

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.

The Imperial Parliament was prorogued on the 6th inst. The Lord Chancellor read the Queen's Speech:—
My Lords and Gentlemen,
We are commanded by Her Majesty to leave you from further attendance in Parliament, and at the same time to convey to you her Majesty's acknowledgments for the zeal and assiduity with which you have applied yourselves to the performance of your duties during the session of Parliament now brought to a close.

Her Majesty commands us to inform you that her relations with foreign powers are friendly and satisfactory; and her Majesty trusts that there is no danger of any disturbance of the peace of Europe.

The progress of events in Italy has led to the union of the greater part of the Peninsula in one monarchy under King Victor Emmanuel. Her Majesty has throughout abstained from any active interference in the transactions which have led to this result, and her earnest wish as to these affairs is that they may be settled in the manner best suited to the welfare and happiness of the Italian people.

The dissensions which arose some months ago in the United States of North America have unfortunately assumed the character of open war. Her Majesty, deeply lamenting this result, is determined, in common with the other powers of Europe, to observe a strict neutrality between the contending parties.

Her Majesty commands us to inform you that the measures adopted for the restoration of order and tranquillity in Syria, in virtue of conventions between his Majesty the Emperor of Austria, the Emperor of the French, the King of Prussia, the Emperor of Russia and the Sultan, having accomplished their purpose, the European troops which, in pursuance of those conventions, were for a time stationed in Syria to co-operate with the troops and authorities of the Sultan, have been withdrawn; and her Majesty trusts that the arrangements which have been made for the administration of the districts which had been disturbed will henceforward secure their internal tranquillity.

Her Majesty has seen with satisfaction the rapid improvement in the internal condition of her East Indian territories, and the progress which has been made towards equalising the revenue and expenditure of that part of her empire.

GENTLEMEN OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS,
Her Majesty commands us to convey to you her warm acknowledgments for the liberal supplies which you have granted for the service of the present year, and her Majesty has seen with satisfaction that after supplying for the wants of the public service you have been able to make a sensible diminution of the taxes levied upon her people.

MY LORDS AND GENTLEMEN,
Her Majesty commands us to express to you the deepest gratification with which she has witnessed the spirit of devoted patriotism which continues to animate her Volunteers, and the administration with which she has observed their rapid progress in discipline and military efficiency.

Her Majesty has given her cordial assent to the act for completing the number of the members of the House of Commons by allotting the forfeited seats of Sudbury and St. Albans.

Her Majesty trusts that the act for improving the law relating to Bankruptcy and Insolvency will be productive of important advantage to the trade and commerce of her subjects.

Her Majesty has given her ready assent to acts for consolidating and assimilating the criminal laws of England and Ireland, and for promoting the revision of the statute law. Her Majesty has also given her assent to the act which she trusts will have the effect of opening more largely the employment in the public service to the European and native inhabitants of India, of improving the means of legislation, of furthering the ends of justice, and of promoting the contentment and well-being of all classes of Her Majesty's Indian subjects.

Her Majesty has associated with pleasure to the act for the improvement of harbors on the coast of the United Kingdom, and for relieving merchant shipping from passing tolls, and also to the act for improving the administration of the law relating to the relief and the removal of the poor.

Her Majesty trusts that the act for rendering more easy arrangements connected with the drainage of land will assist agricultural improvements in many parts of the United Kingdom.

Her Majesty has given her assent to many other measures of public usefulness, the results of your labors during the session now brought to its close.

Her Majesty has observed with heartfelt satisfaction the spirit of loyalty, of order, and obedience to the law which prevails throughout all her dominions; and she trusts, that by wise legislation and a just administration of the law, the continuance of this happy state of things will be secured. On returning to your respective countries you will still have important public duties to perform, and Her Majesty fervently prays that the blessing of Almighty God may attend your exertions, and may guide them to the attainment of the objects of Her Majesty's constant solicitude—the welfare and happiness of her people.

The Commissioners afterwards declared Parliament to be prorogued till the 22nd of October next.

ADDRESS OF WARSAW TO ENGLAND.

The following is the text of the address presented to the English consul, Col. Staunton, on July 21:
"WARSAW TO ENGLAND.
"July 21, 3 p.m.
"I, the city steeped in the blood of my children; I, a widow in mourning, with chains on my hands; I, a slave in a foreign land, send these words of thanks to thee, English people. The voice of the members of thy much esteemed House of Commons, the voice of the workmen of thy towns, has raised the lid of the tomb in which violence and indifference have precipitated Poland. To my call of blood and tears God has replied by the mouth of his honored people. Glory to God! and thanks to thee, O England! With all that remains to me of life and immortality, after a long martyrdom, I bless thee, thy old men, thy men, women, sons and daughters, wishing them eternal liberty and beatitude. May thy patrons ever pray God for thee, because thou, venerable and happy England, hast advocated the cause of abandoned, mutilated and crucified Poland."

