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THE POETS AND POETRY OF IRELAND.

Mr. Stephen Joseph Meany delivered a lecture on the "Poets and Poetry of Ireland," in the Mechanics' Hall, on Monday last.

THE CIRCASSIANS.

The correspondents of the London press appear to have a poor opinion of the Circassians. The Daily News "special" says:—

THE CAUSE OF PERSIA'S HOSTILITY.

The reason why that terra incognita Persia has shown so much antipathy to Turkey, has been a mystery to most men. The Allgemeine Zeitung explains it by saying that:—

MR. BIGGAR, M.P.

Mr. Biggar—who has recently become a Catholic—attended a meeting held at Leeds to commemorate the Jubilee of the Holy Father on Monday, and spoke as follows:—

TURTUKAI.

Turtukai, the point at which it is very generally anticipated, especially by foreign military commentators on the present operations in the East, that the centre or main body of the Russian army will endeavour to force the passage of the Danube, is situated about half way between the fortresses of Rustchuk and Silistria.

cover of the fire of which a force commanded by Omar Pacha crossed the river in November, 1853, and established itself in Oltenitza, having been allowed to fall into decay.

BULGARIA.

Bulgaria is a part of the great race of Slavs of which Russia is the recognised head. An exchange reminds us that:—

THE BLUE DANUBE.

The Danube is by far the largest river in Europe. Its main stem rises in the Black Forest within thirty miles of the Rhine and flows centrally through Europe—Bavaria, Austria, Hungary, between Wallachia and Servia, and between Roumania and Turkey proper—to the sea, having a total length of the main river of 1,700 miles.

IBRAILA.

Ibraila has generally played an important part in former hostilities between Russia and Turkey. At the beginning of the campaign of 1828, says the Pall Mall Gazette:—

ADDRESS OF THE IRISH CATHOLIC MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.

Mr. O'Clery, Captain Nolan, and Captain O'Beirne were admitted by his Holiness to audience on Thursday, the 24th ult., to present an address in the name of the Irish Catholic members of Parliament.

"Most holy Father, the representatives of a Catholic nation, ever noted for its fidelity to the See of Peter, desire to lay at the feet of your Holiness, successor to St. Peter and supreme ruler on earth of the Church of Christ, the expression of their sentiments of filial devotion, respect, and love.

The foregoing address was signed by all the Irish Catholic members. The Pope received it most graciously, and conversed for some time with the members of the deputation.

THE TURKISH STAFF AND THEIR TACTICS.

The special correspondent of the Daily News writes somewhat disparagingly of the Turkish generals. In that respect, however, he is borne out by all men of experience. The Turkish soldier is a fanatic, the Turkish officer is an incapable.

WHAT TURKEY OWES TO ENGLAND.

Turkey owes her existence, not only to British bayonets in the Crimea, but to British money invested in her ships. It is said that the Turkish Government owes English capitalists more than one thousand millions of dollars.

Table with 3 columns: Year of issue, Amount borrowed, Interest per cent. Rows include years 1854 to 1874 and a total of \$24,908,915.

The breaking out of the insurrection of Bosnia last year, and the war with Servia, afforded the Turkish Government an excuse for declining to pay any interest to the bondholders.

to the bonded debt, the Turks had managed to run up a floating debt of \$150,000,000 a year ago, a considerable portion of which is due English bankers, shipbuilders and manufacturers.

THE IRISH CANADIAN PILGRIMS IN ROME.

A special despatch to the Globe announces that the Irish Canadian Pilgrims arrived safely in Rome and were presented to the Pope on Friday the 15th inst. It says:—

THE FENIAN PRISONERS.

The Irish M. P's, have not been idle in the cause of the political prisoners. We learn from a contemporary that some time since the:—

EGYPT AND THE WAR.

The Bey of Tunis is said to be gathering together a large army of infantry and cavalry for the service of the Sultan. Reports from Jeddah speak of great activity among the followers of the Prophet at Mecca, Medina, and all the towns of Arabia.

The Times special correspondent, writing from the same place, on the other hand, states:—"As the telegraph will have already informed Europe, troops are to go from here to assist Turkey.

RUSTCHUK—THE BULGARIANS.

Rustchuk, the capital city of Bulgaria, commands a very elevated position on the Danube. A correspondent of the Ulster Examiner says:—

olden time. Now-a-days those walls afford but meagre defence, and would prove but a slight impediment to cannon of moderate calibre.

"All the steamships which ply on the Danube call there; and it is now by means of these advantages, one of the first and most flourishing ports on the Lower Danube. The inhabitants amount to about 30,000. Nearly the half are Turks; the remainder are composed of Americans, Jews, Greeks, Germans, English, Italians, and French.

O'CONNOR POWER AND THE IRISH CANADIAN PILGRIMS.

We learn from the London correspondent of the Ulster Examiner that:—

LATEST NEWS.

A despatch from Havana gives a very gloomy sketch of affairs in Cuba. There is a report that Greece has commenced hostilities against the Porte, but it is not confirmed.