

THE TURKISH MINISTERS FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE MARINE.

In continuation of the portraits of Turkish Ministers given last week, we now add those of Raschid Pasha, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, who was assassinated on June 15, and of Ahmed Pasha, Kaiserialy, the Minister of Marine, who at the same time was stabbed in the face and arms by the assassin. Mr. Chamberlayne, of Constantinople, who courteously forwarded these portraits, sends the following particulars relating to the assassin and his murderous work:—

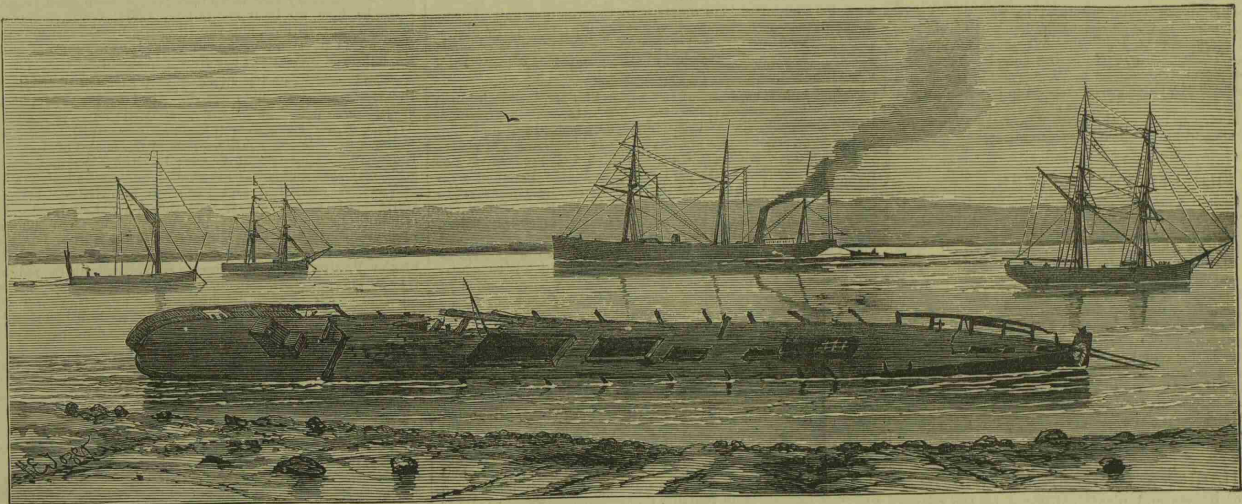
“Early on Friday, June 16, strange rumours were current all over Constantinople about the assassination of some of the Ministers by a party set on by the family of the late Sultan. But later in the day the truth gradually dawned, and it turned out to be merely a matter of private revenge. The following version of this atrocious affair is from authentic sources. About three years ago a certain Cherkez Hassan, having finished his studies at the Imperial Military College, was raised to the rank of Yuz Bashi, and appointed to a post at Bagdad. Somehow or other he shirked this order, and was subsequently employed here in various occupations. Lately he was again promoted to the rank of Colagassi, and again ordered to Bagdad. This time he said plainly he would not go, and was imprisoned for breach of discipline at the Seraskerate (War Office). On Thursday, June 15, he assured his keepers that he would leave the next day for his post, and was consequently liberated. The same evening he proceeded to the summer residence of Hussein Avni Pasha, Minister of War, and desired to see him. Being told that he was not at home, but was at a Council of Ministers, held at the house of Midhat Pasha, he at once went there, and, as he was well known, having served as an aide-de-camp to Prince Youssef Izzetdin, he very easily gained admittance into the house, and requested to see the Minister of War. The attendant outside the council chamber said he could not admit him; but Hassan, pretending he had an important telegram for Hussein Avni Pasha, the servant left him to ask advice from his superiors. While he was away, Cherkez Hassan entered the room, holding a revolver in one hand and a long dagger in the other, and, walking up to Hussein Avni Pasha, cried, ‘Don’t move, seraskier!’ and shot him. In attempting, it is said, to fire another shot at him, he killed Raschid Pasha, Minister for Foreign Affairs. At this juncture Ahmed Pasha, Kaiserialy, Minister of Marine,



THE TURKISH MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, ASSASSINATED JUNE 15.



THE TURKISH MINISTER OF MARINE, WOUNDED BY THE ASSASSIN'S DAGGER, JUNE 15.



REMAINS OF THE OLD LONDON AND RAMSGATE STEAMER, THE LITTLE WESTERN.

who is an aged man, but who showed great presence of mind and most praiseworthy courage in this affair, seized him by the back, but was wounded in the face and arm with the dagger by the assassin. In the attempt to take him, Shukri Effendi, aide-de-camp to the Minister of Marine, Ahmed Agha, in the employ of Midhat Pasha, and a private soldier, were killed, and another soldier was wounded. The assassin was, however, finally taken by a band of soldiers and conveyed to prison. Early on Saturday morning he was hanged in the courtyard of the mosque of Sultan Bayazid.”

By a telegram from Constantinople we learn that the Minister of Marine is convalescent.

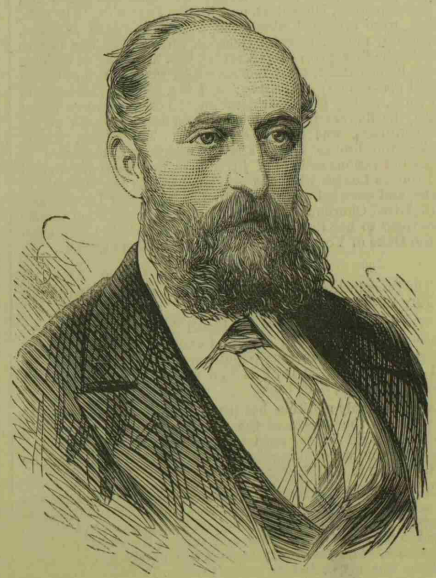
AUSTRALIAN EXPLORATIONS.

The narratives recently published of two exploring journeys in opposite directions, between South Australia and West Australia, conducted respectively by Colonel Egerton Warburton and by Mr. John Forrest, have much improved our knowledge of the interior of that “island-continent.” Our readers must be aware that the breadth of Australia, from north to south, is traversed by the Overland Telegraph line, above 1800 miles in length, connecting Adelaide with Port Darwin, on the north coast. The region which lies westward of the telegraph line, occupying fifteen or sixteen degrees of longitude, was entirely unknown till within the last three years; as the inland stations of West Australia do not extend above three hundred miles from the seacoast. The telegraph stations have of late furnished convenient starting-points for South Australian exploring parties, and terminal points for those setting out from West Australia, by which means the vast blank space in our maps is now filled up with several well-surveyed lines of travel; but the country does not seem to be very inviting for settlement.

The expedition which forms the subject of our Illustrations in the present Number of this Journal was equipped at the expense of the Hon. Thomas Elder, of Adelaide, a member of the Legislative Council of South Australia, and acted under his direction. It was placed under the command of Mr. Ernest Giles, the party consisting of four white men, one



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