

LATE EUROPEAN NEWS.

Prince Albert has applied for a lease of the barony of Aberdein, in Scotland.

The Queen of the French and her sons reached London, on Tuesday, from the Continent.

The Great Western steamship works at Bristol have been sold by auction, and realized handsome prices.

ANTICIPATED CALIFORNIA TROUBLE WITH ENGLAND.

The large amount of British shipping which is now trading to San Francisco demands some attention at the hands of our government.

It has been long known that the property of our shipping and traders has been subjected to all kinds of extortions, violence and other lawless conduct, in California; and yet, with the large amount of trade carried on there, the British government has not thought it worth while to appoint a Consul to protect the property of our merchants and shipowners in that locality.

It might be truly said, in this case, that "they manage these things better in France," whose shipping it should be remembered, is of far less magnitude than ours. There is a French Consul at San Francisco, who is actively employed in the protection of French property and French citizens.

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The interior court has already decided against me, but I have been advised to appeal to the supreme court, which I intend doing. The British ship of war Daulais had recently arrived here, but the Captain is unable to render me any assistance. It is a most shameful thing that there should be no British Consul at this port. There is a French Consul here, who is taking a very active part on behalf of French subjects.

The British bark Gloucester, of nearly 300 tons, was disposed of under auction for \$1,000; and the French ship Chateaubriand, of 1,000 tons register, also under execution, for \$1,000. It is generally considered here that this wholesale confiscation of shipping will lead to great difficulty between the British and United States governments."

[Correspondence of the London Chronicle.] IMPORTANT FROM SPAIN.

The complicated state of relations between Spain and the United States—the Americans taken at Conley.

MADRID, Oct. 15, 1850. The latest accounts received here, respecting the Cuban question, and the relations between the Government of Spain and the United States, growing out of it, are of a gloomy character.

The negotiations have been chiefly carried on at Washington; but the government here is not satisfied with the manner in which their envoy at Washington has conducted them; and a short time since there was even a question of removing him for want of energy; and the news was transmitted to him, for presentation to the government of Washington, of such a character that, had it been left to his discretion, Señor Caldera de la Barca would not have hesitated to resign. This gentleman had been left for a long time without any instructions, and, in the critical circumstances in which he was placed, it is stated to have been his object, as far as possible, to avoid whatever might irritate American susceptibility, and afford a pretext for picking a quarrel—and this, under the strong conviction that a quarrel, for whatever cause, would be well received by Spain, would be well received, more or less, by all parties in the United States; and, in fact, it is the opinion of those best acquainted with the actual state of things, that however diplomacy may state it off for time, a quarrel will inevitably grow out of this question at last.

The ministerial journals here have hailed the advent of Mr. Webster's Cabinet to power, as if Cuba was quite safe in consequence of this event, and lavished their praises on the new President of the Union as they had on his predecessor shortly before. But they are now beginning to assume a different language; and the Española today has a long article, the object of which is to show, from a multitude of considerations, that there is no dependence to be placed on the policy of Mr. Webster's cabinet, the "astonishing leniency" of which towards the conspirators against Cuba it explains by the position of the American government, and the power which popular feeling and national desire of aggrandisement possess in that country.

Without discussing the merits of the Española's view of the case, I believe that those who have the best knowledge of the subject consider that, if any tangible ground be afforded for it, all Americans will be found on the same side on this question. All desire Cuba, more or less; and those who would not sanction an invasion by adventurers in a time of peace, might consider a quarrel for which a good pretext was furnished them, as rather a godsend than otherwise; and it has been, therefore, the policy of Señor Caldera de la Barca to steer as wide as possible from such a rock ahead.

The Spanish government, trusting probably to the large force, naval and military, which they are accumulating in Cuba, and also, perhaps, to the prospect of forming European alliances in case of need, are taking a high tone; and I see one of the New York papers, as quoted by the Española, allude to a report that "Spain, in her official communications with this country has taken a tone to which we cannot give way with honor."

