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nation Since 1835---Sultan Uses It as His Siberia.

HE Turkish vilayet of Tripoli, north coast of Africa, between

west. To the north is the Mediterranean, and to the south an uncertain boundary line stretches approximately to the tropic of Cancer, in the district of Fezzan, and elsewhere ends indefinitely in the sandy wastes of the Libyan desert. There are five separate regions, known as Tripoll proper. the Barca plateau (Cyrenalca), the Aujila oases, Fezzan and the oases of Ghadames and Ghat, comprising together a territory of 406,000 square miles. The coast line on the Mediterranean extends 1,100 miles. The inhabitants are estimated to number between 800,000 and 1,300,000.

Tripoll became a Turkish vilayet, or regency, in 1835. In the sixteenth century the land fell under Turkish domination, but this sovereignty was scarcely enforced. Civil and military authority is in the hands of the vali, or governor general, under whom are the cantonal or district officers. Arab tribes in the interior recognize still the rule of their sheiks, and Berber assemblies raise taxes. The population is chiefly Berber, but there are many Jews in the country. Of the 6,000 Europeans in Tripoli, exclusive of the 10,000 Turkish troops, the larger number are Italians and Maltese

Sea carrying trade originating in Tripoll is for the most part in the hands of the Italians. Regular sailings are between Tripoli and Maita and Tripoli and Tunis. The products are mainly agricultural, and total exports, including those of Bengazi, average \$5,000,000 yearly. Barley, the staple food of the neople, is exported in seasons of plenty, and sheep, goats, oxen and wool, hides and tropical fruits are shipped to all parts of the world. A considerable industry is that of raising ostriches for plumes in the southernmost districts. Tripoli is one of the last strongholds of the slave trade. Captives from central Africa are brought across the desert to the fors in the Barbary cities. tra

Of the cities of Tripoli, Barca, with 35,000 inhabitants, is the largest. The town of Tripoli is one of the oldest in the world and is the Mediterranean gateway of the Sahara. Lying on the African coast over against Sicily, it is the natural terminus of the caravan routes from the interior. To Tripoli run the three great historic caravan routes. One extends south to Lake Chad, through Fezzan and Bilma, crossing the Sahara at its narrowest point; another turns to the southwest, through the halting places of Ghadames and Ghat, to Timbuktu and Kano, and the third to the southeast, through Sokna to Wadai and Darfur.

The United States has been engaged

Turkey's Army Is Greater Than Italy's by 1,000.000 Men. but Her Navy Is Inferior.

are forced to land at a quay at the upon which Italy has designs, farther end of which a big and omioccupies the territory on the nous looking gate gives access to the essentially oriental city and to the Egypt and Tunisia on the east and country beyond, and before the foreigner is allowed to pass through this gate he himself and his papers are subjected to a far from friendly and exceedingly strict examination, which as often as not ends in the visitor being requested to betake himself at once back on board the ship which brought him.

No Exiles Return.

The mention of the name of Tripoli is sufficient to cause a shudder at Constantinople, for whenever a prominent citizen or dignitary in Stamboul suddenly vanishes from sight without bidding farewell to his friends and to his family it almost invariably becomes known sooner or later that he has been shipped off by night to Tripoli, where on landing he has been compelled to trudge on foot the thirty days' journey to Murzuk, the capital of the province of Fezzan, which is an oasis in the burning desert of Sahara. None of the exlles has ever returned thence, and it is fortunate indeed if he is not done to death on the way thither. It is only rarely that one of them manages to get letters to those whom he has left behind, letters that give the most appalling account of the tortures and of the hardships to which he is subjected. Among those who have been thus deported to Tripoli and to ezzan have been large numbers of Armenian bankers and merchants of onstantinople, who owe their exile in uany instances to anonymous accusations or else to mere suspicion.

Tripoli was for many hundreds of years famous as the principal lair of the so called Barbary pirates, or corsairs, who constituted the scourge of the Mediterranean. Lying midway beween Tunis and Egypt, it was a flourshing state in the day of the Phoenilans, of the Romans and of the Freeks, under the name of Cyrenaica, until conquered by the Arabs twelve enturies ago. In the sixteenth cencury the city of Tripoli was held for a few years first by Ferdinand the Catholic of Spain and then by the Knights of St. John, who were expelled, howver, by the famous Turkish corsair hogut

Fierce Tuareg Tribes.

His descendants governed the state if Tripoli until 1835, when the Turks ook advantage of a civil war to seize possession of the country, which ever since has been administered as a province of the Ottoman empire. The froniers east and west are ill defined, the desert in either direction being swept by those fierce Tuareg tribes which are the most fanatic and bloodthirsty of all the nomad races of the Sahara.

