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#### THE STRUGGLE IN THE EAST.

#### [From the Baltimore Sun.]

Making all due allowances for the predatory aspects of the combat which has that He would receive no prayer "which. begun in the East, it would be foolish and in attesting that there is but one God. unphilosophical to ignore the fact that doth not also attest that Mohanmed is his this is is a struggle in which two civiliza- prophet." tions and two religions have appealed to the wager of battle. The secular features of the Eastern question are manifest enough, but it is idle to deny that religious

and moral elements are also involved, and the forces of sentiment are at least as strong and pervading as the warfare of addicted, but it sanctions polygamy and the war the Government learned that an In view of the impending collision be- it was superior to polytheism, it was intween Russians and Turks it is therefore ferior in purity and spirituality to the of interest to know, the religious issues which are to be tried by buttle between the contestants. The Christian faith of Russia is familiar toull, and being essen- the germs of mischief in it were not fully tially that of the rest of Christendom, developed. It is only in the Torks of the needs no explanation. The religion of present day that the legitimate results of Mohammed, which has been adopted by the principles and religion of Mohammed Turks, may not be as generally understood, are illustrated. Mohammdarrism was Hence a brief sketch may not be without from the first established by the sword, Interest. Motiamined was born in Mecca, A. D. 569 or 671. His family was wealthy and illustrious, but his father died in his infancy, and the family honors and family fortune descended to another son. Five to try the divinity of the prophet. The camels and an Ethiopian slave were the sole heritage of the future Prophet Mecca, his birth-place, had been for many generations the seat of the Koreishites, the prin- poisoned, but, as has been quaintly cipal of the tribes of Ambin, and claiming a descent from Ishmael. Their temple supposed to have been erected by Abraham, was the great object of their reverencer They had, however, fallen from the faith of their ancestors into a system slow progress on both sides. The Rusof idolatry peculiar to themselves, in which, while recognizing the Supreme Being, they worshipped a number of inferior divinities, male and female, whom they represented as his offspring, though their affection for idelatty had really de-drilled sailors keep the Muscovites from clined when Mohammed made his appearance, and they had fallen into the tions. Apart from the setual warfare it is error of the Sadducees, rejecting the doctriues of the resurrection and of a future suffering most. Both are impecunious. state. Like all the Atablans, the Koreis- but the Turks are living on the manna of day 2,000 people, providing cars and carhites devoted themselves to mercantile fanaticism. A statement has been pubpursuits, and Mohammed was trained in lished by the Paris Patrie to the effect that the mercantile profession. In his com- the Russian debt is now \$3,000,000,000, things in the way of eating and drinking. mercial expeditions, which led him into while in 1830 it was scarcely \$74,000,000, foreign countries, he was brought into intimate association with both Jews and Christians, from the former of whom he obtained the record of the faith originally held by Abraham, the master whom he most revered, and from both a strong of field artillery and made a furious atconviction of the unity of the Supreme tack upon the heights defending Batoum Being. He had little duposition, however, to adinate with either, as the religion of both emanated from descendants of Isanc, and both looked upon the race of on the slopes and ledges of these bills and Ishmael with contempt and aversion. upon the advance of the enemy they open-Not long after his first marriage he con- ed on his columns a terrible and well ceived the idea of becoming the founder tained fire of cappon and musketry, which of a new religion. The restoration of the literally moved the Russians down in faith of Abraham, who had come out swathes. They fell by scores and hundreds from idolators and obtained the know on the plane, below the Turkish position, ledge of one God, because the dream of his during their attempts to make way egainst life. It has been disputed whether he this fire. A body of the Turks, or horse was an impostor or set. It is certain, and on foot, taking advantage of a thick however, tout he could neither read nor forest, broke forth upon the flank of the write, and he claimed as evidence of his Russian column and effected a great slaughdivine mission that, being utterly illiterate, ter. The Muscovites being upon the

briel, announcing to him that he was the

Prophet of God. He had, Lowever, be-

come well acquainted with a Persian Jew.

