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Mr. Plimsoll on the Practice of Load-ing Grain in Bulk.

Disasters on the Seine.

EY CABLE TO THE MAIL.]

LONDON, Jan. 3. The Tay bridge disaster is still earnestly discussed. The investigation is steadily progressing. How many lives were lost is still a matter of uncertainty. Only one thing alone is sure, that no man escaped from the Frith of Tay. Mr. Edgar Gilkes, the builder of the bridge, telegraphs to the Herald as follows:—
"Present evidence indicates that some

other forces than the tempest were acting with it, and caused the destruction of the girders. The velocity of the winds as registered at Dundee on the night of the disaster was 42. This amount of pressure was quite sufficient to overset the train, and the guard rails on the windward side could not prevent the upper part of the carriages from striking the girders. This might cause the damage by destroying the unity of the leeward girder, and another violent gust would bring about complete ruin."

A DESIRABLE CATCH, Rumour is busy with the prospects of the new Duke of Portland. The young guardsman, with his 21 years, and his income of \$150,000, is the best parti in the county; but he is said to be already engaged to Miss Violet Lindsay, who is the daughter of Col. Lindsay, formerly M.P. for Abingdon, and now one of the Queen's grooms in waiting, and granddaughter of the Earl of Crawford. The Lindsays stand high in the Queen's favour. None of the Scotch nobility, except the Campbells' stand so near to the throne. The news that one of the family, a pretty girl of 20, is to wed the new Lord of Welbeck Abbey will be as gladly received at Windsor as

by society at large. CHRISTMAS WITH THE NOBILITY. There has been much gaiety at the great houses during the week. Many ladies of fashion are on the continent. The Duchess of Montrose is at Cannes. The Grosvenors, Butlers and a host of notabilities are also wintering on the Mediterranean.

The New Year has opened dismally in To compensate for their absence the Prince

sudden thaw of the last three days raised hymns, prayers, and solem devotions in sudden hope among the huntsmen, but the cold last night nipped them off untimely.

Mr. Girard Lee has led the round of theatricals at Luton Hoo. Lady Rosslyn has own, but the attitude of Russia is threaten

Cornhill appears this month with a rather sensational article on the Laureate, called "A new Study of Tennyson." It is probably from the pen of the Editor, Mr. Leslie Stephen, and reflects the more credit on his impartiality, because a warm friendship exists betwen the Stephens and the Tennysens. The poet is roundly charged with plagiarism. But the literary sensation of the week is the appear-ance of the "Metternich Memoirs," pub-lished by Bentley on Wednesday last. "Charles Dickney Memoirs" are entering upon their third edition. Mrs. Lynn Linton, whose last novel, "Under which Lord," has been furiously assailed by the reports of destitution in Doneyal find Lord," has been furiously assailed by the Reviews, led by the Saturday, to which she contributed some of her most brilliant articles, including "The Girl of the Period," which created such a stir in Period," which created such a stir in having come over in force. There are unwalks rumours in the clubs. begins a new serial story in the current number of Temple Bar, called "The Rebel of the Family." The first English edition of Mme. De Remusat's Memoirs

century, and educated in sculpture by Nollekens, the miser, and favourite of George III. Warren and his son were both members of the Water Colours Institute of the merchant shipping question. He declares that six vessels have been wrecked through the practice of leadtute, and the works of the latter have attained some little fame. Henry Warren matter as this is made by the newspapers tained some little fame. Henry Warren was long President of the Institute, and weapon against the Government. On the other hand the South African cable has been opened amid much enthusiasm. The forgotten him.

WAGNER AT THE POINT OF DEATH, The latest despatches from Bayreuth announce that Herr Richard Wagner's life despaired of. In the little Bavarian illage, where Jean Paul Richter is buried the great German musician lies dying. tinue the walks that he used to make to the fantaisie, with his two big dogs beside him. Those who have seen him say that the signs of weakness have long been visible on his face and figure. Lately as been closed to visitors. Yesterday it over the musical world.

THINGS THEATRICAL. The theatres are doing a lively business, heatre to see the charmingly picturesque roduction of the Poet Laureate's muse. production of the Poet Laureate's muse.

Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft intend to open their first season at the Haymarket with Lord Lytton's play, "Money." Mrs. Bancroft will be Georgina Vesey, Mr. Conway, Evelyn, Mr. O'Dell, Graves, and Miss Marion Terry,

Clara Douglass. An announcement that has created considerable sensation, both in the theatrical and social world, is that Mr. and Mrs. Sugden are shortly to appear together on the stage. Mrs. Sugden will be recalled best to the memory, perhaps, as Lady Desart, recently divorced perhaps, as Lady Desart, recently divorced from ber husband. They are to make their first public appearance together in Mrs. Wills' play, "The Stepmother," at the Duke's Theatre, Holborn. More im-CAUSE OF THE TAY BRIDGE DISASTER the Duke's Theatre, Holborn. More important is Mr. Carl Rosa's announcement that his grand season of opera in English is to commence at Her Majesty's on the 10th with Richard Wagner's opera of "Rienzi." This work was produced for the first time in English last year, with Mr. Moss in the title role, but this season Herr Schott, formerly first tenor of the Royal Opera-House at Hanover is to assume the obarac. House at Hanover, is to assume the character of The Last of the Iribunes. Mr. Rosa's novelties in English as announced are Wagner's "Libbengin" "Mignon."

leading character. The American prima donna has suddenly closed her con-nection with Mr. Mapleson's cheap Italian season, owing to unpleasantness with the regime now prevailing in that honoured institution. Patti and Nicolini are at the Opera Comique, Vienna. The prices for seats are, however, too high for the Viennese, and the financial result will possibly not prove so satisfactory as the managers would like. Hans von Bulow is shortly expected in London. There is also

The revival of the Tichborne case has attracted much attention, and Sir John Holker, the Attorney-General, has been almost universally blamed for granting a writ of error. The hearing is set down for an early day.

SCIENTIFIC. Mr. MacLear's experiments with carbon are still occupying the minds of diamond owners. Prof. Maskelyne's opinion that the results are merely silicates, has done much to tranquilize them, Mr. Maskelyne being an expert, and the scientists quoted by Mr. MacLear having a quite insufficient knowledge of mineralogy. Professor Charles Darwin has again brought credit to English science by winning a prize of twelve thousand francs offered at Turin for discoveries in the physiology of plants.

COMMERCIAL NOTES. Evidences of returning prosperity ommerce are present on all sides. The trade in poultry, game, and turkey was seldom so large as it has been this Christmas. In the book trade, 5,806 books were printed during the past year. The influence of America had made itself everywhere felt. Edison's electric discoveries are the absorbing theme of conver-

The New Year has opened dismally in of Wales has been keeping open house at Sandringham. Lord Napier, of Magdala, has been his guest since Christmas. Balls have been given to the tenants of neighbouring estates, and though the frost has rendered hunting impossible there has been witnessed Isandula, the Prince Imperial's

services in some of the churches, and with opened the county ball season, and for the delight of the children who are spending their holidays in town, the Lady Mayoress is issuing invitations for a juvenile fancy dress ball on the 15th.

A WEEK OF LITERARY SENSATIONS, Cornhill appears this month with a control of the spring are being rapidly pushed forward. Persia is believed to be in league with Gen. Kaufmann. The situation in Central Asia is fraught with alarms for Great Britain. The suspension of diplomatic relations with Turkey is another source of annoyance to the Government. The interest in Irish affairs is dying out. The Duchess of Marlborough's fund out. The Ducness or marriorough s und is already large. Many English noblemen are reducing their rents. The Dukes of Richmond and Norfolk have set the example to the extent of ten and tenny per cent. Lord Longford, an Irish peer, who was once Secretary of War, and who reports of destitution in Donegal find general credit. A vigorous concerted movement is being made towards emigra-tion, the agents of American railways easy warlike rumours in the clubs.
Russia is known to be threatening the Chinese frontier, and Lord Beaconsfield's Government is constantly on the alert against aggression from that quarter.

has been issued this week from the house of SampsonL ow, Son and Marston.

DEATH OF A PUPIL OF NOLLEKENS.

The Grosvebor Gallery opened on New Year's Day with a brilliant display of pictures. The private view was held on the day previous. The death of Henry Warren is announced this morning, He was a painter of the old school, born in the last century, and educated in sculpture by esteemed, but the present generation has event is regarded as consolidating the results of the late campaign in Zululand.
The Queen has sent her congratulations to
Sir Bartle Frere, Sir Garnet Wolseley, and
the Sultan of Zanzibar.

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DISASTERS ON THE SEINE.

