

WAR SHIPS HASTEN TO TANGIER.

England Gets Ahead of France in the Race Thither.

BLUE JACKETS MAY BE LANDED VERY SHORTLY.

The Grappler and Thunderer on Guard—France Talks of Sending Her Mediterranean Fleet—England Wishes to Prevent France from Getting a Foot-hold Opposite Gibraltar.

The troubles at present existing in the Tangier district of Morocco and the dispatching by the British Government of two warships, Grappler and Thunderer, to protect British interests in Tangier has, awakened a feeling in some French quarters that England has the intention of adding to her territory by the forcible acquisition of part of the Sultan of Morocco's dominions. This feeling is not in any degree allayed by the reports from Tangier, stating that the British Minister has warned the Governor that if he cannot guarantee the safety of the city against the rebel tribes sailors will be landed from the British warships.

This is taken by the alarmist to mean aggressions on the part of the British and the Sicile demands that the Government dispatch the entire French Mediterranean squadron to Tangier to prevent the British from carrying out any designs of an aggressive character that they have formed. The *Main*, in an article on the same subject, says it is rumored that the French Mediterranean fleet has already been dispatched to Tangier.

Owing to the threatening condition of affairs at Tangier, in Morocco, the Thunderer and another British war vessel have appeared off that port and the British Minister has, it is reported, notified the Governor of Tangier that a force of British will be landed to maintain order and protect foreign accidents unless the Governor is able to assure safety of the town against the rebel tribes in that vicinity.

THE FLEETS AT TANGIER.

It is again the great European game of grab which causes the presence of English and French warships at Tangier. France caused the disturbance. But M. Ribot has been promptly checkmated by Lord Salisbury who has no intention of permitting any strong European power getting hold of Tangier for the purpose of compelling terms from Sultan Muley Hassan. The distance from Gibraltar to the coast of Morocco is only fifteen miles, to any great power like France in Tangier would occupy a position of commanding importance at the entrance to the Mediterranean and cause the red-coated guardians of the Rock serious inconvenience in case of war as for instance if the proposed Franco-Russian alliance should ever amount to anything.

Ever since France took possession of Tunis, thereby violating her pledge to acquire African territory beyond Algeria, the other European powers have been jealous least French influence should become paramount in Morocco and thus control the whole Barbary coast. There has been certainly a tendency in this direction, and the Governments of France, England, Germany Spain and Italy have been represented in Morocco by experienced diplomats, all intent on playing or preventing the game of "grab." It is this international jealousy, which prevents any nation from taking the first step, that assures Morocco a long existence and makes it possible for such rulers as Muley Hassan to play a significant role on the shores of the Mediterranean.

FRANCE'S AFRICAN RAILROAD.

It is the intention of France, it is said, to construct a railway from Algeria to the Senegal. For years past France has been pushing her conquests on the west coast of Africa. M. de Brazza began by annexing a large territory north of the Congo, whereupon Germany promptly annexed the Cameroons. Since then French expeditions have been fighting and exploring in Senegambia, and have several fortified posts along the Senegal and on the Niger, and the line of the proposed railway is from very near Timbuctoo on the latter river northward in a direct line to Oran. This line will cut through the province or great oasis of Tuat or Touat, and it is about this territory that France and Morocco have been disputing for some time.

THE OASIS OF TOUAT.

Touat and the oases of Gourara, Aougerout and Tidikeit have a population of about 200,000 people. The natives have appealed to the Sultan of Morocco to take the oases under his protection. He has since collected tribute. The French protested against this move on the part of the Sultan and formally protested. It was the intention of the Sultan to proclaim his dominion over the territory in May or June last, but in view of the French protests and the fact that France had garrisoned El Golea, he hesitated. Meantime his agents again visited the oases to gather tribute, but the natives had changed their minds regarding the desirability of having the Sultan for their protector. They cut off the heads of five of the Sultan's tax-gatherers. Subsequently the French dispatched a force from Tlemcen, sixty-eight miles southwest of Oran, to seize the disputed territory. It will thus be seen that the French have particular reason to object to British aggression in Morocco, fearing, as they do, that in the event of England getting a further foothold in the country the French plans for developing their West African possessions by means of a route to Algeria might be frustrated.

