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FOREIGN.

LONDON, 19.—A correspondent at Cabul says: An unofficial deputation of Sirdars and Afghan gentlemen waited upon Abdurrahman Khan at Tutandara to inform him of the views of the Indian government. One of the members of this deputation, who was originally unfriendly to Abdurrahman Khan, has returned to Cabul completely won over by his (Abdurrahman Khan's) affability and good sense, and represents him to be a man of great strength of character. The correspondent adds: For a moment it seems we are really on the eve of a satisfactory settlement, and as if supporting Abdurrahman Khan we had found Afghan Sirdars with whom an agreement is desirable and possible.

A Constantinople dispatch says: M. Navikoff, Russian ambassador, has informed the Porte that the time has come for an answer in regard to the execution of the assassin of Col. Commeroff.

Mr. Goschen, English, and M. Tissot, French ambassador, have spoken very plainly to the Sultan in regard to the decisions of the conference. M. Tissot told the Porte that his throne would be in danger, and that the precedent of Egypt might be followed if he refused to carry out the decision.

Passionate controversies, scenes almost riotous occur nightly in Parliament. The House is fast losing its reputation for decorum. Personalities were never so bitter, and the decencies of debate were never so frequently violated; the truth is the House is now brought face to face with a series of questions no longer merely political, but regarded, rightly or wrongly, by powerfully classes as vital to their existence.

The republican papers of Paris express satisfaction at the success of Briggs' motion in the House of Commons last week relative to the erection of a statue to the Prince Imperial in Westminster Abbey.

Prince Jerome Napoleon's son Victor, was 18 years old on Sunday, and an anti-Jeromist organ remarks that he is therefore dynastically of age to assume the throne bequeathed by the Prince Imperial.

The French government apparently intends to leave the religious orders undisturbed until after the disposition of the Jesuit's school on Aug. 31. Between 40 and 50 novices from the Jesuit monastery at Angers, Department of the Maine, at Loire, left Dieppe for England. Numbers of the expelled Jesuits are going to Rome.

M. Gambetta presided to-day over a densely crowded meeting at Belleville. He said that the new republican institutions could defy all attacks, no matter from what quarter they might come. This declaration was received with loud cheers.

In the contest at Wimbledon for the Albert prize (first stage) at 900 yards range, the Americans with good light made wonderful shooting, the best being Scott's total at two ranges, 118; Farrow, 116; Jackson, 115; Brown, 112. The best British scores were 115, 114 and 112, by Humphrey, Meisaac and Rigley. Thus as far as is known Scott and Farrow are first, and Jackson and Humphrey are tied for third place. In the Halford competition, Fenton takes first prize and Jackson second. Rockwell is tied with another and divides the third prize. In the Curtis and Harvey competition, Humphrey takes the first prize and Farrow and three others are equal for seconds. In shooting for the St. Leger prizes four made the highest possible score, including Jackson and Brown, and divided the prizes. For the "Any Rifle" Association cup, Jackson scored fifty and then fired three extra shots in consideration of having made the highest possible score, getting two bull's eyes and one inner. Joynt's score was 49 in the same competition. In the contest for the Arthur prize, Jackson scored 49, which is the best so far. Fisher scored 46. For the Ladies' N.R.A. any rifle prize, Jackson scored 33 out of a possible 35.

The St. Petersburg *Vedomosti* declares that the aims of Russia are evident and certainly offensive towards nobody, for they consist only in the constitution of the independent Star States of the peninsula, and in the opening of the Dardanelles. No power can have more moderate wishes, but it is necessary they should be realized, even at the cost of great trouble; for no other flag than the Russian ought to be

allowed to wave on the Bosphorus. Should that not be possible, it would be better to not make any change in the affairs of the peninsula at present. The semi-official *Bereg* says: No intrigues or secret conspiracies are necessary to accelerate the collapse of the Turkish Empire. The situation has now come to the point where it is only desirable to give free hand to the Christians in the peninsula. A general insurrection might follow, and streams of blood be shed, but the struggle would certainly not last long in consequence of the political and moral decadence of the Porte.

The British have invited Noosa Kahn, the ex-Ameer's son, to Cabul in the hope that his mother will take him to India, but it is doubtful whether his guardians will allow him to come as they may want to keep him near Ghazni to form the nucleus of a rising when the British withdraw.

