

PEOPLE AND THE MOORS

ALF went down the Atlantic coast of the Moorish empire, and about opposite Charleston, rises out of the sea the little port of Casablanca, which is known as the "White House" port in every language that is spoken along the coast, and is white and beautiful, if you lie in the offing of a clear night. Like all the rest of Morocco, and indeed, the Mohammedan world, Casablanca is best seen by the pale moonlight, and to windward, writes, Stephen Bonal in the New York Times.

Nearly safe, at the very name of which our New England ancestors who went down to the sea in ships were wont to shudder, and with good reason, is now closed by a sand bar, which even the daring Barbary corsairs would not dare to cross in their light-drawing feluccas, but the Moor of the bad country is still a pirate, though the times have driven him inland from the sea. Until recently he preyed upon the passing caravans as a century ago he swooped down by his hawklike galleys upon our bearded sailing ships. The Kabyle horsemen who rush with so much fury and reckless daring up to the French batteries and rifle pits, do not only because they have hatred of the Christian which their church sanctifies to a virtue, but because they are striving to death and want to get at the men who have taken the breast of their mouths.

Heid Plains and Passes.
Ten years ago these dashing horsemen, whose gorgeous costumes and bejeweled weapons made them most beautiful if somewhat barbaric objects to behold, were the lords of the plains and the marshes which lie between the western Sudan and the port towns of southwest Morocco. They were the masters of transportation in this part of the world, and had to be reckoned with. If you cared to take a caravan flight in ostrich feathers, gold dust, slaves, or salt, they would protect you or pillage you, whichever was most profitable.

These dashing bordermen were bound to the imperial government by the stenderest of ties, they were wholly immersed in their profitable business operations and in annexing their own households to the most beautiful valleys culled from the passing caravans. When the tax-gatherers ventured into their domains they buried them alive, but the sultan, Mulai Hassan, who was a fighter.

Present Ruler Unpopular.
Abdul Aziz's accession to the throne was a most unpopular one, and this fact probably accounts for the fact that early in his reign he surrounded himself with foreigners, who, with some exceptions, were not generally men of a high type—poor walkers, photographers, ballists and slights; of hand men were the representatives of western civilization who for a long time appealed most powerfully to the young sultan's fancy by their culture. In view of the rising tide of discontent and the disaffection even of the people of the capital, and the growing strength of the various revolutions in progress, in the last year the sultan has dismissed his staff of courtiers and goes to the mosque as regularly as he goes to the bath—but probably the harm has been done. In Morocco, as well as in other countries, it is said, his policy is to let things alone.

One brother of the unlucky sultan, Mulai Hadid by name, of whose character the sultan's attitude toward the question of the day little is known, is formally proclaimed sultan in the great mosque at Morocco City. Another brother, Hassan, it is said, has been exercising rights of sovereignty in the Rif Highlands, west of Tetanus and the Mediterranean coast for two years past. Another brother, who bears the name of Morocco's greatest sultan, Mulai Ismail, is threatening rebellion with a force of fanatic horsemen estimated at 25,000 at his back, while in the western provinces still slumber the

never radically and open rebellions of the Royal and Bon Hamara, the benevolent "Father of the Asses," who, with his claim to divine descent and his revelation and his wonderful gift of eloquence, exercises a remarkable influence upon the mule drivers and all the other nomadic folk of the empire. Mulai Hassan has a "Jack."

Such is outline is the situation by which France and Spain find themselves confronted because of the recognition of the special interests in the disturbed country, and the political mandate which they received at the conference of the powers at Algiers. In the light of recent events, it does not seem at all unlikely that their diplomatic victory at the conference will entail upon France and Spain the loss of many thousands of men, many millions of francs, which neither of them could throw away. The talk of the "King of the Moors," a "King of 10,000 men," and the "King of the desert," is the sheerest nonsense, or the wildest madness. It would require the capture of Fez, and it would require many thousands more, and require them indefinitely, to hold the holy city and the surrounding approaching law and order in the surrounding country.

Portugal was for several hundred years in possession of nearly all the Moorish parts on the Atlantic coast, including Casablanca; indeed, the second son of the ruler of Portugal, who is "King of the Moors," which refers to the royal pretensions to Moorish sovereignty, all substantial Moorish standards and began the journey to the capital, which so many conquerors have undertaken but for which no single one has succeeded, at least not since the day when the green banners of the Prophet of Islam were first flung to the breeze from the battlements of Fez.

