# INTELLIGENCE.

# FRENCH SEAMEN'S

# STRIKE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

ARBITRATION NOT ACCEPTED.

PARIS, JUNE 23. The situation in the shipping strike has it "in principle," but, since they couple with ignorant to whom they owe allegiance, this acceptance the condition that unless the result of the arbitration is entirely favourable THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLANDS. to the men it is not to be finally accepted before it has been submitted for ratification to a general assembly of the strikers in each port, there

established with representatives of both sides, opposed to arbitration. The arbitration now privileges accorded to them by successive Berchtold was too optimistic. proposed by the Government is something out- Sultans and enjoyed for several centuries, and side the law of 1909. The men should be only suppressed within recent years. called upon to obey that law before anything declined to accept arbitration.

The Seamen's Federation held two meetings here yesterday, and in the evening a deputation waited on M. Steeg, Minister of the Interior, and handed him a letter addressed to the

join the strikers. The shipping, postal, and their country. They are passing through a founded in the present instance, though

#### (FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.) MARSEILLES, JUNE 22.

The Government's offer of arbitration has been accepted in principle by the seamen, with the reservation that the decision of the arbitrators must be ratified by a general assembly of seamen if their entire demands are not! accepted. The shipowners have not replied yet.' They will certainly refuse if the seamen maintain! the reservation. They also consider it difficult! to settle the question of wages by arbitration.

BORDEAUX, JUNE 22.

#### THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PRESS PARIS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

the Association of the Anglo-American Press, The Prime Minister continued:—

I am happy to note that both in joy and in sorrow the union of the three great peoples grows ever closer. You can do much, gentlemen, to maintain and than difficult negotiations now in progress. promote this harmony. You know France at first hand, and you know that in desiring to be strong and powerful she intends only to devote her strength and power to the service of peace and civilization.

#### MONUMENT TO ROUSSEAU. (FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

A monument to Henri de Bornier, French

BERLIN, JUNE 23. The Berlin Lokalanzeiger announced this and dilatory, and that of being too precipitate. morning that the political police yesterday arrested here a Russian Army officer, Captain DEFEATS OF Kostevitsch, on a charge of espionage. He is said to have been arrested in a pension where he had been staying for several weeks with his wife, who was also taken to the police-station,

## THE FALL IN THE GERMAN BIRTH-RATE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

The North-German Gazette gives prominence to a long article on the fall in the German and drove them back in disorder. birth-rate, to which I called attention in The interesting. On the one hand, it is at last recognized, after some years of hesitation, that the German Empire, instead of being in the full swing of a movement which compels her to seek outlets for surplus population, is on way, to the condition which in other countries Imperial Trade Commission in place of Sir here is called depopulation or race suicide. On the Joseph Ward. other hand, now that Germany is taking her

place among the other countries in the search! for remedies the world will have the benefit IMPERIAL AND FOREIGN of an investigation conducted by the country which in all the world is the best equipped for! the accumulation of statistics and the establishment of facts.

#### THE ITALIANS IN THE ÆGEAN. (FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

CHIOS, JUNE 21. The Italian Fleet is still believed to be in Chian waters, but has not shown itself again by day. In pursuance of the proclamation Emperor and Tsar, the serious question of the important feature of Russia's political existence cealed firearms in the villages and a few houses in Chios Town. The Turkish soldiers quartered with truth that while Russian relations with mous majority of 228 to 71 the House approved, ago the Potsdam Town Council rejected a

become more serious owing to the refusal of Agean Islands show that the Italians after and Austria-Hungary are the most interested National Defence and Budget Committees of Potsdam. On Friday on affort was made to 8 o'clock. At half-past 9 two bombs burst in the men to accept arbitration as proposed by small detachments for police purposes. No the Government. They have, indeed, accepted Italian flag is shown, and the inhabitants are

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

### OF TURKEY. (FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

BERLIN, JUNE 23. Prime Minister in which they took up the Baron von Marschall as German Ambassador Baron von Wangenheim, who is to succeed patriotic spirit in operation, and he has no acute Vienna and St. Petersburg would part of the world depends."

