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RUSSIA-TURKISH WAR MAY MARK THE SPRING



St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—The possibility of a Russo-Turkish war is being eagerly discussed in the daily press. The balance of opinion considers a spring campaign among the contingencies to be reckoned with, and numerous facts and fancies are being strung together and presented to the public as proofs that the Ottoman government also foresees the likelihood of hostilities, and is making corresponding preparations on its frontiers and elsewhere.

The Novoye Vremya affirms categorically that the inhabitants of the Caucasus, many of whom are the sultan's allies, have been aware of Turkey's preparatory measures.

The same journal declares that in the Caucasian military districts the situation is characterized as grave, and hostilities are anticipated at the end of the month of March.

The movements of Turkish troops on the Russian frontier are continuous, and responsible Russian military men in Tiflis and Batoum have not only forwarded circumstantial reports to the war minister, but have come hither in



RULERS WHO MAY BE AT WAR

In the event of hostilities between Russia and Turkey, the probability of which seems apparent in St. Petersburg, the opening scene of the conflict would be along the railway lines that traverse the Caucasus and mark the frontier lines of Turkey, Russia and Persia.

While the population of the Daghestan and Batoum districts is

tranquil, that of Kars is in a ferment. The douma may shortly afford the foreign secretary an opportunity to announce the official views on the new situation created in the near east by the recent speech of the Austrian foreign minister.

There is no doubt whatever that a complete accord on this question prevails between a unanimous press and the Russian government. Consequently, if energetic action were undertaken by the latter, it would meet with the cordial support of parliament and the country.

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THE OPEN AIR IS HIS STUDIO.



Lisbon, Feb. 28.—Now that Dom Carlos, the murdered king of Portugal, is placed in the tombs of his ancestors, his good qualities, of which he had many, are being discussed with admiration and regret.

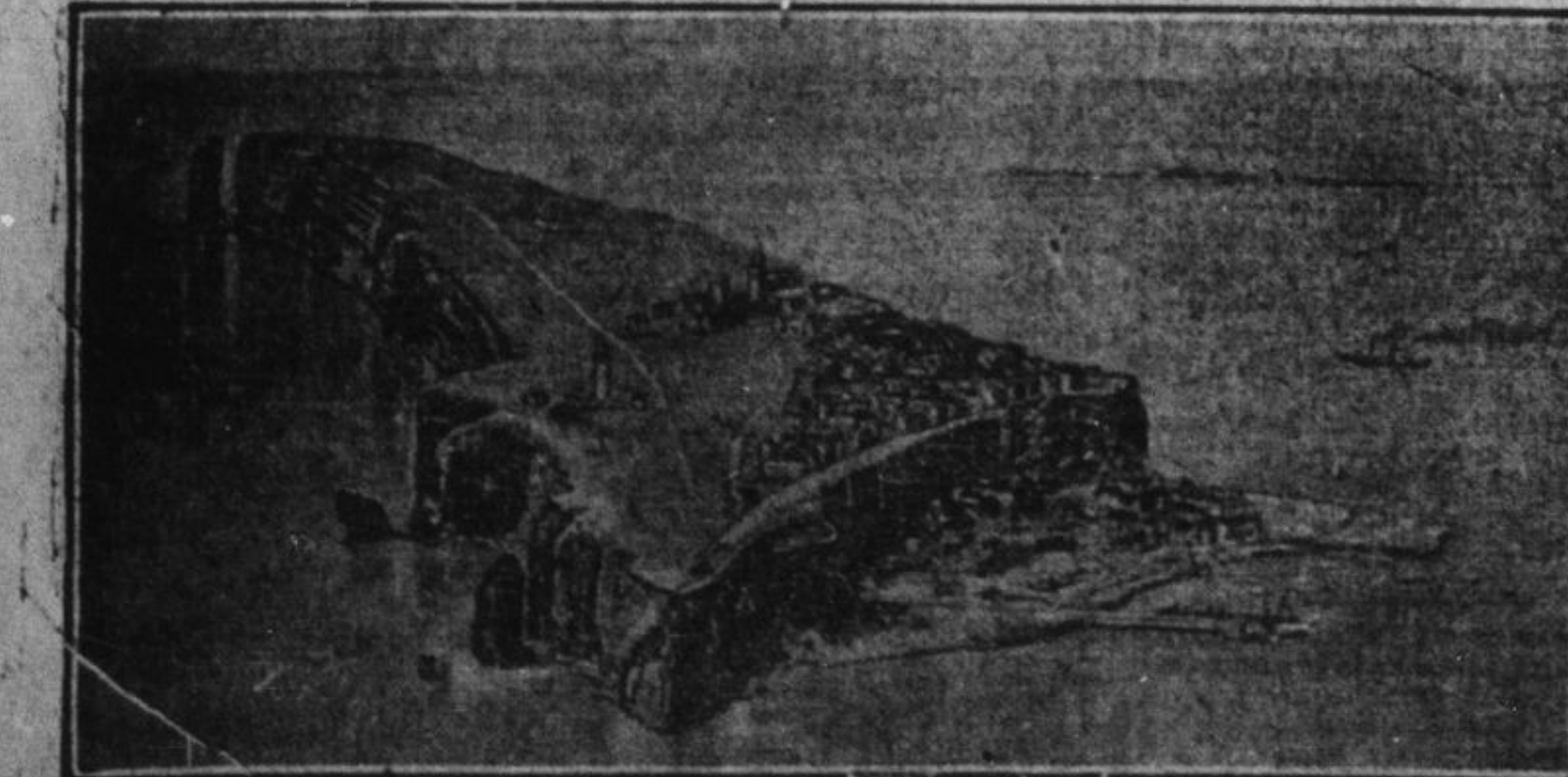
Despite his terrible taking off, and the part of autocrat which he had played for the last year or so, the king was immensely popular, particularly as a sportsman. He was also a liberal patron of the fine arts, and the academy here owed a great deal to both his generosity and that of his brave and devoted queen.

