

Circumstances, and it was found that the letter which had been left on the cabin table, was couched in the following terms: 'Brother, having recognized you as a man, I have intended the captain to save the lives of yourself and crew, but for this you would all have perished. It was subsequently discovered that two American vessels had been destroyed by fire in those seas, the crews of both perished, and no doubt under similar circumstances. Brother Glen on his return to England lost no time in seeking admission into the order, which under Providence, has been the means of preserving his life.

In this narrative, we have a remarkable instance of a man, who though he disregarded every law, both human and divine, had yet remained faithful to his mission obligation; his insidious in fact forming the only case like these, and there are numerous others of a similar character recorded in the annals of our institution, require no comment to show the great value and vast importance of a knowledge of mission secrets, independently of the other beneficial results, and as well as moral.

The case of Brother Glen is precisely that of one of our own most active and respectable citizens; excepting that like the former, he did not become a member of the institution "which under Providence, was the means of preserving his life." The Order.

## THE CRISIS.

Highly Important from Europe.

New York, Dec. 30.

The *St. Louis* has arrived at 10 o'clock. Lord Palmerston has resigned Home Secretary. Lord John Russell is expected to occupy the office. Lord Lansdowne is expected to resign, and Lord Panmure to succeed.

Incidents of the 27th. In consequence of the capture of Constantinople, Great Britain is daily governing. All Foreign Ministers present. It is reported that the allied fleet is ordered to the Black Sea.

Russia has declared war against Turkey. A battle was fought between the Russians and the Turks on Armenian territory, 4,000 Turks killed. Despatches received from Russia. Russian forces numbered 15,000 Russians defeated in pitched battles.

Hostilities suspended on the Danube. Lord Palmerston resigned in consequence of his indisposition to support Lord John Russell's Budget Bill.

Cotter at Liverpool was unchallenged. Fleet was captured on 26th inst. Wood 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 110, 120, 130, 140, 150, 160, 170, 180, 190, 200, 210, 220, 230, 240, 250, 260, 270, 280, 290, 300, 310, 320, 330, 340, 350, 360, 370, 380, 390, 400, 410, 420, 430, 440, 450, 460, 470, 480, 490, 500, 510, 520, 530, 540, 550, 560, 570, 580, 590, 600, 610, 620, 630, 640, 650, 660, 670, 680, 690, 700, 710, 720, 730, 740, 750, 760, 770, 780, 790, 800, 810, 820, 830, 840, 850, 860, 870, 880, 890, 900, 910, 920, 930, 940, 950, 960, 970, 980, 990, 1000.

Letters from Constantinople of the 24th December announced the suspension of hostilities on the Danube. The impression at Vienna was strong that the Eastern question would be arranged satisfactorily.

It is reported that a Russian naval division, with 8,000 troops on board, had been repulsed at Chikilina, in which the Russian fleet was defeated. A Russian frigate and brig, the latter withdrawing in a shattered state.

Four steamers belonging to the allied powers had been captured. The Russian manifesto of Nov 1st, caused an immense excitement in Greece. The Greek fleet was taking more precautionary measures.

The frigate St. Louis arrived at Alexandria, Nov. 10th.

It was reported at Vienna, on the 19th, that a combined Russian and Persian army was about to march to Erzeroum.

The intelligence of the defeat at Sinop caused a great sensation at Constantinople. The Grand Divan was immediately convened. All Foreign Ministers were present. The Black Sea.

The Russian Consul at Servia has denounced Prince Alexander as a rebel and adherent of the Porte.

The allies of the various districts met and resolved to watch the movements of Prince Alexander, and talk of recalling from exile Prince Obrenovitch.

It is reported that the London papers intimate that a disagreement in the Cabinet on the Eastern question caused Lord Palmerston's resignation.

The Russians gained a battle on the Armenian frontiers—4,000 Turks were killed.

The *Turka* have attacked. The *Turka* have also captured an important fortress at Lendropolis.

Schuyler, the Christian leader, and Selim himself, have been killed. The people seem anxious that the *Turka* should be recalled to their homes.

Prince Woonsoof was surrounded at Teltis. His retreat had been cut off.

Schuyler and Selim, with Russian forces, were fighting, and heavy losses on both sides. 16,000 Russians had also been defeated at Asol.

The *African* brought 32 passengers. The *African* was delayed at the Cape.

Letters from Sinop state that the Russians laid two of their largest ships. The town was totally destroyed.

London, Saturday. It is thought Lord Russell will succeed Lord Palmerston.

Lord Lansdowne is expected to resign. Lord Panmure has been sent for.