# THE MADRID NEGOTIATIONS. DRAFT AGREEMENT SUBMITTED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.) MADRID, JUNE 23. It is understood in usually well-informed | ; Four steamers left yesterday with non-union circles here that the Franco-Spanish negotia- that the Southern Slav interests of the Monarchy crews. About 1,500 passengers are detained tions are passing through a critical moment. would best be served by a temporary suspension The general situation is unchanged pending The last Note handed by the Minister for of Croatian liberties. In any case, it is evident the return of the secretary of the Seamen's Foreign Affairs to M. Geoffray, the French that in proportion as the Turco-Italian war The strike of seamen here is general. Vessels relying on local crews are prevented from as a sign that the separate discussions hitherto relying on local crews are prevented from as a sign that the separate discussions hitherto and Russia will acquire importance. held have made satisfactory progress, and this! is an extremely encouraging fact. It is all the more deplored by well-wishers of both countries that the moment when the negotiators are evidently making a strenuous effort to come to a conclusion should be chosen by the French' Press to show a renewed irritability which is . Speaking last night at the annual banquet of already producing a bad effect upon Spanish opinion, even in very high quarters, and which Chamber yesterday voted by 210 to 15 a enlarged and improved. The actual expendimay have an unhappy influence on the issues modification of Article 35 of the Constitution ture is distributed as follows:—This year, the Prime Minister, M. Poincaré, thanked Mr. at stake. A striking example of the pernicious authorizing the Sultan to dissolve the Chamber 10,654,000 roubles; in 1913, 104,000,000 roubles; effect of the Press campaign is furnished by without consulting the Senate or to declare 1914, 102,000,000 roubles; 1915, 102,000,000 the sympathy expressed by him with the French the wildly pessimistic rumours circulating in the Chamber suspended for a period not roubles; 1916, 102,000,000 roubles; and 1917, Hungary which appeared in The Times on June 8. ment has published a formal démenti. Equally wild rumours in the opposite sense were current 48 hours before. The present atmosphere is the worst possible for the very delicate rather

# STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS.

MADRID, JUNE 22.\* Señor Canalejas, the Premier, speaking to Cabinet to obtain a sufficient majority for the be compared with weak Dreadnoughts, representatives of the Press to-day, declared that there was no foundation for the statements'

difficulty arose regarding the delimitation of territory. | times, the Government gave way. This led to the mediation of a friendly Power which poet and dramatist and member of the Académie after negotiations lasting 40 days. It was this that to support the Government's proposals for the Française, was unveiled to-day at Lunel, in caused the delay of which Señor Rodes complains. modification of Articles 7 and 43 of the Con-

. . . A great part of the French Press represents stitution, as follows: the negotiations as being subject to grave difficulties,

# (FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, JUNE 23. The column under General Gouraud which of the annual session and that the session should be but subsequently released. It is added that a is operating between Fez and Taza forced an completed within the (official) year. number of other "spies" are involved, some engagement with a party of malcontent tribes- forming the National Assembly meet without being men near Azib Mulai Ismail on June 19. The convoked on November 1 (O.S.) of each year. The treated both in Committee and before the by pure force. In what respect does this demand

#### TRADE WELLINGTON, N.Z., JUNE 22.\*

Council, who is now in England, has been the way, though only at the beginning of the appointed to represent New Zealand on the

\*Through Reuter's Agency.

NEAR EASTERN QUESTION.

#### RELATIONS BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND RUSSIA.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

VIENNA, JUNE 23. The Zeit raises to-day, in connexion with the forthcoming meeting between the German Reports from Kalimnos and other Southern the Near Eastern question, in which Russia proceedings both in the Duma and in

