

EUROPEAN GOSSIP.

Renewed Efforts for the Colonization of Palestine by the Russian Jews.

Future of Morocco Discussed Owing to the Serious Illness of the Sultan.

Misery in Armenia—Sympathy for Queen Natalie—English Torpedo Practice.

(Copyright by the United Press) THE FUTURE OF MOROCCO.

LONDON, June 13.—In surveying the field of European politics, the other day, Lord Salisbury derived encouragement from the tremendous nature of the risk involved in a modern war; but at the same time pointed at the Mahomedan states still existing in Europe, and within the European system, as a great source of danger. The reason is that they threaten to disappear and that there will be a race for their heritage, not between the governments merely, but between the peoples. The British Premier spoke with more seriousness regarding the future fate of Morocco, and indeed from that time received this evening, of the serious illness of the Sultan of Morocco, his forecast is strictly accurate. Spain cherishes and has long cherished the hope of the Sultan of Morocco, and she has been steadily working for the realization of this hope since the death of the Sultan in 1909. On the other hand, France in Algeria has an immense land frontier with Morocco, and it would be hardly endurable for her to have a European neighbor in that country. Just as France forestalled Italy in Tunis, so she will certainly forestall Spain in Morocco. It is inevitable, and if any European power has a right to Morocco, France, who has done so much to civilize North Africa, has certainly the right. But then there is England, which does not want a European power over against Gibraltar, and which does not desire to lose the Morocco trade, French as it is. Finally there is Germany, which has shown a good deal of interest in the country in late years, and will, perhaps, be found tacking the claims of Spain against those of France. Here are all the elements of a petty quarrel, and one which may be difficult to settle. For Morocco is certainly a stepping-stone to the East, and there is no legitimate heir to take the place of the present government, wretched as it is, when that government disappears.

COLONIZATION OF PALESTINE.

Gladstone's letter in reference to the treatment of the Jews in Russia, has directed renewed attention to the efforts for the economic colonization of Palestine. The Chovvel Zion society has adopted a petition, formally asking Lord Rothschild to beseech Lord Salisbury's intervention, and asking upon this invitation of the Chovvel Zion society, Lord Rothschild has approached Lord Salisbury with the request that he will use his good offices, in concert with the other powers, with a view, if possible, of giving some formal international recognition to the attempt to direct the tide of Jewish immigration Palestine-wards. Lord Rothschild's acquiescence was assured from the first, for the petition may be said to have embodied the results of a consultation between his lordship and Mr. S. Montagu, M.P. The desire of the leading members of the English Hebrew community, is that a general concert of the powers should guarantee the protection of the emigrants, both during the migration and after settlement. They comprehend the difficulties which Turkey might create, and they desire that they should secure some such guarantee as that by which the Christians of Lebanon were placed under the protection of France, it would be unwise to encourage a large influx of Jews into the Holy Land.

TORPEDO PRACTICE.

The British Admiralty have decided that the torpedo operations, which are to be tried out in the Irish Channel, this summer, shall be of a much more important and extensive character than was originally anticipated. A plan of the operations has been submitted to the Admiralty, which is expected to enable the torpedo staff to conduct a series of evolutions, which will illustrate, in an eminent degree, the importance of the torpedo fleet. At this moment, preliminary operations are being conducted on the torpedo school ship at Portsmouth.

AN AFGHAN AGITATOR.

There is no truth in the report which recently appeared in the Russian press, that Sheikh Dismal-Edd Din, the well-known Afghan agitator against the English in the English influence in Asia, had been arrested near Teraptoberan, and subsequently assassinated by order of the Amir-Es-Sultan. According to an official Persian dispatch telegraphed to the British Embassy, Dismal-Edd Din is now at Kermanshah in Persia, where he has been since the Turkish government refused to allow him to take up his residence at Bagdad.

MISERY IN ARMENIA.

A dispatch by a Turkish Armenia says that the Kurdish chiefs who went to Constantinople on the invitation of the Sultan, have sent back most wonderful accounts of their reception, and of the presents and honors they received at the hands of the Sultan. They also sent assurances that they could continue to do as they liked with the Armenians. They would thereby obtain the favor of the Sultan. This encouragement has produced the intended effect, for the situation of the Armenian population is miserable beyond description, owing to the oppression by the administration, and the houses given to the Kurds.

