

WAR PROSPECTS.

SIR PETER LUMSDEN DENIES KOMAROFF'S ACCOUNT OF THE PENDING AFFAIR.

Gladstone's pacific talk in the House—Will England evacuate the Soudan?—The complications becoming more serious—How the credit will be disposed of.

London, April 21.—In the House of Lords this afternoon Earl Granville said the operations in Egypt have been such that they could not be abandoned. The Government had adhered to their pledges regarding the defence of Egypt.

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Lord Granville also stated that Indian troops would be used to hold the Soudan and the British troops there be lent in an emergency for service in India or elsewhere.

Earl Morley, under secretary for war, announced that the whole of the first-class of the army reserves have been notified that they are liable to be summoned for service at very short notice.

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the bridge. I reply that this position was occupied by the Afghans previous to Komaroff's advance and previous to the agreement of March 17th.

Fourthly—Komaroff says: "In order to avoid a conflict, I placed my troops five versts from the Afghan position." In reply I can only refer to the main body, as the Russian troops were in Kizil Tepe, and Russian batteries were considerably in advance of that point.

Fifthly—Komaroff states that on the 27th of March the Afghans sent against one company charged with covering a reconnaissance, three companies with cannon and cavalry. In reply I say the reconnaissance in force itself meant a hostile intention.

Sixthly—Komaroff states that the arrogance and audacity of the Afghans increased by degrees. I reply that it may be even so, but if so, it was entirely caused by Russian actions. The Afghans did their utmost to avoid a collision.

Seventhly—Komaroff says, on the 28th the Afghans occupied a height commanding the left flank of the Russian camp and began to throw up entrenchments there to establish a post of cavalry behind the Russian line and place a picket within a gun shot distance.

Eighthly—Komaroff says that on the 29th he sent to the Afghan commander an energetic summons, etc., and received an answer that by the advice of the English he refused to retire across the Kushk river.

Ninthly—Komaroff says he again addressed a private letter couched in friendly terms. In reply I say:—The letter in question was never seen by any officer of the commission, but Captain Delahoe was told that the letter had been received a few hours before the Russian attack on the 30th.

TORPEDO BOATS. MADRID, April 21.—England has offered to buy several torpedo boats from Spain.

CLOSING OF THE DARDANELLES. ST. PETERSBURG, April 21.—France has offered the other powers in insisting that the Porte shall close the Dardanelles in the event of war.

PREMIERS ENGLAND TO GIVE IN. LONDON, April 21.—The Standard believes the object of the constant communications between France and Russia has been to create the greatest pressure against England to succumb to Russia's demands.

PARIS, April 23.—It is rumored a powerful Russian squadron has been ordered to cruise off Italy to overawe the Italian government in its suspected work of secretly preparing to assist England.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 23.—The Car has sent numerous orders of St. George to Gen. Komaroff for distribution among his bravest soldiers and has asked for the names of the officers who distinguished themselves at Pendjeh.

THE FIGHT BETWEEN BIG BEAR AND INSPECTOR DICKENS—MELGUND'S 18 MILE CHASE AFTER THE REBELS—OTTER'S FLYING COLUMN IN THE HOSTILE COUNTRY—BATTLEFIELD BARRACKS IN DANGER.

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A telegram from Clarke's Crossing this afternoon announces the return of S. L. Bodson, transport officer, from a visit to Prince Albert.

THE INTELLIGENCE CORPS, 30 strong, consisting principally of surveyors who have worked in the North-West, have arrived at Swift Current.

LIENS. Col. Whitehead left by the C. P. R. train last evening en route for the North-West to take a position on General Middleton's staff.

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THE DANGERS OF BLOOD POISONING. Since the death of President Garfield, there has been an increase in the number of recorded cases of blood poisoning.

A few weeks ago the Rev. Noah Schenck, D.D., of Brooklyn, had an operation performed on his foot, inflammation set in and death ensued.

Blood is made in the stomach; it is purified by the skin, lungs, liver and kidneys. During a long cold winter, the liver and kidneys are overpowered; the consequence is that in spring these organs are prostrated.

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