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BRITISH INDIA. THE AMEE
AND THE CAE.

ALTHOUGH England has nominally postponed a reckoning with the bold Amee of Afghanistan until the spring, preparations for the expected conflict are by no means abandoned or delayed. The difficulty is not comprehended in the immediate cause of the dispute.

It would seem to be a small affair for the Government of Great Britain to force a barbarian prince, like Shere Ali, to treat its representatives with due respect. Afghanistan could hold no prolonged resistance against the forces of British India, to say nothing of the Home army that might be sent to the field. True, the Amee has at his command a large body of warlike tribes, who would, for a time, fight with savage fury against the troops of Hindostan. And the hardy mountaineers of Afghanistan would prove, in their natural defenses, a formidable foe for the natives of the softer climate of Bombay and Madras. But the vast power of England would be behind the latter; their numbers would be so much superior, they would have the benefit of all the improved appliances of modern civilized warfare, and in many respects possess immense advantages over the invaded, however fierce and brave. The British met with a terrible repulse in 1842, when an army of 16,000 men was driven out of Cabool clear across the mountains, with immense loss. But times and circumstances are now greatly changed, and when war is declared there is little doubt that it will be prosecuted with energy and success.

But this is not a mere question of chastising an insolent ruler who has treated with indignity a British embassy. It is virtually a stand against Muscovite strategy and Russian advance towards the East. Behind Shere Ali is the shadow of the Czar of all the Russias. And that is what alarms the British Government, and prompts the movement which is causing so much agitation among all the European Powers.

Early in September a grand durbar was held in the Afghanistan capital, at which 42 chiefs who had to the sway of the Amee, were received in camp by the monarch and his generals. He informed the assembly that the "Emperor of all the Russias" had sent him an ambassador to draw closer the bonds of friendship between the Russians and Afghans. They received the announcement with enthusiasm. The Minister, or Minister of Justice, then descended upon the power of Russia, the extent of the country and the mighty British armies, when the Amee exclaimed to the chiefs: "Go back to your brethren, file your sabres, sharpen your swords and saddle your horses, so that you may be ready to enter on the campaign well armed, in case you are called on to meet the enemies of your country." A council was then held on the financial and military condition of the country, and the chiefs, six days afterward, returned to their tribes to make warlike preparations. This was just previous to the refusal of the Amee to receive the British Envoy. The account of the durbar was furnished by a military attaché of the Vienna *Freundlichkeit* and, is very significant, in view of the attitude of Shere Ali; it is evident that he has for some time been preparing for the issue to come.

Russia has been gradually pushing her line further and farther toward the East. Afghanistan is bounded on the north by Turkistan, which has for its northern boundary Russian possessions in Asia. Two of the Khanates in Turkistan—Bokhara and Khiva—are under the influence of Russia, and their fortified cities are said now to contain 65,000 picked Muscovite troops. Here then is aid for the Amee as soon as necessity requires. But Russia not only counts on the determined resistance of Shere Ali, encouraged by her moral and material support, but on the possible disaffection of other native princes of India, stirred up to rebellion and active hostility by the example of the Afghan chiefs. The Mohammedans of Bengal, who number at least twenty millions, are known to be in sympathy with their co-religionists in the mountains of Afghanistan. The Sepoys during the great Indian mutiny were hastening whether or not to join Dost Mohammed. Failure in the onset of the campaign against the Amee would, in all probability, set the whole of India in a flame, and Persia, which joins Afghanistan on the west, would not be slow to join in a general uprising, having in view the prospect of driving the British out of Hindostan. All this is perceived by the wily Muscovites, and it fits into Russian designs and Russian Eastern policy.

The British possessions in India are vast and valuable, and every threatened encroachment upon them is, naturally, watched with a jealous eye. We give here a few statistics, for which we are indebted to a report made to General P. H. Sheridan by General G. A. Forsyth:

"British India contains 945,400 square miles, with a population of 162,228,603 souls; and is divided into twelve provinces named and controlled as follows:

1. The province of Bengal, with a population of 65,000,000, governed by a Lieutenant-Governor and Legislative Council at Calcutta, and under the immediate eye of the Viceroy;

2. The province of Madras, under a Governor, Council, and Legislative Assembly, with a population of 31,000,000.

3. The Provinces of Bombay and Sind, under a Governor, Council, and Legislative Council; with a population of 18,350,000.

4. The Northwest Provinces, under a Lieutenant-Governor; with a population of 30,700,000.

The Punjab, under a Lieutenant-Governor, with a population of 17,000,000.

Then come the smaller Provinces of Oude, the Central Provinces, British Burma, Mysore, and the various smaller Colonies, Commissions, and the smaller Provinces of Ajmer and Carg, under the General Government of India.

In addition to these provinces there are a number of feudatory states and provinces, in all nearly 400, though some of them are very small, and are tributary, and a certain extent are controlled by the English government of India.

A rough calculation shows the native states to cover an area of 610,000 square miles, with an estimated population of 55,000,000, producing a revenue of \$70,150,000, contributing to the Amee's treasury only \$3,288,600.

The feudatories named above acknowledge the supremacy of the Indian government and pay a small tribute, but are each independent States, with their own armies. They might become a source of great annoyance if hostile, during an outbreak, but in the event of the success of British arms, would be easily crushed at once, or rather absorbed into the Indian Government.

