

Ruler of the Afghans a Strong and Just King

His Strenuous Career as the Crown Prince and Some Notable Feats of Arms—Single-Handed He Subdues a Band of Mutineers—Introduces Many Modern Ideas to Kabul—Friend of British.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23. — Several years ago an English physician rode up to the entrance of the Ameer of Afghanistan's palace in Kabul. He had been engaged to act as court surgeon to the Ameer Abdur Rahman and had called

The Amerer was away suppressing an insurrection—a familiar occupation to the ruler of the turbulent Afghans—but the doctor was told that his eldest son, Prince Habibullah Khan, would receive him.

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This was not the kind of Oriental prince the doctor had expected, but as soon as he had recovered from his surprise he was able to understand the subject, and was surprised to discover how much Habibullah knew about it and

about a thousand other points of western science and polity.

Abdur Rahman Khan, the Ameer of Afghanistan, in whose stead Habibullah was a barbaric tyrant, according to European notions. And certainly his methods seemed cruel and merciless.

Travelers who entered his kingdom

through the Khyber Pass, saw, swinging in the air, a dead man's head. From a precipitous cliff above their heads, containing a skeleton. It was the skeleton of a bandit who had robbed and murdered wayfarers in that pass. Abdur Rahman caught him, put him in the cage and swung him over the heads of the hungry and thirsty crowd. Then he ordered the

TAMED THE AFGHANS.

In such a spirit he and his son Habibullah administered the law until they tamed the Afghans, suppressing a hundred rebellions in the process. Then

Kiermash, who was employed by Amer as a spy and belonged to Sultana's party, made a false report that Habibullah was plotting against his father. This again helped to prove the truth of the untrue, and the happy Kiermash was blown from the gun.

Halima played a straight hand

to put down a rebellion. During that time he left Habibullah, then a young man, at Kabul, as regent.

As he was sitting in judgment in his palace a dozen Hazara officers suddenly came in. They were dressed in clean, dusty, blue-tinted robes and their clothing was torn into rags.

They reported that their battalion

lost. From an Oriental standpoint it is probable that Habibullah ought to have murdered them and her son when he came to the throne. That would have been according to the traditions of the Afghan politics.

But he is chivalrous. He meant to be equal dignify with his son, the Queen, and has made her son, the

He had broken out to mutiny and killed some of its officers, while they themselves had barely escaped with their lives.

"Hasten, oh, prince," they concluded. "Escape while there is time! Those sons of dogs are even now marching upon the palace to slay you!"

Habibullah calmly lit a cigarette.

As and as soon as his horse could be brought he galloped alone down the road by which the mutineers were advancing.

HIS RECKLESS COURAGE.

"Your grievances shall be inquired into, and if wrong has been done to-

ward you you shall have justice," said Habibullah. "By the beard of my father, I swear it. But if you go not back, you shall see the power of my sword by my reckless courage and kindly bearing the mutineers wavered. Then one of the ringleaders cried: "Go forward, brothers! Shall we be ruled by this son of a slave woman?"

Kill him! At this insub Habibullah cast diplomacy to the winds. He drew his sword and spurred his horse towards the man.	be the thin edge of the wedge of aggression, and he does not intend Afghanistan shall become a second China.
LONDONERS INTERESTED	THE 500 STOCKS
In view of late Mary Valentine of	Deposits New Amount to 600

Detroit.	Shares.
Detroit, Mich., Nov. 28.—The will of the late Mary Josephine Valentine, which has been filed for probate, provides that the estate shall be held in trust for the benefit, first of the testa-	Montreal, Nov. 28.—Advices received by the Canadian representative of reorganization committee of the solidated Lake Superior yesterday indicated that the stock deposits

the child's trust. If the children die without issue the estate is to be divided between the sisters of St. Joseph, Mount Hope, London, Ont., the conference of the society of St. Vincent de Paul, of Windsor, Hotel Dieu Hospital, Windsor, and St. Alphonsus Hospital, Windsor. The residuary estate, of London, Ont. and George

H. Kirchner, of Detroit, are named as executors. Mrs. Valentine was a sister of the late Dean Wagner, of Windsor.

STRUCK BY MAIL TRAIN

Narrow Escape of a Farmer at St.

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thrown some distance. He was badly injured, but it is expected he will recover. The horses escaped unhurt. The train was stopped by a signal, and the crossing signals were given, but McQueen took no notice of them.

John A. Eakins, one of the oldest residents of Sparta, died yesterday, in his 86th year. He fell downstairs

Westminster—1. J. Hamilton.

plate glass warehouse is also built