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WAR.

YESTERDAY'S news indicates immediate war between England and Russia. The collision reported in our dispatches will in all probability, hasten the inevitable. The war feeling in both England and Russia is intense, particularly so in England, where all classes, however locally divided on questions of home policy are united in the declaration that Russia must vacate or fight.

In Russia the Czar and his advisers are said to look upon the war as a sort of safety valve for Nihilism and discontent to vent itself.

Both countries have been talking peace all along and making tremendous preparations for what the world saw was only a matter of time. The next thing on the programme is a formal declaration of war and then the shock of conflict in the defiles of the far off land of the Afghans.

The example of France in 1870 to the contrary notwithstanding, it is the nation that can fire gold as well as lead that conquers in modern wars. Herein lies the weakness of Russia. Of lead she has plenty, and of men and ships she has an abundance, but in gold and credit she is lacking.

Her bonds have been popular of late years because they pay five per cent., an unusual rate in European money markets, and, singularly enough, they are held in large quantities in England. It has been noted by observers that the Russian bonds were not so sensitive to war talk as the English securities, which, while paying but about half the interest paid by the Russians, and therefore regarded as the safer investment, fell farther and more rapidly. This firmness was the sign of a starving off of war, to which conservative people cling tenaciously.

The financial condition of the czar's empire certainly will not of itself explain the steadiness of the bonds. During the last four years the financial outlook of the Russian government has been something which we Americans, puzzled how to dispose of our surplus, find it difficult to realize. In 1881 the revenue of the empire was \$65,102,000, and the expenditures \$69,451,000. The following year the deficit rose to \$3,000,000. No statistics since 1883 are readily accessible, but the deficit still is large and would be vastly increased by the expenditures of a foreign war, especially one so likely to be stubbornly contested as a struggle for the golden prize of India.

It is true that a despotism proceeds more directly to its point than a free government, because the former has no public opinion to conciliate; but even under a despotism there is a limit to the taxation a people will endure, and the poverty of the country, and the grinding weight of taxes are leading causes of the discontent which Russian popular discontent professes against the Russian government. In a great war the spirit of patriotism, or its substitute, national pride, makes people willing to submit to burdens unendurable in times of peace; but the money with which to prepare for war is what Russia needs, and that money she finds it next to impossible to wring from the taxpayers or borrow from the bankers. The great money lenders look askance on Russia for the reason that they consider her an exhausted country almost on the verge of revolution. In this dilemma Russia feels all the bitterness of being dependent on her great rival for all the sinews of war. A writer in a London paper notes as an ingenious method of keeping the Russian bonds popular the way in which loans have been put on the money market, small sums having been borrowed in rapid succession, and the "calls" comprehending very limited amounts of several issues. Thus an appearance of ability and willingness to take up the deed is counterfeited to the benefit of the czar and the comfort of the investor. English investors are therefore urged by the same writer to sell out their holdings of Russian bonds, as the closing of the English money market would leave the Muscovite loans without a refuge in Europe, the Germans at present being disinclined to stock up any further. Now that war is breaking on the Afghan frontier an unlimited amount of paper money may float Russia through it, only to accelerate the day of national bankruptcy. But, as between a nation paying 5 per cent and one paying 3 per cent, the probabilities of success are in favor of the latter, as borrowing the reader and paying the less for what she has to buy.

GLADSTONE stated in the house of commons Tuesday night that he saw no reason why the present difficulties with Russia could not be settled by ordinary diplomatic methods.

An Arab paper contains an interesting description of the organization of the Mahdi's forces, according to which the tactical unit of his army is the "brotherhood," consisting of ten men, who are originally under the orders of their senior in age. Any soldier, however, who especially distinguishes himself may be promoted to the leadership. Ten of these "brotherhood" form a company, at the head of which is a ferik, and ten companies form a regiment, which is commanded by an emir and his lieutenants. Every company has its linen flag, which invariably bears the crossed swords that form the military device of the Mahdi; but the color of the flag varies, each regiment having its own, and in fact, being known by its color. Deeds of bravery are rewarded by a present of gold, and any private may by continued gallantry raise himself to the rank of emir. When the Mahdi commands in person he is accompanied by ten emirs, who constitute his staff, by ten officers who act as aide-de-camps, and by four mounted standard-bearers. These twenty-four immediate companions of the general-in-chief are alone eligible to sit on courts martial and councils of war. But the Mahdi has several unofficial councilors, and among these doubtless are the two Frenchmen who according to the Paris papers, have thrown their lot with him.

How many persons have even rough idea of the average sum upon which by far the larger part of the citizens of the United States are fed, clothed and housed? A recent statistician estimated that eighty per cent. of the population of this country is supported by from forty-five to fifty cents per capita a day. At the latter figure this makes \$164.25 as the average annual cost of living; but, as by average we mean the balance between extremes, there must be many persons who have not even this sum to live upon. That fifty cents a day is a generous estimate will be admitted when it is remembered that many mill operatives earn only from \$5 to \$7 a week, and that the wages of farm hands run from \$20 to \$30 a month, and that on these sums several persons are often supported. When it is remembered, too, that some other human beings have a yearly income equal to what is necessary for the subsistence of 500 or 1,000 of these "average" mortals, the startling contrast between the extremes of our modern society must be most evident.

RASMUS B. ANDERSON, the nominee for minister to Denmark is one of the best selections the president has yet made. Professor Anderson, who has a chair in the university of Wisconsin, is known throughout the west as one of the most accomplished scholars in the north European languages and as an eloquent advocate in the cause of the Scandinavian people in this country. He was largely instrumental in the establishment of the new periodical in Chicago called Scandinavia, and to literature he is known by his admirable translations of the novels of Bjornson and by another work on northern mythology. He has also been a frequent contributor to the magazines on topics relating to the language and literature of the Scandinavians. There is no man who better represents the feelings and aspirations of the Scandinavians in this country, or who will be able to commend himself better to the court of Copenhagen.

A WASHINGTONIAN, said to be well informed as to the European situation, believes that in certain contingencies the United States may have an interest in the war between France and China. The principal Chinese commercial steamship lines have been purchased by an American syndicate which is composed of capitalists in Boston, New York and San Francisco. President Arthur recently called attention to this fact in his message. The ships owned by this syndicate, in spite of our own navigation laws, fly the American flag. In reality they have no right to sail under American colors, and are not entitled to the protection of the United States; but if any of these ships should be seized by a French man-of-war, complications would ensue between the United States and France. This might prove to be a serious matter. Probably it might be more serious for France than for the United States, because any complication between France and the United States would encourage China.

It is estimated that there are 2,000,000 Mohammedans in this world, of whom 6,000,000 are in southeastern Europe and 20,000,000 in Asiatic Turkey, 7,500,000 in Persia, 25,000,000 in Arabia and Central Asia, and 60,000,000 in Hindostan. Considerably more than half of them are in Asia, and the remainder in Africa, except the 6,000,000 in European Turkey. It is also stated that Islam is rapidly converting the followers of Brahminism.

This is the force which threatens England should the Mahdi succeed in impressing it with the belief that he is the true prophet.

HERETO Newfoundland fish have been imported into Canada, under the treaty of Washington, the same as into the United States. In view of expiring fishery clauses in that treaty, the Canadian parliament recently added the same duty on fish from Newfoundland as will be put on fish from the United States.

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