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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

At a meeting of the building operatives last evening (18th inst) it was resolved to adhere to the demand for an advance of 3d. per hour on wages, and if the master builders refuse to give the increase asked for, that a general strike be inaugurated.

Macdonnell and other bank forgers were brought before the Mayor on Wednesday, 18th inst. The Attorney General for the Crown took occasion to make a suitable acknowledgment of the services of Mr. Schenck, the United States Minister, and of the authorities in New York, in securing the extradition of Macdonnell and thus forwarding the ends of justice. All the papers in the case not having come to hand the case was adjourned.

The Shah of Persia crossed the channel on the 18th inst in the Royal yacht, accompanied by a fleet of iron clads, and arrived at Dover at 2:30 p.m.. The city was gaily decorated and crowded with visitors, and the shipping in the harbor covered with flags and streamers. As the Royal visitor landed salutes were fired from the fleet and shore. He was received by the Duke of Edinburgh and Prince Arthur. The Mayor and Corporation of Dover then presented an address to which the Shah replied by thanking them for his kind reception on entering Her Majesty's dominions—a reception, he said, which made him feel that he was among friends. The Shah and suite, accompanied by the Prince, then took a special train for London. They arrived at Charing Cross station at six o'clock. A heavy rain prevailed, but immense crowds surrounded the place and filled the adjacent streets. On alighting from the cars the Shah was met by the Prince of Wales, Prince Teoh, Prince Christian and the Duke of Cambridge, who cordially welcomed him to England. The entire party then entered carriages and drove slowly to Marlborough House. Notwithstanding the inclement weather which somewhat marred the splendor of the streets, windows and house tops along the line of procession were filled with people

who kept up a most enthusiastic cheering. The Shah dined at Marlborough House on the 18th inst., with the Prince of Wales.

A Brussels despatch says that the Belgium Government has refused Cluseret, the French Communist, a safe conduct to visit Belgium, also says that General Cluseret was further informed that if he came into the country he would be arrested and surrendered to the French authorities.

The Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland lately opened a dock at Limerick, which cost about £20,000. Though the weather was beautifully fine, it is stated that the populace took no part in the ceremonies, which were joined in solely by the upper classes.

It has been announced by the Duke of Cambridge that the camp at Wimbledon would be ready for occupation on the 5th of July, and the shooting would commence on the 7th.

At a late meeting of the Royal Geographical Society, Mr. N. Elias, gold medalist of the year, and the first European who has made a journey through Western Mongolia, read a paper upon that remote district. Sir Henry Rawlinson said that Mr. Elias' journey had been one of about 2,000 miles, and during its entire length Mr. Elias had made a series of accurate and connected astronomical observations of the latitude of hills and places above the sea level. These observations were now being worked out, and proved to be most valuable. They were in fact, the first accurate observations we had ever had of Central Asia, and would enable us to lay down correctly the physical features of the region on a mathematical basis. It was for this important service to geography that the council had determined to award the gold medal of the Society to Mr. Elias.

The offertory has been adopted in Wilton parish church. The Earl of Pembroke has expressed his willingness to resign all claim on his own family seat, and to continue the payment of his usual church rate which amounts to a large sum, if the church is thrown open free and unappropriated.

Advice from Paris states that the floor and galleries of the Assembly were crowded, 18th inst., in anticipation of an exciting debate over the case of M. Roux, the Deputy for Lyons. The report of the special committee, recommending that authority be granted for his prosecution, was read, but the debate thereon was postponed until tomorrow.

A Vienna despatch says the number of visitors to the exhibition is less than was anticipated, and trades people are generally greatly discouraged at the absence of strangers, and the price of living which deterred persons from visiting the city have been reduced.

It is said that ex-Queen Isabella is about to proceed to Rome to confer with the Pope upon the prospects of the Bourbon family in Spain.

A despatch from Berlin says the Emperor William continues very weak and requires absolute quiet in order to effect a restoration of his health.

A Paris despatch says an alliance has been effected between the supporters of ex-President Thiers and the radicals in the assembly. M. Thiers is said to have had frequent conferences with M. Gambette since his retirement from the Presidency.

The Carlist forces, commanded by Hizarra and Olo, with other bands of insurgents entered the Spanish province of Biscay.

An engagement took place between the Carlists and Republicans. The former were victorious.

A report has reached this place that Gen. Mouvillas has defeated the Carlists under Duviegarry, near Vittoria, and that three hundred insurgents were killed and wounded, and seven hundred taken prisoners.

Senor Pi y Margall, President of the Council, in the course of a speech, delivered last evening in the Cortes, said the Government must first pacify the Peninsula in order to discourage disaffection in the Island of Cuba.