

## IS TRIPOLI WORTH FIGHT?

Serious Question as to its Value Arises—Noted Italian Historian Prepares a Statement Discussing the Affair.

ROME, Sept. 30.—That there is a serious question whether Tripoli will prove worth fighting for as a colonial possession was admitted today in a statement exclusively prepared for the United Press by Guglielmo Ferrerero, the famous Italian historian whose "Greatness and Decadence of Rome" ranks as one of the greatest modern historical works. All that he said, declared Ferrerero, was not intended either as an argument for or against the occupation of Tripoli, but merely as a note of warning to the impulsiveness and enthusiastic expectations of the Italian people at a time when they seem bent on forcing their government to begin a system of colonial expansion similar to that of France and Germany. The statement follows:

(By Guglielmo Ferrerero.)  
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A people is at liberty to choose or not to choose when it wants colonies. If it chooses to want them and seeks to found them, there can be proposed no other means save to occupy territory that is still poor, that is still semi-civilized, or that for a long time has been semi-barbarous for the purpose of attempting to augment its value, investing in its wisely the capital necessary to bring it about. Territory already rich, developed and blossoming can only be found in countries of an older civilization. The profit, therefore, of a colonial undertaking can only be measured according to the probability of the territory, which is to be made the subject of the undertaking, easily and rapidly increasing and growing in value.

At this a problem that in the majority of instances human wisdom has been impotent to solve. There are few things that history can demonstrate to man, but in the failure of predictions, for states and territories, it can. All surprises are possible. There are also all delusions in the infinite changing of human vicissitudes, the aspirations, the ideals and the needs

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"MARTY" O'TOOLE of the PITTSBURG B. C.

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of humanity.

Two centuries ago, for example, in the new countries, the hot territories had a greater value than those in a more temperate zone. But a century later when there came all the grand industries and all the mechanical inventions of modern civilization, the value of the former had declined while the value of the latter had increased.

A century ago the immense plains in which Argentine sows its cereals and reaps such masses of riches were only a desert without value. But the overflow of European population, the growing demand for cereals, the progress of navigation and the railroad has converted in fifty years the desert into an Eldorado.

All of this merely goes to show that in a colonial policy as in all other things human, much depends upon good fortune while the element of time is also one of the most important elements of success. The only sure

rule, then, for a state to follow if it wishes to inaugurate and carry out a colony policy is to take that which it can without excess cost and danger and then to wait.

It is not possible to make a colonial empire bear fruit like a vast plain already fully established; but it is necessary that it be allowed to fructify according to the circumstances following the current of the time, and keeping always well in mind, that human fortunes are perennially moving and changing; that in the world nothing is stable and eternal, not even the value of territory; not even the power of the state; not even the greatness of the people.

BERKELEY, Ca.—The time-honored "beer bust", one of the classic traditions of the state university, has gone down in history. Nothing but a smoker will take its place this year at the annual celebration of the sophomores.

## MILLER HAS A NARROW ESCAPE

In Cranking Car He Overlooks Fact that Gear is in Place—Was Badly Jolted But No Serious Result Followed.

Kerby S. Miller, manager of the Rogue River Fruit association, met with an automobile accident about six o'clock Friday night which came very near putting him in a hospital for an indefinite period.

His car was standing on the east side of the association's office where it had been left in gear when stopped until he attempted to "crank" it. The car started and Mr. Miller was jammed against a nearby platform with such force as to bruise him severely, but no bones were broken.

Mr. Miller was taken into the office and Dr. Pierce was called. An examination showed that no bones were broken and he was taken to his home where the flesh wounds were dressed. Fortunately for Mr. Miller one of the car lamps came in contact with the platform at the same instance he did, and he was thus protected from more severe if not fatal injuries.

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—Because he feels that he has foiled a firing squad and hopes soon to be at liberty under the charge of violating the neutrality laws, can go to trial, General Cap Rhys Pryce, freed by United States Commissioner VanDyke of murder, arson and robbery charges, by which the Mexican government sought to have him extradited to that country, today says that he is the happiest man in California. Miss Alice Biggs, whom Pryce is to marry, is expected to arrive in Los Angeles today from Vancouver, B. C.

SEATTLE, Wn.—Three young midshipmen of the Imperial Chinese navy, have arrived in Seattle on a Japanese liner and today are being shown the sights by Goon Dip, local Chinese consul. The lads are en their way to Boston where they will study five years in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the leading technical university in the world.

Haskins for health

SEATTLE, Wn.—It was announced today that 500 divorce decrees granted in Seattle since 1909 are void and ineffective, and that many men and women, divorced by these illegal documents, have remarried in blissful ignorance that they are not even legally freed from their prior mates.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal.—Deserting a wealthy husband and a baby boy for an automobile mechanic, Mrs. W. P. Meyers, wife of a prominent Los Angeles physician, today is en route to San Francisco with her affinity, J. R. Martin. After an exciting chase Dr. Myers ran down his wife and the chauffeur here. They had eloped in Dr. Myers' automobile.

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Turnips—2c.  
Radishes—5c bunch.  
Onions—Green, 6c bunch.

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Oranges—25 @ 45c doz.  
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Turkeys—28 @ 30, dressed.

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Beef—Cows, 10 @ 20c; steers, 12 1/2 @ 25c.  
Pork—20 @ 22c.  
Veal—Dressed, 15 @ 25c.  
Mutton—12 1/2 @ 20c; lambs, 15 @ 25c.

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Hay—Timothy, \$14; alfalfa, \$14; grass, \$12; grain hay, \$14.  
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