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St. Louis, March 22.—Orders have been sent to the French army to hold itself in readiness to march at the first notice, and the reply offers demanding a short furlough in that the whole army would immediately evacuate Lombardy and return to France.

The Paris correspondent of the Times says it is thought likely that as soon as universal armistice has been proclaimed, the French army will be ordered to evacuate Lombardy and return to France. Referring to the evacuation, the French writer asks whether the evacuation will be complete, or whether the French army will be ordered to evacuate Lombardy and return to France, which the only surrenderer conditionally, and shall herself of the departure of the French?

On Thursday evening reports were current in Paris of an insurrection, an collision between Austria and Piedmontese troops on the banks of the Rhine.

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The Paris correspondent says that the debates in the House of Commons are doing much mischief in the commercial world and probably in the political world also.

SAVOY AND ITALY.

The Tuscan correspondent of the Times says that, under certain conditions, and with the free consent of the popular will, the Italians would consider themselves well rid of the Savoyards. They were strangers in the Sardinian Parliament; they would do nothing for the national Italian movement, and would not pull together with the Italian subjects when they fought for the restoration of the Papacy incompatible with their national interests.

SAVOY AND NICIA.

The Opinion publishes Count Cavour's note of the 24 March, relative to the question of Savoy and Nica. In this note Count Cavour recalls the declarations contained in the despatches of M. Thiers, and declares himself far from believing that the suggestion of Savoy and Nica is an insidious attempt to bring about the union of the two States. He says that the late events are attended by bonds of gratitude and friendship. "Nevertheless," Count Cavour says "we are too sensible of what Italy owes to the Emperor not to give our serious attention to a demand which may seem to us to be a demand which we ought to refuse."

Count Cavour says further that the declarations of M. Thiers relative to the Great Powers and Switzerland were a false interpretation of the motives which guide the conduct of the Government, the removal of which could only be effected with great difficulty. These declarations, being inspired by high sentiments of equity and justice, leave no cause to doubt that, in any hypothesis, anxiety to leave proper frontiers to France and Sardinia would direct any negotiations on the question.

Lord J. Russell introduced the Reform Bill, as it affects England to the House of Commons on Thursday, and on the same night Mr. Gladstone introduced the Irish Bill and the Lord Advocate the Scotch Bill. There is to be no actual disfranchisement. As regards England, 25 boroughs, which now return two members each, having each a population of 20,000, are to be reduced to one member each, and of the 25 members thus gained, 10 are to be distributed amongst some of the counties; four new boroughs returning five members are to be created, and an additional county of 20 members is to be added to the county of London, and given to the four great towns of Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham, and Leeds, and a member is to be given to the University of London. This appropriation of the 25 seats is very simple. Four days with rapidly very dissimilar to that which prevailed in 1831, and a wise statesmanship must keep up with them.

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Railway Discussion.—The Chairman of the Railway Board stated in reply to a question from the Hon. R. D. Dwyer, that there was every prospect of an early extension of the Railway to Pictou. The work would be undertaken as soon as the revenues of the country could warrant the step. He stated that the Government did not feel warranted in proposing any policy with regard to the extension of the Railway to Pictou, but that the efforts now being made for its promotion in the Mother Country. He has made every possible reduction in salaries and other expenses connected with the Railway, and he trusts that the Government will be able to make a considerable margin will be to the credit of the Province. The same subject was brought before the Assembly yesterday afternoon by the member from Pictou, who urged strongly the expediency of Railway extension. The reply of the Government was to the same effect as that made in the Council by Mr. McMillan.—H. J. W.

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