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of intelligence. He acknowledged the

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clared that God had announced to him The word koran signifies that which ought to be read. It comprises the entire litleal, of Mohammedan Institutions:

believer. The prescribed hours of prayer

closing in of night. Mohammed de-

scheme, religions, moral, social and po prohibits drunkenness and gaming, to neither of which vices Oriental races are provides for sensual gratifications. While faith of Jews and Christians, So long as the Arabs, an exceptionally refined and of the Exchequer, replying to a question variant race, were its chief supporters, by Mr. Gourley, liberal, said: 'Egypt and the sword had become the last appeal to save it from extinction. It may be added that Mohammed died of poison, which a woman put in a dish of mutton, taste Judicated that there was something wrong, and he declared that the mutton had spoken to him and told him it was for it finally killed him.

LONDON, May 12. - The military operations on the Danube and in Asia make sians, in spite of their great resources and fine organization have a great many difficulties to overcome. The character of bave suddenly been reduced one-balf, from the country and the fortifications render an advance tedious on land, and Hobert Pasha's respectable English plack and well making much progress in maritime operaa question whether Russia or Turkey is

The Daily Telegraph's specials from Batoum on Friday at midnight says : " About 5 o'clock this morning the Russian forces, which had been fargely augmented for the purpose, advanced with batteries on the land side, which were occupied by Bashi Bagouks. The Ottoman troops were entrenched in the u-ual effective manner uphe could read the Koran, which he said ground perfectly open, and having so choice had been brought to him by the angel Ga- but to fight or fly, in a short time the spot which was the scene of this flank mevement became covered with dead and dying Russians, but the enemy quickly brought up and a degraded Nestorian monk, from reinforcements and the battle was renewed with much determination for many hours; whom he derived the knowledge of the the efforts of the assailants were desperately maintained, but towards midday their the fabulous story of their origin his first artillery fire graduity slackened and they at length withdraw.

A correspondent of the Telegraph, deauthenticity and unification of the Jewish and Christian scriptures, and that Moses scribing the battle near Batoum says; " I and Christ were prophets sent from God, myself was an eye witness of this important The fundamental principles of his faith engagement from the first to the last, and was the unity of the Supreme Being to can testify that the Ottoman soldiers bewhom he also attributed infinite know- haved with a gallantry which was most adledge, power and benevolence. To show mirable. They had, however, during a the minuteness to which the goodness of great part of the action, the advantage of the Almighty extends the Koran declares entrenchments on high ground, and it is that "the weight of an ant in Heaven or due to this fact, no doubt, that their losses, on earth, the least weight, like the compared to those inflicted upon the eneheaviest, escapeth not the knowledge of my, were insignificant,

The same correspondent, under Saturday's the Most High. The day of final judg- date, says: "The victory was won by the ment is in close accordance with the extraordinary courage of the Bashi Bazouks Christian Scriptures, and on fear, love and The dead and wounded on the Russian side gratitude to God depends the eternal wel- will exceed 4,000. The engagement lasted fare of mortals. But the divergence from over eight hours' actual fighting. The the Christian faith commences in the lost of the Russians did not withdraw unseveral rewards accorded hereafter to the til near midnight. The Russians lost many righteous and the refusal of all mercy to guns, The only Turkish officer of note idolators both in this world and the next, killed was Khalim Bey, of the irregulars, For true pelievers, whose works do not An official telegram from Japan states correspond with their faith, there is a that another army corps has reached Kaminor hell reserved, which, if they have gashima, . More than one battle has been labored and fought for the faith, will not fought there a large part of the town has be interminable. For Jews, Christians been burned, The Imperialists were victorious in every engagement,

pointed; though if they have led pure lives The Times correspondent at Pera telegraphs as follows: " As evidence of the salvation. Next to the Supreme Being general condition to which ten days of inthe prophet is to be the object of special cossant rain have reduced the Asiatic region veneration. The doctrines of predestina we need only to read the intelligence from tion and almsgiving are fundamental Bugdad, describing the flood, which has points of the practical religion of overwhelmed both banks of the Tigris. A Mohammed. Prayer is the duty of every similar inundation is unknown since time not to blame for that, my man.

