The French and the Hovas.

News from London says that a rupture between the French and the Hovas is imminent. Queen Ranavolona has instructed General Willoughby, her chief commander, to brook no further aggression by the French Resident. This fact recalls to mind that the policy of the French Republic has been aggressive and enterprising. By superior strength France has forced material concessions from the Hovas, of whom the subject of our illustration is Queen. The peace restored between France and Madagascar does not, however, leave the weaker power abject at the conqueror's feet; and it seems that the young sovereign of probably three millions of people is spirited and strong enough to take steps for the suppression of further French aggression. Madagascar had many sympathizers in her recent brave struggle with the French, and public opinion in Europe, probably even in France itself, would condemn pushing the Hovas and their plucky sovereign to extremities.

Ranavalona is about twenty-five years old. She succeeded Queen Ranavalona II. July 13, 1883, and was crowned on November 22 of that year. Her election as Queen was pursuant to her appointment to the office by her predecessor, of whom she is neice. Before her accession to the throne she married Andrianaly, a young nobleman who studied medicine in Edinburgh, Scotland, where he took his degree as Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians. The match proved to be a most unhappy one, and the husband, for striking his wife and other offences, was banished to a place remote from Antananarivo, the capital of the island. When Ranavalona II. was on her death-bed, the young doctor was summoned to attend her, but was not received as the husband of the woman he had married, who, indeed, now has another husband, viz., Rainilaiaraiyono, the Prime Minister and virtual ruler of the kingdom. The Queen is a colored lady of pleasing manners and a dignified bearing. She is a Christian, and Christianity is acknowledged and protected as the State religion of the Island she governs, although the majority of its people are still heathens. In round numbers there are about four hundred thousand Christians in Madagascar, in the proportion of ten times as many Protestants as Catholics. This fact probably accounts more or less for the feeling against France, a Catholic power in her policy affecting Madagascar, that exists among the people connected with those Protestant denominations in England which have sent missionaries to the island. To Congregationalists, especially, the people of Madagascar are indebted for much religious and secular instruction. Wherever the influence of the Queen's Government extends education is compulsory.

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