

EUROPEAN NEWS.

THE NEWS BY THE STEAM-SHIP "BALTIC." DEFEAT OF THE RUSSIANS AT KARS 4000 RUSSIANS KILLED. Capture & Destruction of RUSSIAN TOWNS BY THE ALLIED FORCES INCIDENTS OF THE WAR.

From the Times Special Correspondent. CAMP BEFORE SEBASTOPOL. Tuesday, Oct. 2. The demolition of the houses in Sebastopol goes on, but it is not so safe to visit the place as it was formerly, inasmuch as the Russians now shell vigorously, and throw shot at any considerable groups in the streets.

SUNDAY.—The enemy, having discovered the preparations for throwing up batteries near Fort Alexander and the ruins of Fort Paul by the French and English respectively, commenced a heavy fire from the northern works about five o'clock this morning, which continued throughout the day, and which, at times amounted to a cannonade.

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CAPTURE OF KINBURN.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 18. The fortress of Kinburn resisted the allies by a very heavy fire up to the 17th. At noon on that day the fire ceased, and at 3 p.m. the allies entered the place.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

The Indian mail brings the intelligence that an attempt had been made on the life of Sir Henry Ward, the Governor of Ceylon, by a Cingalese. Had the Governor not been armed with a pistol the consequences might have been serious.

The English funds continue to fall. A further decline of five-eighths was established this afternoon. One of the more immediate causes of to-day's decline is, that the Bank of England has been a borrower of money to a considerable extent in the stock exchange on the security of consols until the November settling.

The return of the Bank of England for the week ending Saturday, October 13th, shows that the pressure in the money market continued unimpaired.

The London Times city article, dated Friday evening, says:— The English funds opened this morning with great steadiness, with an improvement of 1-8 upon the price of Thursday evening; but, although a further rise subsequently took place, the market at the close showed a relapse.

The firmness of tone in the earlier part of the day was attributable to the continuation of the steady purchases of the public, and partly by a further rise in the corn market, consequent upon the constant demand.

At the commencement of business, money was exceedingly abundant for loans in consols, but there was more demand for it later in the day. The falling in the bank billion was expected to be heavy, but scarcely to the extent shown, viz. £250,000.

THE PARIS EXPOSITION.

Some new Machines—Death of Mr. Bingham—The Empress—Paris Markets, &c.

PARIS, Oct. 11, 1855. In the machinery department of the Exhibition, one of the machines which draws most attention is a centrifugal pump by Appolod; forming as it does a water-fall nine feet high, and which, being compared with other pumps around, is a Niagara among pumps.

The great effect is produced by a centrifugal wheel (which is, in reality, the pump) only fifteen inches in diameter. It is hardly possible to believe that so simple a piece of mechanism can lift above 12 tons water per minute. It consists simply of a double wheel divided into compartments similar to the curves of a turbine; the water coming into the centre on both sides, and being ejected at the circumference by the centrifugal force, and made to ascend the elevation pipe.

The pump makes about 400 revolutions per minute, and is driven by a 6-horse-power high-pressure steam engine. There is also exhibited with this pump a small model to work by hand, the pump of which is only 3 inches in diameter, 13-16th of an inch in thickness, each compartment of which contains the 60th part of a gallon.

In a trial made with this pump, it lifted 150 gallons in a minute, showing that in that time it discharged its contents nearly 9000 times. In trying it with a steam gauge a pressure of 50 lbs per square inch was obtained. These pumps do a duty of 68 per cent. on the power employed, and are found to be exceedingly cheap for large quantities of water with a low lift. It will pass almost anything small enough to go through its compartments, there being no valves in its action. It is well adapted to pumping out ships, &c.

The next machine, as we pass on, is Richmond's for cutting metals. The action of this at once demonstrates that it is the best method of dividing metals by machinery yet discovered—at least, the best I ever heard of. Shears or jaws have won the triumph over hammer and chisel. This machine performs the same operation as a blacksmith, when he cuts a bar of cold iron—first cutting with a cold chisel the outside of the iron on both sides, and then breaking off the inner part over the edge of the anvil. The machine effects this process by means of a circular cutter which revolves with mathematical exactness, cutting with a drawing stroke. It is put in motion by a crank, causing the rotary blade to divide the upper enamel of the plate, and by its pressure upon the end of the lower stationary blade to cut the lower enamel, and break at the same time the internal substance, so that the plate without these blades coming in contact with each other or nearer than 1/4 of the plate divided. Thus, after the nick is made on each side, it is crushed asunder, and the pressure being vertical, it leaves the divided edge square and true. With the common shear, the blades are cutting only when they are approaching, but are always leaving the desired angle with this machine, on the contrary, this angle is continuous and the cutter constantly cutting. The cutting blades are very obtuse, and never sharpened. The circular cutter can be raised and lowered, according to the thickness of the metal to be cut, and by a simple apparatus, which is attached to the machine, circles of any size and thickness may be cut with equal facility.

As a machine, which at present is making a great deal of noise in the scientific world, I may mention William Siemens's "Regenerative Steam Engine," which, instead of condensing or letting escape the spent steam, drives it back again into a vessel to be re-heated or re-generated. It is evident that by these means an immense economy is effected, and all the heat (which is the equivalent of force) contained in the steam after it has finished its stroke, instead of being thrown away, is utilised. This economy amounts in the consumption of fuel to about two-thirds, which, taking into account the amount of steam engines employed in the world, would amount to some millions of pounds sterling. It would be impossible to give a description of this engine without drawings, so I simply note its most prominent features and principles. Mr. Siemens has taken nature for his model, from the fact that the blood, after being thrown by the heart into the arteries to carry nutrition, heat and life to the farthest extremities of the system, is returned by the veins to the

THE ALLIES SURROUNDING THE RUSSIANS.

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