Tripoli has become the headquarters of all the great caravan trade of centrai Africa. It has the advantage of hundred miles n avera! great marts of the interior of the dark continent than either Tunis or Alciers, and almost daily there are caravans leaving for the south laden with otton fabrics, cutlery, etc., and arriv ing with esparto grass, ivory and os trich feathers. Tripoli's most impor tant export, however, is that of black slaves. They reach the seacoast from the great negro empires of Wadai and Bornu, to the south of Fezzan, and are thereupon shipped from the ports of Bengazi, Tabrouk and Tripoli itself directly to Constantinople and to other parts of the Ottoman empire.

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pression prevails that their equipment in no way compares with that of the Italian armies. Little is known of the men who would assume command of the Turkish armies in the event of war.

In the naval establishments of the two countries all of the advantage is on the side of Italy. Italy has ready for duty two battleships of the San Glorgio type, which displace about 10,000 tons (about the same size as the United States battleship Oregon), two of the Pisa class of 10,118 tons, four of the Vittorio Emanuele class of about 13,000 tons (same as the United States battleship Idaho), two of the Benedetto Brin type of 13,500 tons and four of the Garibaldl type of armored cruisers of 7,400 tons. In addition to ships she has building-and these some are nearly ready for servicethree Dreadnoughts of 21,500 tons and one of 19,000 tons.

The Duke of Genoa is the admiral of the Italian navy, his principal subordinates being Vice Admiral Bettolo and Rear Admirals the Duke of the Abruzzi and Grenet.

Against this fleet Turkey would have to trust her fortunes at sea to the twenty-year-old battleships Hairredin Barbarosse and Torgud Reis, of 10,000 tons, the thirty-five year-old 10,000 ton Messuditch and the little 2,806 ton ironclad Feth-I-Bulend, which was laid down forty years ago. Turkey also has some cruisers, the Mahidieh (formerly the Abdul Hamid), the Medjidleh, the Peik-I-Shevket and the Berki-Satvet, all of which are new. The mahidleh, the largest of the lot, displaces less than 4,000 tons. There are still some other ships in the Turkish navy. but these are the most powerful. It is said that the Turkish government is going to build three Dreadnoughts, but the construction of these has not yet begun.

CHINA NEARING CRISIS.

of Government by Provincials Test Believed to Be Inevitable.

In the opinion of students of orien tal affairs, China is rapidly approaching a great crisis in her history. The uprising in Szechuan province is expected to extend to other neighboring provinces, and especially to the southward, where the Mongolian element has for many years been opposed to the reigning Manchu dynasty. Evidently prepared for trouble, the Chinese government has been quick to dispatch troops into the disaffected district.

It is believed at Washington that the government will be able to suppress the present disturbance, though the unforeseen disastrous flooding of the Yangtze valley is expected to drive thousands of the unfortunate natives. whose means of support have been destroyed, into the ranks of the revolutionists.

But it is believed that this Szechuan uprising is only the precursor of other outbreaks in different parts of the Flower Kingdom, for the fact is that the struggle now going on is really a gigantic test of the relative strength and power of the central government as opposed to the provincial governments. In other words, the situation resembles the great feudal wars of Europe in the middle ages. Japan also had to pass through a similar ordeal before the emperor was able to break the power of his mutinous barons, and it is believed that the Chinese government will now be put to the same test. While the sympathy of occidental nations must remain with the Chinese

central government, there can be no in this great nterrence interna strife, and the activities of other nations, at least for the present, must be confined to the protection of their own citizens resident in China.

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age In Austin's Main Street.



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YOUNGEST AVIATOR KILLED.

Cromwell Dixon, Who Flew Over the Rockies, Falls to Death.

Spokane, Wash., Oct. 3.-Aviator Cromwell Dixon was fatally injured in a fall at the Interstate Fair grounds here and died at the City hospital Nearly 12,000 people saw the accident. Dixon and R. C. ("Lucky Bob") St. Henry were under contract to make three flights daily at the fair. The boy's accident resulted from trouble with his engine.

Cromwell Dixon was eighteen years old and the first aviator to fly over the Rocky mountains, besides being the youngest aviator in this country. He received his license from the Aero Club of America on Aug. 31 of this ear. He was born in Columbus, O.

He saw Captain Baldwin fly in a dirigible balloon at the world's fair in St. Louis. The boy went home and built a balloon for himself, which was thirty feet long and eleven feet in diameter. Lacking an engine, young Dixon put in a bicycle pedal arrangement attached to a chain, by which he ran the propeller. With this machine he made many remarkable flights. On one occasion he flew from St. Louis across the state border into Illinois and back again, a distance of thirteen miles. He secame very proficient in running di

Who Cares?

rigible balloons.

Those haughty dames whose stately name In print we often see Have said the coatless man is barred From good sassietee. Now, isn't it an awful shame Our longing to deflate? For coatless we would rather be Than swelter with the great. —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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TO JAIL FOR CRUELTY.

