

nearby reached the Marabout of Sidi Brahim four leagues distant from Djennah, when he was all of a sudden surrounded by a number of horsemen and Kayles of the country and of Morocco, whom he resolutely charged with the intention of opening a passage through their ranks.

The *inter* was dreadful, for all, both officers and men, were in instant danger, and the only exception only being the *Chasseurs* of Orleans, commanded by Captain Goureaux, the only surviving officer. Notwithstanding the efforts of the *Chasseurs*, the eighty men possessed themselves of the *Abdel-Kader* vainly attempted to carry the building; first upon them through loops, which the besieged had made in the wall with their swords and bayonets, the Emir was compelled to raise a siege which had cost him many killed.

"During two days," says the correspondent of the *Standard*, "our men remained in the Marabout, without being able to take any rest and having neither provisions or water. *Abdel-Kader* summoned them on three different occasions to surrender, pledging himself that they should suffer no injury, 'for,' he added, 'you treat the Mussulman prisoners with humanity.' Although reduced to the last extremity, our eighty brave soldiers would not listen to any arrangement. Under these circumstances *Abdel-Kader* thought proper to retire, leaving, however, a numerous body of horsemen to continue the blockade of the Marabout. Scarcely was the main force of the besiegers out of sight than the besieged sallied out, and forcing their way through the blockading line at the point of the bayonet, they proceeded in the direction of the Chasseurs of Orleans, who were again assailed by a number of the place, when they were again assailed by a multitude of Kayles; the Captain was among the first who fell, and his soldiers not wishing to abandon his body to the enemy, rallied round it till they were again killed.

In the mean time, however, the report of the *Standard* was heard at Ghazoua, where the alarm had been given by a hunter, the only one who had escaped the massacre of the *Chasseurs*, who accompanied Colonel Montague. When the garrison of the post arrived on the spot, twelve men only were still alive, who were brought back to Djennah *Goureaux*; in all, fourteen survivors out of four hundred and fifty men.

A report was current that an expedition was to be despatched against Madagascar, under command of the Prince de Joinville.

The *Prisoner of Ham*.—A letter from Paris of the 13th inst. contains the following account:—Prince Louis Bonaparte is tired of his prison at Ham, and is said to be disposed to submit to any terms imposed upon him for his liberation. The Minister of the Interior has sent him a person who is provided with confidential instructions. It is believed the prisoner and his companions in misfortune, will soon be restored to freedom, and it is said will proceed to America.

Louis Philippe completed his 73rd year, on the 6th inst., on which occasion there was a banquet at St. Cloud.

GERMANY.

HEIDELBERG, September 27.—Yesterday evening, soon after the arrival of Ronge and his companions, the heads of the Catholic Church, who were in the city, were informed that the *Prisoner of Ham*, who made it known that he was the son of the Emperor of the French, had been released. The Minister of the Interior had permitted the prisoner to be released, and to deliver any public address. At the same time it was intimated that if security for compliance with this order should not be given, Ronge must leave the town immediately.

Under these circumstances the persons who had appeared before themselves bound to give the required security. From the prohibition against speaking, addresses on giving tokens were expected. In consequence of this order no devotion was to be performed by German Catholics, and the *Prisoner of Ham* must not be heard in any sacred place. A festival was, however, held at Prince Max's, at which more than 400 persons attended. Ronge was present, and was accompanied by the *Prisoner of Ham* and Jerome Bonaparte, who had appeared for the German Catholics, gave the meeting an account of the proceedings taken by the police, and led a cheer for Ronge, which was given with great zeal.

SPAIN.

If the Madrid papers are to be believed, the great question of the Queen's marriage is decided; she is to have for her husband Prince Ferdinand of Sax-Coburg, a brother of the Emperor of Russia. Her Majesty is said to be in favour of one of the French Princes. This arrangement is said to have been agreed on at the late visit of Victor to King Louis Philippe, at St. Cloud. The Cabinet of Vienna is said to have given its assent to the arrangement.

A serious conspiracy is said to be organising in Arragon, from the fact, that a large quantity of uniforms, arms, and ammunition of the National Guards, had been discovered concealed at Saragossa.

ITALY.

The city of Rimini was the theatre of a political explosion which lasted three days, commencing on the 23d of Sept. It originated—or is said to have originated—in a gathering of the people at some public games; certain individuals were insulted and noisy, which induced the guards to interfere. Two of the most noisy were arrested, but others came to their rescue, and the guard were overpowered.

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Eugene Sue, author of the *Wandering Jew*, has been formally excommunicated by the Archbishop of Lyons, primate of France.

It is intended to have sixteen line-of-battle ships, and eight or ten frigates, with screw-propellers, as block-ships for the English sea-ports.

The railway fever rages as violently in France as in England. The sum drawn out of the Paris Savings' Bank is large, principally for purposes of speculations in shares, was 2,367,728*fr.*, while the deposits amounted only to 501,156*fr.*

The *Courrier du Havre* announces that a scientific commission is preparing, at that port, for its departure, with the view of exploring the ruins of Palaeque, and other scattered vestiges of our ancient civilization, in the sand, in the forests which Cortes believed to be untouched by man.

