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FRANCE.

Satisfaction is expressed that Paris is selected as the place of holding the Congress.

Peace is looked upon as certain. There have been numerous political arrests of members of secret Societies at Bordeaux.

Paris is extremely gay, and even the Faubourg St. Germain is coming out strong in balls.

The *Moniteur* publishes a decree fixing the import duty on raw cotton brought from the Entrepôts by French vessels at 25¢ per hundred kilograms, being a reduction of 5¢ on the rates fixed by the tariff of 1853.

SPAIN.

The *Official Gazette* denies that political arrests have been made in Cuba.

AUSTRIA.

The Emperor of Austria, as a mark of consideration for his illustrious ally Queen Victoria, has pardoned Col. Turr.

INDIA AND CHINA.

Bombay dates are received to January 2nd.

The Southall inspection is suppressed, and there is quiet throughout India.

Great Britain is about to take possession of the Kingdom of Oude, to allow its King a pension of half a million of dollars, to reduce its army from 80,000 to 15,000, and to appoint the English Outnam, Governor of the country.

A fair business was doing in imports.

FOUR DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE!

ARRIVAL OF THE ATLANTIC.

THE EMPERORS OF RUSSIA AND AUSTRIA GOING TO PARIS!

MISUNDERSTANDING WITH THE UNITED STATES.

New York, Feb. 24.

Peace apparently progresses favorably. Preliminary protocols were signed at Vienna, on the first, by representatives of France, England, Turkey, Russia, and Austria, agreeing to open the conference at Paris, within three weeks.

Lord Clarendon is appointed English plenipotentiary.

There is a doubtful report that the Emperor of Russia and Austria will visit Paris during the conference.

The protocol preliminaries to the conference of Paris have been definitely signed, and matters are progressing favorably in the direction of peace.

No news of importance from the Crimea or Asia.

An armistice by land only will doubtless be agreed on, to last until the end of March.

The most important news is that which relates to the extraordinary excitement on the subject of war with the United States.

It was again confidently reported on the Liverpool Exchange, that the American Ambassador had demanded his passport, and his absence from Lady Palmerston's soiree was attributed to the personal misunderstanding between Lord Clarendon and himself.

We have no particulars of the misunderstanding. The English papers maintain complete silence on the subject. Lord Clarendon, however, is reported to have spoken in an imperious manner, which Mr. Buchanan promptly checked, by closing the interview.

It is also reported that the Derby party intend to bring forward a motion in parliament on the subject of the omission of all allusion in the Queen's speech.

It is further reported that France and England envoys to Brazil to seek to enlist the interest of that country against the interest of the United States in Central America. In the meantime, the general tone of the English is threatening towards the United States. Purchases of arms from an exception, and the chamber of commerce, both at Manchester and Liverpool protest against any interruption to the amicable relations of the two countries.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

Breadstuffs were much depressed. Wheat about 4d per bush lower, and Flour is per bush. Indian Corn did not show so much decline.

Beef, Pork and Lard dull. Bacon firm and in good demand.

Money tight, demand great. There have been some arrivals of Australian gold, but it is likely to be unimportant. Consols were weak closing at 90 1/4 3/4.

SPRING ASSIZES.

HOME CIRCUIT.

The Hon. Sir John Beverley Robinson, Bart. Milton. Monday, 17th March.

Barrie. Tuesday, 25th March.

Napier. Tuesday, 25th April.

Hamilton. Tuesday, 22nd April.

Cayuga. Tuesday, 13th May.

Sydenham. Tuesday, 27th May.

EASTERN CIRCUIT.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Draper.

Brookville. Monday, 21st April.

Corwell. Monday, 28th April.

L'Orignal. Thursday, 5th May.

Ottawa. Monday, 12th May.

Pelton. Thursday, 22nd May.

MIDLAND CIRCUIT.

The Hon. Mr. Justice McLean.

Whitby. Wednesday 26th March.

Peterborough. Tuesday, 8th April.

Cobourg. Monday, 14th April.

Belleville. Thursday, 24th April.

Pictou. Tuesday, 6th May.

Kingston. Tuesday, 13th May.

OXFORD CIRCUIT.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Burns.

