

A Berlin special in London reports that numerous Slavonian journals assert that a strong Russian force is being concentrated at Bender, on the river Doister, near the Moldavo Turkish frontier. The Prince of Montenegro has forbidden the transmission of telegrams or letters giving any information of military movements. The Herzegovinese, under the control of the Prince of Montenegro, have determined to accept no communication from the Porte. The Slavonic Committee at Moscow have sent the insurgents 100,000 roubles. The same despatch says it appears that on June the 1st, rival propositions touching a settlement of the Eastern Question were received at Vienna from England and Russia. Similar communications were probably made by both powers to Berlin, prior to the Emperor William postponing his contemplated trip to Ems. News has just been received in London that the Austrian Government has again permitted 6000 breechloaders and several million cartridges to be landed at Cattaro, for the Montenegrins. The Turks have consequently forbidden Austrian steamers from touching at the Turkish bank of the Danube. — A Vienna despatch mentions a report that Germany and Austria decline the suggestion made by Russia to postpone the recognition of Murad until he was willing to receive advice from the Powers. — The *Telegraph's* correspondent at Paris announces that the Grand Duke Michel of Russia has arrived there. *Le Soir* says great importance is attached to the visit in political circles. We believe it indicates the restoration of French influence in the councils of Europe.

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