Austria-Hungary has regarded without jealousy the improvement of Russo-German relations and may even be glad that an indirect road to St. Peters- the Minister of Marine, and the Minister for diplomatist, who desired to remain anonymous," burg should remain open by way of Berlin. But Foreign Affairs show, in the first place, that the had offered to supply the necessary sum of £45. The Committee of Ægean Islanders yester-communications so round-about cannot do duty for Russian Government consider Parliamentary seems little hope at present of a solution of day presented a memorandum to the Italian a clear open relationship between the Dual Monarchy sanction a sine qua non in matters of public cated that the main cause of the rejection of the difficulty. The strikers have, in fact, Legation here. The document, after alluding Austro-Russian relations remain cool it is possible and Russia. Clearness is, above all, essential. If expenditure. All suggestions that the Imperial which was not to be visited officially, was one person and wounded three others. The adopted the attitude of "Heads we win, tails to the desire of the islanders for union with you lose," which is already familiar in industrial to the desire of the islanders for union with to contemplate a policy based upon a decisive settle
of utilizing the available free balances of the purpose being asked to perform a part of the duties of others have injured about 20 people. After Greece, expresses the hope that if this desire ment of differences. Count Berchtold's statement of utilizing the available free balances of the Berlin. He admitted that political considera-The shipowners, on the other hand, contend cannot be realized the autonomy of the islands to the Delegations spoke of the "careful nursing" Treasury for special Navy purposes thus fall tions had been introduced into the debate, but that the law of 1909, which ordained that a may be assured. The memorial so far has not and "friendly development" of the Austro-Russian to the ground. But, however significant the claimed that the political views expressed did relationship, although M. Sazonoff had spoken with attitude of the Government on the Navy Bill not represent the opinion of the Council. Whatever may be the view which diplomacy remarkable coldness of Austria-Hungary, whom he may appear in respect of internal policy, it is has been disregarded by the men, who have not may take of this question, it is certain that the mentioned fifth among the Great Powers. The hitherto appointed their representatives. The islanders will be entirely within their rights course of events has shown that M. Sazonoff's speech men have more than once declared themselves in demanding the restoration of the ancient corresponded to the real situation and that Count policy. In his preamble to the Bill Admiral

Zeit at a moment when the policy of Italy has mental reason for the revival of Russia's naval starving peasants of Russia? rendered obsolete the old principle of the power. M. Sazonoff, on the other hand, clse is done. The shipowners have, therefore, A GERMAN AMBASSADOR'S VIEWS status quo and has brought all Balkan problems into movement. Great decisions are probably These statements in themselves suffice to indi-Austria-Hungary will do well to face them fully armed and without optimism.

DIFFICULTIES IN THE DUAL MONARCHY. whether, if the owners were to enter upon direct in Constantinople, is staying here and has made the Austro-Hungarian public is certainly not, fidelity of Russia to her alliances and agree-Austro-Hungarian diplomatists may be, but negotiations with the Federation, work would a beginning with his new work by the rather aware of the degree of animosity towards ments. be resumed forthwith. The deputation replied unexpected method of an "interview" in their country that is widespread in Russia. that it had not taken this possibility into con- the Berlin Lokalanzeiger. He is reported to It is this feeling that has lent particular importhave said that he is as optimistic about the ance to the Little Russian or Ruthene question At a Cabinet Council held yesterday the outlook in Turkey, whither he is going, as in recently brought into public prominence. Ministers of Commerce and Agriculture stated Greece, which he is leaving. When he was last Some experienced and competent observers that the due supply of wheat and flour might in Constantinople he felt a fresh impulse at have always maintained that whenever the be regarded as assured and that prices already work. He saw vigour and energy and a Near Eastern question should again become Order reigns at Marseilles and Dunkirk. doubt of the activity and intelligence of the compelled to agree with each other. It may The crews of each ship as it arrives in port men who are at present engaged in reorganizing be hoped that this view will prove to be wellnaval authorities at Marseilles met yesterday hard time of trial, but the new German Am- must be confessed that no sign of an incipient of the hostile coalition above mentioned to told me that the famine there is as severe as it and decided to request the Government to send bassador believes that the Ottoman Empire agreement is yet visible. The German Embluejackets in order to maintain postal com- will stand the test in view of the knowledge peror, who is certainly aware of the true situamunication with Algiers, Tunis, and Corsica. and patriotism of his Young Turk acquaintances. tion, may, indeed, offer his services as a not Duma is to be carried out in five years, its effect in Constantinople he had been working long meantime Austria-Hungary is striving by the enough in the Near East to know that "Con-settlement of some internal difficulties and by stantinople is to be regarded as the head upon the temporary suppression of others to put which the whole political nerve system of this her house in order so as to be prepared for all As was pointed out in the Duma, the programme contingencies. In the light of the Austro-Russian and of the Near Eastern situations the efforts to promote harmony between Poles | it appears to afford a reasonable hope of acceleand Ruthenes in Galicia and between Czechs rating the advent of the time when rival Powers and Germans in Bohemia appear significant; will find it no longer profitable to prolong the and whatever objections may be made to the race for armaments. establishment of absolutism in Croatia by the Hungarian Government there may well exist! Ambassador, is said to contain a general draft and the undeniable internal crisis of the Otto-

