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## THE QUEEN'S SPEECh.

More than ordinary interest has attached this year to the speech from the throne on the opening of Parliament, and the docunent fuily bears out the anxiety which in
has raised. Hitherto, it has been customary on the eve of the meeting of the Legislature to communicate to the leading
morning journals the contents of the speech so that before it was aetually delivered the public were in possersion of its principal features. This rule in the present instance has been departed from; but all the caution which appears to have been taken was
not sufficient to prevent the spirit of the not sufficient to prevent the spirit of the
speech from oozing out through the press. One of the daily papers, not a very strenuous supporter of Lord Palmerston's Government, seems, some how or other, to have
anticipated anticipated the delivery of the spaech, although the great organ of Printing-
House-square was evidently left in the dark.
The tone of the speech is unexceptionable. With respeet to the propositions for
peace, made through Austria and accepted by Russia, her Majesty speaks in hopeful
terms; but she adds that the naval military preparations for a continuance of the war will not in the slightest degree be relaxed until the terms have been satisfactorily settled. This is the most cheering statement in the document, the one which
will give the greatest satisfaction at home will give the greatest satisfaction at home
and abroad, for the earnestness and deciand abroad, har the earnestness and deci-
sion thus implied will not be lost upon the enemy. Towards the amicable termination
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part of the speech, where her Majesty, clares that the estimates will be framed in such a manner as to provide for the exigencies of war, if peace should unfortunately,
not be concluded. From the not be concluded. From the language
which has recently been employed by the which has recently been employed by the
Muscovite organ in the Russian capital Muscovite organ in the Russian capital,
there can be litile doubt that the Czar is sincerely anxious for peace, and nothing will strengthen his good resolution in this respect so much as the quiet but most isfoetive way in which this important topic speech to the Imperial Parliament. The speech confirms what was previously known, that the negociations will be open-
ed in Paris. Reference is made to the treaty with. Sweden for preserving the balance of power in the north of Europe,
and a treaty of friendship, commerce, and navigation is deelared to have been concluded between this country and the Republic of Chili-the only other foreign npies, irrespecive of the war, which are
The allusions are satisfactory. Many provements of the country ate to oceupy the attention of Parliament : amongst these ave mentioned a measure for improving the
law in the unatter of partnuships and law in the untter of partnerahips, and one
for bringing the commercial law of Scotland into greater harmony with the law in the other parts of the three kingdoms. We infer figm on the concluding paragruphs wh the speech, that the subject of the town dues on shipping frequenting
this and other ports of the empire has engaged the attention of the Cabinet, will be apeedinily brought forward.

There is one striking omission-all There
reference is one striking omission-all Ameriea is avoided. This we take to be conclusive that the points at issue are in fair way of being satisfactorily adjusted, or assuredly, if, as some of the translantic
journals assert, all diplomatic intercourse journals assert, all diplomatic intercourse to cease, the circumstance would have found a place in the speech. It is, too, a a little remarkable, that the leading journal Thursday, speculating on the probable American misunderstanding would be one of its primary features. Whether the reason assigned for the omission by Lord Clarendon meets the case we must leave our readers to judge.
A Scotch paper states that the fifth voand" is in. the printer's hands.
Woolwich Arsenal.-A very extensive paper mill is now being constructed for the manufacture of cartridges upon ridges have been made from paper, but by the new process they will be manufactured from pulp, and be entirely seamless. The labour required for their production will be infinitely less by the new system. A new building for the manuracture of small arms is to be commenced orthwith, on a site near the eust wharf, and plans have been approved for a new oundry for large guns which is to be uilt near the new saw mills.

On the 21st the Pope gave his benediction to the lambs which were to be
afterwards shorn, in order to furnish wool for the pallium, which Rome sends to each of the new bishops.
There are now in the Southampton Docks eight large war transports waiting Great Western, Ripon, Candia Arso Queen of the south, Calcutia and Hy daspes. They will convey about 8000

The Morning Herald announces' that he important question of peerages for ife will next week form the subject of warm debate in the House of Lords, and it adds that, with the exception of of opinion that the creation of life peerages is unconstitutional.
The Post's Paris correspondent saysTixed upon for the Congress will be Emperor would be so near at hand and Lord Palmerston could attend personally, thus creating confidence in France and England."
France was never better prepared for war, or more determined not to suspend hostilities until the object of the struggle are fully ensured, whilst the utmost acLondon and Paris.百

The typhus fever is committing great ravages at Vienha, as many as 12,000 cases having occurred.