Abdurrahman Kahn arrived on Thursday at Tutandara, six miles from Charikar. He will advance on Charikar as soon as possible and after his camp arrives an interview will be held somewhere near Cabul.

Fifteen hundred riflemen are in Vienna from every part of the monarchy to celebrate the first shooting contest of the United Riflemen of Austria. Also crack shots from all parts of Germany and Great Britain and a few from America are present. The prizes are valued at \$20,000.

It is positively known that the Princess Louise, Prince Leopold and their staff sail on the 31st of July for the old country.

LONDON, 20.—Should the Russian dispute with China lead to war, it is very possible the Russian fleet may go to Corea, towards which the Russians look with longing eyes. The papers urge its annexation. The great importance of Corea as a basis for privateer warfare, the only Russian weapon against England, is sufficient to warrant the undertaking.

Orders have been telegraphed from Constantinople to the different provinces to have recruits collected and forwarded to the several departments with all available speed. The Albanians are being encouraged to prepare for resistance, and are being supplied with arms and ammunition. The Albanian League has resolved to employ 150,000 piastres of its revenue for the fortification of Metzova, 125,000 piastres for the fortification of Previsa, and 80,000 piastres for the fortification of Arta.

The Russian captain Oussouff who murdered Gen Skobloff, his mother and her attendants, while on their way to Tchirpan, was in the Bulgarian service. He was assisted by four Montenegrins.

Parnell has accepted the presidency of the movement for complete amnesty to the Irish political exiles.

At a consultation of conservatives it was determined to renew the opposition to the compensation bill in the House of Commons on the motion for a third reading.

Rochefort repudiates all idea of laying siege to Gambetta's seat for Belleville, or becoming a deputy.

LONDON, 20.—The rise in the prices of American securities is due, in a considerable degree, to the apprehension that the state of exchanges will soon necessitate gold shipments to New York. It is understood that the rate on exchange between Paris and New York now admits of gold shipments, and it is reported that considerable of the bullion received from the east by the last steamer was bought in the open market here for export.

Edwin Booth is now at the Lakes of Killarney. He will visit Scotland and Wales and expects to arrive in London in September, whence he will go to Germany, where he may fulfil an engagement in Berlin. Booth has not accepted any engagement in London, although he has been solicited by several managers and numerous influential gentlemen to appear here next winter.

In the Any Rifle Association cup competition between Halford and Baker of the English team both were tied by Brown's score, each scoring fifty, the highest possible, and making three bulls-eyes in three extra shots. Halford, during the afternoon shooting made 16, and Baker who scored 49 in the contest for the Arthur prize, made 32 successive bulls-eyes. In the competition for the Arthur prize, Scott scored fifty, the highest possible, Fisher 47, and Hyde 47. In the contest for the ladies' prizes, Joynt made the highest score possible, namely 55. In the Duke of Cambridge's

prizes, Humphreys is first so far with a score of 60.

An official dispatch from Manila says: The consequence of the recent earthquakes were as disastrous in the provinces of the Island of Luzon as in the town of Manila. The inhabitants of the latter place were panic stricken. The authorities are doing all in their power to alleviate distress.

A Berlin dispatch says: It is stated on good authority that several officers of the general staffs were ready to go to Constantinople to reorganize the military institutions and will leave the German service, but will be allowed to resume their present rank after performing their task in Turkey. The affair will be private and the government will not be responsible therefor.

A Constantinople dispatch says: An aide-de-camp of Gen. Skobloff, who accompanied Madame Skobloff, was wounded, but succeeded in reaching Philippopolis, where he denounced sub-Lieutenant Ouzatis, whom he knew well as the assassin of Madame Skobloff. Ouzatis fled to the mountains, but was captured by the cavalry. His Montenegrin accomplices, his brother and several friends, were also arrested. The motive for the crime, it is supposed, was robbery, as Madame Skobloff's money and ornaments were not found when the police arrived at the scene of the murder.

LONDON, 21.—A Cape Town dispatch says: Official news from Basutoland is very unsatisfactory. Loyal natives are attacked in all directions and massacres are threatened. Government has ordered troops of mounted rifles to support the British agent.