### TURKISH CONSTITUTION. THE CHAMBER AND ARTICLE 35.

CONSTANTINOPLE, JUNE 23.\*

# (FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, JUNE 20. Within a few days the modification of Article 35 of the Turkish Constitution will be discussed

ARTICLES 7 AND 43.

Article 7 (Original text).—The Sultan has the Fleet. RUSSIAN OFFICER ARRESTED IN and accuses the Spatian Government of being fire concilable and dilatory. Eminent disinterested sessions, to convoke the National Assembly in special during the last six years as to whether Russia adoption of the Hungarian language in the Hungarian of the granting of the granting of the "It is to be a serious of the granting of the last six years as to whether Russia adoption of the granting of the granting of the "It is to be a serious of the granting of the gr negotiations has the Spanish Government shown this dissolve the Chamber of Deputies with the assent of the confidence of the country, I am endeavouring to the Senate in conformity with Article 35 on con- In this connexion it is interesting to note that view this was a clever but unscrupulous course to concession." new Parliament convoked within three months' time. (Modified text).—The Sultan has the power . .

fighting lasted about three hours and resulted session shall be opened by Imperial Iradeh. The House by the Prime Minister. M. Kokovtseff for universal suffrage by methods of force on the in the complete rout of the enemy. The French closure on the following May 1 (O.S.) shall also be declared that the annual increase in the revenue part of these Hungarians differ essentially from the losses were three killed and 11 wounded. Two decreed by the Imperial Iradeh. Neither of the two and the available balance in the Treasury right of the Englishwoman to the vote, or the right days later General Gouraud sent a strong de- Chambers shall meet when the other is not in session. were so considerable that Russia could easily of Ulster to withstand a new Irish Parliament in tachment of the Foreign Legion under Major (Modified text).—The two Parliamentary Assemblies afford to spend much more on her navy than Dublin, by open resistance to the law? Would the Geralt to prevent the defeated tribesmen shall meet annually on November 1 (O.S.), and should was asked for, without in any way curtailing British Parliament have allowed for a single moment from rallying in the vicinity of the camp. the session have been adjourned shall meet, without expenditure for education and other cultural the Conservative Party (itself not a minority of 10 Major Geralt's troops, with the assistance of being convoked, at the termination of the period purposes. Moreover, he looked upon the per cent. of the total members, but almost one balf) artillery, inflicted heavy losses on the enemy of adjournment by Imperial Iradeh. The session present expenditure as an insurance against to have prevented the pasage of the Veto Bill by shall be of six months' duration, after the expiration the risks of war which, as Russia had experi- obstruction and by force? The column commanded by General Dalbiez, of which time it shall be closed by Imperial decree enced, entailed far greater sacrifices. Times of June 15. It seems that the Prussian which has been engaged in clearing the country and neither of the two Assemblies shall sit without The preamble to the Bill shows that, in Minister himself can speak only when the committee Government is taking its inquiry into the subject south of Fez, came into contact with a number the other. Should the Chamber of Deputies be addition to the 502,000,000 roubles now re- leading the obstruction allows him to do so. For very seriously and the assurance is given that of rebel Beni M'Tirs on June 19 and 20, and dissolved, the session of the new Chamber, which quired for the special programme, the Admiralty this is what has recently been taking place. when the local reports have been received the drove them back with heavy loss. The French shall meet four months after the dissolution, shall be will, during the present quinquennate, have when the local reports have been received the Government will decide upon such measures as can be introduced. The North-German the 1st Tirailleurs, and 16 wounded.