ENGLAND IN THE GAME.

The English seem to have been convinced that France in case of hostilities would at once occupy Tangier. To make an excuse of getting to that port with all haste and thus to forestall anything that France might attempt, rumors were recently spread about the abominations of the slave market in Sultan Muley Hassan's dominions. Then a revolt of the peasantry in Tangier was promptly and successfully called into activity, and yesterday the dispatches reported that the rebellion had assumed great proportions and that the lives and property of Europeans were threatened. All the tourists fled.

Three came in to Tangier from the interior saying that seventeen of the Khayle districts, containing thousands of fighting men, had revolted against the exactions of the Bashaw. Great anxiety was felt in Tangier lest the inhabitants should attack the city, and thus embolden the Sultan with the power. The Consul presumably led by the

British representatives agreed to ask that a large force of blue jackets be landed at Tangier for the defence of the city, and in response Grappler and the Thunderer steamed into the harbor, and the British Minister warned the Governor of the district that if he could not guarantee the safety of the town sailors would be at once landed. France is following suit by sending her Mediterranean fleet to Tangier, with instructions to protect the interests of France and the French residents of the city.

England has already established herself to the south of Morocco. One of the important points in that country in possession of the British is Cape Juba, opposite the Canary Islands. The report that the British had determined to abandon this place was followed recently by the statement that they were actively engaged in fortifying the station and were about to establish a Governor's residence, with the object of improving the trade relations with the desert tribes.

A BARBARIC DEPOT.

It is the interest of the great European powers to keep Morocco to its present state of barbaric civilization. Strange that almost within hailing distance of Europe there should be allowed to reign a despot who would have done honor to Africa a thousand years ago. He keeps his court alternately at the three cities of Fez, Morocco and Mequinez. His subjects are never sure of their lives. They are bastinadoed, browbeaten, starved beyond endurance at his bidding or at the will and pleasure of his provincial governors.

He may comport himself more fantastically than Russian Paul, more bloodthirstily than Ivan ever did, without exposing himself to the risk of assassination. The number of human heads which he may cut off with impunity in the course of every twenty-four hours is theoretically unlimited. And in practice, within recent times, he has availed himself most liberally of the imperial privilege of decapitation, to say nothing of the minor recreations of hanging up thieves by hooks inserted in their chins to the outer wall of the city and administering the bastinado to all and anybody.

A HATER OF EUROPE.

He hates Europeans and European civilization. He does not partake of spirituous liquors, nor does he smoke. Not long ago, indeed, he issued a savage edict against the habit and against drunkenness—a palpable attack on the most cherished habits of civilization. He decreed that any Mohammedan found drunk was to be put in prison until he was sobered up by the application of twenty-four bastinado strokes.

In appearance he is tall, in complexion he is very dark, black blood showing itself very plainly in his thick lips, though this does not prevent his being an exceedingly handsome man. His face is thin and looks worn. He wears a black beard and mustache and dresses entirely in white. His hands are small and well shaped. His every movement is studied and he is most successful in appearing majestic. The splendors of his court are indescribably barbaric and magnificent. His gardens are full of nightingales; his harem of the most beautiful slaves, and his halls of minstrels who chant to him of the glory of himself and his ancestors, for he is the thirty-fifth in descent from Ali, uncle and son-in-law of the Prophet.

A Man With a Heart.

"Yes," said the station agent to the preacher, who was waiting to take the train to Atlanta, "talking about kind-hearted men, there's none of 'em kin beat Lawyer Jenkins."

"Good man, is he?"

"You're right he is. I kin tell you a little story which'll show you what a heart he's got in him."

"I'd like to hear it," said the preacher, looking at his watch.

"Well," said the station agent, whittling at a corncob, "you see, it wuz this way: Bill Jones wuz a mighty poor man, na' the railroad took an' cut off his leg."

"Well?"

"Well, he got Lawyer Jenkins to sue the road, an' the road compromised with him for \$200."

"Well?"

"Well, sir, what do you think Lawyer Jenkins did?"

"Have no idea."

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New girl—Oh, yes, mum. After new shoes is wet they shrinks.

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