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England and her Executions-Effect upon the Civilized World-The Abyssinian Trouble-Anticipated Difficulties ha India, Etc

EVENING TELEGRAPH SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.] LONDON, Dec. 2, 1867. Nations, like individuals, will have their troubles and trials, and while the Roman question and the Eastern question, and several topics of minor importance, preoccupy the attention of the Governments and people on the Continent. Great Britain is affected by the war at present carried on in Aby-sinia and by the Fenian movement. Whether the late executions at Manchester were wise or becoming a great and liberal-minded Government, we must leave to the future to decide; but even among the strenuous supporters of the policy adopted by the Covernment the act is considered to be a rush one, and it is believed that by following the example of the United States in being magnantmous towards the varquished enemy, the political leaders of this country would have bad more claims to the gratitude of the nation than by be course which they have pursued. It cannot e dented that the Fenian disturbances Interfere ith England's prosperity; for although none but interested parties or fanatics will believe in the ultimate success of that rebellious faction,

he ever-repeating demonstrations and under-

banded tricks which the malcontents resort to cannot but keep the country in perpetual agitation, and render the presence of a large armed force over a certain proportion of the kingdom a disagreeable necessity.

The other great prawback under which Great Britain is laboring at the present time is the expedition to Abyssinia. Our Government expends millions every year for the support of a large army at home as well as in our East Innia possessions. These colonies are garrisoned by a force twice as numerous as the one employed in Europe and the rest of the widely scattered British possessions, and it is but fair to suppose that is any war to be carried on in that region, in such parts of the globe as are most accessible from India, the same army, or part of it, should be employed, without an additional call for men or money on the Home Government, Nevertheless, such is the case, and the country will soon be burdened with an additional debt, arising from the enormous expenses connected with this expedition. That our Government is fully justified in waging a war against a balfsavage prince, who has the audacity of keeping some of our people in close confinement, with out the slightest provocation, and contrary to the law of nations, nobody will deny; and the British arms may thus be ultimately destined to carry the blessing of civilization into a country hitherto known but to a small minority of Europeans. If so, the lives lost and the money spent in this enterprise may serve to a higher end than we can foresee at the present time; but if the expedition should end disastrously, and prove to be a failure, what would the consequences be?

Another insurrection in India is the almost inevitable result of such a calamity, and the Government, therefore, acts wisely in taking every precaution, and in preparing themselves for any emergency to insure success to the enterprise in which the country is engaged, The peculiar relations of the native tribes of India to the British Government explain the above assertion. It is a fact well known to all those who have ever taken an interest in Indian matters, and have watched the policy of the British Governors of those remote colonies, that the military and civil representatives of the Home Government, and those who are in charge of the immediate direction of internal matters in the East, are, by no means, as well acquainted with the character of the natives as their positions render necessary.

The careful observer who has travelled in India will tell you that no sympathy whatever exists between the British and the native, from the prince and nabob down to the water carrier. The representatives of the Government do not even make an effort to adapt themselves to the character of the aborigines, nor do they make due allowance for their tastes, babits, and deeply-rooted principle of independence from foreign rule. The relation is, therefore, with the exception of a few tribes, that of the conquered to the conqueror; and any reverse to the British arms in Abyssinia, where more Indian than British troops have been sent, from the fact of the former being used to the climate, would seriously affect the prestige of superiority which the British enjoy at present among the natives of India, and raise the hopes of the latter for independence from British rule. Our Government is fully aware of this danger, and the country has, therefore, reason to look with a jealous eye to what is at present going on in the northeast part of Africa.

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