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# Mr. Sinclair, member of the Legislative SHELL EXPLOSION AT TRIPOLI.

TRIPOLI, JUNE 23.\* three bluejackets were wounded.

# RUSSIAN

#### THE NEW PROGRAMME AND FOREIGN POLICY.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.) ST. PETERSBURG, JUNE 20.

The passing of the Navy Bill by the Imperial Duma last night may be regarded as the most state of Austro-Russian relations. It observes since the Portsmouth Treaty. By the enorin the interior continue to behave with self- Germany are now intimate, Austro-Russian with some minor amendments, the programme proposal to vote a sum of £45 in order that the by cavalry were sent to several parts of the restraint. relations leave much to be desired, although submitted by the Admiralty. Although the members of the Royal Institute of Public Powers, has been raised in an acute form by the House are ostensibly secret, the newspapers the Turco-Italian war and will assuredly be have been authorized to publish very extensive discussed at the impending interview. The reports, so that public opinion is fully informed as to the motives of the Bill.

> vastly more important in respect of foreign Grigorovitch repeatedly dwelt on the respective This is doubly regrettable, concludes the relations of Russia and Germany as a funda
> | Zoit at a moment when the policy of Italy has montal montal and Germany as a funda
> is being made in England on behalf of the bayonets These statements in themselves suffice to indigot the course to which Russia's foreign policy Government towards external help. As far as to-day continued as usual. The Lisbon has been irrevocably committed, and for this I may judge. it would be an entirely unwar- stations are occupied by the military, and troops reason the Navy Bill should finally allay all ranted inference to assume that help for the continue to patrol the streets. suspicions and remove any doubts which may starving peasants sent from England is unarise both in this country and abroad as to the acceptable. The Government has itself for many THE ACCESSION OF CHRISTIAN X.

The details of the shipbuilding programme itself are, if anything, still more convincing. . The type of vessel selected for the future battle squadrons shows that they are not exclusively intended for operations within the narrow waters of the Baltic. All the Dreadnoughts, but from the fact that the whole crop of a given be large coal capacity which would enable them to operate either in the North Sea or in the Medi- this line. A friend of mine who has recently

cannot fail to make itself felt long before that time and to stiffen the foreign policy of this country in regard to neighbouring Powers.' implies the continuance of naval expansion in the subsequent future, and to practical minds!

DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE. The Bill, according to the authorized report published to-day, provides for an expenditure 502,000,000 roubles (£50,200,000)shipbuilding and construction naval ports during the period projected battle fleet 392,000,000 roubles. It is proposed to build of friendship between the two peoples. roubles, eight small cruisers, of which four are reached the peasants. Contributions can be already established a virtual protectorate over for the Baltic, two for the Black Sea, and two for the Pacific station. Thirty-six destroyers for the Baltic will cost 92,000,000 roubles, and sea Branch. London, S.W.

reacned the peasants. Contributions can be already established a virtual protectorate over Mongolia; Japan has stationed such an army in Manchuria as could overwhelm the Chinese forces there. To illustrate the force of the suspicion against the contributions can be already established a virtual protectorate over Mongolia; Japan has stationed such an army in Manchuria as could overwhelm the Chinese forces there. To illustrate the force of the suspicion against Auxiliary vessels will require 15,400,000 roubles, harbours 70,900,000 roubles. It is proposed to equip the ports of Reval, Kronstadt, Svee-After a short and uninteresting debate the The existing Admiralty dockyards will be 182,000,000 roubles Moreover, the Admiralty

