

SUMMARY OF NEWS

ENGLAND.

The London papers, in the absence of parliamentary intelligence, seize minor topics, and, perhaps, occasionally give them undue importance. Beside the lamentable destruction at the Plymouth docks, racing, the officers of the 11th Hussars, and other subjects of similar consequence, occupy much attention. Extracts, giving a view of the military subject, would occupy more space than its relative importance demands; but, as it is of some interest, and much popularity, we give an outline here. It appears that Lord Brudenell, was Colonel of the 15th Hussars, and a steady Tory member of the House of Commons, during seven Parliaments. He became notorious by a Court Martial on one of his officers, Captain Watham, which resulted in the acquittal of the accused, and the removal of the Colonel. To the surprise of many, his Lordship was elevated from the half-pay list, to the much-coveted command of the 11th Hussars, the regiment now called Prince Albert's. Lord Brudenell became Earl of Cardigan, and a Peer, by the death of his father. In the command of the 11th, he has rendered himself conspicuous in some quarrels between his officers and civilians, and more recently in disputes concerning regulations of the mess table and the barrack room. Lieut. Tuckett was severely reprimanded by the Earl, for retaining the key of his room, a challenge and duel resulted, the Lieutenant was badly wounded, and the Colonel, in consequence, is under recognizances to appear before a Court of Justice. Sometime in May last, Captain Reynolds, of the 11th, while sitting at Mess, called for a bottle of Moselle, and the bottle was placed on the table. The Colonel sent to him, informing him that that was contrary to etiquette, and gave the mess the appearance of a tavern. Capt. Reynolds considered the message offensive, and so stated to the messenger, Capt. Jones, and warned him of the consequences of similar messages in future, that he, Capt. Reynolds, would hold the person conveying them responsible. The answer was reported, and produced a sharp reprimand, an arrest, further remarks from the Colonel, which were considered offensive, and a letter from Capt. Reynolds, very personal and sarcastic. After some intermediate proceedings, a Court Martial for the trial of Capt. Reynolds was ordered. Several sittings of the Court are reported in the English papers. The subject is warmly canvassed, much sympathy appears to be felt for Captain Reynolds, and indignation concerning the conduct of the Earl. There is another question pending, between the Colonel, and another Captain Reynolds. The subject has assumed a party hue, from the circumstance of the Colonel being a Tory, but papers at both sides agree that he is not well adapted for the command of a regiment. The affair has given an opportunity for severe criticism against Lord Hill, the Commander-in-Chief, and against her Majesty's Ministers for giving and continuing power to his Lordship.

Much activity prevailed in the Naval department, in the preparation of armed steamers, and other ships of war.

Orders were given to four companies of shipwrights in Portsmouth yard to work thirteen hours on the *Lulus* 78, in order to get her ready for sea. We believe the shipwrights of Sheerness and Plymouth yards have been ordered to work three hours additional duty.

Orders are waiting at Portsmouth for the *Dougal's* officers and men to turn over, immediately on their arrival, to the *Britannia*, 120 guns, when Sir Edward Codrington's staff and followers are to be transferred to the *Queen*, of 110 guns.

The *Howe*, of 120 guns, at Sheerness, is getting ready for sea, and has orders to complete her complement of men to 850, with six months' provision, and to be at Spithead in a month. The *Ocean*, is to furnish all her men, and pensioners are to be entered to make up the rest. The *Monarch* 84, is getting ready to be Sir Henry Digby's flag-ship.

The *Vanguard*, 84, is fitting at Plymouth for removal to Portsmouth harbour, where she will be got ready for immediate commission.

The *Formidable*, 84, is ordered to Chatham from Sheerness to be docked and fitted for sea, the shipwrights at Sheerness being so much engaged with the *Howe*, and *Monarch*. The *Formidable*, is to be got ready in one month, and the people are to work from daylight till dark on her.

The *Tranquebar*, a magnificent vessel, building in the Woolwich Dock-yard, and to be mounted with 120 guns, is now in a very forward state, being so far finished in the woodwork as to admit of receiving the priming and first coat of paint on the upper deck.

The walls of Liverpool are covered with bills, inviting seamen to enter on board the *Britannia*, of 120 guns, the *Howe*, of 120, the *Calcutta*, of 86, and the *Southampton* frigate, all fitting out at Portsmouth and Plymouth. The *Vanguard* and the *Rodney* have both been manned by volunteers thus collected from London and the out-ports.

