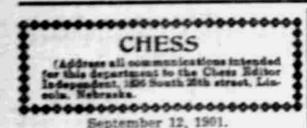
BAD NEWS FROM THE WOUNDED PRESIDENT

The latest news from Buffalo concerning the president was c. the most unfavorable sort. The official bulletins issued by the medical staff during Thursday night were to the effect that the patient had suffered a relapse, but toward morning the bulletins were somewhat more favorable. There was a loss of action by the heart which the doctors attempted to restore by the use of the usual remedies. They declare that the president's situation is very serious, but that he still has a fighting chance for life. Members of the cabinet and the president's family who left when he appeared to be recovering are returning to Buffalo, and gloom has taken the place of hope.

Friday, 11 a. m .- Latest dispatches indicate that the above reports sent out were greatly exaggerated.



PROBLEM NO. 64.

Composed by F. Gamage, Westboro,



White to play and mate in 2 moves.

THE WESTERN CHESS CONGRESS. The second congress of chess players of the west was concluded late Saturday afternoon, August 17, in a blaze of giory. In point of merit it was the equal of the fifth American chess congress held in 1880. It marked an epoch in American chess that is the forerunner of a still more interesting congress that will be held next year, probably at Milwaukee.

The first round of the tournament commenced on Monday afternoon, and the result was in doubt until the fifteenth round was played on the following Saturday. The players participating were the following:

representing six states-Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Missouri and North Dakota-and there were five championship honors. The names, addresses, scores and ranks of the sixteen, with the awards of prizes, are

First prize, \$100, gold badge and title of chess champion of the west, N. M. MacLeod, St. Paul; score 13 won Second prize, \$50, E. P. Elliott Min-

peapolis; score, 12% to 2%. Third prize, \$25, J. Friedlander, Fargp; score, 11 to 4.

Fourth prize, \$15, F. N. Stacy, Minneapolis; score, 10 to 5. Fifth prize, Judge H. D. Smith, Cassopolis, Mich.; score, 91/2 to 51/2.

Sixth, C. S. Jacobs, Des Moines; score, 814 to 614. Seventh, George B. Spencer, St. Paul, and W. G. Hine, Savannah, Mo., tie;

score, 8 to 6, Ninth, J. H. Clark, Minneapolis, and Dr. A. T. Bigelow, St. Paul, tie; score, 7% to 7%

Eleventh, Dr. F. A. Huxmann, Minmempolis; score, 7 to 8. Twelfth, Guy M. Thompson, Minmeapolis; score, 61/2 to 81/2.

Thirteenth, D. M. Rogers, Milwau- ics will probably look at black's game kee; score, 5% to 9%

Fourteenth, C. E. Thayer, Minneap- doing or have been doing at the posiolis; score, 31/2 to 111/2 Fifteenth, Paul R. Herwig, Milwaukee; score, 2 to 13 Sixteenth, C. S. Couper, Northfield;

Commenting on the play of Cham- player pion MacLeod, Bro. Spencer remarks: "MacLeod plays chess on a plane peculiarly his own. His games are, an opening or the king's flank. therefore, to be criticised not from the

standpoint of the 'hand book,' but

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score, 1 to 14.-St. Paul Dispatch.

from the principles laid down by Young, which is known as synthetical chess. That is to say each move is made from a base of operation that bring all pieces into immediate play with the least possible waste of time, while at the same time protecting that base about the king in the best formative manner. In doing this the opponent wonders at the beginning of the game what kind of man is entrenched on the other side of the board. He becomes more or less wary as he notices that MacLeod is fortifying a weak point here and there. Then he commences to send his scouts further out, and the report comes in that Mac-Leod's forces are sleeping on their arms. Then he sounds the bugle for a grand charge on the left wing. He deploys all of his doughty knights in the skirmish. There is more or less blood shed. But the line ahead is as strong as adamant. But he has forgotten his right wing, now unsupported; he sees the clouds of battle gather on that fatal weak point. He seeks to recall his scattered army, but too late. The sleepy warrior pours a

GAME STUDY. (From St. Paul Dispatch.) From the Western tournament.

