

The Daily Astorian.

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THE PARTIES INTERESTED IN KEEPING THE PEACE.

THE war atmosphere is still heavy. A week ago peace was thought to be pretty well assured. The news by way of Warsaw that the Russians have decided to make Herat the objective point of the present movement is to be taken with many grains of allowance. The theory has long been held that Herat was the key to India by way of Afghanistan. The conviction has always been a strong one that the Russians would finally make an effort to obtain that key. There is nothing in the recent movements of the Russians to weaken that theory, but on the contrary a great deal to confirm it.

Just now it is affirmed that Russian finances are in a deplorable condition. They were never, in recent times, worse than at the close of the war with Turkey. Russia gained nothing in that war except a certain measure of protection for members of the Greek church. The objective point was Constantinople. The war was, therefore, a failure in part. It left Russia loaded with debt, the load being in addition to the great financial burdens which she was carrying. It would be difficult to fix a date when the expenditures of Russia were within the legitimate annual income. In 1883 the public income was \$350,000,000 and the expenditures were \$300,000,000. In 1885 the estimates of income are \$390,000,000 and the disbursements are put at \$400,000,000. Russia is now paying interest on her public debt to the amount of about \$100,000,000. She has been a borrower in many markets. Her creditors are German, English, Dutch and French. At this juncture she cannot borrow any money in Great Britain, and finds it difficult to borrow in any part of Europe. If she goes to war with Great Britain she must raise somewhere not less than a hundred million dollars.

Now the creditors of Russia are interested in keeping the peace. Germany is one of the large creditors. Every decline of the Russian funds in the German market is reported as a calamity. The good offices of Germany have been enlisted to keep the peace. The Russian securities which the former holds probably exceed at this date more than a hundred million dollars. We know that since the prospect of war was imminent Germans have bought largely of Russian securities in the English market, probably for the purpose of preventing a disastrous fall in those securities. If war should actually break out these securities would decline largely and might sink to a nominal price. Such a war under any circumstances, would cost Germany heavily. As for Great Britain it is true enough that English capitalists do hold large amounts of Russian securities, but they are not sufficiently numerous, relatively, to exercise much influence in favor of peace. The most positive warnings have been given that British holders of Russian securities had better get rid of them at once.

Great Britain has an interest in keeping the peace, because a long war would entail oppressive burdens upon the people. The credit of the kingdom is good. The government can always raise money. Yet the cost of all wars eventually comes out of the people. It is so much more added to the public debt, on which the people must pay interest. When the war in the Sudan was begun it was contended that it would cost Great Britain fifty million dollars. It is already seen that it will cost that sum and probably much more. A hundred millions will go but a little way in war with Russia. Great Britain can borrow money of her own people; but the borrower must pay the interest. Russia cannot borrow money of her own people to any great extent, but must go abroad for it in every great financial emergency. The vast sum which Russia owes to-day to European creditors cannot be accurately stated. Some estimates place the indebtedness as high as a thousand million dollars. While this sum might not be absolutely stricken out in case of war between Russia and Great Britain, the values would depreciate fearfully. This is the moneyed interest which the leading powers of Europe have to-day in preserving the peace. Whatever the supposed commercial gains might be, war would entail a great calamity on the people outside of the nations immediately concerned. France, Holland and Germany have no interest which makes for war, because millions of securities owned by their people would surely shrink under a prolonged war to nominal figures in the market. And yet to-day, with these vast in-

terests enlisted on the side of peace, to say nothing of humanitarian considerations, the assurance of peace is much weaker than it was a few days ago. The advance of the Russians has been for the most part in a border-land—a no-man's-land—where the actual sovereignty for a long time has been shadowy and uncertain. The latest accounts affirm that acknowledged Afghan territory has been actually invaded by the Russians. If once the news which comes by way of Warsaw should turn out to be correct, viz., that all the recent movements of the Russian forces were only the preparation for an ultimate descent upon Herat, already fully determined upon, the peace theory would suddenly disappear.

THE WAR IN CANADA.

GENERAL MIDDLETON, commander-in-chief of the Canadian army, appears to have opened his campaign with a repulse. He sent some volunteers to drive a party of rebels out of their rifle-pits and they had to beat a hasty retreat with a loss of eight killed and some forty wounded. They found that the half-breeds were capital shots and that they knew enough about fighting to keep well under cover. General Middleton will have to try it again. It is hardly likely, says the Chronicle, that Louis Riel can stand up against the army of the Dominion. But it is clear that he is not an enemy whom it is safe to despise.

The war strikes people on this side of the line as rather a mysterious affair. What is Riel fighting for? Does he aim at establishing an independent state of Manitoba, with a view to its ultimate absorption by the United States? Has he laid his plans to become a modern General Houston? If so, perhaps it might have been wise to feel the American pulse before he began. We are not investing just now in the Arctic regions. It is curious, too, that while all Canada is said to be panting for blood-curdling news from the seat of war, sympathizers with Riel are holding meetings at Montreal. He must have some purpose that is understood in the Dominion or he could not have sympathizers. Nobody sympathizes with a mere robber such as Riel is represented to be.

The Canadians, as a rule, are very much in earnest and it is amusing to contrast some of their present performances with the sneers with which they recorded our first battles in the civil war. In Toronto they are trying the prayer cure on Riel. The churches have dropped theological polemics to unite in prayer for the defeat of the half-breeds. It may answer. They are powerful preachers, the clergymen of Ontario. If prayer will fetch Riel they are the men to accomplish the work. But if General Middleton fights in the open against half-breeds under cover it will take a prodigious lot of praying to finish the campaign.

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CHAS. F. POWELL, Captain of Engineers.

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