immemorial, the river having thrown out are at morning, noon, sunset and the a new branch noove Bogdad, which has completely blockaded the city and swept away two hundred houses in the village of Kiamazie. The worst evil which the Russiaus may bring upon us by their premature invasion is cholera, which exposure to so inclement's senson, can lardly fail to produce among their troops,"

In the House of Commons the afternoo Hon. Rob't Bourk, Under-Secretary for the Foreign Department, in reply to a question by Sir William Vernon Harcourt, liberal, said : " Immediately after the outbreak of iron-clad built for Turkey was lying at Victoria docks, and took steps to prevent an infringement of the foreign colistment act." Sir Stafford Northcote, Chancellor forming a part of Turkey is certainly at war with Russia. Russia therefore has a right to blockade Egyptian ports and invade Egyptian territory, and goods going to Egypt may be considered contraband. Hon. Rob't Bourk, in reply to a question by Mr. Ityland, liberal, said it was untrue that England and Austria had agreed to protest against the declaration of Roumanian independence.

The intelligent New York correspondent of the Raleigh Observer gives the following gratifying information of the death of a grinding monepoly the operation of which remarked, it did not speak to him in time, has been one of the many devices by which the South has been kept drained of its money. Sewing Machines, Insurance Companies and Fertilizers have taken near-

> Congress having wisely refused to renew the patents on sewing machines, the prices \$60 to \$30-at least on one of them. and probably on all. This shows what an enormous profit has been realized on these muchines by the patentees, who have rapidly accumulated millions. One of these patentees, near Boston, has been in the nabit of entertaining, to an extent unparalleled. He invited and entertained for a riages to take them both ways to his place ten miles from the city, where all sorts of and amusements, made the day one of rare enjoyment. On another occasion he entertained (for a week, I believe,) | bundreds of Southern military, who went to Boston from the centennial, and took them to see the sights of the beautiful suburbs of Bos-

The patent office has ascertained that during one year, viz: 1874, five of the many sewing machine makers sold 410,000 machines. If the average price of these was \$60 (and it was probably more) the amount realized was \$24,600,000. Half of this, or \$12,300,000, is now admitted by this reduction of price to have been profit-about two and a half millions of dollars to each of the five manufacturers. But even this does not show all the profit, for the reduced price of \$30 probably yields \$10 or \$15 of profit,

THE CRY FOR REST.-A physician says that the cry for rest has always been louder than the cry for food. Not that it is more important, but it is often harder to obtain. The best rest comes from sound sleep. Of two men or women, otherwise equal, the one who sleeps the better will be the more healthy and efficient. Sleep will do much to cure irritability of temper, pervishness and uneasiness. It will restore vigor to an overworked brain. It will build up and make strong a weak body- It will cure a beadache. It will cure a broken spirit, It will cure sorrow. Indeed, we might make a long list of nervous and other maladies that sleep will cure. The oure of sleeplessness requires a clean, good bed, sufficient exercise to promote wearibess, pleasant occupation. good air, and not too warm a room, a clean conscience and avoidance of stimulants and nareotics, For those who are overworked, haggard, nervous, who pass sleepless night, we commend the adoption of such 'habits as will secure sleep; otherwise life will be short. and what there is of it sadly imperfect

The Reidsville Times says: A negro named Wesley Dodson stole a sheep from Sam Brandon at Delliah, Halifax, Va; the other night, and Brandon tracked the negro to his home in Milton, N. C. There he found the sheep skin in the house and the negro broke and ran, Mr. Brandon got Nat Palmer's fox hounds and set them on the negro's track, and Tuesday evening they were making the woods around Millon ring with their music. Night came on and the negro dodged the hounds by taking a tree, but early Wednesday morning the chase was resumed with redoubled vigor.