# NEW BASE IN THE BALTIC.

According to the Admiralty's statement the by the Chamber of Deputies. It will be remem- naval forces in the Baltic at present consist bered that the failure of Said Pasha's last of two ships of the Andrew type, which may modification brought about the dissolution of Cesarevitch and Slava, which are antiquated Army. Until this grievance was removed the party the past few months requests have been made for Parliament and a General Election from which and can at the utmost be considered secondof French newspapers to the effect that Spain The Cabinet recently submitted a further the Rurik. All the destroyers are out of date, PARIS, JUNE 23. amended every proposal which was made amendment of the article in question to the and the submarine flotilla must be renewed. nationalistic demands of the minority, though they more of them since, and their conclusion—a very The monument to Rousseau in the Panthéon, regarding the delimitation of the Wergha leaders of the Committee Parliamentary Party, There are four Dreadnoughts which were were not in a position to grant them. Obstruction natural one—is that the foreigners are taking adwhich will be inaugurated on June 28, the Valley. That question had been settled, and, by which the Government, after dissolving launched last year, and are now being equipped. was a weapon of attack against the power of the vantage of China's weakness. bi-centenary of his birth, consists of three like all previous questions already disposed of, Parliament in consequence of a difference of These vessels are equal to the strongest of their Emperor of Austria as such and as head of the Army, As to the loan dispute that has been dragging on female figures representing Philosophy, Truth, was the subject of a clause in the agreement with opinion, was entitled to order a fresh dissolu- kind, but for them and for the projected battle- but not as King of Hungary. For this reason it for months between the Peking Government and and Nature seated in a classic niche, while on the steps of the monument on either side Sixteen clauses had been drafted, and only the attitude as its predecessor over the question at namely, Kronstadt, which suffers from many of financial control demanded by the lenders will stand figures representing respectively Music last three clauses remained to be discussed. issue. The Commission for the reform of the drawbacks, being too far removed from the scene and the prove of the greatest benefit to China. But can it and Fame. The monument is the work of the These were the subject of the conversations | Constitution and a great majority of the Com- of eventual operations, and ice-locked during | crippling of the power of the Executive by the | be wondered that patriotic Chinese are suspicious mittee Party supported the original modifica- the winter months. For this reason it has been obstructionists. The nation saw that a continuance of the imposition of conditions far more severe Señor Garcia Prieto, the Foreign Minister, tion of the article, which obliged the Govern- decided to create a new naval base at Reval, of the fight on the Army question was futile. On the than were ever proposed to the old Manchu Govern-THE POET HENRI DE BORNIER. replying to an interpellation in the Chamber ment to accept the decision of the new Parlia- whence the fleet can go out at any time. The to-day, said:—

| The considerable discussion which building and equipment of this providerable discussion which have ment. After considerable discussion which have ment. ment. After considerable discussion, which building and equipment of this new base will which was rapidly increasing throughout all Europe Your readers, Sir, have probably a very faint It is notorious that in the month of April a grave appears to have become decidedly heated at call for an expenditure of 70,000,000 roubles and which originated in Germany and Great Britain, notion of the anti-foreign suspicion that practically between 1912 and 1923. Of this amount necessitated increased expenditure in Hungary also, every thinking Chinese entertains to-day. The 40,000,000 roubles are provided for in the The minority, however, were not influenced in the native papers give an idea of it. The Ta Han Pao, present quinquennate. A secondary base for least by this development. They realized and the first Republican paper in China and still the torpedo craft has already been prepared at asserted their great power as dictators to the Hun- leader in this centre, had the following news items Sveaborg, which will also be provided with an garian Parliament. anchorage for the larger units and thus become a secondary base for the whole of the Baltic increasing continually, the minority were compelled golia and to assist her with troops in the fight for the to change their policy suddenly.