Cabul dispatches state that by the advice of British agents many of the most important members of the National or Yakoub party, including Mooshki Alam, Mahomed Jan, and the Ghilzai chiefs, have adopted Abdurrahman Khan as Ameer, and have left to join him at Charikar, to which place at the express wish of the English he moved on the 19th inst. The public recognition of Abdurrahman Khan as Ameer will probably be long delayed. The military evacuation will therefore be earlier than was expected.

M. De Novokoff, Russian ambassador to Constantinople, has called the serious attention of the Porte to the Albanian attack on Montenegro, and warned the Turks against its repetition.

Negotiations between Berlin and Rome are virtually broken off.

Socialist democrats, Fritsche and Hasselmann, members of the German Reichstag, have been tried and acquitted on the charge of remaining at Berlin during the session of the Reichstag, while under sentence of exile from the city.

Parnell, as president of the home-rule confederation of Great Britain, has issued a circular to all home-rule organizations in Great Britain, summoning them to appoint delegates for a convention to be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on the 8th of August, and stating it is of the utmost importance now that attention should be directed to Ireland and that Irishmen in Great Britain should show they are not slackening in their advocacy of Irish rights.

The proposal has again been made at a Turkish cabinet council to cede to Greece the Island of Crete instead of the territory awarded by the Berlin conference.

In the Capetown assembly the colonial secretary announced that some Basutos on surrendering their arms were attacked by hostile Basutos. Steps have been taken to ensure the execution of the disarmament act.

A detachment of 200 men of the Cape Rifles have been ordered to march rapidly into Basuto land, the British residency at Mozen being threatened by hostile natives.

New Zealand is now so completely civilized that her 800,000 people boast of a debt of \$190,000,000.

A youngster, while warming his hands at the fire, was remonstrated with by his father, who said: "Go away from the fire; the weather is not cold." "I ain't heating the weather, I'm warming my hands," the little fellow demurely replied.

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A NON-"MORMON" SPEAKS HIS MIND.

SALT LAKE CITY,

July 12, 1880.

Editors Deseret News:

Text—"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

In a sermon preached by the Rev. George E. Jayne, at Provo City, June 20th, about false prophets, he singles out Joseph Smith in particular, to vent his spleen upon, evidently to injure the Mormon Church. There is a law to punish those who bear false testimony, but it is only when they are under oath, administered by a competent magistrate; then it is a felony. But anybody can defame another with impunity, if the party defamed is dead, and more especially if it is done from a pulpit. In reading the sermon alluded to, I fail to see a particle of evidence. All the deductions seem to be from hearsay, or what somebody is going to write. The fling at Joseph Smith being ignorant, and using "bad grammar," is in bad taste for a minister of the gospel; for did not Jesus Christ call ignorant fishermen to be his disciples? They prophesied and followed him, and the very first man of any education that was converted to be a disciple of Christ was Saul.

Again, He insinuates that Scandinavians and others, who are the bulk of the Mormon church, are ignorant. Well, that is certainly in very bad taste. Who, then, in this republic are the best stock if it is not English, German and Scandinavians? It is true, there are other nationalities as good, but not better. We are all descended from poor immigrants in this republic, and I do not hold it to be a disgrace to be once poor of worldly goods.

He goes on to say that Joseph Smith was arrested 37 times. Well, what of that. He was declared innocent 37 times, and when his enemies failed in that kind of persecution, they murdered him in cold blood. But were not all the apostles of Jesus persecuted and murdered? Now, if Joseph Smith was illiterate, the more a person is impressed that there must have been a mighty power to help him, and his successors for the last 50 years. Since the commencement, the Mormon Church has been persecuted, barring a few years' rest, when they were by themselves in the wilderness. When they came to Salt Lake it was a part of the world unknown except to a few trappers and an exploring party. There were no railroads then, or for that matter no roads at all. It was not like the Israelites fleeing from Egypt. They were going to a land flowing with milk and honey, but the Mormons, with stout hearts and a trust in the Almighty, braved every danger and hardship and settled in the wilderness and reclaimed it; made good farms by irrigation, laid out cities which for beauty will compare with any country; they built churches and offered up prayers of thanksgiving therein to the Almighty God; they built school-houses; everything was done to make happy homes, and at last they began to think they were clear from their persecutors. But the railroad came and with it came some of the same busy-bodies whose delight is to disturb others to the neglect of their own affairs. It is just now a cheap way to get notoriety to abuse the Mormons, but not near so popular now as it was some time ago. It is getting less and less every year. There are many places in our country that those rancors would not get a corporal's guard in a whole State to listen to their abuse, it's getting so stale that it stinketh.