Ohio Farmer Hitched Wife to Plow. Then Beat Her.

wife to a plow and beating her be cause she couldn't pull it Jacob Zim merman, a farmer, of Wellsville was sent to the workhouse for ninety days. Zimmerman, who is accounted by his neighbors as well to do, often quar reled with his wife.

tenced.

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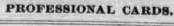
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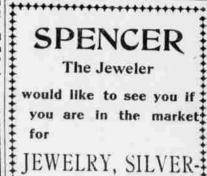
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in war with Tripoli twice. who had their refuge in Tripoli were the terror of the Mediterranean, and other nations regularly paid tribute for the safety of vessels in those waters. A demand for an increase in the United States tribute of \$\$3,000 was made by the pasha in 1801, and three frigates and a sloop of war were sent to blockade Tripoli. The memorable features of the two wars were the capture of the frigate Philadelphia by the Tripolitans, the gallant exploit of Stephen Decatur, who sailed into the harbor in the little ketch Intrepid and under fire of the forts from the shore burned the Philadelphia, and the picturesque expedition commanded by William Eaton across the desert from Alexandria in an effort to enthrone in Tripoli an exiled pasha. In 1815 Decatur compelled the dey of Algiers to promise to United States ships freedom from molestation without payment of

Italy's Long Dream.

tribute.

For the last thirty-five years-in fact, ever since the various petty states of Italy were welded into one united kingdom-it has been the dream of the people subject to King Humbert's rule to possess a foothold on the Mediterranean shores of Africa. The wish is all the more natural seeing that by far the greater portion of the trade between southern Europe and the northern coast of Africa is carried on under the Italian flag and along the northern shore of Africa are superior to those of every other European nation. Indeed, throughout the Levant Italian has been from time immemorial the European language most exclusively used in commercial, social and official intercourse.

Tripoll is in every sense of the word a land of mystery. It is out of the beaten track of tourists. In fact, there are no hotels or inns for the accommodation of white people in the city of Tripoll or in any of the towns and it is difficult indeed to find even any works, geographical or descrip tive, dealing with the subject. Yet if is barely a week's journey from Paris and actually within sight of Sicily and of Malta. Foreigners are not welcome

Fighting Forces Compared.

In the event of war between Italy and Turkey the Turkish government ould put into the field probably a million more men than Italy, but any advantage that might accrue to the intter nation as a result of this numerical supremacy on land would be more than offset by the tremendous advantage that Italy would have on the sea. Italy has a fine navy, against which the Turks could send only a few obsolete battleships and semiarmored cruisers, none of which is to be compared to the blg Italian battle ships of the San Giorgio, Pisa, Vitto rio Emanuele and Benedetto Brin classes.

The latest available data on the military establishments of the world gives to Italy a standing army of 225,000 men in active service and that the commercial interests of Italy 300,000 in reserve. In addition to this armed force Italy has available for duty, but not organized, an additional 1.200,000 men. It would take several months to whip the unorganized force into shape.

At the head of the Itaiian army is

Lieutenant General Pollio. The army is organized into twelve corps-name ly, the corps of Turin, Alessandria, Milan, Genoa, Verona, Bologna, Ancona, Florence, Rome, Naples, Bari and Palermo, each corps commanded by a lieutenant general. Each corps of the interior. It does not figure in any of the guidebooks of the Levant commanded by a lieutenant general. commanded by a lieutenant general. The same authority on which the Italian military strength is figured puts the standing army of Turkey at 375,000 men with 350,000 in reserve and 2,000,000 men who are of arm of Malta. Foreigners are not welcome bearing age, but unorganized. The Roats and vessels arriving at Tripol Turks are great fighters, but the im-

GOLF CLUBS FOR TAFT.

Andrew Carnegie Sends the President a Set Made In Scotland.

Andrew Carnegie has sent Mr. Taft a set of golf clubs. They are the handiwork of J. Dussie of Dornoch, Scotland, which is Carnegie's native heath. Mr. Carnegie intrusted the clubs for delivery to J. G. Schmidlapp of Cincinnati, an old friend of the president, who has recently been visiting Skibo and Europe. Mr. Schmidhpp presented them to Mr. Taft.

With the club ame the well wishes of Mr. Carnegle, who says that he favors golf for the president because it will give him health to continue his work for world peace, the other great game besides golf in which the president and Mr. Carnegie are interested.

MAUSOLEUM TO HOLD 2,000.

Fireproof Structure Costing \$100,000 to Be Built In Cincinnati,

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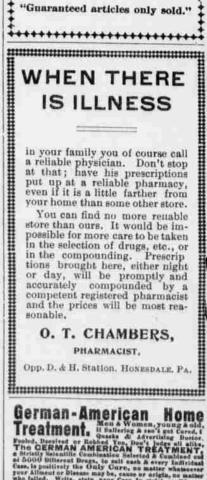
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