Count Miraso left Cuba for Spain, on the 10th ult., in a sailing packet. General Ezna, appointed second in command in Cuba, arrived at Havana on the 12th ult., in the transport ship Santa Cecilia, with Brigadier Parin, Colonel Laguna, and several other officers, and 229 rank and file. General J. Concha, Leymechich, Mazoan, and other chiefs, destined for Cuba, arrived at Cadix on the 10th to embark for Havana.

The remittances from Cuba to the home government, during the last month, were only \$68,000. In point of fact, instead of being a source of wealth to the Spanish exchequer, it is likely to be a drain upon it, at the rate at which the armaments for its defence are now going on.—Practical men say, sell it to the best advantage while you can, and pay off your debts with the proceeds; but this is regarded as *tu quoque* by the men in power, who have proclaimed by their chief officer that Cuba shall be either Spanish or African—a dependent Colony, or a second St. Domingo. This sentence passed last Havana on the American captain taken at Conley, will probably contribute to the complication of affairs between the two governments.

MADRID, Oct. 16.—It was officially stated in the best informed quarters that the government here have sent off orders to the authorities of Cuba, to suspend the carrying of effect the sentences passed against some of the Americans taken at Conley, and that there is reason to hope that this cause of strife will be ultimately got rid of by their being set at liberty, as the great majority have already been. By this step of the Spanish Government, time is allowed for negotiation, at all events, while there is very little doubt that the execution of the sentences would have been immediately followed by the most serious consequences. It is said that a long correspondence has taken place on the subject between Mr. Barringer, the American envoy, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs; and that matters had approached at one time very near to a rupture.

None of the journals here have alluded to this part of the question, to which I have more than once adverted. They confine themselves to denouncing Lopez and his American confederates who are plotting future invasions, which the American government is believed to be very desirous to prevent, while, but for the present resolution now taken, the two nations would be plunged into war, without the slightest previous knowledge of what was going on.

A San Francisco letter of the 11th says that 1,300 men were to embark at that port on the 15th for the Canarian Islands, to go to the forces sent from Cadix, and that the vessels which were to convey them are ready to receive them. General Concha himself, with the other general officers, is expected to leave in a steamer on the 15th.

[Correspondence of the London Times.] MADRID, Oct. 15. All the political journals here, every public and co-er, are anxious at the indifference with which the government of the United States look on at the present attacks on the island of Cuba, and they are all united in their expressions of disapprobation to the delay of Spain in requiring the States of the Union to exercise their good offices for the restoration of a good faith to the honor of constitutional legislation. The Spanish government has declared its readiness to enforce the injunctions of the Diet, which Prussia is equally determined to oppose. It was decided at a cabinet council, at which that of the Emperor had abdicated, Austria should occupy the Electorate, at all risks. The question has been referred to arbitration—the Emperor is in possession of the Emperor's minister, Prince Schwarzenberg, (Austria) and Count Bismarck, (Prussia) have met for this purpose, at Warsaw.

THE LATEST ADVICES FROM BERLIN are up to the 23d inclusive. Everything as regards Hesse Cassel is in statu quo. In a recent cabinet council, held at Berlin, the Prince of Prussia (heretofore the crown prince) expressed himself warmly in favor of opposing Austria by war, if necessary. In Hauser's *Siene* ministry has resigned.—This is so far important, as the new ministry will, it is said, be favorable to Austria, and will throw the balance decidedly in her favor.—It will then be Austria, Bavaria, Saxony, Wurtemberg and Hauser, against Prussia and the small States.

SAD NEWS FROM THE PLAINS.—We are indebted to Hawley & Co's. Express for the Sacramento Transcript of yesterday, containing a report from Capt. W. W. Alden, written at Great Meadows, Humboldt River, the other dated Truckee River, Sept. 15.

