

our difficulties with England, but we may not be so fortunate in other cases, and must provide for the worst. The narrow escapes through which the Washington Treaty will reach success, if it reach it at all, is not very encouraging for the peaceful settlement of international disputes.

We noticed recently that the British Admiralty had decided upon practically testing the strength of the turrets of the iron-clad *Glatton*, by sending her sister ship *Hotspur* to pound away at them with twelve and a half ton guns in the English Channel. The English newspapers now report that Lord John Hay, at one time a Lord of the Admiralty, is going to try an experiment which will not certainly be *in core viii*. The gallant officer is to go on board the *Glatton* to ascertain what effect will be produced upon her by the guns of the *Hotspur*.—U.S. Army and Navy Journal.

FOREIGN, MILITARY AND NAVAL ITEMS.

A special commission has been appointed at the Seraskierate to consider tender invited for the supply of 200,000 breech-loading rifles for the Turkish troops. Several proposals have been received.

To counterbalance the advantages which France derives from the possession of Bel-fort, the Prussian War Department has adopted a plan for fortifying the city of Altkirch; this plan consists in forming an entrenched camp and in erecting fortifications on the heights around the town.

The *Broad Arrow* is disgusted that the American Mediterranean Squadron is supplied with Harvey's torpedoes, and that the officers are instructed how to handle them. While so far as can learn, the British fleet in the Mediterranean has not one of these weapons on board, and the officers are ignorant of their use.

The *Morning Post* writing on the text, "Forts versus Guns," comes to the inevitable conclusion that both will sink into a secondary position, when the torpedo is perfected. "The experience of the late American war," it remarks, "demonstrates that a combination of forts and torpedoes will effectually prevent a fleet from passing a channel which could with impunity be entered if its defence were entrusted to forts alone.

M. Jules Simon, the French Minister of Public Instruction, has a kindly heart for Jack. This paternal minister has just addressed a circular to the five ports of Cherbourg, Brest, L'orient, Rochefort, and Toulon, stating that he is disposed to grant subventions to such theatrical managers as will reduce their prices of admission for sailors of the fleet, so that they may be kept as much as possible out of the wine-shops.

A Paris paper says: "The Navy Department has had a detailed inventory made of the French men-of-war. It results from this work, which will be communicated to the as-

sembly at the time of the discussion of the naval budget, that our fighting fleet is of such a nature as to be able to face all events." What a satire! This navy has neither been increased nor improved since the recent war, during which it did nothing, absolutely nothing, either in the Baltic or the North sea.

Mr. Reed being afraid that the "Captain" would beat the "Monarch" in sailing, used very large masts and spars in the construction of the latter ship. He so pushed his desire to make the ship sail well as to endanger her safety. In doing so we find that the "Monarch" now in dock at Pourmouth, under a course of repairs and alterations preparatory to being placed in the first reserve for commission. The alterations being made include the reduction of size and weight of topmasts, topgallantmasts, and all yards aloft, and the abolition of square yards on her mizenmast.

Prussia evidently does not intend to give up her grasp upon her newly acquired possessions. Her engineers have already determined upon a vast, complete plan for the fortification of Strasbourg, and have already commenced the work of construction after Prussian fashion.

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WM. H. LEE,
Clerk Privy Council,

Ottawa, July 1, 1872.

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