

tion, amidst the plaudits of the people and the backing of the army and navy. It is difficult to understand the anti-clerical intolerance which seems to be the prevailing note of the Provisional government. In King Manuel, the Portuguese had a most excellent king, a man, young in years, and ready to do everything that was required of him, possessing a charming individuality and a true friend of the people.

(b) The Turkish Loan and After.—British influence seems to be on the wane in Turkey. The Young Turk Party is looking towards Germany and Austria. The latest evidence of this fact is the loan of £6,000,000 to Turkey, through a German syndicate.

(c) The British Note to Persia.—This action of Britain is regarded with distrust in Berlin, St. Petersburg and Constantinople. However, England has made it clear that no encroachment whatever is intended on the integrity of Persia itself, and the only Indian troops it is suggested should be employed are a few Indian officers. Everyone agrees that it is time the Southern caravan routes were properly safeguarded, and no fault can possibly be found with Britain for taking steps to bring about so desirable a change.

Imperial Defence: F. A. W. Gisborne.—This article results from the memorial of two hundred and fifty naval and military officers in Great Britain to the government, to sanction the issue of a loan of £100,000,000 to strengthen the national defences. He says the rebuke issued two thousand years ago, by Demosthenes, to the pleasure-loving Athenians, for having assented to a fatuous decree by which certain funds that had been previously devoted to the maintenance of a fleet were transferred to the support of the public games, may soon, unless present tendencies be checked, be applied to the modern recipients of unearned pensions and the devotees of football. In scientific organization, in provident statesmanship, Japan has set an example which Great Britain and her daughter states might well follow." From the tenor of his remarks, Mr. Gisborne may be classed as an ardent supporter of militarism.

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German Views of an Anglo-German Understanding: II. II. Johnston. The average expression of opinion in Germany is, that during the last ten years, Great Britain has made all possible use of her diplomacy and finance to deny to Germany and Austria combined, any great expansion or colonial development. Accord-