He states that the Relief Committee have not a single pound of flour cast of the mountains, and he suggested the Desert on the 7th inst. met two men who had given up to die from starvation, same day two men died of starvation at Carson Desert; that those who were left were so weak that they could not walk, and that those who were left were so weak that they could not walk, and that those who were left were so weak that they could not walk.

From the Truckee to the head of the Humboldt the cholera is killing them off; the sick surround the Truckee station unable to proceed. Capt. W. was about starting to try to persuade such as were from the Truckee to return to the mountains, but he was prevented by the cholera. He calls for ten thousand pounds of flour for the station at Truckee, and the same amount for the Summit. He says that those back several hundred miles will die by starvation unless relieved. We regret our inability to give as much of his communications as we could wish. He asks for contributions, and offers to the city council his claim to ten thousand dollars worth of property, if they will forward that amount in flour and articles for the sick to this place. His report is fearful. A back man from Boston rode express 400 miles with the information—Cannot something be done here to save the lives of these our countrymen and friends? Many of them are women and children, widows and orphans, and their husbands and fathers having died with the cholera.—Alta California, Oct. 1.

GREAT FIRE IN BOSTON.—The Boston Telegraph of the 6th states that a great fire took place on Monday evening, in which the large depot, used for storing freight by the Boston and Maine Railroad Company was destroyed. There was the building at the time the clock freight train bound out consisting of nearly thirty cars, all loaded with flour and other produce. Messrs. Harrod and Fernald, dealers in mahogany, used the upper part. There was loss in between \$10,000 and \$30,000 about one-fourth of which is covered by insurance. The train of cars was entirely consumed, and there was no insurance on them. The building was a new one, built of brick, was five hundred feet long, and valued at \$40,000. It is mostly insured.—The total loss by the conflagration is estimated at nearly \$25,000. The origin of the fire is at present unknown.

EXCITEMENT IN WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Nov. 2. Great uneasiness is excited among the citizens of the District of Columbia, on account of a proposition submitted to the Virginia Reform Convention, for the expulsion of the free negroes. They dread the overwhelming influx of that class, and the addition that would be made to the Ten thousand already residing in the District, a majority of whom are idle and worthless.

The Union of to-day denounces bitterly the notorious George Thompson, and his interference in the anti-slavery movement in opposition to the laws of the United States.

MURDER NEAR MARKHAM.—A few days ago a man was murdered by a wife, about two miles back from Markham. The only particulars which can as yet be gathered are, that the man returned home in a state of intoxication, and that the woman beat him so that he was entirely insensible. She was declared to be insane, and was immediately removed to the Lunatic Asylum, where she still remains. Whether this was the first time the man had so appeared, or whether the frequency of such a kind of scene, has destroyed her reason, or her partner in life, remains yet to be known. There is, however, no doubt, as to the main facts in the case.—Globe.

Boston, Nov. 5. The great freight depot of the Boston and Maine Railroad was totally destroyed by fire this morning, together with a freight train of 30 cars, loaded with cotton, flour, &c. Loss over \$100,000.

On Monday morning at an early hour, a male infant, of a few hours old, was discovered lying on the ground, immediately behind a privy, in this town. The child was instantly, on its discovery, removed to a neighboring house, and died in a few moments of convulsions. A coroner's inquest was held before Dr. Raymond, and a jury sworn on the occasion; the result of which was, that a young woman, named Della Potter, was arrested on the charge of maternity and infanticide, and having confessed, has been kept under arrest. This is the first instance of this nature that has occurred in this vicinity, and of course has produced considerable excitement.

Were precluded from giving the evidence taken in this case, as it might have a tendency to prejudice public opinion. Desertion, exposure, or infanticide, are crimes of such magnitude, that when they do occur it is to the credit of the community, and the sacredness of human life must be protected by the laws society has thrown up for that purpose.—St. Catharines Journal.