The controversy which has been waged here The price of their silence became now, not the British troops have encroached upon Tibetan to should confine herself to torpedo defences or garian section of the army, but the granting of the revert to a battle fleet has at last been settled. universal secret ballot. From the political point of nize the Republic of China unless the Republican one of the weightiest arguments used against take. the advocates of a purely defensive navy was I will not venture to say how far it is desirable based on the fact that during the summer to introduce universal suffrage suddenly into a through the utterances of many Republican leaders. to dissolve the Chamber of Deputies in conformity months in the Baltic there is practically no country where no inconsiderable part of the people, Dr. Sun Yat-sen gave a stirring speech at Wuchang darkness, and as this season would preferably especially the older generation, can neither read nor on condition that the said suspension or adjournment be chosen for the landing of a hostile force, write. In any case, even granted it is desirable, it would be impossible for torpedo-boats or I cannot agree that it is enough to constitute a hung, the best friend foreign residents had during

# FINANCE OF THE MEASURE.

more than double—namely, 126,500,000 roubles introduction of the present drastic measures. instead of 61,500,000.

yesterday one exploded. An Italian Navy Bill to be dealt with separately, and the future, free from all party bias, can fully estimate. officer and seven bluejackets were killed and House furthermore decided that the annual instalments above specified should be applied

for as separate grants, thereby enabling the Fourth Duma to exercise a more effective control upon the expenditure. To this arrangement the Government agreed. M. Kokovtseff categorically announced that the Government would ask for no other grants during the next five years.

#### POTSDAM COUNCIL AND BRITISH VISITORS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

BERLIN, JUNE 23. It will be remembered that about a month the Health, which is to meet here at the end of Potsdam. On Friday an effort was made to Rocio-square, in the centre of Lisbon. The remove the unhappy impression produced by cavalry then charged the crowd, clearing the the incident and by some anti-English speeches which were made in connexion with it. The Speeches delivered by the Prime Minister, or, rather, it was announced that "a German

THE FAMINE IN RUSSIÁ.

# TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

I understand that doubt has been felt in and declared a strike, but the majority seem years spent enormous sums on famine relief, and only in this last Session it asked the Duma for as much as 15 million pounds. This is in of Christian X. to the Throne of Denmark will itself a sufficient acknowledgment of the reality arrive in London on Thursday, and will be of the need, of which there can be no question.

Famine is in Russia endemic. It comes not, on Saturday. area sometimes fails to ripen. There is hardly travelled through one of the afflicted districts, | Saratov—himself a native of the province—has | ' was in years in which it attracted far more attention in Europe; and this province is one of the chief granaries of the Empire. A very large number of other provinces are affected. Till the energetic and praiseworthy efforts! which are now being overywhere made to raise! the standard of peasant culture have taken more effect, we must expect famines to recur. was issued on February 12. It is three months to-The Third Duma in its five years of work has day since the Manchu Government of China ceased had four separate occasions for discussing the to exist. Yet that Government is still nominally question. This February there was organized recognized by the Powers.

tributions forwarded from England will be I should say universal—suspicion that other nations require highly appreciated by Russians as a real proof are working for the partition of China, or at least A armoured cruisers costing 182,000,000 Economic Society and other bodies has already Chinese in entertaining this suspicion. Russia has

> Yours faithfully, BERNARD PARES.

### borg, Sevastopol, Nicolaieff, and Vladivostok. | OBSTRUCTION IN THE HUNGARIAN PARLIAMENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES. Sir,—The following facts may be of interest to you Chinese are British fabrications, intended as a prein view of the article on the political situation in liminary to an invasion of Tibet by British troops.

The obstructionist party directed itself initially tection at Kalimpur? against the growing expenditure on armaments advocated by the Government then in power, not so recent troubles in the North foreign troops in China much on account of the financial burden itself, but have penetrated to points hitherto closed to them. because of the conviction that the Hungarian national A Japanese force pierced as far as Paoting fu, the demands were neglected in the Austro-Hungarian principal base of the Chinese Army. Then during threatened to continue its tactics. The Govern- the extension of the foreign concessions at Shanghai

As the majority against the obstructionists kept "A certain nation has promised to finance Mon-

definite policy or to give to a small minority the right to adopt methods of obstruction and of violence. Absolute chaos is bound to ensue when a minority riots

I am Sir, your obedient servant,

### LISBON TRAMWAY STRIKE.

RENEWED DISTURBANCES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.) LISBON, JUNE 21, 10 P.M.