The Herald Paris correspondent telegraphs: -"An Inspector of Navigation of the Seine has just furnished the Herald correspondent with some facts about the manding their induced in the sent and some facts about the manding their induced in the sent and some facts about the manding their induced in the sent and some facts about the manding their induced in the sent and some facts about the manding their induced in the sent and some facts about the sent and some facts are sent and some facts ar correspondent with some facts about the flood which hourly threatens the city. The public has been forbidden to cross the river on any bridge other than those which are built of stone. No present danger is now believed to threaten the latter. The erysipelas has set in. His wife and five children have been tending him with the utmost tenderness. The Villa Wahnfried and also two wooden arch frames and also two wooden arch frames of the same bridge. Several large launwas made known that the disease had reached a critical stage. It is possible that the composer's strength of constitution may save him, but at present there is stream from above Neuilly have also been stream from above Neuilly have also been the composer's stream from above Neuilly have also been stream from above Neuilly crushed against the bridges. The litter of spars is seen floating down the Seine as far as Pont St. Michael's. Many similar disasters are feared in spite of all the pre-The theatres are doing a lively business, and the Christmas pantomimes, mounted in a gorgeous fashion, are drawing, as usual, very large audiences of children, both old and young. Fortunately, the clown and the ballet dancers are not the only dramatic attractions. Bronsdon Howard's play, "The Old Love and The Banker's Daughter," is having a most successful run. Tennyson's new play, "The Falcon," is naturally the dramatic event of the present time, and all London disasters are feared in spite of all the precautions that are being taken. The Inspector is hourly receiving reports that navigation has recommenced on the Upper Seine. Incessant vigilance is still needed by day and night. All administrative, as well as private, material that was disposable has been put into requisition, and a great number of supplemental workmen has been employed. Orders have been given to sink the boat which drifted against the Pont Solferino. At Berry, an octroi post has been demolished and six event of the present time, and all London octroi post has been demolished and six employes drowned. At midnight the viaTheatre to see the charmingly picturesque duct of the Pont des Jour was safe, but

LATEST CABLE NEWS.

and Germany.

Russia Actively Preparing

ACRICULTURAL DISTRESS IN ENGLAND

The Relations of France and Ger

London, Dec. 31. A Rome despatch says:—"The new organ started under the protection and at the instance of Pope Leo XIII, appears here to morrow. It is called the Aurora. The leader brightly sets forth its programme and raison d'etre. It proposes to defend the liberty of the Holy See, to combat error, to respect persons, and to maintain justice and right. Its second article answers a Russian gentleman's exhortation to the Pope, advising him to give up Rom great interest felt in theatrical circles about the coming of Edwin Booth.

THE TICHBORNE REVIVAL.

The revival of the Tichborne case has net Cagliari, as the seat of Christ's Vicar it says, 'uphold the principle of the Pope's residence as sovereign at Rome.' newspaper also accuses several Senators and Deputies, of Freemasonry, and presents an important extract from Prince Metter-

> WHEN DISSOLUTION IS EXPECTED. The London correspondent of a Man-The London correspondent of a Man-nester paper says a good many members ported on the verge of starvation. of Parliament are now in town, and not one believes the next session of Parliament, which begins on the 5th February will run to the usual time of prorogation in August. There seems to be ground for the belief that a dissolution of Parliament will occur as soon as the Budget and other urgent bills shall have been adisposed of obably soon after Easter.

BISMARCK'S DISARMAMENT SCHEME It is stated, on good authority, that the attention of the English Government has which has yet given absolute adhesion to the scheme. In diplomatic circles, it is in the integrity of his motives.

BELLICOSE EDITORS. high and Humbert in the chest,

The Republique Francaise has been fined story of the theft of the diamonds.

A RUSSIAN NAVAL HERO DISMISSED, A St. Petersburg despatch says Adjutant Baranoff, who became famous during the Russo-Turkish war as commander of the Vesta, an old Russian merchant ressel, turned into a gunboat, in which he whipped a Turkish ironclad, after a five hours' fight off Kustendje in July 1877, has been court martialed and dis missed from the service for making use of insulting language in reference to the Ministry of Marine. It is probable the severe sentence will be modified by the supreme power.

LONDON, Jan. 1. FAMINE IN PERSIA. A telegram from Oomiah, Persia, reports that the famine in all that region is increas. ing daily. Unless strenuous efforts are made to send help from England and America, a great number of the population must perish. There are only two months' supply of food to sustain the people for the next seven months.

relief works may yet be necessary for England's own people. INCREASED SUFFERING IN IRELAND.

The latest news from the stricken districts in Ireland shews that the distress is very general, and is increasing, and frightful suffering is anticipated during the winter. The Society St. Vincent de Paul in France have resolved to have a special collection in its conferences to relieve the distress in Ireland.

ment for Derby, author of the Merchants' Shipping Act, has declared his intention of making an earnest effort the coming session of Parliament to secure legislation prohibiting the loading of grain in bulk. BOERS IN COUNCIL. A despatch from Cape Town says the

LONDON, Jan. 4. A fearful calamity occurred at Doncaster to day, causing the death of three persons and the destruction of a large amount of property. An explosion took place in a gunsmith's shop on one of the streets of the city. The cause of the explosion is unknown. There was supposed to be only a small amount of powder on the premises, but its force was so great that the pro-prietor of the shop, his wife, and a lady

