

prudent members of their faith should provide a spark which might light up such a glare as would throw Balak in the shade completely. Even the consuls have to be careful of their lives. Proofs of the extremely dangerous tension of the relations between Moslem and non-Moslem could be given without end. Richard Reed, the English and American consul here, thinks matters are as serious as they can be, and his urgent warnings are ignored both at Downing Street and Constantinople. It is believed by some here that Russian influence, in the form of money, is artfully planning a dreadful outbreak, and there are no friends to the Turk who do not insist upon a stop being put to the irregularities, the firm repression of which would give satisfaction to decent Mohammedans and Mussulmans alike.

The court of inquiry which has been investigating the loss of the steamship *Dakota*, rendered a verdict censuring the captain and second and fourth officers for carelessness, but did not consider the carelessness sufficient to warrant the withdrawal of their certificates.

BERLIN, 28.—The steamer *Essev*, laden with Krupp guns for Cronstadt, has foundered off Sweden.

LONDON, 29.

Advices from Athens state that there is great excitement among the population of the Island of Crete, and patriotic meetings are being held. It has been decided to wait twenty days for an answer from the Turkish government to the demand of the people, after which time an appeal will be made by the Cretans to the great powers asking for the appointment of Gladstone under the title of the Prince of Crete.

LIVERPOOL, 29.—The passengers of the *City of Brussels* have been landed, all well. Deputations from the Liverpool Catholic Societies went out, in two tugs, to welcome the pilgrims. A large crowd cheered and congratulated the passengers on the landing-stage. The pilgrims were conducted to the Adelphi Hotel to be entertained by the Catholic Club. The pilgrims will proceed directly to Rome.

CONSTANTINOPLE, 29.—No confirmation has been received of the recapture of Ardahan. The foreign ambassadors have been assured by the Porte that the state of siege will not interfere with the privileges of foreign subjects.

LONDON, 29.—The *Standard's* Constantinople special, via Athens, May 25th, says Redif Pasha, Minister of War, is now dictator, and for the time being more powerful than ever. Great anxiety prevails among the European population, who fear that during the state of siege, if news of fresh disasters arrive, there will be a collision between the populace and troops. It is certain that fresh disasters must happen. The fall of Ardahan and Bayazid has enabled the Russians to march in two converging lines towards Erzeroum. They have turned to Erzeroum, and Muktar Pasha must either accept battle against a vastly superior force or capitulate. If he is beaten, Erzeroum must fall, for it is without fortifications, and the force is small.

Count Schouvaloff recently informed Prince Bismarck that Russia, as an indemnification for war expenses, would eventually claim Upper Armenia, as far as Kars, and excluding Erzeroum, so as not to interfere with English interests nor the Euphrates, provided England remained neutral.

The wildest rumors are in circulation concerning the condition of affairs at Constantinople. It is said a conspiracy has been discovered against the dynasty with ramifications in the provinces. A court-martial is sitting with closed doors. The only certain fact is that Mahmoud Damad Pasha insists upon drafting all sofas into the army.

The London *Post* says the Turkish government has decided to admit foreigners to its service. A number of English gentlemen, who have had experience in our own army, are about to join the Ottoman forces. Among these volunteers is the Hon. W. Drummond.

LONDON, 30.

The Scherif of Mecca has placed the treasures of the Holy Shrine, the accumulated money of the gifts from pilgrims, at the Sultan's disposal. The treasures aggregate two hundred million piastres.

The *News* correspondent at Vienna asserts that the council of war at Constantinople resolved to treat the operations in the Caucasus as

of paramount importance. Five thousand Circassians are ready for embarkation. Seven thousand men are intended for Alapa. The ships conveying them will take divers to pick up the torpedoes at the entrance of the sea of Azof.

Heavy rains, both on the Danube and in the Caucasus, delay the Russian operations.

A dispatch from Constantinople states that the Porte has made levies upon the Christians for two hundred thousand troops.

The attentions to General Grant continue marked. Government, people and press vie to do him honor with enthusiastic cordiality.

The Derby race was won by Silvia, Glen Arthur second, Rob Roy third. There were 17 starters. The latest betting was 5 to 2 against Chamant, 9 to 2 against Rob Roy, 7 to 1 against Attyre, and 8 to 1 against Brown Prince.

BERLIN, 30.—Orders issued, today, designate three battalions of infantry and four batteries of artillery to reinforce Metz and Strasbourg, and a battalion of rifles will be stationed at Severne.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Lines Reluted.

TOQUERVILLE,
May 17th, 1877.

Editor Deseret News:

In the Salt Lake — of May 11, there is some correspondence from Toquerville, headed "Bilking the Sick Saints—A Nice Priestly Game—The Saintesses and Gentiles—Mill, &c."

Permit us, through your valuable and interesting paper, to reply to this lying correspondent, for the fact of its being published in the columns of the — is sufficient evidence of its scurrility. Now for the facts in the case—The party referred to by this lying scribbler, who dare not publish his name, was got up for the benefit of the sick and needy of this place, and not for a sick brother, and the young ladies had not charge of the party nor its proceeds, but M. Slack had the sole control. The proceeds of the party were forty-nine dollars, not sixty as the liar asserts, and have been distributed as follows—to C. Grainger, fourteen dollars; to L. Groves, an aged widow, five dollars; to J. Bowyer, five dollars; seven dollars and twenty-five cents were paid for music and lights; seventeen dollars and seventy-five cents were placed in the store, subject to the order of Mrs. Kleinman, the president of the Relief Society, for the benefit of the sick and needy; five dollars were tendered to W. W. Hammond, the sick brother, but he would not accept of it; hence the proceeds did not go into the pockets of George Spilsbury and Martin Slack, first counsellor and tithing clerk, neither were the sick saints bilked.

As officers of the Mercantile Co-op., thousands of dollars are deposited in our hands, by gentlemen from Silver Reef and other places, who do not require the scratch of a pen for security. But who dare deposit money with the — or its lying corps of correspondents?

Respectfully,
GEORGE SPILSBURY,
M. SLACK.

The Grasshopper or Locust.

To the Editor of the Western Rural:

The locust, grasshopper and mantis are all of the same species although known by etymologists to be quite distinct insects. The *Gryllus migratorius* or Asiatic grasshopper or locust, as it is sometimes called, is the farmer's plague in several of the States and much attention is being paid for the destruction of these pests.

The following account may perhaps lead to an investigation, and prove of service should the African bird be introduced to this country. In a zoological description of South Africa, published by Henry C. Bohn, London, 1851, in his *Universal Geography*, founded on the works of Malte Brun and Batie, the following account of the locust bird can be found: "The locust bird, a species of thrush, congregates in places where locusts migrate and feed upon the larvae of the insects. In 1828 Abany was overflown and almost every vegetable substance consumed by locusts; but in a short time these were followed by myriads of locust birds, which speedily cleared them off." Again in an-

other place it says, "The visitations of the locusts are now rare."

SAMUEL P. CARB.

Chicago, May 10, 1877.

—Western Rural.

"Music," says Bach, "is an elegant art and fine amusement, but as an occupation it hath little dignity, having for its object nothing better than mere entertainment and pleasure."

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