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over the duties incumbent on a garrison almost without a threatening enemy. His duties consisted of the necessary diplomatic communications with the Turkish Pacha, and Hali Pacha, the Ottoman Naib, were also of a most important character, but he accomplished all with a judgment and ability that fully justified the confidence reposed in him by his chief."

GOVERNMENT OF THE DANUBIAN PRINCIPALITIES.—In several of my recent letters, your attention has been directed to the Danubian Principalities, and perfectly credible information has to-day been given to me that a lively diplomatic correspondence is now being carried on between the Western Powers, Austria, and the Porte on the subject. It is stated that the English and French Governments are inclined to place Wallachia and Moldavia under the sceptre of a Sovereign taken from one of the European princely houses; but to this plan neither Austria nor Turkey is likely to consent. The Porte would probably like to place some favorite at the head of affairs, and Austria will strain every nerve in order to keep the present Hospodars in office until peace is concluded. The Western Powers are desirous to settle the question of the re-organization of the Principalities during the winter, but Austria is of opinion that it would be better to leave it in suspense until the war is at an end. It is argued that the affairs of Wallachia and Moldavia cannot be definitively settled without Russia, but if the Allies agree to postpone the matters until hostilities have ceased they will probably always find Russia and Austria opposed to them in the council chamber. It is obvious that both the Czar and the Emperor will endeavor to prevent the establishment of any strong Government on the west coast of the Black Sea, and it is equally clear that the Western Powers ought to seek to render the Principalities as independent of these two powerful neighbors as possible.—*Vien. Cor.*

THE PEACE RUMOURS.—The Paris correspondence of the Times on more adverse to the probability of an early pacification of the Russian Question. He says, "Though I do not affirm positively that Austria will at once declare war against Russia, (if the conditions of which the overture now discussed between the French and English Governments contained the basis, but not accepted) yet it is believed she will break off diplomatic intercourse with her." The Austrian propositions are described as not only such as to be perfectly acceptable now, but equally so after another victorious campaign. Of the acceptance of the conditions by France, it is stated that there is no doubt whatever; but it seems from the writer of the Paris letter in the Times, that he does not at present know whether Russia has declared her intentions. The circular of Count Lewalewski has been published in a Dresden journal. It calls upon the neutral powers, in the name of the Emperor Napoleon, to declare openly who they are disposed towards the belligerent powers. They may now, by a decided attitude towards the denouement of a struggle which the Emperor's conviction they might have prevented.

RUSSIAN PREPARATIONS.—THE DANUBIAN PRINCIPALITIES.—The new Russian levy of ten men out of every 1,000 has been caused by the dread that Sweden and Denmark are about to join the Western Alliance. This levy has already begun, but the season and the exhaustion of the provinces will, it is thought, prevent its production to the force contemplated. The Russian levy of 10 men out of every 1,000 has been caused by the dread that Sweden and Denmark are about to join the Western Alliance. This levy has already begun, but the season and the exhaustion of the provinces will, it is thought, prevent its production to the force contemplated. The Russian levy of 10 men out of every 1,000 has been caused by the dread that Sweden and Denmark are about to join the Western Alliance. This levy has already begun, but the season and the exhaustion of the provinces will, it is thought, prevent its production to the force contemplated.

ENERGETIC WAR PREPARATIONS IN RUSSIA.—A corps of 10,000 men occupies Kafia. 10,000 more have just arrived at Coula; and there are still about 20,000 Russians on the Crimean coast. The Berlin correspondent of the Times asserts that the Emperor Alexander is understood to have brought with him from the South, anything but a lukewarm determination to prosecute the war. The time required by the Allies to get possession of Sebastopol has enabled the Russians to fortify a number of positions, and it is believed that Prince Gortschakoff can hold them under all circumstances. All correspondence from Russia that is spoken of at Berlin, as coming from well-informed sources, expresses astonishment at the rumours of pacific overtures current in the press. Everything points to energetic preparations for a renewal of the war in the spring. They talk of the Crimea being a native chief, Kattatore, that a chief of the Pakastan tribe, who was engaged in laying out certain lands, which he proposed to sell to the Europeans, and to which Kattatore had advanced claims. Since that time, Kattatore has remained fortified in his post, subject to a sort of siege by the relatives of the deceased chief. This uneasy state of things, and the gathering numbers of the natives, called for interference on the part of the Government, and Col. Wynyard went down to effect a settlement of the dispute, but he failed. Troops were ordered from Wellington to protect the European population and property. At the latest dates, he had not left Wellington, although a large iron barrack had arrived from Melbourne for their reception. Kattatore had summoned the tribes immediately to the south of the settlement to his assistance; while Mr. Turton, the Wesleyan Minister, had appealed to the Ngatimanipoto tribe for the protection of the settlement in the absence of the soldiers. Mr. Charles Brown, Superintendent of the settlement, had gone to Auckland to urge the despatch of the troops forthwith.