JEALOUS GERMANY. Grievous accounts continue to reach Be lin of distress caused by famine in Upper Silesia. The Government, however, claims to be abundantly able to care for its own poor, and regards with considerable jealousy the officious aid tendered from certain sources unfriendly to the policy of Germany. High officials regard the organization of Panslavist societies osorganization of Pansiavist societies os-tensibly for charitable purposes as a political subterfuge, and dis-countenance their operation in every pos-sible way. Numerous Russian traders are operating through the Balkan States,

Russia Threatening Austria | terests, large estates are entirely unsal-

Owing to the undoubted existence of powerful grain rings, both in the United States and on this side of the water, grain WAR SAID TO BE IMPENDING importers here anticipate a heavy advance in the price of cereals during the coming

For the Struggle.

nich's newly published memoirs.

lately been directed to the prospects of disarmament put forward by Prince Bismarck. Despite the recent qualifying statements, Bismarck has prospected a scheme for gradual disarmament but Austria is the only Continental Power expected that Prince Bismarck will make a declaration on the subject shortly, but there seems not to be much confidence felt

A Paris despatch says the duel between A Paris despatch says the duel between M. Meyer, editor of La Lanterne, and M. Humbert, of the Mot d' Ordre, which was stopped on the 29th by reason of the breaking of Humbert's word has since been property, gathered at the castle, seized it, expelled all the servants, and sacked it.

FINED FOR SLANDERING DOW CARLOS. 300 francs and the Gaulois 200 francs for slandering Don Carlos in re-printing the

> overnor-General of Moscow, to succeed Dolgorouki.

DISTRESS IN ENGLAND.

Reports from the agricultural districts show there is considerable distress among the poorer classes of English farmers, and

LONDON, Jan. 2. Mr. Samuel Plimsoll, Member of Parlia-

peacefully after passing a resolution demanding their independence.

THE PREMIER'S REPLY. living next door, were killed. The shop was blown to fragments and many houses adjacent on each tide of the street demol THE RELATIONS OF THE THREE EMPIRES RE-GARDING THE REFORMS IN ASIA MINOR,

EXPECTED ADVANCE IN CEREALS. EGYPT AND ABYSSINIA. RDON PASHA'S REPORT ON THE SITUATION

spring. THE ELECTRIC LIGHT. Gas stocks have recovered from the decline caused by the announcement of Edison's perfected electric lamp. It is re-ported a new remarkable French invention for the production of the electric light will soon be made public. Meantime Edison's liscoveries are the absorbing theme of con-

A St. Petersburg telegram says an emphatic official denial is given to the statement that the establishment of a regency in whole, or in part, is contemplated BURMESE EMBASSY TO EUROPE A Rangoon despatch says the Burmese Government has determined to send an

embassy to Europe, and has sent a large sum of money here for the Embassy. A WARNING FOR THE FRENCH CABINET. An article in the Cologne Gazette, and which is apparently semi-official, warns the French Cabinet against coquetting with Russia or nourishing a policy of revenge. Prince Bismarck is well satisfied with the new French Ministry.

A Paris despatch says Herr Wagner, the composer, who has been reported danger ously ill, has left Bayreuth for Naples where he will spend the winter.

EIGHT THOUSAND PEOPLE STARVING. Famine prevails in some districts of RESIGNATION OF GERMAN GENERALS.

The German Generals Von Buse, Von Kirchbach, and others have resigned from the army, wishing to facilitate the promotions of younger officers. SIR AUSTIN AND THE SULTAN A Constantinople despatch says the Sultan has personally handed to Sir Austin Layard, the British Ambassador, the confiscated papers of Koeller, the German

PEASANT RISING IN RUSSIA. THE WORK OF THE NIHILISTS-ATTACK UPON COUNT SCHOUVALOFF'S CASTLE—COLLISION WITH THE MILITARY—THE COUNT MADE GOVERNOR OF MOSCOW.

LONDON, Dec. 30. A Vienna despatch says the Russian Nihilists are circulating among the peas ants the story that the Czar has issued decree ordering the landed proprietors to divide their estates among the peasants. The peasants on the estate of Count Schuouvaloff, in the ies of soldiers were disperse the rioters, and were received with showers of missiles. The affair has assumed a threatening aspect. The easants of several of the neighbouring ommunities have joined the rioters, all o

whom are excellently armed. GOVERNOR OF MOSCOW. Count Schouvaloff has been designated

FRANCE AND GERMANY. HE POLICY OF THE NEW CARINET AT PARIS -PRINCE BISMARCK'S WISH FOR A CON-

TINUANCE OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS—THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR AT ST. PETERSBURG CHARGED WITH ANTI-GERMAN INTRIGUES. LONDON, Jan. 1. A Berlin correspondent hears that a circular will not be issued by M. De Freycinct declaring the new French Ministry

will remain true to former political tradi tions and uphold a policy of peace. MUST BE WATCHED. The Cologne Gazette says it thinks that ermany must now look towards France with a more watchful eye.