P-QR4, P-QR4.

11. Kt-B 2, P-K 4 (b).

12. P-Q 5, Kt-Q B 4.

13. Kt-R 3, P-B 4 (c).

Q-B 2, P-Kt 4.

18. P-K R 3. Kt-Kt 3.

KtxP, Kt-B 4.

22. P-Q Kt 4, Q-Q 2.

27. B-B 4 ch, K-R 1.

28. B-Q 5, Q R-R 3 (g).

R-Kt 1, R-R 2.

Q-B 4, K R-Q 1.

33. B-B 5, R (at R 2)-R 1 (h)

NOTES BY THE CHESS EDITOR.

the "MacLeod Defense." We know of

it after the discoverer. The chess crit-

with some amusement, as they are

(d) PxP better for an open game.

St., Chicago, 42-44 Michigan Ave.;

Kansas City, 522 Delaware St.

(a) The first two moves constitute

24. PxP, Q-B 1 (f).

31. B-K 6, Q-R 3.

32. R-Kt 5. Kt-B 1.

34. Q-Q 5, Kt-Q 2.

36. Q-K 6. KtxP.

37. KtxK P, QxR.

35. P-B 6, Kt-Kt 3 (i).

38. Kt-B 7 ch, K-Kt 1.

39. KtxR ch, Resigns.

(c) A strong move.

Represent the product of years of experience. They are

26. P-Q 6, Q-B 1.

P-Q Kt 3 (d), P-B 5.

Kt-Q Kt 5, P-K R 3.

10. R-Kt 1, Castles.

16. B-R 3. Kt-Q 2.

19. BxP (e), PxB.

21. KtxB KtxKt.

23. P-B 5. PxP.

RxKt, QxR.

Kt-R 3, Kt-K 2.

deadly broadside on the unsupported

infantry and we gracefully capitulate."

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WORK BOTH SIDES.

(e) A brilliant sacrifice.

have equalized matters.

(i) Kt-B 3 instead.

afford the exchange.

(f) KtxP followed by P-Kt 5 would

(g) R-R 2 would have been better.

(h) R-Q 2 much better. Black can

Oleo Has a New Rival.

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line is made will, it is claimed, be in

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turers with a substitute for butter

which is not only pure and cheap, but

which, for biscuits in particular, is bet-

The Return of the Summer Girl.

No more to roam, she's coming home

The summer girl is coming home;

The summer girl I know is true;

From hilltop fair, from salty air,

She comes, my summer girl.

The summer girl, oh, what care I

How she doth flirt or smile?

I know each winning wile.

So let her play along the way

And toes each saucy curl,

My loyal summer girl.

I know her art, I know her heart,

For still, heart free, she comes to me,

-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

She's pure as is the pearl;

She flits from hill to sea:

To happy, happy me.

ter than butter.

Anxious housewives will be glad to

Strikes. nected with labor strikes that seldom for storage of same. The house is familitouch with these struggles between the sent broadcast throughout the country | Naturally politics figures largely in mechanic and his employer. Many of brings them a correspondence that re- the case. At present Oklahoma is Rethem are of a serious nature, but not quires the assistance of several people. infrequently there is the humorous side | The orders are promptly filled and it has to the story, says the Philadelphia ever been a policy of this house to give, Evening Telegraph. Possibly one of if possible, better quality for the money the best of the latter class was detail- than if the purchaser were present to ed by a prominent railroad man who has been mixed up in strike troubles in many sections of the country.