A Scotch elergyman was seen by a neighbor trudging home on Monday morning with a stout cod he had just bought, and was accosted with. Mr. Duncan, did you know that that fish was caught on Sunday? The minister, in his characteristic blunt manner, replied, 'Well, well, the fish is

HEROISM OF THE PLAINS.

There was an excited crowd gathered about the Pony Express Station at Me-Pherson's. The western-bound rider had arrived with a bullet in his leg, and reported that the Pawnees were off their reservation, and were advancing on the settlement. They had met him between but for an instant only. Bending low in the last station and McPherson, and had given him chase. McPherson could boast of but twenty-five souls at that time before the railroad was finished, and there were but forty men in all capable of de-fending the post. What was to be done had to be done quickly. Fort Grattan was eighty miles north-west, and a rider was dispatched in haste. Fort Kenruey was seventy miles southeast, and who gates thrown open to receive them. would summon aid from there? It was a dangerous undertaking. The route lay through the hostile country, and the messenger would be almost sure to meet Indians. The pony-riders as a general thing, were fearless men, but this proposition was fraught with so much danger, that they were loth to undertake it.

'Ef Slate was on'y here?" cried an old man, 'there'd be no hesitation while wimmin and children were in danger." 'I'll go l'and a bright-eyed, fearless

looking fellow stepped forth.

'Good !' said the old man pressing his hand, 'Old Jim Johnson sez so! Old Jim Johnson! You hear me! There's more sense in Essex's babeza, then the hull lot dren, think of it! Ride your best, and one from South Carolina and two from Lonwhen you get to the station you may get relief! Post 'em there, and when you get phically is thus given ; to the Fort tell the, commandant to send on cavalry as quick as possible. Fetch the solers, and we will send the reds to California! Nellie Johnson's your'n as soon as you gerback. Good-by, boy, and God speed you!'

There was a spring, a rush of hoofs, and the ride to Kearney had begun, Right gallantly did the horse spring away at the rider's bidding, and the blue eyes of sweet Nellie Johnson were kept upon them uatil horse and rider faded away from them upon the horizon.

Love was one incentive for the ponyider's mission, and the desire to save the people of McPherson from a bloody death theother. Did man ever risk life in a better cause? Onward swept the little horse with her flying beels throwing a cloud of dust, that hovered in the air for a bundred yards behind her. To the left of "It will be seen that the Republicans have sat as firm as a rock, his dauntless face votes on joint ballot." looking straight ahead, and wearing an air which seemed to say, it was all for the sake of Nellie Johnson.

You may talk of the Mamelukes, the Tartar horsemen, the savage Bedouins, dy of Word, is not in very robust bealth, and all the wild riders, but what are they and has been for many years apprehensive to compare with our American pony of paralysis. At a recent dinner in Dubbraved every danger, who ran the risk of land, His Grace sat on the right of his life in every mile they dashed over; who hostess, the Duchess of Abercorn. In the were expected to do fifty miles at top speed | midst of the dinner the company was startlin day-light or darkness, hot or cold, rain ed by seeing the Archbishop rise from his or shine. But the railroad has done away scat, and still more startled to hear him with pony-rider, and we hear of no more exclaim, in a dismal and sepulchra' ton, such exploits as that of the renowned "It has come! it has come!" Jimmy Moore.

Onward swept the brave little horse, and at last the station came in view. A parts of the table. minute more, and horse and rider were at the door. No relay was there to meet them. Not a sign of life was to be seen, but the hoof tracks on the ground in every direction showed that the relief had fled. Giving the norse a drink, the rider mounted, and again was on the way to Kearney. Further on they came to a large object in the center of the trail. It for contradicting, but it is I that you have was the western-bound stage, with horses been pinching." gone, the driver between the fore-wheels with a bullet in his head, the passengers lying about the road, and the conductor in the boot and wounded unto death One borrid look, a pause, and faster fled the horse. Mile after mile is left behind, station after station is pas-ed, and no relief! Will they ever get to Kearney?

