

On Thursday last a new brigantine was launched from the building yard of Mr. McPherson at Richmond, for Messrs. Willett of this city. She is of 250 tons register, and is named the *Æolus*.

The R. M. Steamer *Ospray* arrived at this port from Bermuda on Sunday last. The Bermuda Gazette says:

We learn that Sir Alexander Milne will leave Halifax for Bermuda on the 10th of November. We understand that Sir Alexander will make his usual cruise to the West India portion of his station about Christmas. We may therefore expect him back to Bermuda shortly after that period, and from letters received here it is probable that Rear-Admiral Sir James Hope, who succeeds Sir Admiral Milne on the North America and West India Station, will arrive in Bermuda about the middle of February, and meet Sir Alexander Milne at these Islands.

BARBADOS.—Gloom and despondency is evidenced in the accounts from the British West India Islands generally. The prospects of Barbados are dismal in the extreme, "business," writes one of the papers, "is so dull, that several merchants have been compelled to reduce their staff of clerks." The agricultural Reporter says, Barbados is just now in the throes of as severe an ordeal as it has perhaps ever before been her lot to encounter. The weak are already gone to the wall; many more feel their footing becoming more and more shaky; the hitherto reputed strong, to judge from the anxious faces of those on the spot, and the fortnightly Jeremiahs of absentees, begin to fear that even their solid foundations may not stand a much further prolongation of the pitiless storm of misfortune which has been pecking it for two or three years now.

The labouring population are in a most deplorable state for want of employment and the emigration to the neighboring Islands is encouraged. Numbers have left for Antigua and Santa Cruz.

ANTIGUA.—Most cheering accounts have come to us from this Island. The Times of the 26th says "the dreaded drought which for so many long months was spreading blight and desolation around us; has now fairly broken up" the rain has been general—the drooping hopes of the Planter has been removed—and no limited expressions of gratitude to the "Giver of all good" has been called forth.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

Cape Race, Oct. 29, 1863.

Steamship "Germania," from Southampton 21st, was intercepted at 11 o'clock on Thursday morning.

The Admiralty decided to construct a new squadron of iron gunboats, armoured, double screw propellers, and two heavy Armstrong guns.

Alabama, Georgia and Tuscarora continue cruising off the coast at Cape of Good Hope. Vanderbilt arrived at the Cape in pursuit.—Alabama was repairing in Simon's Bay.

Semmes has sold Sea Bride. No further captures made. Semmes will not for motives of policy seek an engagement with the Vanderbilt, but if blockaded in Simon's Bay he will elude her as he did the San Jacinto at Martinique. Semmes' opinion is that the Vanderbilt is very much faster than the Alabama which could not get away from her.

France.—The *Moniteur* says that movements in Caucasus were serious.

The Pays denies that France participated in recent negotiations upon the Polish question. It states that England and Austria are endeavoring to come to an understanding on the subject of the note. France awaits these negotiations, Europe knows France will adhere to every act according with existing circumstances and satisfy public opinion in Europe, which the agreement of the three Powers desire to represent.

AUSTRIA.—Vienna Journals declare that there can be no question of isolated action on the part of the three Powers in the Polish question.

DENMARK.—Larger body of troops ordered to be massed in Schleswig Southern frontier.

RUSSIA.—Two divisions of Infantry were ordered to Poland. Iron-plated batteries for the reinforcement of the Black Sea flotilla being equipped.

POLAND.—Czarynsky band completely destroyed near Lubin. Warsaw Hotel De Ville burnt by incendiaries. All officials of Polish descent replaced by Russians.

SWEDEN.—Stipulations of the treaty of alliance with Denmark agreed upon, but ratification will not take place until the German troops are despatched to Holstein.

IONIAN ISLANDS.—The Ionian Island Parliament resolved by a vote of 33 to 3 that England's protectorate cease immediately; that the Senate be dissolved; and that the Ionian islands be annexed immediately to Greece.

JAPAN.—Admiral Kuper's fleet arrived at Kagosima. Negotiations failing, Kuper besieged and levelled the city; he fired Prince Satomura's three steamers, and then returned to Yohohania. Kagosima one mass of ruins, Palace, factories and arsenals destroyed.

STILL LATER.

Cape Race, Oct. 29.

"City of Washington" from Liverpool 21st. Queenstown 22d, intercepted noon of Thursday.

Ward Beecher addressed immense audience in Exeter Hall, London, on the 20th, on interests of North. Few ex-

pressions of dissent were drowned in general plaudits.

Daily News says one of the most enthusiastic meetings ever held in London must have convinced Beecher of the truth of Russell's assertion that the great body of the English people are with the North and cause him to return home as a messenger of peace and good will between the two Countries.

Times combats Beecher's arguments and declares he is not the man to convert the British public to the Federal cause.

Continental politics unimportant.

Baroche nominated Senator of France, and Delante first Vice President of Senate.

Reported that a new French loan of sixteen millions sterling will shortly be announced.

The Empress of the French was being honored in regal style by the Queen of Spain.

Rumored that France is strongly urging the expulsion of the Ex-King of Naples from Rome.

Cotton quiet, unchanged. Broadstuffs quiet and steady. Corn active. Provisions steady. Consols 90.

LATEST.

The "China" passed Cape Race on Saturday last at 3 p. m.

The Morning Herald says that the capture of the "Sir Robert Peel" off the Rio Grande is exciting considerable attention at Lloyd's and pressure will be brought to bear on the British Government in reference to the subject. It is alleged there are not the slightest grounds for the seizure.

Rev. Henry Ward Beecher has been presented with an Address by the students of the Non-conformist Colleges, and also entertained with a farewell breakfast in London.

Napoleon has received and congratulated the Mexican deputation on their success.

Petersburg accounts say that there is a general belief in that city that there will be a diplomatic rupture with the Western Powers before Christmas.

Rumors are afloat of a threatening situation of affairs between Russia and Turkey.

The Times has an editorial holding up in warning tones the threatening position of affairs throughout the world, and urging that it is England's plain duty to seize and use all opportunities of exerting her position as arbitrator to make and keep peace while she can.

The Paris correspondent of the Daily News anticipates that the semi-official press will immediately receive orders to say that after all the Mexican people desire annexation to France under a French prince.