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London's Good Name.

The Woodstock Sentinel-Review editorially prints a paragraph from a contemporary, in which it is stated that "at the reception to Lord and Lady Aberdeen in the City Hall on Thursday evening a member of the London City Council presented himself at the door for admittance and sent in the names of 'A Man and His Family,' on a scrap of brown paper, such as is used by butchers for wrapping up meat in. The alderman, it is said, was attired in the roughest of clothes, such as he would expect to do chores in." There is absolutely no truth in this statement. No London alderman insulted the Governor-General and the Countess of Aberdeen, as alleged, and no member of the City Council would be guilty of such conduct.

The fact that this story is unfortunately going the round of the Canadian papers, which are appending all sorts of unfavorable comments on Londoners, shows how careful people ought to be to obey that commandment which says, "Thou shalt not bear false witness." The good name of London should not be aspersed.

The Sultan had the full text of Gladstone's famous speech on the Armenian atrocities telegraphed to him. But no one outside of the Sultan's palace will ever read that noteworthy, soul-stirring deliverance, unless a newspaper containing it is surreptitiously imported into Turkey. The orders given by the Sultan prevent the publication of the speech in any Turkish paper, and prohibit the importation of all foreign papers containing it. This is Turkish ideas of liberty! The Turk has remained too long on European soil.

Outlook for Cheese.

Dairymen have been jubilant over the recent favorable outlook for cheese. The Trade Bulletin informs us that never before have factorymen sold their makeup closer than at present for this season of the year, and consequently they are in a better position to hold their long keeping cheese, although if any further weakening of the market manifested itself, they would no doubt rush in to realize like a flock of sheep, in which case shippers would have a better show in getting in on a safer basis, as it must be admitted that the price of cheese is above the parity of values of other provisions. Another factor which should not be lost sight of in discussing the cheese question is the reported short make in Great Britain, which is estimated by acknowledged authorities on the other side to be 25 to 30 per cent short of a good average production. If this should turn out to be true, it will mean a deficit of from 1,000,000 to 1,200,000 boxes. That there is a material shrinkage on the other side seems to be borne out by the small pitches of cheese in the provincial markets of England of late. The extent of this shortage is accounted for not only by the drought during the past summer producing poor pastures, but also from the fact that many farmers throughout England have given up cheese making, as they found it more profitable to send their milk to the large cities, and towns for daily consumption. The shipment of cheese from Canada during the present season up to the close of last week were 1,058,172 boxes, against 1,032,593 boxes in 1895, showing an increase of about 5,600 boxes; but it must be remembered that stocks here are very light, as almost all the make up to August has been exported, while it is well known that last year at this time the cold storage room was filled to repletion with summer goods. The shipments from New York for the present season up to the close of last week were, 399,176 boxes, against 283,495 boxes for the corresponding period in 1895, showing the large decrease of 106,081 boxes. The combined shipments from New York and Montreal, therefore, show a decrease of 101,102 boxes, as compared with the same period last year, while prices are fully 1c higher.

After a period of low prices for this prime product of the Canadian farmer, the prospects now seem to be most cheering. The appreciation of cheese values should help the other farm products.

The dangers of canoe-sailing are once more emphasized by the tragedy on Sparrow Lake, Muskoka, in which two valuable lives were lost. The canoe is no vessel in which to sail stormy waters. It is dangerous even in river navigation.

A Lesson to the Czar.

Is the Outburst of Affection for Queen Victoria—Reign of Terror in Constantinople—Will Russia and France Aid in Settling the Armenian Question?—The Soudan Campaign—British Poets Humiliated—Paris Preparing for the Czar—Bavaria Bicycle Mad.

London, Sept. 27.—British poets have clearly fallen upon evil days. It has become an open secret that Alfred Austin is practically under an injunction to preserve silence. Sir Edwin Arnold recently burst forth in a long, exuberant ode on the subject of the Queen's reign having exceeded in length all others in English history, and he sold it unconditionally to the man who manages a publication called the Salon. This person, however, has other strings to his bow, and he used the poem as a centerpiece for a big page collection of advertisements of cigars, carpets, sewing machines, etc., which he published on Thursday in every London daily. Sir Edwin denounces the publicity as a literary outrage.

GLADSTONE'S SPEECH.

Word comes from Berlin that the anti-Turkish speech delivered by Mr. Gladstone at last Thursday's mass meeting in Liverpool has been widely published at the German capital, and generally commented upon by the newspapers, a majority of which speak of the address unfavorably. The Vossische Zeitung is the most influential of the leading journals in its criticisms, and goes no further than to express hope that the words of the former Prime Minister of Great Britain will have a sobering effect upon the Sultan and the palace clique behind him. At the same time, the Vossische Zeitung suggests the possibility that the almost violent language employed by Mr. Gladstone may reawaken the fanaticism of the Moslems and the Armenian revolutionists and their followers, leading to the very results which he so strongly denounced. Among other leading German papers the consensus of opinion is that the speech is more likely to do harm than good. The suggestion made by Mr. Gladstone of a severance of the diplomatic relations between Great Britain and Turkey is regarded by the papers as fantastic, and only likely to encourage a renewal of the massacres in the Sultan's dominion.