An engagement took place between some Italian vessels and three Turkish steamers. Two of the latter were captured, and the third was blown up by her commander, rather than surrender.

The Russians fired into a Turkish brig near Odessa, and sunk her. All on board perished.

A powerful steamer left the Bosphorus on the afternoon of the 2nd. Mr. de Mesmeur, Archbishop of Bologna, died at Marseille, on his way to Rome.

The 16,000 Russians defeated by Schuyler were under the command of Gen. Orloff.

It is reported that the British Government has decided to send a small expedition to the East Indies, to be commanded by Lord Darnley.

It is said that Government have not elaborated on the subject of Parliamentary reform. The House of Commons have prepared a plan, which will be forwarded if he gets a chance.

The weather has been experienced, and several hurricanes had occurred on the West coast of Ireland.

The Liberal papers complain that Prince Albert is making himself too busy in the affairs of the Empire. Some attribute Lord Palmerston's resignation to a scandal in that quarter. Complaints are also made that Prince Albert interferes in politics.

The steamers had passed to Hamburg and Rotterdam, from the East.

Some few of the operatives were returning to work at Wigan at former wages.

THE TURKISH WAR.

It was credibly asserted that the combined English, French and Turkish fleets, entered the Black Sea on the 19th. Supposed destination Sinop.

Three ships from each squadron were left to guard the approach to Constantinople.

The *Cra* was frequently declared that the entry of ships of war into the Black Sea is equivalent to a declaration of war, the withdrawal of the Russian Ministers from Paris and London immediately looked for.

On the other hand, it is semi-officially announced from Vienna, that the fleets enter the Black Sea on a peaceful errand to prevent further collisions.

An extraordinary rumor is current that the destruction of the fleet at Sinop mentioned in Constantinople before the news of the disaster could possibly have arrived. The Turks imagine the affair was planned with the consent of the British to intimidate them into accepting terms of peace.

It appears that the Russian Admiral observed the Turkish flotilla at anchor in Sinop on the 23rd Nov., and although already out-manned by the Turks, he sent for three more line of battle ships, which joined him on the 27th, and the battle was fought on the 30th. News that the Turkish fleet was at Sinop, was carried to the Russians by an Austrian steamer.

The diplomatics are as busy as ever. The Paris *Deliberations* publishes a document purporting to be a letter of instructions sent by the four powers to their Ambassadors at Constantinople. It refers to the protocol of the 6th Dec., and is in the Collective name of Austria, France, Britain, and Russia.

It is stated that the Porte will circumspectly avoid any action which would lead to introducing new elements into the war. It calls upon Turkey to declare that she is still desirous of a peaceful settlement, and suggests that a conference be held in a city in a neutral country for the negotiation.

The *Deliberations* also publishes the protocol itself, but with this important sentiment, that the existence of Turkey within the limits which treaties have assigned to her have in fact become one of the necessary conditions of European equilibrium, and the presence of any such war would be injurious to the general interests of the two empires, calculated to alter the state of possession which time has consecrated in the East, and which is equally necessary for the tranquility of all the other powers.

Turkey is therefore invited to state on what terms it will treat. From Constantinople, under date of the 15th inst., it is learned that the Ambassadors of the four powers forthwith proceeded to act as directed. The Sultan's reply was to the effect, that he is ready to accept of a truce, but he refuses to accept an armistice, but contents to send a representative to conference.

The German papers mention that a Russian expedition, that the *Cra* also consists to send an *Arvy* to conference.

On the line of the Danube there has been some fighting. On the 4th, the Russian army, which had been repulsed at Sinop, was defeated. The Russian army was defeated.

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300 fathoms of chain, and the other 75 fathoms, but such was the force with which she was driving as to cause the cables to snap on her bows. The ship fell on her broadside, and sank almost completely on her broadside, with about 400 tons, when her stern struck on the ridge of the reef with such terrific force as to break the vessel right in two. She parted just above the mainmast. The bows fell off, and the stern floated away. The mainmast came down lengthways. The crew were collected around, hoping to preserve themselves by it, and in their effort to get the crew clear, the mainmast came down lengthways down, destroying the boat, and causing almost every one who was near it to death. The second mate, Mr. M. R., one of two of the cabin passengers, and about thirty others, took to the fore-ribs, which, happily for them, contained in an upright position, and which, when the vessel rolled on the reef, they had scarcely taken up their position, before the fore-ribs of the ship opened in two parts, one chain cable dragging the windlass through the bows. The chief mate, Mr. Mackay, and three of four seamen, were swept overboard on the reef, and were not seen again for some time afterwards, and then disappeared. Those who had taken refuge in the fore-ribs continued holding on till twelve past two, when they were able to make good their way to the