The strikers and the British Electric Tramway Company not having come to terms, the Government decided to protect the liberty of labour and this afternoon trial cars protected town. No incident of note happened.

The company, however, fearing an attack by centre of the town.

The troops are now patrolling the town and there is considerable excitement.

#### EXPLOSION OF BOMBS.

JUNE 23. Since Friday night eight bombs have been the conflicts between strikers and troops on Friday some 150 arrests were made. Yesterday there were more conflicts, but these proved of little consequence.

When some of the electric cars were passing the Government arsenal the employees there gave cheers for the strikers and some cavalry

The railway employees have held a meeting

The Delegation to announce the Accession received by the King at Buckingham Palace

## CHINESE RAILWAY LOAN.

TOKYO, JUNE 22.\* The East Asian Industrial Company has entered into an agreement with the Kiangsi Railway to furnish a loan of £5,000,000.

#### THE WEAK TO THEWALL. THE POWERS AND CHINA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES. Sir,—The abdication edict of the Manchu Dynasty

in St. Petersburg a mass movement of relief | Many weeks have passed since Dr. Sun Yat-sen under the name "The Blade of Rye"; and on retired from the provisional Presidency of the Republic this day nearly every one in the Duma and on of China and the country was brought under one united the streets carried the badge distributed by the Government. Yet the Powers refuse to recognize committee in return for contributions. There | that Government.

is no subject which more unites the sympathies | What the European and American Governments of the whole Russian public; and there is, I expect to gain by this delay is hard to see. But its i am sure, every reason for saying that any con-effect on China is manifest. It confirms the popular for the partition of a great part of her territory. there. To illustrate the force of the suspicion against Japan I would quote the statement of Sun Wu (War Minister at Wuchang throughout the revolution) that Japanese agents in Manchuria had offered a large bribe to a leading Chinese General to stir up a mutiny and thus give Japan a pretext for interfering.

Great Britain is accused of having similar designs upon Tibet. A leading native paper published here asks for an immediate grant of 15,000,000 Parliament for nine years, except for intervals of more been operating on the northern borders of India; Without a doubt this paper believes it is telling the and that the Dalai Lama is living under British pro-

Here are further facts:-During and since the

in one issue during the past week:-

"It is reported that Great Britain will not recog-Government agrees to make Kowloon a British

A similar selection can be taken from any native recently on the menace of the large foreign armies the revolutionary war, has been holding up the fear of partition as a deterrent to those inclined to raise

The suspicion is largely unavoidable. But why aggravate it by continuing to withhold recognition of the new Government? Has China no Government until the Powers choose to present it with one? I mentioned the subject of recognition in a talk with General Li the other day. He said he was completely mystified. How could he be otherwise? The withholding of recognition is a continuing insult to every leader of the New China.

Yours, &c., J. A. BRAILSFORD.

Hankow, China, May 12.

The four years during which the Legislature shall sit, expenditure. Russia's navy will thus, during tion, and long and peaceful negotiations by the present gate Bathing Pond, Parliament Hill, on Saturday. according to Article 69, shall be reckoned from the the ensuing five years, absorb 1,285,000,000 Premier, Dr. De Lukacs, have also failed entirely. The King's Cup, which was presented to the Life roubles. The current expenditure will be The only course to be taken has therefore been the Saving Society by King Edward VII., was won by W. Morris (Amateur Swimming Club), with a total The present Hungarian Government has not only score of 30 points; S. Blatherwick (Attercliffe Swim-On the recommendation of the Budget tion once and for all, and Count Tisza, the Speaker, Australia) tied for second place with 18 points, the Committee the item of nearly 72,000,000 roubles by doing so has done a signal service to the whole second prize being given to Blatherwick on time. While a load of live shells was being shifted for ports and harbours was removed from the nation, a service which only the historian of the A 110 Yards Back Stroke Race was won by A. R. Sporne (Zephyr S.C.); a 110 Yards Ladies' Scratch Race by Miss Annie Durack (Sydney, New South Wales); and Ladies' Graceful Diving Competition by

Dr. G. HEVESY. Miss Belle White (Holloway United S.C.).