the great steel strike now in progress John F. Zimmer. Col. F. D. Eager is when he said, "Did you ever notice vice president and freasurer of the comwhat a number of curious people are pany. The president, Mr. P. F. Zimmer, brought together whenever a strike oc- is 30 years of age, coming to Lincoln ten curs?" Waiting for an answer and seeing only that his friends expected a Commercial Club and M. W. A. The story, he continued: "Yes; there are a secretary, Mr. John F. Zimmer came to number of them. There is the strike Nebraska seven years ago from Michigan, ter number. breaker, the strike loafer and several his native state, and is also a young man others who have a class of their own. 27 years of age. These individuals fairly live on strikes. It is their one business in life to follow of every detail of the business, this ocean while plying their vocation.

no other chess player on this planet "Take the strike breaker. He is a that essays it, therefore we will name sort of professional. Having learned that a strike is in progress, he immediately puts himself in communication tions of F. k. Young, for the reason that the defease does not conform to weeks at regular wages, but with a analysis, that is to the books. But goodly sized bonus attached. His posithe honest critic will discover that tion seldom lasts more than three the defense is planned along lines difweeks. He does not want it to, for at ficult to be overcome by the opposing the end of that time he finds himself possessed of a few dollars with which (b) Black having brought all of his to go on a spree until he is ready to go minor pieces into play, prepares for to the next striking center.

"But your strike loafer-there's a character for you. He has a scheme for living without doing any work at all and at the same time finds himself voted a good fellow. He has no trade and is anything but a mechanic, but he gets there. It matters not to him whether it be railroad hands, machin-FAUST BLEND beautiful the most careful handling and attention that superistical bestow. They can't help but be good—the BEST. It is a HIGH GRADE COFFEE, possessing a rich, delicious flavor not known to any other. ists, garment workers or what not on strike, he is at home in any community. All that is necessary for him to know is that a strike is in progress.

> "The first business of the strike loafer is to approach the agent who is looking for men to take the strikers' places. It is little trouble for him to obtain promise of employment, and he is sent off to the field of action. Now is when he begins his fine work. On arriving improved, the future looks decidedly at the shop he looks around, takes off promising. What is said of the fruits his coat as though he was going to may also apply to a few tropical vegework and then in a surprised way sud- tables. Guava jelly is famed the world denly learns that a strike is in progress, over, and other conserves would be figure in the presidential campaign if On goes his coat again, and, approach- just as much in demand. Fruits are the contest should be close. ing the foreman, he will immediately to be had for almost nothing, and some | Arizona and New Mexico, too, are declare that he has been cheated, add- of those most in demand are the gro- still clamoring for statehood. Arizona, ing that no man could get him to work sella, of exquisite flavor, which makes according to the new census, has a popin the place of a man who was striking a dainty preserved sweet. Another ulation of less than 125,000, while New in order to better the condition of the is the quince, entirely too delicate for Mexico is still under 200,000. New

"Arguments are useless. The man is preserved state. ters. To sympathetic ears he tells a States, are the nispolas, juicy and Democratic and would probably re-A Thoroughly story as to how he was deceived by the sweet; corazones, also sweet; a small main so even if statehood should be E q u i p p e d oughly against his principles it would but with more the flavor of the rasp- administration. be to go to work in a striker's place. berry, is the fresas; mangoes, tama- If Oklahoma should be admitted as a Incidentally he tells what an awful rinds and breadfruit are all well separate state and Arizona and New time he had in escaping from the shop known, while in one part of the is- Mexico should also be admitted, the

> the strikers, who are immediately ready to lionize the man. He is carefully quartered and fed for a week or two, and money is given him to help him out until he can obtain other employment. He remains as long as there is a good liv- Lincoln, Neb., describing what you need ing coming to him freely, but as soon and get their prices before buying. Their election of 1904 and Arizona and New the way of a strike."

to detain him.

NEBRASKA AT THE EXPOSITION.

Elegant Souvenir Volume Describing the Various Industries of the State.

