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Weekly News Summary.
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New York World says: "Never has the Turkish government been in such financial straits as now, and the discontent in the army constitutes a real danger. It is impossible to see how the \$1,800,000 expenses of the Ramazan and Bairam, due in December and January, can be met. The troops in many provinces are unpaid and there have been mutinies in several districts. Hostile demonstrations here recently have only been quieted by the authorities hastily scraping together a few thousand piastres as something on account. A band of Armenian revolutionists, commanded by one Andranik, has seized an Armenian convent near Mush and is entrenched there. The convent is surrounded by troops."

The Grecian cabinet has resigned because of the demonstration against the proposed translation of the gospels into modern Greek.

At a trial test given to the Holland submarine boat the vessel remained fifteen hours under water and the test is said to have been a complete success.

Alson J. Streeter, who in 1888 was the labor candidate for president, died at his home in New Windsor, Ill.

An American life insurance company has made such enormous profits from its American policies that it is announced that it will erect a modern American building in Paris.

A New York dispatch to the Chicago Tribune says the \$25,000,000 paid in by the banking syndicate which financed the United States steel corporation has been returned to the members of the syndicate. The profits of the syndicate, however, which are variously estimated at from 25 to 37½ per cent of the amount of their original subscriptions, have not been divulged. James R. Keene made the announcement of the return of \$25,000,000 as follows: "The \$25,000,000 which was called up by the United States syndicate has been returned. Checks have been received this morning. This money has been returned because it was no longer needed. The earnings of the company are so large that before the end of its fiscal year the steel corporation will have \$75,000,000 of working capital. The return of the \$25,000,000 does not change the position of the \$200,000,000 syndicate which is still intact and is under the steel stocks. The net profits of the steel corporation for the month of October were about \$11,600,000."

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Take, for instance, the common Yorkshire saying, "When in doubt do nought." How very seldom the principle herein contained can be applied with advantage. How many weak wills, we should like to know, has this pestilential little proverb contributed to paralyze? "All things happen to those that wait"—and so they do wait, till the only thing which is sure to happen to every one does happen, and they die. Could they but have realized that "he who hesitates is lost" contains far more truth than its opposite they might have done something in life. Not that this energetic assertion of an occasional fact is by any means a sure guide. Who is not familiar with the man who never hesitates before any decision and nearly always laments his precipitation, usually aloud? Who has not got tired of imploring such a one to make the best of a bad job or of suppressing the obvious comment of "We told you so?" All the same, believers in a motto which spurs them into foolish action seem, to do better in the race of life than those who rely upon one which preaches nothing but caution. And hasty people generally seem to arrive at their goal, in however bad condition.—London Spectator.

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