A DESTRUCTIVE MACHINE.—A late London paper in speaking of some newly invented exploding machines, which are not described, says:

"In my opinion, the merits of these inventions are so extraordinary as to vest the absolute sovereignty of the seas in the hands of the first power that shall adopt them: for I am fully convinced that it is impossible for any thing that floats to resist them, either at close quarters or any given distance, even to a range of five or six miles. The strongest fortifications in Europe could not withstand these extraordinary powers for a single hour, in rivers, sways and against stockades, as in India, the largest armies would be annihilated without a chance of escape; and the most difficult mountain passes would be utterly untenable against their operation. The country might by their application be rendered impregnable: for 100

sail of the line might be easily destroyed by a single small ship constructed on the principles I have explained to me; and whenever it might be necessary to call this power into action, its effects would be attained at a trifling expense, and upon the shortest notice."

British Fleet in the Mediterranean.—The following is, we believe a correct list of the British fleet in the Mediterranean:

1 Princess Charlotte,	104
2 Powerful,	84
3 Ganges,	84
4 Thunderer,	84
5 Bellerophon,	78
6 Revenge,	76
7 Cambridge,	78
8 Asia,	84
9 Implacable,	74
10 Hastings,	72
11 Benbow,	72
12 Edinburgh,	72

On passage out

Rodney,	92
Vanguard,	84
Castor,	36
Pique,	36
Inconstant, (at Gibraltar, it is said)	36

Fitting.

Britannia,	120
Howe,	120
Calcutta,	84
Bellerophon (no men)	72

POPULATION OF RUSSIA.—The population of Russia in 1838 was 58,877,200 including the army and navy, the wandering tribes, Poland and Finland, the number of inhabitants is 62,500,000.

UNITED STATES.

Business.—The almost simultaneous arrival here, of the *Chester*, the *Alton*, and the *Vandalia* from New Orleans, and the *Indian Queen* from the Ohio, together with the loading of the *Meteor* for New Orleans, have given our wharf the appearance of former days and better times. The entire space between Main street and the water's edge, for a goodly distance up and down the wharf, presents to the view pile by pile, and almost pile upon pile, of groceries and merchandize by the late arrivals, hardly leaving space sufficient for the thoroughfare of the footman, much less of affording means of access to the dry, to the miniature mountain which he is desirous to remove.—*St. Louis Republican*.

Melancholy Occurrence.—The Baltimore Republican says that William S. Ramsey, newly elected member of Congress from Cumberland county, Pa. came to his death on Sunday, in his room at Barron's Hotel, from the discharge of a pistol, the contents of which entered his head immediately below the eye. The deceased was a gentleman of great popularity and universally respected and esteemed. No cause can be assigned for the voluntary commission of this act.

A Counterfeit.—A fellow pretending to be in a fit, was carried from the street in New Orleans, into a grocery store and laid upon the counter where brandy was poured down his throat, and he recovered.—A wag, happened to be present, said the fellow was a rogue, and the fit was a counter-fit!

Another Iron Steamer.—We learn from the Louisville City Gazette of the 10th, that an iron steamer was launched from the boat yard above that city the day before. The experiment made by the projectors of the Valley Forge, has been entirely successful. Its bottom is formidable to snags, and escape injury from bars and shallows altogether.

Indian Fight.—We St. Louis Republican of the 8th of Oct. says:

"The Malta arrived yesterday from Bellevue on the Missouri, brings intelligence of a battle that had taken place between a small party of Sioux and about two hundred and 50 Pottawatomies, the news of which came in while the box lay at Bellevue. There was one Sioux and two Pottawatomies killed; when the latter danced 'the scalp dance' for three successive days over the dissected Sioux, whom they had literally cut to pieces."

A Bloody Affray.—The Olive Branch of the 15th ult., published at Monroe, La., contains the account of a fatal and bloody rencontre which lately occurred in Bayou Mason, in the Parish of Carroll. The particulars were given to the editor of the Olive Branch, by a gentleman from Lake Providence.

It appears that suspicion had long been entertained of a secret association of robbers on Island No. 92 in the Mississippi. The whole country was rife with accounts of their depredations. After the late murder of a Mr. Webb, on Bayou Mason, it became the determination of the people to use every means for their extermination. One of the clan, a man by the name of Lavery, was known to be at the house of Garrett P. Rollins, on the Bayou, and was extensively known as a negro thief. Mr. Wm. A. Colman deputy sheriff of Carroll, determined to arrest him, and for that purpose started, in company with three others, in pursuit. On arriving near the house they separated, Colman and one of the men going in front, and the other two to the back part. Lavery in the meantime had been informed that there was a warrant out for him, and when he spied Colman and his companion nearing the house he snatched up a double barreled gun and rushed to the door.