Among the features of the Buffalo Exposition from Nebraska was a handsome souvenir volume containing a brief sketch of each of the leading and sucknow that "vegetaline," made by a cessful business firms in the state. It Marseilles firm by refining oil extract- was handsomely bound and profusely ed from the copra (dried cocoanut) and illustrated. Practically every firm in now placed on the English market, is the state and the line of business in not, as it was feared, an imitation but- which it is engaged was accurately described by the authorities publishing the ter or even a substitute for butter in volume. A full page was devoted to its domestic uses, says the London Ex-Nebraska's largest mail order house, The press. According to the maker's Lincoln Supply Co. Concerning this agents, vegetaline is almost entirely a most enterprising firm the authorities manufacturer's article, although it can be used in the kitchen for making pas-Lincoln is the base of operations of

some of the largest commercial and inthere is any demand for it. But the dustrial concerns in the world, especially in some of those distinctive lines to which her surroundings, location and resources have made her naturally adapted. One of these is the Lincoln Supply Company, which is rightly named, as everything is carried in stock that is needed in the house or on the farm. This house was first opened to the public one year ago incorporating under our state laws with a capital stock of \$60,000, occupying an immense five story brick building, with basement. Their immense floor space of admission were introduced in the Fif-40,000 square feet is jammed from floor to ceiling with every article needed for the house or farm. Their daily output is very large and they ship goods to all parts of Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, the Dakotas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory, in which vast territory the company is represented by a host of traveling salesmen. The basement is devoted to the heavy machinery and agricultural implements. The first floor is a well appointed office, sales and display room for a general supply of hardware, wire fences, barb wire, nails, fence posts etc. The second floor is given over exclusively to all kinds of furniture, carpets,

sewing machines, window shades and

fixtures and a general supply of household goods; in fact, every inducement is extended the young couple who wish to go to housekeeping. Their line embraces all the newest and best furniture on the market and anyone wishing anything in this line will be greatly benefitted by inspecting theirs first. The third floor is cles of all kinds, harness, blankets, whips, etc., and the fourth to steel tanks, wind-Ken Who Make a Good Living Out of mills, stoves and ranges, farm wagons, etc. The fifth floor represents the sur There are a great many facts con- plus and miscellaneous stock and is used arly spoken of as 'Nebraska's greatest named, for their illustrated catalogue finished and admission is applied for. has been mixed up in strike troubles in out the different departments, who are mated that the new territory brings in all under the supervision of the president | 100,000 additional population. Half of He was talking to some friends about Mr. P. F. Zimmer, and the secretary, this number halls from the older setstate. He is a member of the Union-

"Both gentlemen are thorough masters them up, and they drift from ocean to being of the greatest assistance to their success and both are possessed in a marked degree of that public spirit which adds so much to the prosperity and advancement of our city. To be brief, the Lincoln Supply Company is one of our best known and most substantial busi with the capital end of it and proposes ness firms, whose identity with the trade to go to work for from one to three and business methods have won for them the implicit confidence of their customers throughout the United States."

FRUITS OF PORTO RICO. Delicious Varieties That May Be

Made Into Jellies and Other Sweets. O. F. Cook, tropical agent for the botanical division of the agricultural department, who has just returned to Washington from a trip of inspection to Porto Rico, sees quite a future in fruit canning for that island, says the New York Sun. Abounding in the most delicious fruits, few of the varieties are known outside the island on account of their perishability, extortionate and difficult transportation and other like obstacles. Almost all of the fruits are susceptible of manufacturing He will accomplish the rest in short into jelly and other sweets easy of shipment and which, on account of their great delicacy, would demand the

highest prices. Enterprise of this nature was formerly practically prohibited by the 10 per cent tax on sugar under Spanish rule. With this removed and transportation

ed and so adapted to the climate that

If you are in need of furniture, carpets buggies, harness, farm machinery, stovesl ranges or hardware of any kind it wil, pay you to write the Lincoln Supply Co., as that shows signs of stopping he departs to look for another soft thing in the way of a strike."

great removal sale is in progress and Mexico should also be admitted the Democrats would be more than likely St. Louis.

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NEW STATES IN 1904.

