

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE SERVIAN POET'S LAMENT.

Mr. Ignace Izsak, the president of the Hungarian Federated League, publishes in the Chicago *Daily News* of November 13 his opinion of the European situation and quotes the Servian poet Velibar Oroscvics who laments the fate of his people. Mr. Izsak regards Russia as the guilty party. Speaking of the assassination of the archduke, he says:

"Russia butted in. What was the meaning of it? Did she want to save Servia? From what? The assurance was given that Servia's territory and national integrity will be respected. Whom did Russia want to save then? Those whom the dual monarchy wanted to punish, that is, the members of the school of assassination.

"We have to nail it down and proclaim it to the world that Russia took up arms in the interest of these black characters. She is not defending the liberty of a small nation, but the association of king murderers and plotters.

"It is the unpardonable sin of the two civilized nations, the French and English, to side with darkness and immorality."

Mr. Oroscvics, who is now a prisoner of war in Hungary, has given utterance to these touching words about his country:

"In Servia everybody knows that the Servian cause is lost. The people know that that the war was not provoked by Servia, that Servia was an instrument in the hands of ruthless Russian politicians. The Russian officers in Servia are telling that they were mistaken in their hopes. They expected if war were declared the nationalities of Hungary would rise. They hoped that the days of 1848 would return and Hungary would crash under internal disension. We realize that these hopes did not materialize. Russia instead of helping us incites the Servians against the dual monarchy to invade Bosnia and Herzegovina and harass them. With foolish mind we came over the River Save, only to be beaten back with bloody heads, losing thousands of dead and 5000 prisoners. My heart is bleeding when I think that my nation is lost forever. When the war broke out we could get recruits from the newly acquired territories only at the greatest pains and employment of force. Misery is rampant in our country.

"To fill the cup, when utter destruction faces Servia, the Servian and Russian clergy are lying to the people and the world, saying that Germany and Austria-Hungary lie prostrate before Russia. Is it any wonder that under such circumstances the Servian army is killing its own citizens, and the citizens have to defend themselves with arms against the looting soldiers? Servia is ripe for revolution, which is the final stage of her national existence. I cannot find any helpful idea that could offer salvation to my ruined, misled people!"