European.

Intelligence has been received of a fearful colliery explosion in England by which an awful sacrifice of life has occurred.

HANLEY, Thursday, Dec. 13.—There was a fearful explosion at noon, to-day, at Fox under the Hill, near this town, in a coal pit belonging to the North Staffordshire Coal and Iron Company. Two hundred men went into the mine this morning, of whom only thirteen have been taken out alive, and they are badly injured. The rest, it is believed are dead. Up to the present moment forty dead bodies have been brought out.—The excitement among the inhabitants is intense.

BARNSLEY, Thursday, Dec. 13.—A third explosion took place at Oaks Colliery at 10 o'clock this morning. There is no longer any hope for those in the pit. They must all be dead. It is estimated that three hundred and fifty have lost their lives by this terrible catastrophe. The mine is now on fire, and the flames have burst from the mouth of the main shaft with great violence. The work of drawing out the balance of the dead has been suspended, and the mine is to be flooded with water. The cause of the accident will probably remain a perpetual mystery.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The awful calamities in York and Stafford excite the most painful interest throughout the Kingdom. A subscription has been opened at the Lord Mayor's office for the relief of the suffering families of the victims.

MUNICH, Dec. 13.—Baron Boden has resigned his position at the head of the Bavarian Ministry.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—The mission of Gen. Flury to Florence was in reference solely to negotiations between the Government of Italy and the Holy See.

The United States Government has commenced legal proceedings in the First Tribunal of the Seine to receive the sum of two millions and a quarter francs paid M. M. Arneau, Bitzby, and the agents of the Confederate Government, on account for building five iron-clad vessels alledged to have been constructed for the Emperor of China, but actually intended for the Confederate Navy; the vessels were never delivered.

The latest advices from China state that the French expedition is meeting with no resistance.

LONDON, Dec. 14, eve.—Intelligence has been received from Japan which announces that the civil war which has been desolating that country has been suspended, a truce having been declared between the hostile sections.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—A strict guard has been placed over steamer *Bolivar* which was seized in the Medway on suspicion of being a Fenian cruiser. No access is allowed those on board. The captain and mate of the vessel who did not join the crew say that the vessel was for the Government of Columbia. In the Rappahannock case, the claimants against the U. S. have ordered to file an amended answer.

The Fenian troubles in Ireland are increasing. Another regiment of artillery has been ordered and will soon proceed to Ireland.

A factory for the preparation of Greek fire has been discovered by the police in Dublin.

The Minister of the United States of Columbia has made a demand upon the English Government for the restoration of the steamship *Bolivar*, and it is probable that she will be given up to her owners without further delay.

In the Commission to adjust the *Alabama* claims, those of this country against the United States for the losses of British subjects by depredations, &c., during the war, will be brought promptly forward.

FRANKFORT, Dec. 12.—The market for American bonds is unchanged, though the feeling, perhaps, is scarcely so firm as yesterday.

ROME, Dec. 12.—An American frigate has arrived at Civita Vecchia.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—It is now said that the Imperial Commission will agree upon a plan similar to that adopted by Denmark for the reorganization of both army and fleet.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—It is rumored in London and on the Continent that the Emperor of Russia has proposed to the Great Powers that they hold a conference, to take into consideration the position of the Christian subjects of the Sublime Porte.

THE POPE'S ALLOCUTION—The most remarkable portion of the Allocution is that in which the Pope, for the first time, distinctly intimates his readiness to leave Rome, rather than surrender a single feature of what he regards as his legitimate authority. True, he does not express an intention to depart from his ancient capital, but he manages to keep a door open through which he can, in case of need, retreat without much loss of dignity or self-complacency. He is probably well aware that great efforts will be made to drive him in to an open rupture with his subjects, which might result in another hasty flight, without the prospect of returning.

We are told, we cannot as yet determine with how much truth, that would be a serious error to suppose that the resistance in the Romish Church to a reconciliation with Italy proceeds from the *Italian clergy*. They are well aware, it is said, that they could find a place in the new order of things. The real impulse to resistance comes from without—from France, Spain, Ireland, Austria, and other countries, where the high church functionaries and the clergy would suffer by loss of standing and emoluments in the breaking up of the present system. The most ardent and bigoted Ultramontanes are no longer found at Rome.