One, and Possibly Four, May Figure In the Campaign.

OKLAHOMA TERRITORY PROBLEM.

Will She Be Admitted With Her Present Area or Come In With the Indian Territory Included! - Politics Figures Largely In the Case. Important to Both Parties.

Politicians in the national capital do not lose sight of the fact that one new and important state, possibly four, may figure prominently in the campaign of 1904, writes the correspondent of the Galveston News. For this very reason the recent opening of the Wichita and the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache reservations to settlement has been watched with no little interest.

Oklahoma, the territory which will profit by this new citizenship, has for some time been a candidate for statehood honors. Bills providing for her ty-sixth congress; but, like many other measures of importance, failed of consideration for lack of time. There is every prospect that the Fifty-seventh congress will provide for her admission with reasonable promptness. The only really doubtful question involved is whether Oklahoma shall be admitted with her present territorial area or include the Indian Territory. Her importance as a state will be largely determined by the settlement of this

question. The bill introduced by Senator Fairbanks in the last congress provided that congress might in its discretion attach the Indian Territory to Oklahoma. The people of the two territories are considerably divided over the proposition. As a rule the people of the Indian Territory want to come in as a separate state. In Oklahoma there are given over to buggies, carriages and vehi- many who want separate statehood and likewise many who desire one state formed of both territories. The Fairbanks bill provided for immediate statehood for Oklahoma, leaving it to congress to determine what shall be done with the Indian Territory when only by those who are in constant mail order house, which is rightly the work of the Dawes commission is

publican, but by a very narrow margin, unless the new population has materially increased the Republican strength. This is the feature of the retled sections of Oklahoma and Indian Territory. The remaining 50,000 may be divided as follows: From Kansas, 20,000; 15,000 from Texas and the remaining 15,000 from the rest of the country, Missouri, Arkansas, Iowa and Neraska leading in supplying this lat-

On the hypothesis that 50,000 of the settlers were from Oklahoma and the Indian Territory it might appear to some that there are only 50,000 new people in Oklahoma as a result of the opening of the new country, but as it is clear that new population must take the places of the homesteaders it is safe to assume that Oklahoma is about 100,000 more populous than when the census was taken last June, making her approximate population at this time about 500,000. As to the division of the new population politically, that is difficult to determine, but investigation suggests that it is closely divided between the two great parties, with a goodly bunch of Kansas Populists thrown in to make matters interesting.

Probably the Republicans have the best of the deal by possibly as many as 2,000 votes. The claim of Delegate Flynn that Oklahoma will be a Republican state if admitted as a separate state is reasonable, and this fact is a potent argument with a Republican congress to admit her separately, since the Indian Territory is strongly Democratic and would possibly overwhelm the Republican margin of Oklahoma should the one state idea be adopted by

At any rate, if the Fairbanks bill is enacted the election of 1902 will show just how strongly Oklahoma is Republican on account of the new population, and if the figures look encouraging the Indian Territory can be attached in time for the election of 1904. If the campaign of 1904 should find the two territories in as one state, it would be a state of a million people, with seven votes in the electoral college. It is easy to see it might cut an important

transportation, yet a rare delicacy in a Mexico is now represented by a Republican delegate, but the Democrats determined, and out he goes directly Other fruits, a few of which are are numerous enough to carry the terrifrom the shop to the strikers' headquar- known to the people of the United tory most of the time. Arizona is still agent who engaged him and how thor- wild berry, almost like our strawberry, granted at the hands of a Republican

where, he declares, even force was used land delicious malaga grapes are rais- chances are, in the absence of an adverse tidal wave, that Oklahoma and "Of course there is a hurrah among three crops may be gathered each year. New Mexico would add eight electoral votes to the Republican column, while Arizona would give three to the Demo-

> On the other hand, should Oklahoma and Indian Territory be admitted as one state in time to participate in the

to capture the seven from Oklahoma and three from Arizona, leaving the Republicans little more than an ever chance for the three from New Mexico. Since the admission of the continental Straus on the Porte's Dispute territories is bound to be seriously considered by the new congress the determination of the question of separate statehood for Oklahoma and the Indian Territory is of great importance both to the great parties and to the people of the territories as well. The only certain thing at this time is that Oklahoma will be granted some sort of statehood. She may be admitted and Arizona and New Mexico left out, but it is certain that when the Oklahoma bill comes up for consideration the Arizona and New Mexico people are going to make desperate efforts to get in.