PARIS PREPARING.

Paris has begun the task of decorating for what it regards as the principal event in the history of the Republic, and both there and at Versailles and at Cherbourg the work will be on a scale that will be unprecedented. Frenchmen conduct their party and personal difference so much out of doors that perhaps we get an exaggerated notion of the bad blood which this visit of the Czar is stirring up. The most furious jealousies seem to be raging in all directions. The failure to call the Chamber of Deputies together in extra session for the great event is ascribed by some to a fear that it would throw the Meline Ministry out of office, and by others to President Faure's unwillingness to share his honors with the Presidents of the Senate and Chamber, who are, constitutionally, his ceremonial equals. There is a general and very familiar discussion as to the part which M. Faure's wife and daughter ought to play in the festivities. The prevalent view is against their participation, but a considerable minority of those who debate the matter ascribe this feeling to the mean envy of the women folk of Ministers and Deputies, who are furious over their own exclusion.

RUSSIA'S RULERS IN BRITAIN.

Despite the great tension of the European crisis upon the public mind England has given much attention this week to the royal gathering at Balmoral. The Czar is not a new or newly pleasing figure just now in the English eyes for obvious reasons, but the country has insisted upon observing in an informal way the occasion when the Queen's reign became the longest in English history. The popular tribute of love and loyalty has been overwhelming, and must also have had a special significance in the eyes of the young autocrat who witnessed its many forms of expression. The press of the country has printed uncounted columns testifying to the personal affection of Great Britain for her gracious sovereign, and reviewing the marvelous record of the Victorian age. There is one little incident mentioned in Sir Edwin Arnold's long personal reminiscences which suffices to give an idea of the measure of the world's progress during Queen Victoria's beneficent reign. He notes the fact that on the day of her coronation the sidewalk peddlers on Fleet street were selling, as this latest novelty, luffer matches at a half-penny each. The Queen has confessed with gracious tact that she has been deeply touched and gratified by the expression of the loyalty and affection of her subjects in recognition of the length of her reign. The spontaneity of these manifestations of respect has been a most characteristic feature, and the whole empire has been thrilled with the touch of sympathy. Her services to monarchical sentiment in Europe can only be silently recognized by reigning houses with which her personal influence is very great.

ANTI-TURKISH CONCERT POSSIBLE.

There is a reviving notion that Russia and France may be brought round to act with England in the Turkish trouble. Of course, the circumstance that the Czar is at Balmoral, and that Lord Salisbury is there also under the same roof, gives a natural impetus to this idea. How malleable Nicholas may prove in the hands of those who now have hold of him is, however, not the most important question. It is of more vital interest to know to what extent Nicholas is truly master of the forces over which he nominally presides, and as to that we can only guess. Englishmen are buoying themselves up with the hope not only that he can be convinced, but that he can throw Russia and France in to the scales with his convictions. This hope is so attractive that for the moment even the most skeptical are tempted to share it. The French are plainly in a state of doubt as to whether this chance of front is not what is really going to happen. Their leading journals are all visibly drawing back towards neutral ground, and poisoning themselves in readiness to

jump in the new direction if the Czar gives the word.

A REIGN OF TERROR.

All correspondents save one agree that the reign of terror in the Turkish capital continues, and the tension of public apprehension has become intolerable. The exodus of Europeans is taxing the facilities of the railways and steamships, and business is completely at a standstill. The entire press of Europe, including the newspapers which oppose interference with the status quo, admit that the situation is as above described. The important summary of the massacres and deportations in Constantinople has been received here. The total Armenian population of Constantinople is, or rather was, 53,000, of whom one-third were able-bodied males, a large proportion being unmarried. Of these 53,000 about 4,000 have been massacred, 1,000 have disappeared, 4,000 have escaped by consular aid, and at least 20,000 have been deported by the state, so that the male population of Constantinople is reduced—half of the 53,000, or 26,500. The effect of the Gladstone Liverpool speech has been to give a great impetus to the agitation against the inhumanity of the Turks, but the same careful moderation characterizes the public expression of the national indignation. Almost everywhere the newspapers find it impossible even to mention all the public meetings which are being held daily throughout the country. The movement is still secretly non-partisan, and all the more significant on that account, but there is an evident expectation on the part of the agitators that the Government will do something effectual. If this expectation is disappointed there is little doubt that the tone of public comment will soon change to one of criticism.

MAHDISM SHATTERED.