Fate of Portuguese Army.
It was in 1575 that Dom Sebastian, the chivalrous hero of Portuguese song and story, equipped an army for the purpose of overrunning the whole country. A duke of Lestimar and many other gentlemanly adventurers joined Dom Sebastian's standards and began the journey to the capital, which so many conquerors have undertaken but for which no single one has succeeded, at least not since the day when the green banners of the Prophet of Islam were first flung to the breeze from the battlements of Fez.

Dom Sebastian and his army of 20,000 men, together with the uncounted adventurers who had come together from all over Christendom to follow so gallant and so generous a prince, met their fate in the valley of Alkisar, which is watered by a shallow river generally identified by historians and geographers as the Lixus of Pliny. There 20,000 men were cut to pieces by the Moorish cavalry, and those who were spared by the sword were the fortunate members of the army. According to some accounts, Dom Sebastian was killed; others say he was wounded, where, after they had traced the triumph of the terrible sultan, Abdul-Melek, his conqueror, to a number of them were buried alive in the city walls. In these same walls are visible to-day many hundred bricks of up cells in various occasions, and at other times of fanatical fury, Christians were immured while living as a punishment for refusing to recite the fatwa, and so become renegades to their creed.

Called to England.
After this disaster Portugal gradually withdrew from Morocco, and in 1627 the Moors again took possession of the city, which was then called to England as part of the dowry of the Infanta Catherine of Braganza, who became the wife of Charles II. Another piece of real estate included in the dowry because the King of Portugal was anxious to get rid of the island of Bombay, which was the island of Bombay. The English wise men of the day thought money could be made out of Tangier, but no thought was paid to Bombay. All of which goes to show how uncertain are real estate ventures in an international age.

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A CRUEL OLD CITY.
What Excavators Have Learned at Gezer, in Palestine.
Wonderful discoveries have been made in the ruins of the ancient city of Gezer in Palestine. Prof. Haverford Macalister, who is now at work on the site, has discovered the ruins of eight cities of periods of building there which, in the opinion of the excavators, 3,000 years B. C. The remains, therefore, of 5,000 years of apparently almost continuous human life are seen in Palestine. When a dwelling fell down or was destroyed the new one did not clear away the rubble, but roared a fresh structure up over the old one, and digging now deep down through the remains of the explorer of today has discovered the untouched remains of the cities of the past. The well-known excavator, Prof. Haverford Macalister, has discovered the remains of a Canaanite tribe with bronze weapons, also of a Canaanite "high priest" in the bones of newly discovered, sacrificed, and the remains of the unknown deity, or bones of infants buried under the corners of house walls.

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THE SUN OUR SAVIOR.
Its Rays Expected to Furnish Heat and Power for All Man's Needs.
The world's coal supply will not last forever. Indeed, at the rate at which it is now being used it will not even last for many scores of years, says the Circle.
Among the possible substitutes for producing power, practical scientists look to the sun's heat as one that will certainly be of first-rate importance in the future. According to the late Prof. Langley, from every square yard of earth exposed perpendicularly to the sun's rays, there could be derived more than one horse power. This is the case of a city like New York the amount of heat and power that the sun's rays are sufficient to drive all the steam engines in the world.
Nikola Tesla, the well known electrical inventor, has been working at this problem. "I hope some day," he recently declared, "with an apparatus I have invented I will harness the rays of the sun that that body will operate every machine in our factories, propel every train and carriage on our streets, and do all the work in our homes as well as furnish the light that man may need by night as well as by day. It will replace all steam, all coal, all power, all gas, all power and heat and electric light."
His idea is simple enough, consisting, as it does, of concentrating the heat of the sun on a focal point by a series of mirrors and magnifying glasses, and the great heat so produced as directed upon a glass cylinder filled with water. This heat is named is chemically prepared, so that it rapidly evaporates into steam.
The steam is made to operate a turbine engine, which, in turn, generates electricity. This electricity is received by storage batteries, and a wire and cheap supply is generated for all parts of the city. These stations dotted about here and there, the problem of motive power or supply would seem to be solved. The fact is, however, that the well known Tesla engine is the cost of storing the batteries and keeping them stored.