

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

FRANCE.

Modification of the French Cabinet is again discussed. Alliance between France and England on the Chinese question.

The Chinese affair, examined in a proper point of view, presents two phases perfectly distinct.—The Past and the Future.

A dispatch from Paris says that the King of Prussia had finally agreed to settle the Neuchâtel difficulty, renouncing his rights, on condition that the title of Prince of Neuchâtel be resumed by the Prussian crown.

LUTHERANISM AND MIXED MARRIAGES.—In a recent communication from Bavaria (a Catholic State, in which Protestants enjoy perfect liberty), it is stated that the Lutheran Consistory in that country has issued orders to its ministers to endeavor, by all means, to prevent the celebration of mixed marriages.

The Emperor of the French has presented the great bell of Sebastopol to Notre Dame; but the fastenings by which it was hung having been purposely broken off by the Russians, it is now undergoing the repairs required for its suspension.

THE FRENCH EPISCOPATE.—The Times recently contained the following letter from its Paris correspondent:—

It is reported that the Government has some intention of creating two new Bishops in France.

Among the prelates the senior in respect of promotion to the prelate is M. de Bonald, who was named Bishop of Le Puy in 1822, and who filled that See till 1839, when he was raised to the Archiepiscopal See of Lyons.

In respect of age the senior is M. de Prilly, Bishop of Chalons-sur-Marne. He was born in 1775, and is consequently in his 82nd year.

On the 8th of February, 1807, the day of the battle of Eylau, the Emperor Napoleon, in order the better to ascertain the movements of the enemy, ascended to the summit of the church steeple, and thence swept the field with his telescope.

Look at that mass, he said to the colonel; charge it home. The fate of the battle depends on your doing so.

The Russian Government is busily engaged in augmenting its marine strength, and has given orders for several new gunboats, which are now building for it in some of the ports of England and Scotland.

Chalons-sur-Marne, to which he was appointed in 1824 by the Government of Louis XVIII. Not many years ago the daughter of his old friend, the lieutenant, married a gentleman of Avallon in the department of the Yonne, and the religious ceremony was celebrated by the vicar of the Dragon.

Every one speaks of the venerable prelate as a model of evangelical virtue. His income from the State is 12,000 fr. (£480), nearly the whole of which is spent in works of charity.

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The Milan Gazette announces that the Emperor has granted a general amnesty to all the soldiers and officers of inferior rank who, in 1848-49 deserted the Imperial army.

RUSSIA. Russia is making preparations for a decisive campaign in the Caucasus.

The late war with Russia has, no doubt, been followed by most important and happy results. The career of European aggression is checked for at least the lifetime of the present generation.

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It is again affirmed that, during the short period of hostilities between Great Britain and Persia, the Russian Government obtained permission from the Court of Teheran to establish military posts and block-houses in the passes of Bayazid, in order to secure the possession of the road by Mount Ararat.

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BURNING OF THE SUBURBS OF CANTON.—On Monday Morning, at daylight, armed bodies left the ships for the purpose of setting fire to the western suburbs of Canton—a measure which, if before carried out, might have tended to show the Chinese we are now determined to give them their deserts.

There is some rumor of deserting both the Dutch Folly and the Gardens—a circumstance to be regretted if it does take place.

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of refinement, and in the Augustan age. Those who contemplated the present condition of Europe, and especially of England, could have no doubt that we had reached to this state of society.

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