The Conservative.

England With the Heavy Hand.

England has inflicted far greater land disasters on her redoubtable neighbor. France, than all the military monarchies of Europe put together. English armies for 120 years ravaged France, while England has not seen the fires of a French camp since the battle of Hastings. English troops have twice taken the French capital, an English king was crowned at Paris, a French king rode captive through London, a French emperor died in English captivity and his remains were surrendered by English generosity. Twice the English horse marched from Calais to the Pyrences, once from the Pyrenees to Ca-1...s; the monuments of Napoleon in the French capital at this moment owe their preservation from German revenge to an English general.

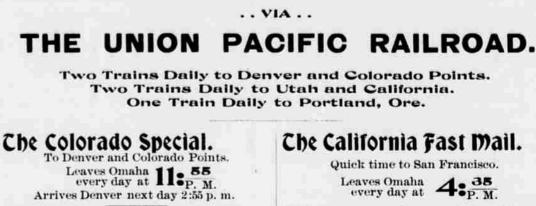
All the great disasters and days of mourning for France since the battle of Hastings-Tenchebray, Cressy, Poitiers, Agincourt, Verneuil, Crevant, Blenheim, Oudenarde, Ramillies, Malpla-quet, Minden, Dettingen, Quebec, Egypt, Talavera, Salamanca, Vittoria, the Pyrenees, Orthes, Waterloo-were gained by English generals, and won. for the most part, by English soldiers. Even at Fontenoy, the greatest victory of which France can boast since Hastings, every regiment in the French army was on their own admission routed by the terrible English column, and victory was snatched from its grasp solely from want of support on the part of the Dutch and Austrians.-Alison's "Life of Marlborough."

The Gloved Pasha.

Mustapha Pasha Fehmi, prime minister of Egypt, decorated by Queen Victoria with the grand cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, is known throughout Egypt as the gloved pasha. owing to the fact that no one has ever seen his left hand bared since the day two and twenty years ago when, as one of the chamberlains of the late Khedive Ismail, he helped his colleague, Sahmi Pasha, to strangle the Egyptian minister of finance at the close of a supper party given by the wicked old khedive on board his steam yacht, lying at anchor in the Nile at Cairo, just off the palace of Gezereh.

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