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THE EAST.

A Peaceful Solution Still Possible.

The Interview Between Lord Salisbury and the Sultan—The "Pall Mall Gazette" on Michaelmas Bonfires.

(By Cable Telegraph.)

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Pleni-Cabinet, we are told, to exclude from the meeting Midhat Pasha, who is now in a fortnight. The Porte is still timely received 500 to make any concession. Notwithstanding the maintenance of the integrity of the Empire, nor to grant broad administrative authority to the provinces, including those of the Mussulmans.

The Porte does not appear to have decided upon the proposals of the European Powers. Midhat Pasha visited the Sultan and plenipotentiaries, and Turkey would have to act quickly in the Conference, and should war ensue, he must not expect a loan or any kind of support from the Western Government, but between a declaration of war and the presentation of a threatening ultimatum, there is a wide difference. The talk of agreement between Turkey and England goes a great deal too far if it is held to signify that England will interfere to compel Turkey to do what is the sake of peace we may wish to see their proposals accepted. If they are refused we must be guarded with the Porte, but when petition compels or induces them to take the cheapest and most abundant means of all, the attempt should be made. But the fact seems to be indisputable that the foreign element now so prevalent in the Turkish capital is a most disturbing element, morale, seamanship, and safety. This is a point to which ship reformers, now that Midhat Pasha is out of the ship owner's business income of New York, representing all political affiliations.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27.—E. W. Barnes, telegraph manager, was to-day placed under arrest, and left for Washington to be sworn before the Bar of the House on the charge of contempt.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The Senate branch of the Joint Committee on counting electoral votes, has agreed that perhaps the duration to-day. It was confined principally to the interchange of views and suggestions in regard to the subject. The House branch of the Committee has not yet

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Dec. 27.—Attorney-General Cocke made a speech to-day in which he argued that the other members of the Board refused to canvass. This gives Drew 497 and Tildon 94 majority. This canvass has been filed in the Clerk's office in obedience to the orders of the Court. Subsequently the other members of the Board agreed to recanvass and the full board met at 4 p.m. They have just concluded their canvass and have given Drew a majority of 195, and Hayes' electors 206. Cocke files a protest. The Court reassembles to-morrow.

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TERRIBLE DISASTER

The Convent of St Elizabeth, 45 Miles from Montreal, Destroyed by Fire.

An Old Lady and 12 Young Children Perish.

MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—Last night, at about a quarter to nine, the Sister Superior of the Convent of St. Elizabeth made her usual visit through the whole convent, and neither saw nor suspected fire. The little community was in bed when the usual minutes past nine the whole convent was in flames. The nuns as well as children had only escaped in their night clothes. It is believed that the fire originated between the floors, but the cause is not known. The building burned till this morning, and there is still much smoke coming from the ruins.

Thirteen persons are missing and are established in the Games. Their names are Angelo Dupuis, aged nineteen years; Mary Lamontagne, aged twenty years; Mary Ann Gidion, Hilmelum, and 6320 on horses and cattle, which were in the stable. The

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BONAVENTURE ELECTION TRIAL.

The judgment of Mr. Justice CASAIN in the case of the Bonaventure (Local) election has just been made public. The limits to a clergyman's interference in elections must be as wide as his citizenship, which is as full as that of a layman. Some have sought to make special rules for clergymen, which would be tyrannical towards them, while occasionally see from within the clerical body claims put forth, the admission of which by a free people would be suicidal; claims which, with whatever motive, have been endorsed in quarters where something very different might be expected. The duties of a clergyman in the pulpit or at the altar are sufficiently clear. In speaking to the people he must teach them their duty to God and their neighbour as he understands it. In doing this he may give point to the principles he enjoins by illustrations; may allude to special cases; may refer, if he so pleases, to an election actually taking place. Outside the church he has liberty to express his political convictions and seek to persuade his fellow-citizens, members of his flock, to adopt them. In doing this he would be reprehensible if he were to press to the table a sacerdotal character. But you can never separate the individual from his status, and, without offending against the law, he may properly inform his flock, he enforces that of the citizen, who is not bound by his clerical profession to live with many ears to be, for his misfortune, misdirected, and in many cases illiterate. His legitimate influence must surely be great enough. There are cases, however, in which notwithstanding all, men will prefer a political course opposite to that taught by their religion, and, in the discharge of duty, as a minister of a heaven open to men of all shades of politics, it is express his approval of those acting according to their political convictions. This, however, is not always done. On the contrary, an attempt is at times made to introduce the sanctions of eternity into the issues of time. The terrors of the Church are hurled at the heads of those who dare to do what is perfectly innocent, vote for either the Liberal or the Conservative candidate, and for doing which perhaps in a neighbouring district the Church's choicest blessings. It will be observed, this is not invoking the aid of the Church to enforce civil obedience to the injunctions of that Church, but against people legally disqualified, by a law passed by the Legislature of the country, to vote for a candidate.

This threat had the effect of preventing many voting for the Reform candidate. The fact that undue influence was used on our own side cannot blind our eyes to its nature. The defendant was present in his church when the threat was made. It was pronounced at the end of the mass, immediately M. BEAUDRY went out and addressed the people, whose ears were yet vibrant with the menace, reminding them that he was the candidate of the clergy, but for whom they would not have come out. This is something very like what the candidate appeal of against his life. Galway can tell. M. BEAUDRY's speech repeated the words of menace again and again, and he is therefore responsible for it. Nemesis has been at it, adopted it, and dinned it into the ears of the electors. The judge pronounced the scandal "one of the most shameless threatening his workmen and tenants to vote for a candidate whose name and principles were not known to them." Nemesis has found him out, and finding his fox; but a man of reading never failed to find his fox. Finally Mr. THOTLOW pressed upon his young friends the lesson that unless they made reading the pursuit of their early manhood, it could not be the delight of their age. If they did not read from twenty to forty they would not be able to read from forty to sixty.

"Good books" is what the veteran novelist advised them to read, and amongst good books he specified good novels. And who can doubt that a good novel is a good thing? People talk about their weakening the mind. Have other weakened CARLYLE? Did they weaken MACAULAY? Was Mr. HILYARD CASEY less of a lawyer because he was an omnivorous novel reader? A correspondent complained recently that Oliver, gentleman, the editor of a religious newspaper, in a letter, grossly insulted by his friend, condemned all novel reading, and we ourselves once heard a divine, the sky reverend Canon Bagot, in a sermon on "Mate Dickens," a few months ago, in his numerous literary crimes, to have committed "Pickwick" and "Nicholas." Let us write "David Copperfield" as our approach into the Kingdom of Heaven. Dickens

POPULAR FAR-

It was thought that Mr. Blake would not play "Ye Jacobites by name" in the Commons, but he did, and it was well that he did. The Ministerial party have made a great deal of noise about the Pacific Railway, and it was well that the Opposition should show that they have not forgotten the promises made to the Pacific Province