PRINCE HOHENLOHE'S CHARGE. President Grevy held a grand official reception to-day, Prince Hohenlohe, the German Ambassador, in addressing M. DeFreycinct, said he was charged by Prince Bismarck to state that, notwithstanding they regretted Count De St. Vallier's resignation of the French mission to Berlin, he saw no reason why Germany's relations with the present Cabinet should not be an impress of the same sentiments of cordiality and peace that had been felt and manifested for the preceding Cabinet. General Chanzy charged with anti-German intrigues.

INTRIGUING AGAINST GERMANY. Disquieting rumours are circulating in erlin regarding the conduct of the French Ambassador at St. Petersburg, who is charged with violent Russophilism and inriguing against Germany.

London, Jan. 2. A Paris despatch says that Prince Ho-nenlohe, the German Ambassador, in expressing Prince Bismarck's wish for a coninuance of cordial relations between France and Germany, at President Grevy's France and Germany, at President Grevy's reception, spoke in a very loud tone. The Papal Nuncio, addressing M. De Freycinct, said:—"I rejoice to see placed at the head of the Cabinet a man whose broad conciliatory views, lofty character, and sentiments of toleration are well known, on whom we can rely to wield his power in the most equitable sincerely liberal man-ner, and in whom we are certain to find strictly impartial support.

M. De Freycinct, in the course of his reply, said he cherished no hostility to the Catholic religion. He profoundly respecta too close contact with political affairs, so as to rescue it from confusion, which might paralyze its efforts, and create difficulties, embarrassments, and cause regrets.
[M. De Freycinct is a Protestant.] ENGLAND, AUSTRIA, GERMANY.

A report has been in circulation that Lord Beaconsfield has made a communica-tion to the Cabinet Council on the result of negotiations with Austria and Germany, for the purpose of urging the Sultan to carry out his promises of reform. The for the purpose of urging the Sultan to carry out his promises of reform. The view taken of this question on the continent generally is that, as the demand is chiefly for reforms in Asia Minor, the task of pressing for such reforms belongs exclusively to England, who has acquired a clusively to England and the form to the Liberal rest, has a cleader of the Libera

Paris, Jan. 5.

during the past year in real estate values in this country. The land seles during 1879 did not amount to one-half in value of the amount in 1878. Owing to the hard of the amount in 1878. Owing to the hard interests, large estates are entirely unsalable,

EXPECTED ADVANCE IN CEREALS.

and in Germany, that the agreement of those powers to watch over the development of affairs in European Turkey, and bar any advance of Russia in that quarter, is in itself a great advantage to England, and that they are not called upon to interfere in the rivalry between England and Russia in Asia.

EXPECTED ADVANCE IN CEREALS.

And in Germany, that the agreement of those powers to watch over the development of a testimonial of confidence in the form of a testimonial Russia in Asia.

> OF KING JOHN-THEODORE'S SUCCESSOR SURROUNDED ON ALL SIDES BY HOSTILE | who recently crossed the frontier into Ger-TRIBES, CAIRO, Jan. 5. At his interview with the Khedive of Egypt mentioned on the 3rd, Gordon Pasha said the King of Abyssinia hated and was hated by all who came in contact with him. Abyssinia, he said, was sur-rounded on all sides by discontented

rounded on all sides by discontented tribes and rulers. To the eastward King Menelek, of Shoa, was sullenly opposed to King John, but was afraid to show overshostility. To the south Rosandall was also in open rebellion. In other quarters six or more chiefs were in actual revolt. Placed in this position Abyssinia could not attack Egypt. If the Khedive would supply the malcontent tribes with arms the second son of the late King Theodore would soon be placed on his father's throne. King John now regretted his exorbitant demands. Gordon Pasha stated that he should soon quit Egypt for good, and declared it would be advantageous for the country that a ruler really interested in its welfare should directly control affairs himself. The slave trade in the oudan has entirely ceased.

THE DISTURBER OF EUROPE.

ARLIKE PREPARATIONS OF RUSSIA - CON-CENTRATION OF TROOPS ON THE WESTERN FRONTIER - AUSTRIA AND GERMANY AIM-ED AT-FORTRESSES BEING STRENGTHEN-ED, MEANS OF COMMUNICATION IMPROVED, AND VAST SUPPLIES ACCUMULATED.

