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GENERAL NEWS.

NEWS FROM ENGLAND.

IN THE HOUSE.

In Monday's sitting Mr. Lynch (*Liberal, Yorkshire*) asked the following questions of the Government:

Has an agreement been made between the English and Russian Governments concerning the Macedonian question?

Can Secretary of State Sir Edward Grey explain which are the chief points of this agreement?

Has this agreement been approved of by the other Powers Signatory to the Berlin treaty?

Mr. Pease, Lord of the Treasury, answered on behalf of Sir Edward Grey: We have made an agreement with the Russian Government, but have not had time yet to consult with the other Powers. Until then Sir Edward cannot give any information as to the nature of the proposals which will be made in Constantinople.

During the debate on the second reading of the Coal Mines (Eight Hours) Bill Mr. Gladstone announced his intention of making proposals at a later date regarding the change from the long to a shorter day's work and the difficulties which of necessity attended such a change. In referring to the many diseases to which miners are subjected Mr. Gladstone mentioned the opthalmic diseases and said:—"These do not seem to be a cause of anxiety for the Opposition." Cries of: "Take it back" followed this remark and the Speaker said that such remarks were not in order. Mr. Gladstone immediately withdrew the remark and explained it by saying that the Opposition was only considering the mortality among miners, and not the misery of such diseases.

NEWS FROM INDIA.

TERRORIST ORGANISATIONS TO BE PROSECUTED.

Bombay, June 22.
 The Governor of Bombay, in a speech in the Legislative Council, said that the Government was considering an effective plan to prosecute all Terrorist organisations, without distinction, which incited the people in the presidency of Bombay. It was deplorable, he said, that forcible measures had to be resorted to, but the Government could no longer look on without taking action. The anarchist methods were distinctly disapproved of by all loyal Indians.

A BOMB MANUFACTURER ARRESTED.

Calcutta, June 22.
 From Chandernagar (French settlement) *Reuter* reports that French officials arrested the school master Babu Roy Gupta, who was accused of being concerned in the manufacture of bombs and in the plot against the Mayor of Calcutta, and handed him over to the English authorities.

NEWS FROM AMERICA.

MR. SHERMAN'S NOMINATION: FEELING IN NEW YORK.

The nomination of Mr. Sherman for the Vice-Presidency seems to have given general satisfaction to the Republican rank and file, says the *Globe*. He has a good record both in respect to his private, as well as his public life. He is, moreover, a very wealthy man, who will be able to maintain the position with dignity.
 Primarily the selection of Mr. Sherman was due to the desire, it may be said the necessity, for

gratifying New York, which State, through its leaders at the Chicago Convention, has been displaying some temper over the treatment accorded to its "favourite son," Governor Hughes. The Taft-Sherman ticket is an attractive one, but it is by no means certain that it will please New York to the extent of making the State go thoroughly Republican in November.

There are plenty of capable political prophets who are prepared today to bet that the Democrats will carry New York. They were partly successful at the last elections, and Mr. Hughes has managed during his term to give grave offence to so many powerful interests that doubts are already being expressed as to the wisdom of placing him at the head of the State ticket. Mr. Bryan is understood to be absolutely confident of winning the pivotal State. He is said to be all right with Tammany, and there are rumours of a Democratic deal with the Independence League.

A TOWN DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Montreal, June 22.
 The town of Three-Rivers has been almost entirely destroyed by fire.

THE EXPLOSION IN PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia, June 22.
 After careful investigations the authorities give it as their opinion that the explosion on board the S.S. "Arkadia" was caused by spontaneous combustion of a case containing fireworks. The idea of a bomb-outrage, which is said to have been prepared by dissatisfied dock-labourers at Hamburg, is put aside as perfectly unfounded.

RACE WAR IN TEXAS.

Houston, June 23.
 On Sunday last nine negroes were lynched near Hemphill for the murder of two white men. Both the white men and the negroes carry arms, and race-troubles are apprehended.

THE CATASTROPHY IN THE TYROL.

The damage sustained through the burning of the village Zirl is officially calculated at 12,000,000 kronen, while only half that amount is covered by insurance. So far four deaths have been ascertained, but several of the villagers have not been accounted for. Relief committees were quickly formed at Innsbruck and 20,000 kronen had been collected by midday on Monday, besides large quantities of clothing and victuals.
Innsbruck, June 23.

It has now been ascertained that six people lost their lives in the fire. Most of the cattle was burned.

THE GERMAN COLONIAL SECRETARY.

Johannesburg, June 22.
 His Exe. Herr Dernburg visited several mines yesterday, and was entertained at a banquet today by the Mayor. This evening he leaves for Pretoria to visit the Premier Mine. The papers of Transvaal all speak of him in cordial terms of welcome.

A SECOND SON TO KING ALFONSO.

The Queen of Spain was safely delivered of a Prince on Monday last.

THE JOURNALIST DUEL IN ROME.

Rome, June 22.
 As a sequel to the occurrences in the Chambre on Thursday last a duel was fought today between the Deputy Signor Santini and Signor Zambelli,

the journalist. After 65 minutes' duration of the encounter the attendant physicians declared Signor Santini's heart too weak, and the duel was postponed to be continued at a later date.

NEWS FROM RUSSIA.

ROBBERY FRUSTRATED AT TIFLIS.

Tiflis, June 22.
 Seven robbers attacked a bank-messenger at the entrance to the Commercial Bank this morning; the man had a large sum of money on him which he was about to deposit at the Imperial Bank. Several shots were fired and four bombs were thrown, only one of which exploded. A passer-by was injured. The messenger escaped into the bank. One of the robbers was wounded and caught; the others escaped.

PERSIAN AFFAIRS.

THE SHAH'S CHANCES.

Teheran, June 22.
 The Shah's energetic measures in preparation for likely disturbances have evidently had a salutary effect on the inhabitants of Teheran. The men who were foremost in inciting the mob against the Shah appear to be adherents of Prince Silli Sultan. Not having succeeded in Teheran they have transferred their activities to the Provinces.

FIGHTING BEGINS.

Teheran, June 23.
Reuter reports that the Parliament building and the adjoining mosque were surrounded by Cossacks this morning and the Parliament was asked to extradite several members in accordance with the Shah's wishes. Parliament refused. Members of a political club opened fire and killed several soldiers. At 9 o'clock reinforcements arrived, with artillery; the latter fired incessantly until after 10 o'clock.

THE SHAH'S CHANCES IMPROVED.

Taebri, June 23.
 The St. Petersburg Tel. Agency reports that the general feeling is turning in favour of the reactionary party. Several clergy and members of the nobility, as well as former revolutionaries have telegraphed their allegiance to the Shah. For the revolutionary movement a certain number of men, among them a Governor General, are held responsible.

TURKISH TROOPS ON THE FRONTIER.

St. Petersburg, June 23.
 The *Novoi Vremya* reports from Dahulfa that two Turkish battalions are stationed five verst from Urumis, besides two squadrons and a battery; 17 battalions, 5 batteries and the 6th cavalry division are near Soudj Bulak andj Sakkys. The journal says that it must be stated that these warlike preparations are not aimed at Russia.

RUSSIAN SHIPS FOR TURKISH WATERS.

Sevastopol, June 23.
 A number of battleships under Admiral Zevinski, and a torpedo flotilla under Admiral Sarnavski sailed from here today for Turkish waters.

MOROCCAN AFFAIRS.

ABDUL ASIS NOT DEAD.

Paris, June 22.
 The rumour, which circulated here today, of Abdul Asis having been murdered, is wholly unfounded. M. Clémenceau has received no information to that effect.

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