How TO DRESS WELL.—Dr. Johnson speaking of a lady who was celebrated for being well-dressed, remarked—"The best evidence that I can give you of her perfection in this respect is that she once wore a ruff which she had on." Delicacy of feeling in a lady will prevent her putting on anything calculated to attract notice; and yet a few yards of good taste will dress so as to have every article of clothing to correspond. Thus while she avoids what is showy and attractive, everything will be adjusted so as to exhibit symmetry and taste.

A THOUGHTFUL WOMAN.—A couple belonging to one of the coast towns of Fife, who had been but a few months married, took advantage of the Railway to Edinburgh, and on their way back, the wife, who was seated at the laying of the foundation stone, of the young wife proposed staying a few days with her friends in Edinburgh, but it was necessary that her husband should proceed homewards by the boat on Saturday morning. To try the strength of his matrimonial affection, he remarked that "he doubt the boat would be so heavy laden that they would 'gang to the bottom.'" "Dae ye think sae?" responded his affectionate partner, "then, ye had better leave the 'house' of me!"—Edinburgh News.

PIGEON ROOST.—There is an immense pigeon roost about a mile and a half north-west of this village, where millions of pigeons do nightly congregate, whose roosting is like notes of many waters, and is heard at a great distance. Scores of sportsmen visit the grounds nightly with their guns, and their dogs, and the reward of victory and tokens of their prowess Ravensna (Ohio) Star.

ANSWER TO A CHALLENGE.—Sent by H. H. Beckwith, Judge Sawyer Court, Pennsylvania, to an English Officer. —I have two objections to this duel matter; the one, is, I should hurt you, and the other, I should hurt you. I do not want to try the strength of my hand, but of your body, I could make no use of you, when dead, for any culinary purpose as I would a rabbit or a turkey. I am no cannibal to feed on the flesh of men. Why then, should a human creature of which I could make no use? A buffalo would make better meat; for though your flesh might be young and tender, yet it wants the firmness and consistency which take and retain salt. At any rate, it would do for a sea voyage.

You might make a good barbecue, it is true, being of the nature of a racoon, or opossum; but people are not in the habit of barbecuing anything that is human now. As to your hide, it is not worth taking off, being little better than two year old calf.

So much for you. As for myself, I do not like to stand in the way of anything that is hurtful. I am under the impression that you might hit me. This being the case, I think it most advisable to stay at a distance. If you want to try your pistol, shoot a tree, or a barn door, about my dimension. If you hit the barn door, I will acknowledge, that if I had been in the same place, you might have hit me.

AWFUL DEATH OF A CHILD.—Messrs Schenck, a widow, living some five miles beyond Montgomery, in this county, and her child a little girl, were, on the 20th, were attacked of late by a big bulldog. The dog seized the child by the throat, and the mother was wounded to make him let go, the harder he held on. The people broke the dog's back, and after inserting a lever into his mouth, and prying him loose, released the sufferer, but not until her throat was mangled so that pieces of flesh hung loose. No hopes of the child's recovery were entertained at last accounts; the physicians declared it past all help.—It is dead here.—[Cincinnati Commercial.

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TO BE SOLD.—An Excellent FARM, being Lot No. 43, Maitland Co. N. E. S. 10 N., 30 of which is cleared. The land is of a superior quality, and well watered. It is situated exactly nine miles from the town of Goderich on the Huron Road, and at the junction of six different roads; and as it is in the centre of a populous and prosperous locality, it is excellently adapted for a Tavern stand, or a Store. This farm is well entitled to the attention of persons desirous of an eligible situation for business, and will be sold on very reasonable terms. For particulars apply to D. H. LIZARS, Land Agent. Goderich, June 20, 1850. 2r-220

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WATSON & WILLIAMS, DIXIE WATSON of Goderich, BARRISTER AT LAW, &c. &c. and GEORGE WILLIAMS, of Stratford, late of the firm of Hector, Weller and Williams, Barristers, &c. Toronto, having this day entered into