THE WORKS OF NOAH WEBSTER.—It is supposed that with the exception of the Bible, the largest circulation of any book in the English language is that of Noah Webster's Dictionary. Four-fifths of all the school books published in the United States are said to own Webster as their standard. The State of New York has in its possession 10,000 copies of Webster's Dictionary, and in its public schools, Massachusetts has no less than 324,800 copies of his school books; and Wisconsin and New Jersey have provided for all their schools.—*N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.*

A certain remedy for Sick Headache and Bile.—The most prevalent disorders to which the human frame is subject is, perhaps sick headache and bile, suffered by both sexes and all ages, and which are the ground work of the very foundation of some of the worst of disorders. Amongst the many remedies brought before the public, there is nothing which can equal Holloway's Pills for the cure of these distressing complaints, their effects are prompt and certain, and they leave the sufferer in the enjoyment of health, after every other means have failed.—These pills will also cure all liver and stomach complaints.

and effectually humbled, without extending the horrors of war over Western Europe, and without inflicting misery and bloodshed on his innocent subjects, few things would be more pleasant as few things would be more richly deserved." No one who knew anything of the paper and its history would doubt for an instant that in this writing expressed the sentiments of Dr. Wiseman. Yet on Sunday last, Dr. Wiseman not only took care to meet the King in the Windsor Chapel, but he voluntarily addressed him, and assured him of the fervent prayers daily offered to the Almighty, "begging Him to enrich your Majesty, and your Royal House, with abundant mercies and heavenly graces."

Among the foreign intelligence of the last two or three days, we have an Allocation of Pius IX., a long, tiresome tissue of arrogant and blasphemous jargon, pronounced in the Secret Consistory of Nov. 2nd, two days before the promulgation at Vienna of the Austrian Concordat, which it interprets in the most offensive style of Papal assumption. We hope it may be true, as some accounts relate, that a very menacing recital is taking place throughout Austria and Germany against this treaty of submission to Rome, inasmuch that the Bishops have been convened to enter upon the exercise of their enlarged dominion over both clergy and laity, with measured insolence. In conspicuous contrast with the abandoned servility of the Emperor of Austria, his Majesty the Emperor of the French received in person, the other day, the homage and oath of fealty sworn by four kneeling Bishops lately appointed to sees in France. They swore not only fidelity and obedience to their Emperor, but that they "would have no connection with, nor attend any council, nor entertain any league, at home or abroad," which might be contrary to the public weal and peace.—*London Watchman.*

A REMARKABLE OCCURRENCE.—A most extraordinary instance of official pecculation has recently come to light in Russia. It appears that in the return of the Russian army there had always figured for equipment, pay, munitions, and supplies, and for a force of eighteen thousand men, a so-called division of reserve, which ought to consist of one or two companies from each regiment serving in the Great Caucasus. This division was employed in keeping the outposts among the mountains. They made a great fuss about the little forts built or building for it, and which were garrisoned by small detachments from the main body, in conformity with the regulations. One day General Woronzoff, the emperor's viceroy in the Caucasus, set out with a princely suite for the purpose of inspecting these eighteen thousand men. He reached a village and commanded a superior officer to order the detachments of the division to assemble for the purpose of being reviewed. He was told that the posts were so scattered among the mountains that it would require at least three weeks to get the troops together, and being in danger of famine if he remained in the place with his numerous retinue, the general relinquished the object of his visit. When the campaign in Asia was ordered by the Emperor Nicholas, General Monastier, seeing this contingent of eighteen thousand men figure in the Emperor's list, took it into his head also to go and ascertain the state of these troops. He took the precaution to travel without a retinue, taking only a single aide-de-camp, and meeting with the same reception as his predecessor, announced his intention of waiting until the troops could be collected from the mountain fortresses. He did not wait in idleness, however, but from an active personal inspection came to the conclusion that the forts had never been built, and that the men existed only on paper. Consequently, for the twenty-five or thirty years that war has been waged in the Caucasus, the Russian government had been paying enormous sums for the maintenance of an imaginary division, for the construction of chimerical forts, trust castles in the air.

THE EMPRESS OF RUSSIA.—The Paris Correspondent of the 29th ult., has had a very curious letter upon Russian affairs. The sin of the letter, which is a very lengthy one, is to prove that the Czar is at this moment by no means adverse from the idea of making propositions of peace to the allied powers; and it is proposed to this that the writer of the letter gives some details of the interior of the court of Russia. The present Empress Marie, the Czar's wife, is represented as strongly inclined towards a line of conduct that may lead to peace, and as urging her husband towards this point unceasingly. It is said that her influence has caused his journey to the Crimea, and that her object in making him undertake this journey was, that she should, with his own eyes, see the worn-out state of his troops, the discontent of the population, the dangers, in short, that surrounded the long-continued continuance of the war. The Empress's influence is represented as serving to counterbalance that of the Grand Duke Constantine, and to maintain in office, against every chance of disgrace, the man who she thinks the safest counsellor of the House of Romanoff (for the reason that he is so disliked by the fanatic Moscow party) the Arch Chancellor Count Nesselrode.