On the prairie to the right of them ap pear a host of mounted men. They are pets of the Peace Commission on their annual marauding tour Turning with a very best washings and dressings for the triamphant yell, they speed to head the hair. The bair should be carefully brushrider off. Narrower grows the distance ed and braided in two firm braids, then the between them, and the gallant horse redoubled his exertions. In the van of the warm sage tes, after which the braids our savages rides a tall chief, mounted upon a powerful horse, fris plumes streaming in preserves the color of the hair and keeps the the wind, as he urges onward the noble scalp clean. animal be bestrides. Young Essex can escape if he turns back But, no, no ! The sweet face of Nellie Johnson-the shrinking forms of defenceless. little ones come before his view, and dashing the perspiration from his brow, the pursued dushed onward ! But a few miles more and coach .- The wheels passed over both lage succor is st hand - will be at the

Nearer came the pursuers. Now ride, young Essex, for it is threescore lives to

niuscle, nerves, and heart, for your work will be well done! Ride young Essex; for every thing is at stake. Onward-onward, rushed the horse, his hoofs beating time to his short quick breath. The gap closes! Twang! A sharp pain in the side, and the rider recled in the saddle

time, and faster fled the horse. And now the green ramparts and stocks aded walls of Fort Kearney came in view. The baffled savages turned and set out rapidly up the trail, while the fainting rider checks the faltering steps of his dying horse. One last, last look at the waving sea of green, and they enter the

the saddle, the whip ruised for the first

In the center of the parade stands a group of men about a horse and rider The horse is down now, and from his nostrils gushes the life current, and besides him lies the rider.

Young Essex raises his head from the arm that supported it and said: 'Pawnees off their reservation-McPherson's station cleaned out-oh, help-quick ! My love to-to-Nellie-Johnson-"

And grasping the reins with stiffening clutch, the barbed shalt eating out his sonl, he sank upon the pony's neck. Their brave hearts have ceased to beat.

#### PARTY DIVISIONS.

A correspondent of the Missouri Repubuv your Pick your hoss, boy, and ride for lican furnishes some facts and figures reigyour life! See, there's Nellie lookin' at tive to the exact status of the Forty-fifth you. For her sake, Willie ef no one's else. Congress, outside of contested elections, Thirty-five helpless wimmin and chil- There are three vacancies in the Senate. islana. The tabulation of States geogra-

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Dems. Six New England States 23 Three Middle States 87 Sixteen Southern States 90 16 Ten Western States 24 62 Three Pacific States

150 143 Democratic maj-The correspondent above alluded to says ;

them glided the still waters of the Platte, exactly the same majority in the Senate and on the right outstretched lay the that the Democrats bave in the House, boundless green of the prairie. The rider both political parties having precisely 183

A SLIGHT MISTAKE. - The present Archbishop of Dublin, the gifted author of the work so widely known on the . Sturiders-men who were fearless, and who lin, given by the Lord Lieutenant of Ire-

" What has come, your Grace?" engerly cried half a dozen voices from different What I have been expecting for twenty

years," solemnly answered the Archbishop - " a stroke of paralysis. I have been pinching myself for the last twenty minutes and find myself entirely without sensa-"Pardon me, my dear Archbishop,"

said the Duchess, looking up to him with a somewhat quizzical smile-" pardon me

A duel was fought at Little Rock the other day, but, by a singular coincidence, both the seconds were dentists, and they could not resist the temptation to draw the bullets before handing the pistols to their principals, and still both parties live to ornament society, - Toledo Blude,

HEAD WASH .- Sage fee is one of the roots rubbed with a sponge dipped in lukebe washed and dried with a towel. This

FATAL ACCIDENT .- On Friday last Monroe Rector, a young man from Morganton, jumped from the train bound West, two miles below Morganton, and was thrown under the bind wheels of the first-class just below the knee. He was carried home where he died in a few hours. Being somewhat expert in jamping from cors, while in motion, he would not allow the conductor one ! Speed, brave little horse; strain to stop for him. -Statesville Landmerk.