DR. PATTERSON.—Extraordinary efforts are being made to obtain a commutation of Dr. Patterson's sentence, by those who should have at heart the interests of society as contradistinguished from those of the individual. It is, however, to be considered by the Executive if so-called money to this abortion Doctor would not, in reality, be great cruelty to all poor girls in service who may be exposed to the attempts of their employers or of their employers' sons, attempts which would not, probably, be hazardous, but for the existence of men like Dr. Patterson. When such infamous services, therefore, result in death, it appears to us that an opportunity for enforcing the law against murder is presented which could not be passed over without injury to society.

WHAT MR. RUSSELL SAYS OF THE FLIGHT OF THE NORTHERN ARMY.

Mr. Russell, the special correspondent of the Times, witnessed the flight of the Federalists, who were late for the battle. Having heard rumors of an intended attack upon the Confederates, he left Washington at 5 o'clock on Sunday morning, furnished with a pass from General Scott. Centerville is twenty-five miles south-west of Washington. The long and weary way was varied by different pickets along the road, and by the examination of papers and passes at different points. The country looked vacant in spite of the crops, for the houses were shut up, and the inhabitants who showed themselves were the supposed abolitionists.

Firing began to be heard at 9 30 a.m., but it was soon before the party reached Fairfax Court House, a poor village of some thirty or forty straggling wooden and brick houses. The last Centerville was reached, the Federals were seen in the distance, and the distant fight was found mixed up together. Mr. Russell rode forward to see the fighting, and at first heard accounts of nothing but victory. Suddenly up rode an officer, with a crowd of soldiers after him, from the village. "We've whipped them at all points!" he shouted. "We've taken the whole of them!" "Bravo!" "Bully for us!" "Didn't I tell you so?" and guttural "hurros" from the Deutschland folk and loud "hurros" from the Irish.

A different sight was met with a little further on. Suddenly there arose a tumult in front of me at a small bridge across the road, and then I perceived the drivers of a set of wagons which the horses turned towards me, who were endeavoring to force their way against the stream of vehicles starting in the other direction. By the side of the new set of wagons there were a number of commissariat men and soldiers, whom at first I took to be the baggage guard. They looked excited and alarmed, and were running by the side of the horses—in front of the drags—observing the view. At the bridge the currents met in wild disorder. "Turn back! retreat!" shouted the men from the front. "We're whipped! we're whipped!" They cursed and tugged at the horses' heads, and struggled with frenzy to get past. Running past me was a man with the shoulder straps of an officer. "Pray, what is the matter, sir?" It means we're pretty badly whipped, and that's a fact," he blurted out in puffs, and continued his career. I observed that he carried no sword. The teamsters of the advancing wagons now caught up the cry. "Turn back—turn your horses," was the shout up the whole line, and backing, plunging, rearing, and kicking, the horses which had been proceeding down the road reversed front and went off towards Centerville. Those behind them went madly rushing on, the drivers being quite indifferent whether glory or disgrace led the way, provided they could find it. In the midst of this extraordinary spectacle an officer, escorted by some dragoons, rode through the rank with a light cart in charge. Another officer on foot, with his sword under his arm, ran up against me. "What is all this about?" "Why, we're pretty badly whipped. We're all in retreat. The Gen. Tyler there badly wounded." And on he ran. There came yet another, who said, "We're beaten on all points—The whole army is in retreat." Still there was no flight of troops, no retreat of any army, and no reason for all this precipitation. True, there were many men in uniform flying towards the rear, but it did not appear as if they were beyond the proportions of a large baggage escort. I got my horse up into the field out of the road, and went on rapidly towards the front. Soon I met and passed through the corn, mostly without remark, presently I saw firelocks, cooking stoves, knapknives, and great coats on the ground, and observed that the confusion and speed of the baggage carts became greater, and that many of them were crowded with men, or were followed by others, who clung to them. The ambulances were crowded with soldiers, but it did not look as if there were many wounded. Negro servants on led horses dashed frantically past in uniform, whom it were a disgrace to the profession of arms to call "soldiers," swarmed by on mules, chargers, and even draft horses, which had been cut out of carts or wagons, and went on with harness clinging to their heels, as frightened as their riders. Men literally screamed with rage and fright when they saw they were blocked up. One rode asking all "What is all this about?" and now and then, but rarely, receiving the answer, "We're whipped," or "We're repulsed." Faces black and dusky, tongues out in the heat, eyes staring—it was a most wonderful sight. On they came like—

—who having once turned round goes on and turns no more his head.
For he knows that a fearful deed
Doth close behind him tread.