The only real question now is, which of the two parties will go to the wall—the Pope's party or the party of civil and religious freedom—the party that would stifle free thought and free action, or the party that would permit the freest exercise of thought and the utmost freedom of action compatible with good order? We think the history of human progress will enable us to give a very satisfactory answer to this practical question.—*Examiner & Chronicle.*

THE MARRIAGE OF THE PRINCESS DAGMAR AND THE CZAREWITCH.—A special correspondent of a contemporary, in describing this imposing ceremony, mentions a very curious custom, evidently derived from a Jewish origin, which occurs in the Russo-Greek ritual. A golden ladle containing wine—called "the common cup"—was brought, and the Metropolitan handing it alternately to the bride and bridegroom, they sipped it each three times—in symbolical allusion to the marriage in Cana. Now came the ceremony before which the marriage might have been dissolved; after which it was indissoluble. Taking the bridegroom and the bride by the hand, he turned them round three times, in mystical allusion to the Holy Trinity, the choir singing, "Exult, O Isaiah, for a virgin has conceived and brought forth a Son, Emanuel, God and Man, the East is His Name; Him do we magnify, and call the Virgin blessed." Then the marriage was complete, but not so the ceremony. The Metropolitan now took off the bridegroom's crown, saying. "Be thou exalted, O bridegroom, like unto Abraham, and blessed like unto Isaac, and multiply like unto Jacob. Walk in peace, and do all according to the commandments of God." Having removed the crown, and placed it on the altar again, he turned to the bride, and, having taken off the crown, said, "And thou, O bride, be thou exalted like unto Sarah, and rejoice like unto Rebecca, and multiply like unto Rachel; rejoice with thy husband, and keep the ways of the law; and the blessing of God be with thee." Two short prayers were then said, and at the direction of the Metropolitan, the husband and wife kissed each other three times, and then the august bridegroom and bride proceeded towards the Emperor and respectfully bowed to his Imperial Majesty, who most tenderly kissed them both. Hand in hand they then went to the Empress and deeply bowed to her Imperial Majesty, who united them in an ardent embrace; some tears dropped from her eyes, but those were tears of joy.

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At Liverpool, N. S., on the 20th of Oct, by Rev. D. D. Currie, Mr. John William Symmons, of St Vincent, West Indies, to Miss Abigail Moore, of Brooklyn, Queens Co.

At Milton, Liverpool, N. S., by Rev. D. D. Currie, on the 25th of Oct., Mr. James T. Freeman, of Milton, Queens Co., to Miss Louisa Ford, of the same place.

At Milton, Liverpool, N. S., on the 17th ult., by Rev. D. D. Currie, Mr. Francis Kempton, of Grafton, North Queens, to Miss Delilah Kempton, of the former place.

At Liverpool, N. S., on the 13th inst, by the Rev. D. D. Currie, Mr. Albert Zwicker, of Liverpool, to Miss Elizabeth McPherson, of the same place.

By the Rev. J. Shenton, at Little River, Oct 24th Mr. Aaron DeLong to Miss Jane Young.

By the same, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. James Thompson, to Miss Annabell Cowperthwait, third daughter of David Cowperthwait, Oak Point.

On the 5th inst., at the Wesleyan Church, Hopewell Hill, by the Rev. James Tweedy, Alexander Rogers, Esq., merchant, to Bessie, eldest daughter, of T. B. Moore, Esq., Barrister, of Hopewell, N. B.

At the residence of the bride's father, on the 29th ult., by the Rev. W. C. Brown, Mr. William Fletcher, to Ezena daughter of Mr Nelson Smith, all of St Martins, N. B.

Deaths.

At Guysboro' Interval, on the 10th inst., after a sudden but painful illness, borne with resignation to the Divine will, Sarah Jane, beloved wife of James A. Ferguson, aged 54 years.

At East Branch, Cumberland, on the 27th ult., after a long and painful illness, Mary Ann, beloved daughter of John and Grace Hodgson, aged 23 years. She trusted in "Jesus only."

On the 12th inst., in the 24th year of her age, Mary Elizabeth, widow of the late Mr. John Lambeth, and only daughter of the late Mr. James Thompson.

At New York, on the 29th ult., in the 78th year of her age, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Howe, a native of Halifax, N. S.

At Aylesford, on the 24th ult., Daniel Farnsworth, in the 92nd year of his age.

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SATURDAY, Dec 15

Steamer Delta, Guilliford, St Johns, Nfld; brigts Queen of the West, Essex, Jamaica; Caro ine, Boucher, Boston; Startled Fawn, Smith, do; schr Wild Brier, P E Island.

SUNDAY, Dec 16

Schrs William, McCuish, Bay of Islands; Enterprise, LeVash, P E Island.

MONDAY, Dec 17

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