The murdered King of Portugal exhibited every year in the Academy of Fine Arts at Lisbon. He preferred the open air to the studio, and was often to be seen painting on the beach at Cascaes, his favorite seaside resort. He also sketched in the woods and highlands of his country, and his scenes of peasant life were the best examples of his talent.

Two of the most noted works of King Carlos—a portrait study of a woman and a water color sketch of a Portuguese minstrel, dressed in the picturesque garb of his class—which

were published in the *Biaro de Noticias* of this city, some months ago, are now being reproduced by a firm in this city, and have had quite an extensive sale. They are regarded somewhat in the light of souvenirs of the murdered king, and as such appeal to the devotion and patriotism of those of his subjects not tainted by the doctrines of anarchism.

VANISHING ISLAND OF HELIGOLAND.



Heligoland, the rock islet forty-six miles northwest of the mouths of the Elbe and the Weser, was ceded by England in 1890 to Germany, in exchange for valuable concessions in Africa. The island is visibly shrinking under the action of the waves. Artillery practice at the forts is also very damaging to the coastline. The population numbers about 700.

A NEW YORK LETTER

ART ADDITIONS TO THE NATIONAL MUSEUM.

Some of Rembrandt's Paintings Secured—New York Needs Apparatus to Fight Fires in Sky-scrapers.

New York, Feb. 28.—Some of the most typical, and, therefore, the most important expressions of the work of the great painter of the Netherlands—Rembrandt, Harmenszoon van Ryn—have, this week, come into the possession of Mrs. Collis P. Huntington, acquired by her from the Kuhn collection, and thus will become permanently located in the United States. Rembrandt was a drover from his childhood, as slow to move as a windmill in his beloved Holland, and, like the mill, just as often idle as at work. He was not understood either at home or at school, and came to be considered hopeless both by parents and scholars, because he would not study, but when the inclination came to do anything, drew pictures or anything that was at hand. His father was a miller in the city of Leyden, in Holland, with a brood of six children to feed, and the mill working only when the wind blew. This unindustrious son was taken from school and placed in the mill, but, well and healthy as he was, he, like the wind, only worked when he chose, preferring to gaze out of the door, at nothing, when he painted on the walls of the mill. His mother, uneducated and simple in thought and feeling, at last, intuitively, felt that perhaps the boy might "paint pictures" that would sell, as she had learned that some men in Leyden were doing. She wisely gathered all her savings of ten years, and took the her of gold and her boy to Mynheer Jacob van Swannenburg, a master of reputation in the city, and thus started her boy on the way to become one of the world's greatest painters. No artist has ever produced the same effects of light and shade, or been able to handle a subject so as to produce in the mind of the observer the impression of seeing so much that really is not on the canvas as Rembrandt. Not an educated man or even a thinker (only a drover), he had enough Dutch grit to scorn the then accepted laws of art and go on with his own personal methods of expression, though he had to trample on all precedents.