LONDON, Jan. 6. The Telegraph vouches for the trustworthiness of a communication dated Koneigsburg, December 31st, asserting that the distribution of the Russian army shows a striking convergence towards the western portion of the empire, and that Russia's effective forces are being increased in far greater proportion than can be justi-fied by the object of filling up vacancies left by the late Russo-Turkish war. Within the past few weeks the strong force already quartered in the western pro-vinces has been increased by four divisions of infantry and one of cavalry. This raises the force along the western frontier to nearly half the entire Russian army on a peace footing. Extensive measures of reorganization and improvement in all de-partments of the service are being pushed forward. The greatest activity also prevails in increasing means of communication and providing halting places. Military railways are being constructed. Deliveries of supplies for the arsenals, building materials, uniforms, etc., are being made on a vast scale with scarcely any at-tempt at concealment. The arming of the rontier fortresses is being effected with

the utmost promptitude. RECONNOITERING ON THE FRONTIER. A Berlin despatch states that two Rus- cwt. of flour." sian Generals with twelve staff officers are

reconnoitering on the German frontier in the Buckovina districts. CONTROL OF THE DANUBE.

A St. Petersburg despatch says Russia claims the sole control of the Kilia branch of the Danube. The Danube Commission strongly oppose the claim as being contrary to the Treaty of Paris.

London, Jan. 7.

The Pesth correspondent, who denies the reported movements of the Russian army towards the Austrian frontier is not authority of sufficient weight to justify the acceptance of his contradiction of the detailed report of Russian military preparations, which come from various points on the Austrian and German frontiers. Those reports are beginning to excite attention throughout Europe. Pamphlets have just been issued in Berlin entitled "Fortifications of the German-Russian Frontier," wherein the defences of each country are elaborately discussed, and the respective advantages of the different plans of invasion on either side canvassed. The author is evidently a German military man. The appearance of such a pamphlet man. The appearance of such a pamphlet under the present circumstances, is regarded in Berlin as highly significant. The writer expresses the belief that Germany's Eastern frentier is sufficiently defended. German forces can be easily and quickly mobilized. ized and thrown upon important points in sufficient strength, even on the shortest notice, to hold the Russians at bay on the frontier until measures of resistance in the interior can be thoroughly organized. The following passage closes the treatise:

"Should those restless statesmen and generals, notwithstanding their experience in the Russo-Turkish war, venture to satiate their thirst for close, by their thirst for glory by an attack upon Germany, they may perhaps find their object a trifle more difficult of attainment n this country than it proved in Turkey.' GERMANY'S MILITARY FACILITIES, The Augsburg Allgemeine Zeitung says

the German army requires nine days for mobilization and for transport to the East-ern frontier. It would have at its disposal ten railways. Thus, with the greatest imaginable speed, the German armies would appear on the Polish frontier, and be able to cross it sooner than the enemy. FRANCE BULLIED AND BUSSIA THREATENED. INDEPENDENCE OR ANNEXA-The Cologne Gazette, referring to the speech of the German Ambassador on the occasion of President Grevy's reception, to diplomatic representatives on New Year's Day, declares that the peace of Europe is threatened by Russia only, and Germany and Austria are determined to hold Russia in check. The article is remarkable for its insolent, threatening tene toward France and its hostility to Russia. authorized Prince Bismarck only authorized Prince Hohenlohe's speech, in which is expressed the cordial sentiments of Germany tewards France after the French Premier, in reply to Bismarck's enquiry, had given a satisfactory statement of his foreign policy and adds.

THE DANGERS OF RUSSIAN FRIENDSHIP.

"After his explanations, M. de Freycinct, like his predecessor, will prudently regard any too close connection with Russia as dangerous, and will decline to play with fire, and therefore so long as he is all right the property of the whole North American continent in a most disastrous way, and imperil the very existence of the Republic. The American continent in a most disastrous way, and imperil the very existence of the Republic. The American continent in a most disastrous way, and imperil the very existence of the Republic. The American continent in a most disastrous way, and imperil the very existence of the Republic. The American continent in a most disastrous way, and imperil the very existence of the Republic. The Americans, who are a practical people, will allow Europe, with her eight millions of armed men, to have all the fighting they wish among themselves, but they are determined not to allow the brute size intervention policy to invade this continent.

Mr. Perrault is a leader of the Liberal

accordingly is in an eminent degree a message intimating the continuance of peace in Europe." [Norg. - Recently the Cologne Gazette has faithfully represented Prince Bismarck's views on questions of foreign Mission to America. A RUSSIAN REQUEST.

many. No steps have yet been taken to comply with the request ENGLAND'S GRAIN MARKET. HEAT-SOWING PREVENTED BY FROST DAMAGE TO ROOTS IN FRANCE-OFFERINGS AND PRICES IN MARK LANE.

