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The turkish messiah



 lems and true Clirstians into one
vast hody for the unter destruction
if Anticlinst. Any good Noslem will sav that the Mechli is to be a
man who is to twar the sate name
as Mahoume, and who will appear either from the east or from the
w.s. He is to come from oue of In answer to inguiries as to the lo.
 ponderons tome from his Bibrary
and will turr to the heacidig "In.
. Hatimikh, , great city in the west
It has 2,000 gates and 3,000 gate. keperes." Then he will turn over great city in the cast. It ha rs". The oriental mind is noe horoughly statisfied to build upon
lie ponderous tomes of the library fith in the existence of a suitable binthplace for
is the Mehdi.
The Persina branch of Itam,
mgarided as heretical by the west. in Molamumelans, belieces that arth and is somewhere secreted
until the fulluess of time shall arfive. The Penians hold that in
the latter part of the ninticentury the twelfth of the Imams of the
line of Ali mysteriously disap rearel.- This Iuam is the Mehd d. In the village of Samara, in carefully guarded by Persian doc magnificent dome lavishly gild did pon the inside and ornament. tenes. The inclosed space is
lighted only by a skylight in the the dome is a deep weell in whic the lost Imam is supposed to hav rims, wioo enter awe atricken the Polen hall of yoli, and crawl o velow the dome the "glory" of the place also comes an oceaciinaal
Nostem of the westemn rite-some Turk or Kourd in disguise-wh gratify his hatred of heretics by
surreptitiously spitting into their well as he pretends to gaze int dis depths.
Iohammedans unite in the Mehdi very soon. The Mos With the year 1300 great thing are expected to occur. Exer
new century is set down he Moslem history as having brought some marked event wit its carly years, and the consens peculiarly important figure. Amon up the portfolios of those who dihis one appears most fertile wortent. Thus the popular mind of the advent of the Expected One Some look for the Mehdi as a Mon jeldid or renovator, who is to ef fect his reform by peacelul exhore a Salibi Khourovi, or one wh abandons his allegiance to the
ruling powers in order to initiate ruling powers in order to initiate
reform by the sword. The vast

Astoria, Oregon,
What De Leaseps Thinks
Parss dispatch of the ?d,
De Leseps who has just
ned here, int an interview on
ptian aftain, said the first fact
should be known regarding
Egyptan matter is that the
menet is a national one. He
atisted Arabi has the whole
on at his back. His fores is at Arahs he has arms for 00,000 ,
and when ha eneeds men can get
them. De Lesseps had every reason to be satisfied with the man
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