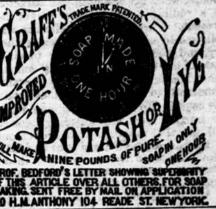
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