Russia has asked Prussia to extradite thirty-six deserters from the Russian army

Lendon, Jan. 7. The Mark Lane Express, in its review of the British grain trade for the past week, says:—"The recent frost prevented the or wheat, especially in the midlands, and At a meeting in Galway of the Committee few districts where it is reported that of the Irish Land League, a report wa only about half the intended quantity has read from Michael Davitt, Relief Commis een sown. As the frost has now disappeared, some of this deficiency, at any Resolutions were adopted recommending rate, should speedily be remedied. It is the formation of branches of the League in mpossible as yet to state the effect of the every parish in Ireland with sub-bra seriously injured. Apprehensions are felt on this point. In France the roots have een much damaged throughout some sections, and it will be difficult and expensive for cattle-owners to tide over the winter.

Damp weather has rather deteriorated the freshly threshed grain. The quantity offered at Mark Lane has

been small and prices not quotably lower. The trade in foreign wheat was only slightly affected by the holiday influences during the past week, and the full rates of last Monday have been obtainable. The supply for the moment is doubtless in excess of the demand and stocks are increasing. Holders, howand stocks are increasing. Holders, how-ever, do not seem inclined to make sales. There seems a general inclination to await a further development of the situation in America. If prices here had continued as towards the fund instituted by the Lord abnormally depressed as during the first Mayor of London for relief of the distress half of the year 1879, the great speculative in Ireland. Meetings were held yesterday enterprise which is now affoat in America at Rathdrum, Wicklow, Tully, Scrine, and could hardly have failed to be successful, but now that prices in England have risen Lord Mayor of Dublin has opened an Irish ten to twelve shillings per quarter, the possibility of a corner is materially diminished. The only noteworthy change in feeding stuffs has been a fall in maize of about a shilling per quarter in consequence of large arrivals and a flagging de-mand. The arrivals at ports of call have been moderate. Wheat in the early part of the week declined 6d to 1s per quarter, but it has since partly recovered. Maize was in less demand. Wheat, to arrive, was inactive. American offerings are still high. Maize was flat, with a declining tendency. New crop mixed American offered at 26s 6d per 480 lbs., American onered at 20s 6d per 480 lbs., for January and February shipment. The sales of English wheat last week were 24,574 quarters at 46s 11d per quarter, against 37,892 quarters at 39s 7d per quarter, for the corresponding week last year. The imports into the United Kingdom during the week ending December 27th were 840,666 cwt. of wheat, and 22,914 cwt. of finer."

AN AWFUL TRAGEDY.

Young Lady Beliberately Murders Her Father and Herself. ROCHESTER, N.Y., Jan. 3.—The village of Lyons, thirty-eight miles east of Rochester, on the main line of the New York Central railroad, was thrown into a state of townish avoid mount to describe the contral railroad. of terrible excitement to day by a double to day by a Miss Emme Frances Hovey walked deliberately into her father's store, and shot him dead with a one-barrelled pistol, and immediately afterward went upstairs and shot herself. The circumstances attendant upon this terrible affair are as follows. Miss Hovey was some years ago engaged to Eugene Raines, brother of ex State Senator Raines, who committed suicide at Natchi-toches, Louisiana, in the early fall. His death at the time was published

as occurring from natural causes, because of his relatives. For some weeks Miss murdered man was first found by Captain West, who notified Mr. Hovey's son George. It was not at first apparent who shot Mr. Hovey, but the girl's muff being found, she was sought and found uncon-scious. Her death occurred about mid-night. Just before she did the terrible deed which ended two lives, she posted two letters, one to her pastor, Rev. Mr. Brownell, and one to Mr. William Manning, of this city. The latter has not been received, but the former speaks of her terrible trouble, and says it was not herself who committed the awful deed. Mr. Hevey was a highly respected member of society. His daughter was 27 years old.

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yesterday at Riverstown, on the borders of Sligo, Ireland. Ten thousand peasantry The Secretary of the Political Economy Club Explains His Position. Montreal, Jan. 5.—Mr. C. A. Dugas, Police Magistrate, intends to resign his connection with the Political Economy Club, which recently held its inaugural dinner at the Windsor Hotel. A long letter is published in the Montreal Herald this morning from Mr. J. Perrault, in reply to Sir Francis Hincks, and in explanation of his position on the independence-annexation question. After reviewing our commercial relations with the great markets of the world. Mr. Perrault

marck's enquiry, had given a satisfactory statement of his foreign policy, and adds:

—"No Ministry in France will last long if Prince Bismarck opposes it. For such a purpose, Heaven be thanked, we possess the requisite material and force, and the mental power, which stands at the head of it. No State can stand on good terms with Germany which enters into political intimacy with Russia."