The management of affairs by England has been of great benefit to the country, tending to an internal development which would perhaps never have been accomplished under native dominion. A system of irrigation has been inaugurated, by which millions of acres have been brought under cultivation. Over 6,000 miles of canals have been constructed, independent of numerous branch ditches, and the small water branch imposed brings in an annual revenue of about \$2,000,000. There are 7,000 miles of railroad in good order and active operation which, though built by private enterprise, was backed by British support, the Government of India guaranteeing four and a half per cent. on the stock. Gen. Forsyth puts the cost of the roads at \$492,000,000 gold. He says:

"The body of the roads is as solid as it is possible to build them; the canals, drains and bridges are cut stone, brick and iron; the dams are built of brick and flagged with cut stone; and the railway bridges in this country are marvels of size and strength."

Almora is the longest railway bridge in the world, being something over 9,000 feet in length, and supported on ninety-seven brick piers."

The financial resources of India are ample and well managed. The gross revenue for one year amounted to \$23,062,325.75 and the gross expenditure was \$23,616,474.28. Education has received praiseworthy encouragement. On this point Gen. Forsyth says:

"A small tax is now assessed in certain provinces for maintaining schools; and, in the Province of Bengal, a simple plan of primary instruction has been started in every district. Numberless of these village schools in 1873 was 10,757, with 258,725 pupils; and the total number of children attending the primary schools in the Province of Bengal is over 553,000. In the Northwest Provinces there are 3,681 primary schools and 4,600 secondary and higher educational institutions.

There is still a great variety of opinions regarding the causes of the outbreak. Good reasons for dissatisfaction on the part of negroes exist, and yet none which were sufficiently important to excite them to the recent outrages which were perpetrated, and so the affair seems a mystery. I think the truth lies in the fact that no such outbreak, as it occurred, was premeditated. Negroes, who had come into the country seeking new homes, on the intention to settle in the Island became excited while discussing their wrongs among themselves, many of them drinking a good deal of rum. They first attacked the police from whence the negroes obtained an exaggerated account of their wrongs, and, now that their passions had been fully aroused. The whole business portion of the town, of the west end, is a mass of ruins. The people have lost all they possessed, and many are worse off here than ever. In most circumstances, are now clad in motley and misfitting garments.

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The army is well disciplined, admirably drilled and ably commanded.

The European division numbered 80,000, and the native, with European officers, from 130,000 to 160,000. The army is well British, as it is considered good policy to train the natives in the use of field guns.

This will give our readers some idea of the Indian situation and Indian resources. The railway system of the country, with the canals and the post roads, which are pronounced the finest in the world, afford splendid facilities for intercommunication, and make the opportunities for the movement of troops and the transportation of supplies far superior to those of 35 years ago, when England met with the Afghan reverse, but which even at that time was retrieved by Gen. Pollock, with a smaller force than that which was driven before the foe.

War with the Amee will be no child's play. It will in all probability involve an Anglo-Russian conflict, which will embroil all Europe and materially affect the greatest portion of the Eastern hemisphere. Lord Beaconsfield holds the power to open the floodgates which may deluge two continents in blood. But he, as well as every man in high as well as low estate, is in the hands of One who controls the issues of all things. Beaconsfield is himself, in as critical a condition as the Eastern question, and his death, which is not improbable, may turn the tide that now threatens the peace of the world.

BY TELEGRAPH.

THE WESTERN END. TELEGRAPH LINE.

EASTERN LINE.

THOSE and the Cigar Dispatches.

NEW YORK, 29.—The Times Washington special says: A gentleman who has been conspicuously identified with the Fetter committee, states that Tilden will ask to be examined touching the cipher dispatches after the reassembling of the committee, and will court the further investigation into his connection with the presidential count. Tilden, it is said, resists the publication of the cipher dispatches injuriously to his political prospects incalculably, and hence his resolution to submit his committee to the keeping scrutiny. The same gentleman is also authority for the statement that the Potter

committee will enter into an exhaustive investigation of everything concerning the cipher dispatches, and will subpoena Marble, Peetson, Coyle, Woolley, Smith, Weed, and all other persons who can throw any light upon the subject.

A Valuable Contingent.

A Vienna correspondent denies the reports of an imminent war. He states that a valuable contingent of 5,000 men has been obtained from native princes.

The Bulgarian Insurgents.

A Vienna dispatch says: For the present 18,000 Turkish troops will operate against the Bulgarian insurgents.

Russia's Nonrecognition of the Treaty of Berlin.

The Times, admitting that the time has come when some step must be taken in the matter of the non-recognition of the treaty of Berlin, thinks a collective representation of the Powers, to be the best course.

The Pioneered Bank.

Depositors throughout about the Manhattan Savings Institution, today, and were informed that their money was all right, and would be paid, if needed, at the end of 60 days. Circulars have been issued setting forth the names and other particulars of the failed institutions. No panic has yet been caused.

Private Owners of Some of the Stolen Property After Recovery or its Restoration.

News of Recent Events.

A London special says: The Mr. Mir has, with rumors of the illness of Lord Beaconsfield, and the cabinet has been summoned to consider what should be done in case of his death. At the last meeting of the cabinet he had a serious apoplectic fit, and the press now says that an early removal is necessary.

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