

troys the Russian works opposite the west front, slaying a thousand men. "The marvellous resistance of Silistria still continues at the rate of 800 men. Although, of course, a garrison of eight thousand men cannot be expected to withstand for ever an army of 60,000." Silistria still holds out. "It is rumored that Omer Pacha, on the 14th, was advancing, and had about 70,000 men from Schumla to the relief of Silistria. The rumour wants confirmation. The Allied troops were still busy encamping round Varna. The telegraphic report about the advance of Omer Pacha, at the head of 70,000 men, amounts to a bluff of the "Times" Stock Exchange. It is doubted whether Omer Pacha could bring quite that number into the field at present. He remains quietly intrenched at Schumla, where he is supposed to have only about 55,000 troops of all arms. The besieging force scattered around Silistria in the necessary dispersed array of an investing army, numbers now at least 60,000 men, who are very much harassed by the reports and rumors of the success of the Russian. The reported surrender of Silistria is not true. The place still keeps the Turkish ensign flying, though the valiant garrison is nearly exhausted. It is a pity something could not be done to succour them. The news of heroism is a curious story, is told about an interview, under flags of truce, demanded by the Russians. The Muscovite Commander wished to spare, he said, the needless effusion of blood, by offering information to the Czar, to the fact, viz. the Czar had sent conclusive directions that Silistria "must be taken," therefore it might as well "give up," to which, Mussa, stroking his beard, replied that he also intended to do so. The Czar, however, said, "Abdul-Medjid Khan had honored him, Mussa, originally (and he was not aware that the mind of his sacred Highness had changed) with the sacred instructions to defend the place, and he would not give up the place to the hands of the Czar in person." Thereupon, a sort of Masonic sign is said to have been made by the hand of the Russian Commander, which sign implied an end to the news in gold. "Mussa's Muscovite Commander," "Let us now separate—the Jew under white flags is over."

CLEANINGS FROM LATE PAPERS.

THE ALLIED FORCES IN THE CRIMEA AND BLACK SEA.

A correspondent of the London Daily News gives an estimate of the allied forces in the Crimea, as they are now, and compares them with the Russian force there. The numbers landed in the first instance were 47,000, 30,000, and 10,000 respectively. The British and French there have been sent out by a variety of vessels 44,515 soldiers, showing about the middle of the year a grand total of 119,000 men. It is necessary to deduct the loss since the 14th of September in sick, killed, and wounded, and also to estimate the number of men who have since amounted to 17,885 men, "his showing, at a rough glance, that the allied forces in the Crimea are now about 100,000 men strong around Sebastopol and Balaklava. Add to this the strength of the 15th Novembregiment, and you have a combined force of 150,000 men; besides, further French reinforcements to the amount of 35,000 men, and the Danube. He does not appear, to have taken into his estimate the heavy losses which must have been sustained in the Crimea.

Opposed to them, we are told, are the remainder of the Russians who fought at the Alma, and a detached corps of 20,000 men; the 3rd Division referred to in Lord Raglan's despatch of the 8th November, and another of 12,000 men; the 1st Division, 12,000; the 2nd, 10,000; the 3rd, 10,000; the 4th, 10,000; the 5th, 10,000; the 6th, 10,000; the 7th, 10,000; the 8th, 10,000; the 9th, 10,000; the 10th, 10,000; the 11th, 10,000; the 12th, 10,000; the 13th, 10,000; the 14th, 10,000; the 15th, 10,000; the 16th, 10,000; the 17th, 10,000; the 18th, 10,000; the 19th, 10,000; the 20th, 10,000; the 21st, 10,000; the 22nd, 10,000; the 23rd, 10,000; the 24th, 10,000; the 25th, 10,000; the 26th, 10,000; the 27th, 10,000; the 28th, 10,000; the 29th, 10,000; the 30th, 10,000; the 31st, 10,000; the 32nd, 10,000; the 33rd, 10,000; the 34th, 10,000; the 35th, 10,000; the 36th, 10,000; the 37th, 10,000; the 38th, 10,000; the 39th, 10,000; the 40th, 10,000; the 41st, 10,000; the 42nd, 10,000; the 43rd, 10,000; 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