Who can say which is the greater the unlearned mother whose intuition led her to start him towards greatness, or the unlettered son whose inherited (?) intuition led him to break away from laws and methods and follow his own individuality to unparalleled success? Two of Mrs. Huntington's pictures were painted at this time of his life, which just preceded the painting of the "Night Watch," which took him a year to complete, and resulted in so offending the rich patrons, who gave him the commission, that they not only refused to take the picture but forbade the hanging of any of his pictures in municipal buildings. After this his downfall was so complete that his "shadows" were sold only by himself from house to house for a mere pittance, and when he died he filled a pauper's grave. Truly, the only thing in this world that is certain to last is the fame that comes after death. To-day anything from the hand of Rembrandt has enormous value and is certain to increase in value as time goes on.

Art has government patronage in France and other foreign countries and I hope that in time the generous interest shown by our moneyed classes will lead our government to do something to encourage their growing interest.

I note that a national school is being talked of. All great movements are begun by a few zealots. Let us hope the number will soon increase sufficiently to claim attention at Washington. We already have the eye of the world upon our noble metropolitan museum. It is time we paid more consideration to art, that we may protect, develop and appreciate our own talent instead of sending it abroad to receive its stamp of merit.

Within the last week, Greater New York has had a fire which is said to have been the "highest" in the history of the department. It was in the forty-eighth-story of the Singer building. It could only be fought by the firemen by the use of ordinary hand fire extinguishers, such as are now always found in every office, for it was above the reach of any of the many and expensive fire apparatus of the world-famed Greater New York fire department. Is "graft" accountable for the fact that our facilities for fighting fire have not kept pace with the heights of our sky-scrapers? A fifty-six storey sky-scraper is in process of construction. It shows that some-

thing is wrong when our politicians are attending more carefully to searching after promotions than to getting busy up in the sky-scraper dangers. We've heard of wicked men going down to —, but I think if some took offices up in the sky-scrapers they would stand an equal chance of paying for political wrongdoing by getting into an unquenchable fire.

Saved A Little Life.

Mrs. T. Osborn, Norton Mills, Vt., writes: "I do not think enough can be said in praise of Baby's Own Tablets. I am satisfied that our baby would not have been alive to-day if it had not been for the Tablets, as he was so weak and sick that he took no notice of anything in this condition. I would say to all mothers who have sick babies give them Baby's Own Tablets as I did mine, and you will have healthy, happy babies." The Tablets will cure all the minor ailments of little ones and are absolutely safe. Sold by all medicine dealers or by mail at 25c. a box, from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ontario.

BRITISH "BANANA KING."

Sir Alfred Jones Placed Fruit in English Markets.

Sir Alfred Jones is popularly known as the "Banana King," because he has made the fruit his specialty, and has placed it by the million in the markets of England. Another name popularly applied to him sometimes is "The Maker of the West Indies." Sir Alfred is principal and chief partner in the well-known West Indian shipping firm of Elder, Dempster & Co., and also the genius that presides over the destinies of the firm, which, in less than the past two decades, has acquired the property of no less than fourteen steamship companies, trading wholly, or in part, with the West Indies, or the west coast of Africa, opening up fresh centres of industry and trade. He is also chairman of the Bank of British West Africa, numerous Chambers of Commerce, Schools of Medicine, parliamentary advisory committees, in fact, there is no limit to the departments linked with shipping in which Sir Alfred Jones is not interested. He had had no small share in developing the commerce of the West Indies, which he appears to have taken under his special and capable protection. He has had steamers specially designed for the freighting of fruit constructed to carry on the service.

COULD HARDLY STOP SCRATCHING

Severe Itching Humor on Joints Made Movement Difficult—Suffered for a Year and a Half—Many Treatments Failed to Cure.

USED CUTICURA AND ECZEMA DISAPPEARED

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CURIOUS RESULT OF RAILROAD CRASH.

On December 27 last, a collision occurred near Ludhiana, on the North-Western Railway of India. The engines on colliding reared upright, and remained so with their foreparts together in the air, forming an arch. The debris of the trains was heaped around on all sides. In the accident twenty people were killed. This is probably the strangest photograph of a railway accident ever taken.

She Was Particularly Out.

An acquaintance called on some ladies in an Alabama town who had at the time been wearied by an apparently endless succession of callers. The door was opened by Augustus Butts, the faithful old butler. "Are the ladies in?" asked the caller. "No, ma'am, they've all out." "I am so sorry that I missed them," continued the visitor, handing her

cards. "I particularly wished to see Mrs. Jones." "Yes, ma'am, thank you, ma'am," responded Augustus. "They've all out ma'am, and Mrs. Jones is particularly out, ma'am."

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