Colman commanded him to surrender. He then asked Colman if he intended to shoot him. Colman replied that unless he surrendered he most certainly would. At this instant they both raised their guns and fired so nearly together that the difference could scarcely be distinguished. Colman was shot with a double barreled shot gun, and fell dead on the spot, one buck shot entering his throat, another his chin, and twelve just below the nose. Lavery was shot with two rifle balls, both entering the left side, one just below the nipple, and the other about two inches to the right, a little about. He did not fall, but grasped his gun with desperate firmness, and attempted to cock the other barrel. He was then fired on by Colman's companion, who, missing him, rushed forward and knoc

down with the butt of his gun. At this instant one of the men who had gone to the back part of the house, came up, and placing the muzzle of his gun against Lavery's head, fired, scattering his brains over the yard. The neighbours soon assembled, under a great deal of excitement, a hole was dug in the earth, and Lavery, boots, shoes hat, and all, were pitched in and covered up.

Punctual.—Some idea may be formed of the punctuality of the arrival of the steamships of the Cunard line at this port, when it is known that the barkmen appear at the steamboat wharf the very hour a steamship is due from Liverpool, and arrange their carriages in a line, waiting to receive the passengers the moment they arrive as is the case at our

Quebec, Oct. 14.

Stonion Diarz.—This performer had a respectable attendance at the Albion Hotel, on the evenings of the 12th and 13th inst. We believe his performances excel any thing of the kind that has been seen here. Indeed, his address is so complete, both in the great variety of tricks which he exhibits, and in his ventriloquism feat his auditors feel some degree of mortification that they cannot account in any way for what appears to be a reality, which they well know that it is deception.

There is one good that results from these exhibitions. It is that people must be persuaded that it is not safe to trust too much to the superficial appearance of things. They

their claim. But their plans have hitherto been defeated. Now they have gone upon another tack. Their late visit to that settlement has enabled them to ascertain the probability of finding several weak-minded people's chime in with their view. For this purpose, Town Meeting has been, or will be called, if not in the settlement—in its immediate vicinity. In ulterior object will be carefully concealed.—British subjects will be invited to attend, in order to allure them from their allegiance to their rightful sovereign. The tempting bait will be insidiously held to view. The probability of being appointed Selectmen, Magistrates &c. will we fear be too much for the loyalty of simple minded habitants.—*Times*.

CANADA.

Niagara, Oct. 8.

Five coloured men (privates in Captain McDonald's corps) were placed at the bar this morning, charged with being concerned in a riot at Chippewa; but in consequence of a flaw having been discovered in the indictment, they were bound over in their own recognizance to appear at the sessions. In the New York Commercial, of last Saturday, we observe a letter on the subject of this riot, addressed to the Governor General, which, as we are advised, contains several misstatements.

On Friday the 25th of last month, as two boys aged 13 and 11 years, sons of Mr. Alexander, were digging potatoes on the farm of Capt. McCormick, about two miles from this town, a large she-bear attacked them and succeeded in grappling the eldest in her paws, when she was assisted by the younger with spade in hand, who inflicted such a blow on her nose as caused the blood to flow freely, and also to relinquish her hold of the boy.—The animal then retreated to the bush and was followed by Mr. Rivers, who shot one of her cubs by which she was accompanied. The boy says it enraged him so to see such a monster in the act of carrying off his brother, that he was determined no such outrage should be committed in quiet while he could lead a hand in opposing it. He ought to have a medal.—*London U. C. Gazette*.

Toronto, Oct. 9.

It is rumoured that Mr. Egerton Ryerson, is to be elevated to the rank of Bishop by the American Episcopal Methodist Society.

Kingston, Oct. 7.

A meeting of Commission of the Synod of Canada assembled this day in Saint Andrew's Church in this place. The Commission, we learn, will take into consideration the affairs of Queen's College, and other important matters connected with the Church.

Quebec, Oct. 13.

AGRICULTURAL.—The late rainy weather cleared up on the night of the 7th inst. The 8th, 9th and 10th, were fine and very favourable for taking up and securing the potato crops. A large extent of them, however, still remain out. The first frost in the vicinity, materially affecting cultivated plants, was observed on the morning of the 9th and 10th.—It has, however, destroyed only the leaves of the most tender garden plants; but the frost was harder at a distance from the river.

Much ploughing has been done since the late rains, and the ground is sufficiently moistened to remain fit for that operation, so long as the frost and snow keeps off.

The leaves of the ash and some other forest trees, are nearly all fallen. All the deciduous forest trees have changed colour; and the apple trees, although still green, have part of the leaves touched by the frost.

Hamilton, Oct. 5th.

We exceedingly regret to state that Chief Justice Robinson met with a very serious accident in this town on Friday morning. His Lordship was on his way to Toronto, and when passing the Market House his horses became frightened and ran off with fearful speed.—His Lordship leaped from the carriage and fortunately alighted on his feet, but then staggered and fell with great force upon his shoulder which was dislocated. Medical aid was immediately at hand, and we are happy to add the Chief was enabled to proceed to Toronto