FOR SCIENCE'S SAKE.

Physician Isolates Himself From the World to Study Leprosy.

For the sake of science Dr. Louis Knapp of St. Louis broke his family ties and severed all connection with society to nurse Dong Gong, the Chinese leper discovered here a few days ago, says a dispatch to the New York quarantine, south of the city, and has the prospect of an indefinite vigil, as the Chinaman may live 10 or 15 years.

Equipped with an exhaustive library, medical instruments and a good supply of medicines, the doctor will make an exhaustive study of the case.

The doctor bade his wife and children a final farewell before reporting for duty at the health department. He was warned of the danger to which he exposed himself and told that he might not be permitted to leave the house, but may be compelled to reside with the Chinaman until he dies. The doctor heard the penalties prescribed without a waver in his determination and undertook the task.

Besides his library the doctor will be provided with a piano to while away the hours. The doctor will do all of the cooking and will not permit the Chinaman to enter the kitchen.

Discussing the case Dr. Knapp said: "Any disease is incurable until its cure is discovered. If a cure for leprosy is ever found, it will be found by some one who has devoted years to the study of an actual case of the disease, and I am not without hope that I may at least contribute to such a discovery.

"Leprosy is only mildly contagious, as I understand it. It would be contracted only by living in the same room with a patient or by the grossest carelessness in handling articles which had been infected by him. Both these dangers I shall carefully avoid."

NEW GOLF FASHION.

Latest Fad Is to Wear Gold Chain Around Ankle.

A young woman living in New York has astonished her friends by the new fashion she has brought home from abroad, says the New York Sun. Around one of her ankles is linked a gold chain bracelet or anklet of heavy Tuscan gold fastened with a turquoise amulet clasp. This is worn outside the stocking and is plainly in evidence when a golf skirt is worn.

It would seem far too striking a fashion to find favor with women of good taste, but it is difficult to tell exactly what will strike the feminine fancy. Already a few of her friends have ordered similar anklets in gun metal and silver of less elaborate fashion than that worn by the young woman who brought the fad direct from Paris, where it was introduced by a Russian woman of title. One of these anklets being observed at a Turkish bath patronized by women, the attendant was asked if the custom was general.

"A great many women," said the girl, 'wear these chain bracelets, some above the knee and others at the ankle. I have never known of their being worn outside the stocking, however, as I have been usually called to assist the wearer to adjust the stockings over the anklet, sometimes a difficult task to perform without tearing delicate ho-

All summer long women have been wearing bracelets outside the sleeve, and the new anklet fad seems to have originated in the new and rather pronounced fashion of exhibiting the bracelet. These odd fashions, however, have a short life on this side of the water, although they are carried to extremes abroad, especially by the fashion makers of Paris.

Ninety Cats Keep House. A family of 90 cats of assorted kinds and colors keep house in a building se. aside for their sole use in the road leading from Weston to Nuremburg, side with Turkey. I use the word says a Scranton (Pa.) dispatch to the New York World. Their benefactress is Miss Sarah Brill, aged 70, who lives with her brother, a few years younger, near the house in which the cats are domiciled. The cats are an agreeable lot, and the household duties are disarged without the least friction.

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WAR WOULD INVOLVE ALL EUROPE

Former United States Minister to Turkey Says That Alignment of Other Nations Will Determine Outcome of Situation Menacing Europenn Peace-Cause of the Trouble.

