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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

A despatch received from Newfoundland states that the Bennett Government has been defeated. Mr. Cartet, who is favorable to Union with Canada, has been called upon to form a new Government.

Mlle. Albani, the Canadian prima donna, has won the greatest success in Moscow. On the night of her debut as *Somnambula* she was called before the footlights forty times.

Advices received at the War Department on the 20th from the English expedition against the Ashantees in Africa, state that the Highlanders and Rifle Brigade have arrived at Cape Coast Castle, and the troops have disembarked. They are all in good health.

Captain Glover with his native auxiliaries will immediately join Sir G. Wolsley, who is now forty miles east of the river Prah.

It is rumoured that the King of Ashantee has sent an Embassy to General Wolsley suing for peace and offering an indemnity.

The ball given at the American Legation was a brilliant affair. General Kauffman, commander of the Khivan expedition, and all the leading diplomatists were present.

Mr. Gladstone has declined to receive a deputation to urge the claims of women to the suffrage.

The King of Bavaria has just conferred on M. Richard Wagner, the composer, the order of Maximilian for Science and Art.

The Princess Pierre Bonaparte has opened a dressmakers' establishment in Bond Street, London. She recently visited Paris to make purchases.

The German Minister of War has ordered the immediate destruction of the present fortifications of Cologne, and the erection of a new girdle of forts round that city.

In some of the public schools in England the teaching of telegraphy has been tried with much success. Instruments are lent by the Government, and the children learn very rapidly.

The fusion of the two Duchies of Saxe-Coburg and Saxe-Gotha has at last taken place. Hitherto each duchy possessed a separate Diet. A commission of twenty-one members has been chosen, who will arrange the affairs in common of both duchies.

Du D'Case, Minister of Foreign Affairs, acting under the influence and on the recommendation of Prince Bismarck, has announced the determination of France to respect the existing order of things in Italy, and also to suppress the violence of the French Ultramontanists.

The *Mincheha*, from Calais, for Dublin, has been lost off the Scilly Islands Ten of her crew were drowned.

A special despatch from London to the *Globe* of Glasgow says the dismissal by the Home Secretary of Dr. Henry Bell, Sheriff of Lanarkshire, has caused a serious difference of opinion between Messrs. Gladstone and Lowe, which will probably result in the retirement of the latter from the Government.

A man named Cambatz, who served as a colonel under the Paris Commune was captured at Carthage by the Spanish troops.

The late King of Saxony called at a telegraph office in his dominions to inspect the workings of the institution. The operator telegraphed the fact to his next neighbour, and received for an answer, "The King pokes his nose into everything." This arrived during the royal presence, and the operator was obliged to read the edifying intelligence to his majesty.

An admiral statue of Hercules has been discovered at Esquiline. It is larger than life, and is intact with the exception of the feet and left arm, which are broken.

Mrs. Antheoran, an aged lady belonging to one of the first families in Buenor Ayres, died recently, leaving a property valued at ten millions of dollars in gold. She left the bulk of her money to the poor.

A memorial tablet is about to be placed on the house in King street, Covent Garden, London, in which Dr. Arne, the composer of "Rule Britannia," was born.

A touching incident has occurred in connection with the funeral of Rollo, one of the men drowned by the foundering of a steam-tug in the Tyne, which has moved the seafaring population of North Shields deeply. He buried a favourite child on Christmas Eve. On leaving the graveside he was heard to say, "Good-bye, darling; I will come to see you on Sunday," and the afternoon of that day his body was placed in the grave alongside of his little pet.

The Hon. Society of the Middle Temple, of which the Prince of Wales is a member, have long felt the desirability of having his portrait painted by some eminent artist, to

be hung in their fine hall. In response to this wish, Sir William Knollys has addressed a letter to Mr. John Loch, Q.C., Attorney-General of his Royal Highness, wherein he states that the Prince will have great satisfaction in sitting for his portrait immediately upon his return from Russia (which will be in March next); and "that he should prefer Mr. Watts to be the artist employed."

The Duke of Wurtemberg, who is a Field Marshal in the Austrian Army, delivered a lecture the other day, on Central Asia, in view of the progress of Russia in Asia, to connect Ku-rachee with Constantinople by a line of railway.

The Duke of Edinburgh, on behalf of the Grand Duchess Marie and himself, has accepted an invitation to a ball, to be given by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress in honour of the approaching royal marriage. It will probably take place about the middle of March; an arrangement which will enable American citizens to reach London in time.

The threatening article in the North German *Gazette* last week, on the policy of France with regard to the Papal questions, excited universal indignation in Rome, and the Paris *L'Opinion Nationale* says that notwithstanding the recent success, the Prussians are still ignorant of that nobleness which refrains from insulting the conquered.

The publication of three more newspapers of Madrid recently have been suspended by the Government. The iron-clad, *Numanzia*, has sailed from Mersel Reber for Carthage, convoyed by the *Vittoria* and *Carmene*.

Mr. Washburne, the American Minister to France, on Monday presented to ex-President Thiers a gold medal on behalf of the French residents of Philadelphia.

The Communist who was recently captured at Carthage is said to be a reporter of the New York *Herald*.

The International Postal Congress will meet in Berlin on the 12th October.

Waterloo has lost another of its links with the present generation in the death of Mr. Henry Terry, who was under fire in the battle as an assistant surgeon in a regiment of the line. He died, aged eighty.

Heni Rochefort is still alive, despite the recent reports of his death. The French Government has received information of his safe arrival at the penal colony to which he was sent. On the voyage he suffered from sea sickness, but otherwise was in good health.