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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

A marriage has been finally arranged between His Royal Highness Prince Alfred Ernest Albert, Duke of Edinburgh, the fourth child and second son of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and Her Imperial Highness the Grand Duchess Maria Alexandrowna, of Russia, the fourth child and only daughter of His Majesty the Czar Alexander the Second.

The final settlement and arrangement of the contract took place at the hour of eleven o'clock this (11 inst.) night.

The Duke of Edinburgh thus foregoes his right of succession to the Duchy of Saxo-Coburg, which fact involves important political considerations.

Her Imperial Highness the Grand Duchess Maria Alexandrowna, the bride elect, was born on the 17th of October (5th, Russian style), in the year 1853. She is consequently in the twentieth year of her age.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, Duke of Saxo-Coburg and Count of Ulster, and of Kent, was born on the 6th of Aug. in the year 1844. He is, consequently, on the eve of completing the twenty-ninth year of his age. His Royal Highness holds the commission of captain in the Royal Navy.

It is stated that Parliament will be prorogued on the 17th instant.

The Judiciary bill, abolishing the powers of the House of Lords, as a court of last appeal, in certain cases, has passed in committee.

The steamship *Senegal* arrived in the Mersey to day 12th inst., from ports on the west coast of Africa, she brings dates from Cape Coast Castle to 23rd June. Thirty thousand Ashantee were encamped within 15 miles of the town, and an attack was looked for daily. The English defensive force was small, reinforcements were on their way to the town, but they were not expected to reach there before the 5th of this month.

The Czarowitch and Princess Dagmar took leave of the Queen yesterday, and departed for Darmstadt.

In the Chamber of Peers this evening (14th inst.) Lord Cranmore read the Archbishops' reply to the Church Assembly, showing a tendency in the Church of England towards Catholicism, and moved that a Committee be appointed to consider what legislation was needed to check the evil.

In the House of Commons Mr. Lawson gave notice that he should move next week, that the ancient custom of expelling strangers from the galleries, be abolished, except on certain or rare occasions.

Mr. Mitchell Henry, member for Galway county, gave notice of an early motion looking to the publication of faithful and impartial official reports of the proceedings of the House. He complained that the reports, as at present made were partisan in character and intensely hostile to the Catholic religion.

It is reported that the French Government has under consideration the question of calling a congress of representatives of the great powers in Paris for discussing the terms of a new Commercial Treaty.

Another brilliant victory for the Carlists reported, at Ripoll, Catalonia by the forces under Don Alfonso and Sabalos. The Republicans lost eight hundred prisoners, one hundred killed and wounded, two pieces of artillery and all their baggage. Gen. Cabrinet, their Commander, was killed.

Senor Aurich, Minister of Marine, has returned from Carthage. While there he was fired at by the insurgent troops. Portions of the garrison, at Carthage, which refused to join the revolt, will reach here to day.

Telegrams from Valencia state that due precautions have been taken to prevent an outbreak in that city. The Governor reports that the volunteers may be relied on to support the authorities.

It is asserted that the Carlists have shot a party of Republican volunteers at Naranqui, after they had surrendered.

The insurgents in Carthage are in a fearful condition. Drunkenness, rioting, and general demoralization prevails.

At a meeting of a majority of the mem-

bers on the 16th, it was resolved to approve of the proposition of the Cortes for a new constitution before closing its session. It was finally determined by a caucus, that the Cortes should adjourn for a brief recess, to reassemble at a day to be agreed upon; the Centro was not represented in the caucus.

A later despatch says Masionant, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Carvajal, Minister of Finance; and Ferg Minister of Justice; have resigned in order to facilitate the formation of a homogeneous Cabinet.

President F. Margall has refused to negotiate with the Carlists for the exchange of prisoners, but he authorized the Republican commanders to come to an understanding unofficially with the Carlist chiefs to secure the proper treatment of the Spanish troops falling into the hands of any of the insurgents.

The Carlists say that they have now 10,000 men under arms. The Spanish Government has ordered war vessels to cruise along the coast of Biscay, to prevent the landing of arms and military stores for the Carlists.

The Spanish Government has promulgated a decree, annulling all edicts of sequestration placed upon property of rebels and rebel sympathizers in Cuba.

General Velasco entered Alcantia yesterday, with a strong column of Republican troops. The militia of the province of Alcantia, have already taken possession of the town, having succeeded in reducing the insurgents to submission and taking away their arms. The ring leaders however escaped from the town before Velasco's troops arrived.

Adices received here from Carlist sources say that several thousand muskets have been landed on the coast of Biscay, and distributed to Carlist recruits.

The same reports assert that the supporters of Don Carlos are gaining ground with such rapidity, and the numbers increasing, that the Republican commanders in the North call for reinforcements in order to hold their ground.

In consequence of the report of the prevalence of cholera in Vienna, having reached the ears of the Shah of Persia, it is probable that His Majesty will return to Teheran without visiting the city.