THE FIGS OF SMYRNA.—The fig harvest this year has proved unusually abundant. The cultivators simply gather the ripe fruit, scatter it round the trees and allow it to dry in the sun.—When dry, it is collected into large packs, and sent into Smyrna on camels. The roads and principal streets are thronged all day with long strings of these animals. The fig market is an animated scene. Hundreds of bags of figs are arranged in a sort of square, where the arrival and unloading of camels, the tasting of buyers, and the bargaining with sellers, are perpetual. When a purchase has been made, the bags are conveyed to the packers, and after being sorted into baskets, are squeezed into shape by dirty women and children, and then packed into the drums or boxes by men. This process is a very disgusting one to look at, and it is said that one who has seen it never sets a fig again.—The residents buy a yearly stock, and have them packed at home by their own servants.

CANADIAN ENGINE AT A FIRE IN PARIS.—A late Sunday evening, about six o'clock, a fire broke out in an immense building on the Quai Bill, occupied as a store for grain and a bakery for the supply of the army in Paris. From the first fire assumed a very alarming aspect, and its proximity to the Palace of Fine Arts and the Annex of the Palace of Industry excited great apprehensions for the result. Mr. Perry saw from a distance of more than two miles the light of conflagration and hastened to the spot. He was convinced from the great magnitude of the fire that the apparatus of the fire department was not adequate to the emergency, and at once suggested to the officer in command that if authority were given him to force upon the Annex and abstract the Canadian engine, he would place it at the disposal of the fire brigade. This proposition was at once accepted, and the engine of Mr. Perry was the second on the ground. Being placed upon the Quay it was first employed as a forcing pump, and for more than an hour supplied with water directed to the extinction of the fire. Finding these, however, were ineffectual, Mr. Perry at last abandoned his plan of feeding the mill-wheel, and turning the force of his machine directly on the fire, succeeded after a short time in checking the violence of the flames, and giving assurance to the spectators that the imminent danger was past and the fire mastered. The

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MELANCHOLY CASUALTY.—The Rev. J. C. Hurd, in a letter to the Editor of the Christian Messenger, December 8, says:—"On Thursday, Dec. 6, about three miles from this place (in Dover Basin) while a schooner was under rapid headway—by some unfortunate circumstances, three of the hands were precipitated into the sea, two of them were speedily rescued without receiving injury, while the other, George Smith, aged about 18 years was drowned. His body has not yet been recovered. His disconsolate parents reside in this vicinity.—On Friday Dec. 7, while endeavouring to enter this harbour with his vessel, in a violent storm, in consequence of some of her rigging giving way, Captain Webster, of P. E. Island, was instantly hurled into the midst of the waves. No assistance could be rendered him by those on board, and he sunk to his rest no more. Deceased is said to be quite a young man. His body has not yet been found."

REAL ESTATE.—The old building and lot of land immediately adjoining north of the Bank of British North America, has been purchased by Messrs. Thomas Boggs & Co., Hardware Merchants, from the estate of the late Mrs. Knowles for the sum of \$2,925. A considerable advance was subsequently offered the agent.

THE CAPE BRETON PARTY OF THE 15TH gives an account of another severe gale of wind at that place. The tide in Sydney harbour rose to most unusual height, sweeping away everything in its course. At Freshwater Creek much damage was done to the ship-building appliances of Mr. Harrington. Much timber and plank were swept out of the Basin, within the Bar, and strewn along the shore. At Gabarus the wreck, Elizabeth loaded for Halifax was totally wrecked—cargo saved in a damaged state. Much damage was done about North Sydney. A new store of Messrs J. W. Moore was torn down, and so completely swept away that not a vestige is left to mark where it stood. The tanning establishment of Mr. Thomas Hart, with a large quantity of leather was swept away, shavings were destroyed, roads blocked up with rubbish, and altogether such injury done as much time and expense can only repair.—*Ed.*

COLONIAL CHURCH AND SCHOOL SOCIETY.—The Annual Meeting of the Society took place on Tuesday evening last, at the Temperance Hall. The Lord Bishop took the chair at half past seven, and the meeting was opened with prayer. There was a good attendance, especially of ladies. The Rev. Secretary read the Report—several resolutions were passed, and the meeting concluded with the Doxology and Apostolic benediction.—*Church Times, 22d inst.*

P. E. ISLAND.

The storm on Friday last, as we anticipated, had attended with disastrous effects. The Ferry Wharf at the other side of Hillsborough has been entirely destroyed. Several of the blocks are swept away, and the materials of which they were composed scattered along the shore. The Schrs. Gok, Bagg, from Halifax, lying alongside, taking in a cargo of Oats was driven by the fury of the gale upon the wharf, and sunk.—fortunately very little of the cargo was on board. On the opposite coast, we understand, the storm raged with greater violence than here; several vessels are reported to have been lost; so much is certain, but of the names we are left in doubt. One vessel which had gone to pieces between Country Harbour and Merigonville, is supposed to have been the *Bay Stella*, belonging to James Popk, Esq.; at least the contents of the cargo—Pork, Oats, &c., which have been washed on shore along the coast, give every probability to the supposition. 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