

be readily found for a new aggression. It is to be hoped, however, that under BARON DE REUTER Persia may have her resources developed so that she may form a barrier against the hordes of Russia in their progress south towards the rich and fertile clime of India, upon which, distant as it is, Russia is supposed to aim as her ultimate goal.

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SPAIN is in a most unhappy condition. Taking advantage of the abdication of Amadeus, the Carlists have attempted to secure the sovereignty by force of arms. They seem to have had quite a series of successes, capturing what are called "armies." The latest telegrams indicate that the insurrection is making great progress. The Municipal authorities of Barcelona are said to be pressing into the service all men between twenty and forty years of age, and the news comes that the crews of five men-of-war have revolted, whom the government treat as pirates, while the Cortes denounce the government for such a proclamation. With war in Cuba, and intestine war, Spain seems rapidly going to ruin, unless she meets with some strong saviour. Should the insurgents gain rights as belligerents they may be ultimately successful.

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THE return of Sir Samuel Baker from, and his discoveries in, Central Africa we hail with pleasure. He has had a difficult time with the savage hordes through whose territories he journeyed. The traders in slaves and ivory were by no means prejudiced in his favour, as they had an idea that his presence would injure their trade, and spoil their profits,—no doubt a correct surmise. Between the traders and the Negro chiefs a plot was made to murder Baker by poison, which almost did its work, yet failed, when his ambassadors were killed, and war was levied on his small force by a mighty army before which he retreated, till coming to the border land of a friendly chief, he was enabled to turn the retreat into a pursuit. There appears to have been a much more deadly war between Baker and the slave traders and chiefs, than that between Russia and Khiva. Thirty of Baker's soldiers were slain by being fired on from the houses at Lazarita; but in return, the slave party being attacked lost one hundred and fifty, many prisoners being made, and the remainder being entirely dispersed. Baker then set himself to organize the districts in his possession, and the people seem to have settled down under his authority. Safety and quiet reigned everywhere. On his leaving he was cheered as "father" and "master" by the Negroes of Fatiko. A chain of stations has been formed, a route marked out, and "a thousand additional troops were sent to garrison these stations." No wonder they call this wonderful man PASHA. Then there is the wonderful discovery that lake Tanganika and Albert-Nyanza are the same lake—a magnificent inland sea, of not less than seven hundred miles in length—the largest inland lake in the world.