But where was the deed? I looked in vain. There was, indeed, some canoodling in front of me and in their rear, but still the firing was comparatively distant, and the runaways were far out of range. This disorderly retreat soon ended in a cowardly rout—miserable causeless panic. All the road from Centerville for miles presented such a sight as can only be witnessed in the track of runaways of an utterly demoralized army. Drivers flogged, lashed, spurred, and beat their horses, or leaped down and abandoned their teams, and ran by the side of the road. Mounted men—ranks and men in uniform, vehicles of all sorts, and commissariat wagons thronged the narrow way. At every shot a convulsion, as it were, seized upon the morbid mass of boxes, sinew, wood and iron, and thrilled through it, giving energy and action to its desperate efforts to get free from itself.

Mr. Russell at length turned back towards Washington. It was most surprising to see how far the few soldiers had contrived to get on in advance. After sunset the moon rose, and amid other acquaintances I jogged alongside an officer who was in charge of Col. Hunter, the commander of a brigade, I believe, who was shot through the neck, and was inside a cart, escorted by a few troopers. This officer was, as I understood, the major general, yet he had considered it right to take charge of his chief, and to leave his battalion. He said they had driven back the enemy with ease, but had not been supported, and blamed—as bad officers and good ones will do—the conduct of the General. "So mean a fight I never saw." I was reminded of a Crimean General who made us all merry by saying after the first experience I never saw a siege conducted on such principles as these. "Our friend had been without food, but not, I suspect, without drink—and that, we know, affects empty stomachs very much—since two o'clock that morning. Now, what is to be thought of an officer—gallant, he may be, as steel—what says, as I heard this gentleman say to a picket who asked him how the day went in front, 'Well, we've been licked into a cocked hat; knocked to a cocked hat; his cry to teamsters, escorts, convoys, the officers, and men on guard and detachment, while I, ignorant of the disaster behind, tried to mollify the effect of the news by adding, 'Oh, it's a drawn battle. The troops are reoccupying the position from which they started in the morning.' Perhaps he knew his troops better than I did."

THE AMERICAN STRUGGLE.

On the morning of the 22nd July, Washington was crowded with soldiers without doors, who had fled from Centerville, and with three months' men, who were going from the face of the evening on the expiration of their term of enlistment. The Federals utterly routed, had fallen back upon Arlington to defend the capital, leaving nearly five batteries of artillery, 8,000 muskets, immense quantities of stores and baggage, and their wounded and prisoners, in the hands of the enemy. If the Confederates had then and there marched upon Washington, the capital might have fallen into their hands.

CAPTURE OF A WHALE ON THE COAST OF CAPT. B.J. WILLARD.

The pilot cutter Capt. B.J. Willard, with a small party on board, started last Friday for deep water fishing. At twelve o'clock a whale, twenty-five or thirty feet long, was discovered near the boat. The small boat was then got in readiness, and the whale line, harpoon and lance, placed in it. As the whale came up to blow, Willard darted to the side of the boat, and took effect about midway on the left side, burying itself about two feet in the flesh. There were but two persons in the small boat, and the whale started off with them at railroad speed, the line humming through the water, turning from the sides of the boat like snow from the wheels of a train. At two o'clock the whale was hauled up the beach, and the lance, which started blood, he then started off, going at the rate of twenty-five miles per hour. At three o'clock, Mr. Ellis Usher, who was in a boat, seeing what was going on, came to their assistance. As the whale circled he got up to Willard's boat by the latter laying out line. The whale took both boats in tow, and kept on until six o'clock, by which time he had received three or four lances, his blood coloring the water. The sixth time he came up to blow Willard gave him another lance, when the staff broke, leaving the lance some three feet in the flesh. The whale had now become quite exhausted, and they felt sure of getting him, when, about seven o'clock, the harpoon drew out, and away went the whale, with two or three feet of lance in his body. At this time they were twenty-five miles distant from land, and it is judged that the animal must have towed them from 50 to 60 miles, as he kept continually going in circles. The boat was steered by Mr. Dixon Fuller, who managed it in a handsome manner, keeping it from upsetting as it went from sea to sea. 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