Under ordinary circumstances all Europe would be humming now with eager speculation about Egypt. The English are not only in possession of Dongola, but they have proved by practical test that only the merest rotten husk of Mahdism remains in Equatorial Africa. If the Dervishes could make a stand anywhere it would be at the Government's frontier, but their earlier pretenses of resistance were quite fatuous, and at the final pinch they ran like rabbits, without a show of fight. This, contrasted with their extraordinary devotion and ferocity of a dozen years ago, is as remarkable in its way as is the practical evolution in the case of the native Egyptian troops from a cowardly rabble to a splendid soldiery. If considerations of expense were not of first importance, there would seem to be nothing to prevent the Sirdar from going to Khartoum, Omdurman, or wherever else he pleases on the road to Uganda. The expedition of what is to all intents British territory would in ordinary times create a lively international hubbub, but at the present time the Dervishes are so excited to allow even this to make a diversion. One or two of the Paris papers cry out that the campaign for forcing the Egyptian hand on the whole subject of the Nile, but not even in Châvins' quarters is there any sympathetic response. It is understood that bigger things even than Egypt are at stake.

CELEBRATING TRAFALGAR.

A project is afoot for a grand national demonstration of patriotism on Oct. 21, which is the anniversary of the battle of Trafalgar, when Nelson whipped the combined fleets of France and Spain. The project appears to be in competent hands. Among other things it is proposed to have a great mass meeting at Trafalgar Square, with the famous Nelson Monument crowned with laurel and guarded with a body of naval pensioners in uniform. Nelson monuments are almost as plentiful as blackberries in this country, and each is to be the center of a similar simultaneous display of patriotic fervor.

BAVARIA BICYCLE MAD.

Bavaria has gone bicycle mad, and the manufacturers of Europe cannot satisfy the demand. The strong prejudice against ladies appearing on wheels has altogether disappeared in Munich and other cities, and now all the women are enthusiastic advocates of the sport. The roads of Bavaria are magnificent.

RUSSIAN OCCUPATION DISCUSSED.

The English Liberal press discusses with equanimity a permanent Russian occupation of Constantinople, accompanied with "guarantee" of free passage of the Dardanelles. Russia in possession of Constantinople and the straits, and Europe only in possession of guarantee, there would soon be an anarchy. The moral conferences cannot go that way. The real Salisbury lead is a European protectorate over Turkey. Lord Salisbury and M. de Staal, the Russian ambassador, are both at Balmoral for the purpose of consulting with the Czar. M. de Staal is a strong Anglophile, and will give great assistance to the British Government in the direction of convincing Russia of the disinterestedness of the Turkish policy of Great Britain. Many prominent Conservatives are strongly opposed to any plan which would hand Constantinople over to Russia. The eminent foreign expert, Frederick Greenwood, published an article in the Pall Mall Gazette yesterday, in which he predicted that if the European powers should give Constantinople to Russia that empire would become in a few years the irremovable master of Europe.

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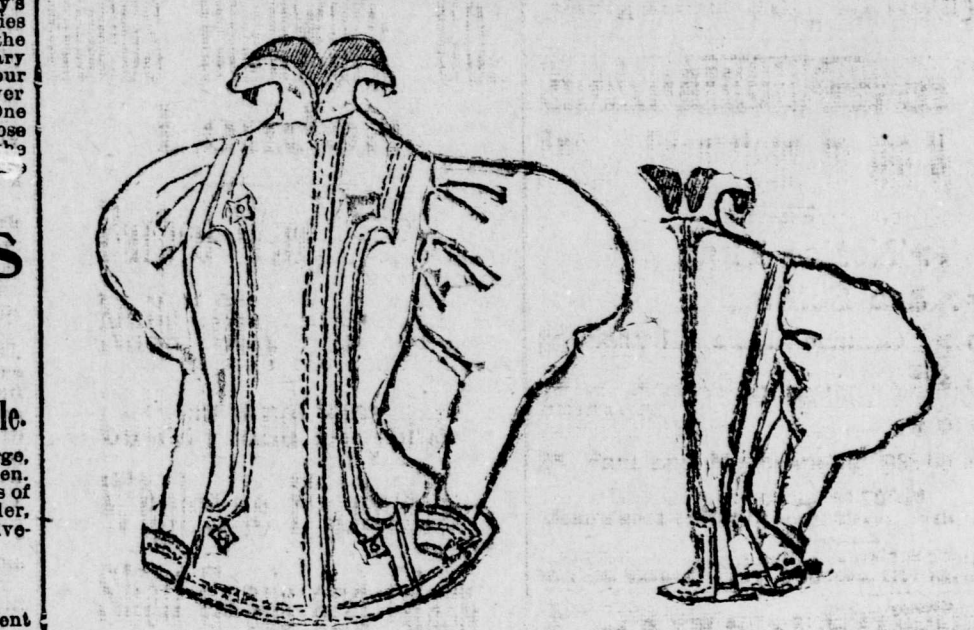
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