One of the first commercial houses of Utrecht, it is said, is at the head of a committee formed for the purpose of buying up potatoes and other alimentary substances in foreign lands, and retelling them to the poor of its own country, without profit.

The statistics of the French navy show that on the 1st of January last, the total number of persons employed in it was 112,462, of whom 11,156 were captains, masters, and pilots. The total number on the 1st of January, 1844, was 109,410, and on the 1st of January, 1850, only 85,000.

The French consul at Bahia has addressed a remarkable report to the Minister of Foreign Affairs at home, announcing the discovery, at the distance of eighty leagues from that capital, of an abundant mine of diamonds—a source of immense wealth to the empire.

The Prussian society for discouraging useless expenditure at funerals is actively progressing. One of the rules is that no coffin shall cost more than six thalers; that four and six horse coaches be dispensed with; and that the mourning be reduced to the simplest and most economical.

We hear that the disease amongst the potatoes in England, which is said to be assuming the appearance of a mere scurf upon the skin, the potato being restored to perfect health. Should this turn out to be the fact generally, the case will be one of the most singular on record. That it has occurred, we have several instances upon the most undoubted authority.—*Carlisle Journal*.

The Russian Navy.—Russia possesses in the Baltic, at present, one ship of 120 guns, three of 110, fifteen of 84, twelve of 74, thirty of 64 to 45, and 120 of less power, amongst which are steamers armed for war. In the Black Sea she has two ships of 120 guns, two of 110; twelve of 84, eight of 74, eight of 60, ten of 44, and 100 smaller vessels in the Caspian and White seas.

RAILROAD SPEED.—The average speed of the express trains operated, on the principal English railways, is forty-five miles per hour. To attain this average speed, considering the great number of stoppages, the long spaces necessary to get up a high speed, and to bring the train again to rest, the actual running speed, while in full motion, cannot be less than seventy miles per hour.

The British Customs House is waking up, and the discoveries alluded to in the papers by the last steamers are growing in the hands of vigilant officers to an extent hitherto unheard of, and not even imagined to be possible. The discoveries in London induced the officers to go down to Liverpool, where they made an extensive seizure of watches, &c. The searches there gave the clue to other dealers in London, and it is asserted that an incredible amount will be recovered to the revenue. The parties in Liverpool were forewarned.

THE REVENUE.—The quarter's Revenue was to be made up this evening. It was expected that in the Customs there would be a large deficiency, amounting to about £1,000,000, but this is easily accounted for by the reduction in sugar, and the small introduction of foreign corn during the last quarter, as compared with a corresponding quarter of last year. The Excise, on the contrary, notwithstanding the large reduction of the duty on glass and other articles, would present an increase on the quarter estimated at £500,000. In the Post Office, stamps and taxes there will be a large increase, and also in the Miscellaneous, but in the latter is included money received from China, amounting to about £400,000. The property tax will exhibit a small decrease arising from the postponement of the dividends by the act of last year.

In the other branches of the revenue there is little alteration. On the whole we understand that the quarter's revenue, as compared with the corresponding quarter of last year, will show a decrease of £200,000.

THE CORN TRADE.

(From the *Mark-Lane Express*.)

We had comparatively fine weather in the neighbourhood of the metropolis, up to Thursday; since then, a considerable quantity of rain has fallen, and the weather is generally unsettled and noisy, which induced the guards to interfere. Two of the most noisy were arrested, but others came to their rescue, and the guard were overpowered.

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The Cotton market is dull—more so than at the sailing of the last steamer. There is less business done, and prices have a drooping tendency. The same cause is in operation to keep the market down as we pointed at in our last publication, nor is anything likely to reverse it but the chance of a short crop. The accounts on this head from the other side are looked for with much avidity; they will be analyzed, it is needless to say, with the most searching minuteness, and as the cry of "well, well!" must be actually at the door before his growl will excite much attention. Still holders, in the present state of the market, evince no great disposition to push their stocks forward, and to this cause may be attributed the trifling decline, as compared with the business, which the staple has sustained.

THE IRON TRADE.

BIRMINGHAM, Oct. 8.—The quarterly meeting of the iron masters of South Staffordshire and Shropshire was held in the town-hall of this town yesterday, when the attendance of gentlemen from these districts, and from Wales, was numerous beyond all precedent. The additional demand occasioned by the Railway movement mentioned by the *Times*, (and it might have been added for all other purposes for which it is so valuable,) has been a great stimulus to iron, and the present position of business induces the belief that the market is now, to say the least of it, in a wholesome condition.

It was understood, from what occurred some days ago at Wolverhampton, that no advance would take place at the Birmingham meeting; and at the opening of business to-day, the same opinion pretty generally prevailed. It appeared, however, in the course of a very short time, that certain of the leading houses had decided upon a further advance of one penny, thus raising merchant bars, or manufactured iron, to £20 to £210.

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