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TOPICS OF THE WEEK

THE news is disastrous from the Straits Settlements, and we have to chronicle the outbreak of a nasty disturbance and an irritating little war. Mr BIRCH, the Colonial Resident of Parah, has been murdered cruelly. Captain W. INNES, of the Royal Engineers, has been killed during an affray consequent on an attack at the British residency, and at the request of Sir W. DRUMMOND JERVOIS, the Governor of the Straits Settlements, it has been found necessary to send gun boats from the fleet, and reinforcements from China, in order to protect British interests in these outlandish districts. Nay, more troops at home are under orders to proceed and increase the Indian strength. Sir WILLIAM JERVOIS requires still further aid. How much good English blood is spilt in the effort to tame savages and to humanise brutes. Abyssinia, Ashantee, Malay—these will be the last three words on the English flag, which contains upon it the most celebrated names in the whole history of war.

THE Cabinet Councils which have been frequently held this week have their origin no doubt in this sudden Malayan outbreak.