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION LEAGUE.

On Wednesday next Lord Salisbury will receive a deputation from the Imperial Federation League, which will urge upon him the advisability of summoning at the earliest opportunity a conference of the governing countries of the Empire, with a view to considering the question of the securing for them a real and effective share of the privileges and responsibilities of the United Empire.

AN INTERESTING CASE.

Considerable interest is felt in the approaching trial of Chas. Alan Fyfe, the author and prominent Liberal, on the charge of improper assault. If the representations of friends in high standing could have any effect upon Mr. Fyfe, he would not be in jeopardy a moment. The editor of the Daily News, J. P. Robinson, has appeared as a witness in his behalf, and will probably appear again, but the fact remains that Mr. Fyfe himself has not yet denied

the charge, while he has attempted to commit suicide. If he is guilty, the charitable belief that he is subject to hallucinations, and that he has been misled, is not aware of fully at the time. The case is commented upon by many as indicating a tendency of English upper life to the forms of depravity that marked the decline of Rome.

AFFAIRS IN SERBIA.

A dispatch from Belgrade states that the Serbian Cabinet almost have reached the regret their hasty action in yielding to the importunities of ex-king Milan, who wrote a number of letters from Paris, where he lives on a round sum that Serbia paid him to rid of him, urging in them the necessity of expelling Queen Natalie. The fact that the queen's expulsion was due to Milan's letters having become thoroughly disseminated throughout Serbia, has created such a strong popular feeling in her favor that any attempt to free her from her position is admitted on all sides that the position of Queen Natalie needs adjustment. On its merits her case is morally and legally strong. Her temper may be bad, and the every one concerned desires that she should stop now, as every petty agitation in these little Balkan states means apprehension and disgust for the rest of Europe.

APPROACHING CHORAL FESTIVALS.

Musical amateurs are greatly interested in the prospect of a number of great choral festivals which are soon to be placed in England. The triennial Handel festival will take place at the Crystal Palace the week after next. This is also the year of the Birmingham festival, the most important of the British choral gatherings. The festival of the Three Choirs will be held at Hereford. Peterborough will have its one-day festival, at which there will be a gathering of chorals of the Free country. The Chester triennial festival will take place later in July. This has now become a prominent institution, and the committee has been judicious in selecting a period of the year, where there is no risk of competing with other celebrations. The King's Chester programme presents several interesting features, perhaps because at Sydenham the oratorios will all be by Handel. Not one of this great composer's works will be omitted, and will be conducted by Chester. He will only be represented by a concertante for three strings, with orchestral accompaniment only. On the other hand, Mendelssohn, the descendant of whose festival with the English public has been so confidently predicted, has distinctly the place of honor in the programme.

HONORS FOR A COMPOSER.

On Wednesday next the famous Bohemian composer, Antonin V. Dvorak, will receive from the university of Cambridge the honorary degree of doctor of music, and in lieu of the exercises which it is usual to provide for these occasions, will conduct a selection from his works, to be performed by the Cambridge University musical society, on Friday afternoon. The programme will comprise his acknowledged masterpiece, "The Sabot Mater," an air from his Birmingham cantata, "The Spectre's bride," and the symphony in "G," which Dvorak composed especially for the Philharmonic Society. The vocalist engaged for this interesting performance are Madame Albani, Miss Hilda Wilson, Mr. Edward Lloyd, and Mr. Henschel.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Hall, the Australian. MINNEAPOLIS, June 13.—The Hall and Bob Fitzsimmons, who are to fight to a finish on July 22, arrived in this city this morning. Hall does not like a letter which Fitzsimmons published a few days ago to the effect that their meeting in Australia was a fake. They met in a saloon, and Fitzsimmons had a heavy fight with him, and they would have come to blows had not friends intervened.

BRITISH COURT.

BRISTOL, Tenn., June 13.—A young negro named Bob Clark was arrested yesterday, for assaulting a white lady named Mrs. Warren. It was known that he had been trying to force admission into houses of white people for some time past. At an early hour this morning a mob of citizens took Clark from jail and hanged him to a tree on the outskirts of the town.

The United States Flag.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 13.—The following order was issued at the war office: "The field or union of the national flag in the United States is to be 13 stars, as in 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 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