The moment we are independent, we shall have the trade we want from the United States. I affirm here, and defy contradiction, that both political parties in the United States. Republican and Democratic, are one in sentiment on this question. Reciprocity will follow independence, but will never precede it. They cannot afford to build upon the northern frontier, a ferigin European power, hostile to their institutions, whose presence here can to-morrow embroil the whole North American continent in a most disastrous war, and imperil the very exist-Mr. Perrault is a leader of the Liberal

SERIOUS DISTURBANCES IN CALWAY.

Collision Between the Constabulary and the Peasantry.

Establishment of Belief Works.

BY CABLE TO THE MAIL. London, Dec. 31 The Mayor of Limerick has received a letter from the President of the St. Patrick's Society, Chicago, informing him-that he has forwarded five hundred dollars fer relief of the distressed poor in Ireland. sioner on the distress in West Ireland

centres of Irish population in England, Scotland and America. RELIEF WORKS A NECESSTY The fund instituted by the Duchess of Marlborough for the relief of the distress quan-has by the line in Ireland now amounts to over £41,000. Dr. McEvilly, Bishop of Gelway, and coad-

PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A RAILWAY A Dublin despatch says an influential deputation, headed by the Marquis of Hamilton, waited upon the Hon. James Lowther, Under Secretary for Ireland, to ask aid in precuring a loan of £35,000 for the construction of a railway from Donegal to Castle Caldwell as a relief work. Mr. Lowther promised to lay the matter

before the Treasury.

The London Times' commenting on says :-

Mr. Parnell's policy of placing

Irish tenant farmers in the possession of the land they till, may please the incon-siderate crowds of their emigrant countrymen, but it is rejected by the firm, sober-minded individualism and strength of the United States. We have already seen that the most powerful organs of opinion in the Union, notably the New York Herald, have condemned Mr. Parnell's policy as reactionary and ruinous to Ireland." The *Times* does not see the use of the Parnell movement, as the Americans are, always to their honour, liberal and prompt in helping the needy, and do not require Mr. Parnell's intervention.

The Times wishes Mr. Parnell success in any charitable work he may inspire for the benefit of the distressed districts of Ire-land, but hopes he will not misrepresent

the landlords. SERIOUS DISTURBANCES IN GALWAY. A most serious conflict has occurred at of his relatives. For some weeks Miss Hovey had been suffering from monomania, principally of a religious nature, resulting from her lover's tragic death. A remarkably strong attachment has existed between herself and her father, and she has often asked him if he would like to go on a long journey with her. He, supposing her to refer to an earthly journey, said '' Yes," and she took him at his word to-day at half-past one p.m. Mr. Hovey was alone in his store when shot, and the Carraroe, County Galway, between masses said "Yes," and she took him at his word to-day at half-past one p.m. Mr. Hovey was alone in his store when shot, and the pistol ball entered his right temple, crashing into the brain, and producing almost instantaneous death. Then, as bloody finger marks show, she kissed her father, and went into a store-room above, and shot herself in exactly the same spot. The murdered man was first found by Captain West. who notified Mr. Hovey's son s son held at Claremores, County Galway, on twho Sunday, at which 3,000 were present.

> A tenant right meeting was held at Killarney, Ireland, to-day. Six thousand people were present. The usual resolutions favouring a peasant proprietary and condemning the action of the Government were adopted. The O'Donoghue fiercely denounced the landlords. A very large and excited anti-rent meeting was also held at Claremorris to-day, at which Davitt, one of the released agitators, de-LONDON, Jan. 6.

ANTI-RENT MEETINGS.

were present. ANOTHER APPEAL TO AMERICA. The Dublin Mansion House Committee. for the relief of the distress in Ireland, have resolved to send telegrams to the Mayors of a number of cities in America urgently appealing for help. THE VACATED FARMS.

A great land agitation meeting was held

A meeting was held at Kilcoman to-day, at which persons taking farms from which tenants had been evicted were severely denounced. PEASANTS JUBILANT.

A land meeting was held at Lougheca to-night, at which Messrs. Mitchell, Henry and Davitt made speeches. The Conne-mara peasants are jubilant, the last day for serving ejectments having passed, and only four out of one hundred and twenty having been served. The poorer householders and tenants in Dublin and elsewhere are com-

mencing to agitate the reduction of rents.

Apparent Split in the Camp of Our Friends. ORANGEVILLE, Jan. 3 -There is considcountenance their operation in every possible way. Numerous Russian traders are operating through the Balkan States, whose movements are regarded with much suspicion.

DEFRECIATION OF LAND VALUES IN ENGLASTIC ADDRESS AND LAND.

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