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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Telegraphic despatches from London state that George Smith, the *Daily Telegraph* correspondent in Assyria, has found the King's library at Nineveh and discovered in the museum many valuable fragments, particularly missing portions of the broken tablet column on which the history of the deluge was deciphered in the British Museum.

A special to the *Daily Telegraph*, dated Tiflis, May 17th, says the Russians have taken Khiva. The Khan is a prisoner. The Russian loss was slight.

A telegram to the *London Times* from St. Petersburg states that the Russians reached Khivan territory without any encounter. There is talk in St. Petersburg now of annexation of Bokara and Khokand, as well as Khiva. The Russian press represent that Turkey is tottering with misgovernment, and predict that the time is coming when her troubles will culminate, and Russia will then be able to vindicate her interests.

Later advices however, state that grave fears are entertained for the safety of the expeditionary columns owing to the heavy snow.

A despatch from Rome to the *Independent Belge*, says the Pope has had several severe attacks recently, and is in danger of death from suffocation. Cardinals are assembled in the Vatican under the presidency of Cardinal Patrizi, ready to provide for any emergency.

Snow fell in the north of England on the 18th.

The French Republic is to be reorganized by the enactment of Conservative laws, and wholly rejecting Radical plans.

The Assembly met on the 19th. The Right Centre presented an interpellation asking for a Conservative Cabinet, and demanding explanations from the Government of the recent changes in the Ministry. The Assembly voted that the debate on the interpellation will be opened to-morrow. Dunham, Minister of Justice, submitted a constitutional question organizing and providing for the establishment of a second chamber. Two test votes during the day how

that the parties in the Chamber are evenly balanced. The Conservatives are well disciplined, resolute, and fully prepared for any issue on cabinet or constitutional questions. A motion made by the extreme Left for the dissolution of the Assembly was voted down by a heavy majority and indefinitely postponed.

From Madrid it is reported that Carlists have in some cases not only shot the soldiers who fell into their hands, but wantonly mutilated them.

With reference to the financial crisis in Austria, it is stated from Vienna that indications at the close of business on the Bourse yesterday, were that the worst of the crisis was over.

Despatches from New York States that Panama dates to the 19th instant have been received.

Ex-President Carrerose arrived at Panama on the 5th, and the revolution then broke out anew.

On the 7th a conflict between the State National troops took place on the Piazza, the States troops being beaten. Some 99 were captured.

The United States frigate *Pensacola* arrived in port during the fighting, and the foreigners in port were protected at the United States Consulate. After fighting for a day, a truce was entered into, negotiations took place, and the affair ended in both sides agreeing on Col. Perne being made President. During the fight two captains of the National forces were killed, a Colonel and Lt.-Col. wounded. The inhabitants of Panama, except those protected by United States troops landed from the *Pensacola*, fled to the bushes.

A telegram from Tiflis, 17th, confirm the news that Khiva was taken, and says the Khan was taken prisoner by the Russians, who have sustained only a slight loss.

The President has appointed M. Casiwero Perlere, Minister of the Interior, M. Fourtin, Minister of Public Works, M. Beranger, Minister of Public Works, and M. Waddington, Minister of Public Instruction. The other Ministers are unchanged. It is expected that in the meeting of the Assem-

bly Mr. Pernier will move the postponement of all debates on questions of general policy until the territory is evacuated by the Germans. The *Massagar de Paris* thinks the President has come victorious out of the crisis.

Monarchists are dissatisfied with the appointment of M. Perrier at a meeting of the members of the Right yesterday, speeches were made appealing to the Assembly to deal with energy, and rescue France from Radicalism. It was resolved that the first business to come before the Assembly, would be a demand for an explanation of the policy of the new cabinet, that if this should prove unsatisfactory, then an effort will be made to force the Minister to resign, and that the Party will not hesitate to overthrow President Thiers if he does not renounce his trimming policy.

The Chamber of deputies on May 14, approved the first clause of the bill suppressing religious bodies in Rome by a vote of 365 against 13. Fifteen Deputies were absent from the Chamber when the vote was taken. The second clause with an amendment offered by Signor Recasali was also passed by a vote of 220 against 193.

The health of the Pope is improving rapidly. Numerous deputations called upon him to day, and were received by the Pope, who held a grand reception in the Vatican.

A large number of pilgrims are expected here to-morrow from Florence. Disturbances are feared, and the Government has reinforced the garrison.

The Pope to day received the French Legion, and a deputation of foreigners; the Pope's condition is still feeble, but indications of improvement are satisfactory.

A demonstration was made in Florence yesterday against the policy of the Ministry on the religious corporation bill. A large crowd collected, and began to act in a disorderly manner, when it was dispersed by the police; several persons were arrested.

A letter was received here on May 17, from Sir Samuel Baker on the White Nile. He reports that all is well, that the passage through to the end was effected with great difficulty, and that he hopes that the obstructions will be entirely removed during the present summer.