Just look what other denominations have done. There is the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, quite recently promulgated, also the dogma of the infallibility of the Pope of Rome. I wonder why Bro. Jayne don't go after him for I believe infallibility means equality to God Almighty. Then here is the Methodists north and the Methodists south; the Episcopalians have their high and low church; and some sects don't believe in marriage at all, and so there is a wide field for Brother Jayne. Let him go after them with a vim. They are foemen worthy of his steel. But there are some more dead persons for him to go after. There is David for instance. It is true he has been dead a trifle longer than Joseph Smith, but Jayne has gone clear back there already in his sermon about others. David you know was a man after God's own heart.

Let a man of education that has traveled much and is unprejudiced come here to Utah and see for himself the "Mormon" settlements and talk with the people, and I venture the assertion that he will say it is the best governed part of our Republic. I have talked with many such gentlemen. It is there opinion as well as mine that there is not near so much marital infidelity and jealousy as there is in other communities.

Let us look at other communities. Is there not in all our cities, yes and towns, thousands of poor, helpless girls on the streets and in brothels, trying to live by selling themselves to men to gratify men's lust? Are there not in other communities great numbers of mistresses; many kept by married men? Also there another class who try on every occasion to seduce other men's wives and too often their advances are reciprocated. Let him or her who innocent throw the first stone. It is not safe, though, to throw stones at glass houses.

There was a famous case, not long ago, in Brooklyn. A celebrated preacher figured; it was a great scandal, but, however, every one can have his own opinion if he don't think too loud. The devil, it is written, was once an angel, etc. It is the safest way for one to look well in his own eye to see that there is no beam in it, before he tries to see in his brother's eye. Charity, however, is one of the cardinal virtues.

Although the railroad brought great numbers of bums and loafers, it also has done good. It enable intelligent men and women of broad ideas, to judge unprejudiced; they have a voice for the Mormon community that what I have and do asser true—that it is the best governed part of our republic. It also enable the industrious population of these settlements to get their surplus produce to market, for be it understood, the Mormons are a farming people. Any person who has traveled in the countries they are from, can understand how much happier they are here under the benign and fatherly care of the Mormon leaders. It is only two weeks ago that 300 poor but industrious and healthy emigrants arrived. They at once had places to go on, and help too, to tide over the first year. In two years they will be well-to-do farmers, and help to build up our great republic.

TRAVELER.

REFORM SPELLING.

Editors Deseret News:

There has been considerable said about Reform Spelling by the Eastern press; but as yet there been but little done in that direction to effect a reformation. It is to be hoped that this subject will not be allowed to die out until some change, for the better, is made in our present orthography. I now beg a corner in your valuable paper to say a few words upon this all important topic. In doing I hope to be able to elicit the attention of our intelligent and industrious people that the matter may be taken into hand, and the desired and much needed end accomplished. It is a protruding fact to all active, intelligent and reasonable minds that to reform our present mode of spelling, in the right direction, would prove beneficial to all beyond conception. The benefit to be derived are various publications of all kinds, as a natural consequence, would be cheaper, from the fact it would take less time, labor and means to write and print the same.

The greatest good to be drawn from such a source is in the educating of the young. They would be from nine to fifteen months after learning their letters in learning decipher words which might properly be called enigmas; but in a short time they would be able to unravel any word that might be given them, to the astonishment of those who are only acquainted with our present spelling. That a reformation is much needed, none will deny; but how to bring it about what seems to occupy the mind. This may be accomplished in different ways.

The wisest plan I think would be by degrees. A useless letter may be dropped from a word where it is not needed. Now and then a change can be produced by exchanging letters that are wrongfully used for the proper ones. Occasionally there may be a new letter introduced to supply the deficiency. By producing a change in this way it will hardly be felt by the