Oscar S. Straus, formerly United States minister to Turkey and perhaps better posted concerning the sultan and his dominions than any other New Yorker, believes the Franco-Turkish situation will develop in accordance with the manner in which the other European powers align themselves.

"Both France and Turkey are erratic at times," said Mr. Straus to a New York Herald reporter. "France has home problems to solve, and it is im-Journal. Dr. Knapp will live with the possible to say how great an effect this Chinaman in a small frame house near | will have upon its position in the Mediterranean. Then, too, much will depend upon the attitude of England, Austria, Roumania and Greece, with Russia, of course, the most important factor outside of the two principals.

"It looks more serious now than it was before," Mr. Straus continued, referring to a cable dispatch in which it was announced that France is ready to make a naval demonstration before Constantinople. "I am familiar with the Franco-Turkish dispute, as the incidents which brought it about were being discussed while I was in Constantinople. About ten years ago Frenchmen obtained a concession for the building of docks at Constantinople. A large company then formed with French capital interested, and the docks were built. This made it possible for ships to land freight at the wharfs instead of discharging in midstream, as previously had been done. It is a great improvement. The docks were completed three years ago, and then the concessionnaires, who are known as the Quay company, endeavored to enforce the rights that had been obtained from the Turkish government, compelling all vessels to discharge at the docks and to pay a heavy tonnage fee.

"This bore upon all foreign commerce, and the representatives of the other nations, notably England, Austria, Roumania and Greece-Russia remaining neutral-protested against these charges as conflicting with treaties of commerce. The treaties practically provide that there shall be one-eighth per cent import duty on all goods entering Turkey, and that there shall be no other charges imposed.

"The situation grew acute and it placed the Turkish government in a very unfortunate position. The concessions of the Quay company and the treaties of commerce are undoubtedly in direct conflict. To yield to the Quay company-that is, to yield to France-was to invite the immediate co-operative opposition of the other powers having commerce treaties. The sultan found himself in an awkward difficulty, and thus far has not been able to extricate himself.

"M. Constans, the French embassador, is well known for his ability and aggressiveness. He was minister of the interior when Boulangerism threatened France, and it was due to his statesmanship that what threatened to bring about a crisis was ridiculed into obscurity. It appears that M. Constans has been assured recently that the concessions granted to the Quay company will be enforced by the sultan, and these promises have been 'postponed.' to use a mild word. The situation in that respect is not much unlike the one produced by our indemnity claims, but the promises made to us were so definite that we succeeded in having them

"Doubtless the sultan is desirous of relieving the situation by purchasing the docks from the Quay company, but the amount required for this is about 50,000,000 francs, and it is not easy for him to obtain the money. The docks will be of little value as revenue producers unless the charges on commerce can be enforced, and whether the docks are controlled by the French or by the Turkish government the enforcement of those charges will bring up the conflict I have referred to. "The situation has a very serious

side, inasmuch as the objecting countries-namely, England, Austria, Roumania and Greece-in pursuance of whose protests the sultan has taken his present stand, are morally bound to 'morally' in the ordinary sense, though I question whether it should be used in respect to international matters.

"No doubt the sultan could find some means of supplying himself with cash to buy the quays. To be sure, the people of Turkey are already heavily taxed, and most of the country's revenues have been pledged, but the sultan if pressed to an extremity will get the

"Is it probable that the two countries will resort to hostilities?"

"That is a question which I would prefer not to answer. Much will depend upon the affairs of Europe for the next fortnight. Still, you ask me as to the probabilities. I will say that the probabilities are all in favor of a peaceful settlement. Of course the situation is one of great seriousness, containing an element of danger, but, on the other hand, there are many things that will make for peace. The sultan is toler-Stopovers allowed on all tickets at ated in Europe. He knows that before Niagara Falls. Be sure your tickets a hostile gun is fired Turkey will be assured that it has strong support. War between these two countries would mean a general European conflagration, and Europe is not ready for that conflagration."

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