Brantford. Tuesday 22nd April.

Simcoe. Tuesday, 29th April.

Woodstock. Monday 5th May.

Stratford. Wednesday 14th May.

Berlin. Tuesday, 20th May.

Guelph. Monday, 26th May.

WESTERN CIRCUIT.

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St. Thomas. Wednesday 12th March.

London. Wednesday 19th March.

Chatham. Tuesday 15th April.

Sarnia. Tuesday, 22nd April.

CITY OF TORONTO.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Richards.

Toronto. Monday, 5th May.

PARIS FUEL SHOPS.

The fuel required to cook a dinner in Paris costs nearly as much as the dinner itself.

Fuel is very scarce, and the American is surprised to find shops all over the city, fitted up with shelves like those in shoe stores, upon which is stored wood, split up in pieces about the size of a man's finger, and done up in bundles, as matches were in the days of the tinder box, steel, and flint; they are about the size of a bunch of asparagus. These little bundles sell at from two to six sous. Larger sticks are bundled up in the same way, and sell at a frightful price. Charcoal is sold by the weight, and hard coal being nearly as expensive as wood, can be bought in the smallest quantity at any of these fuel shops.

The Herald

CARLETON-PLACE, FEB. 28.

The question of peace or war is at present occupying much attention; and our opinions are being expressed as a result of the pending negotiations.

Peace rumors now so prevalent, are entirely effecting the stock and bread markets, both in Europe and America. Speculators are generally manifesting a desire to await the result of the conference about to be held in Paris, before entering into fresh business.

Among the grain holders, except p and a consequent heavy fall in price, others do not believe the speculation will lead to peace and are consequently firm in their demands. A third class lieve that neither a peaceful nor a b issue, can permanently effect the p for some time to come. They argue France, Belgium and Germany, as in want, and that the demand will continue for another season, although it might be ratified in a few weeks.

Question of supply to be correctly estimated, is an all-important one, and will, all probability, govern the prices of the issue of the war. A cry issued by Bagehot and Picard of London asks, "From what quarter will p give us additional supplies? France, Germany and Russia are all in want of selves; other countries in Europe (omit Russia) will not be tempted by late fall to increase their exports. As a will ship all she can spare in any though the late reduction of prices, by calling orders and checking consignments will retard rather than accelerate supply from thence, and her available supplies wheat has been vastly magnified by fertile imaginations of American newspaper Editors. The Danube has been for export for some months, and peace not materially increase shipments of thence. There remains then Russia as the possible source of augmented supply. In ordinary times her exporting power can hardly be overrated, but her machinery of production and of transit the shipping ports has been rudely d cated, and will require a long period bring into working order again.

Last crop of wheat was bad, there being no temptation to forward it to ports to be placed within the reach of allied cruisers, and the stocks on the w are consequently light. Add to this, even when the wheat is shipped, the age to this country occupies from the four months, and it will not be easy to see how Russia can make ad to our supplies during the present season.

"Looking then at the moderate st in the hands of farmers, millers and porters in this country, the wants of continent, and the small prospects of due foreign supplies, it does not appear probable, whether we are at p or war, that prices of breadstuffs can materially rule lower for many months come."

Many of our agricultural friends now regretting their tardiness in dising of their produce while the prices are high. They are not much to be pit who held up their stuff for a higher when the markets offered a double for nearly every article they had to s. Although the prices have fallen considerably during the past few weeks, they still high, and instead of pinning their mistake, we would advise t who have not yet done so, to make t markets at once, pay their debts, themselves about making preparation sowing largely the coming spring; trust in Providence for a plentiful vest.

We have no Parliamentary news of tance this week. At the latest report House was occupied in discussing an amendment proposed by Mr. Brown, in answer to the speech from the Throne. Mr. Brown's amendment relates to the dissatisfaction by the manner in which the Clergy Res were disposed of under the Bill of last session.

COAL.—A coal bed has actually been covered, and the coal thoroughly tested in Francisco. The locality of the mine is miles from Stockton, on a spur of the Bange mountains. The steamer *Cornelia* took a quantity of the coal in running down at San Francisco Bay; it burned with a flame, and produced very little ash.

At present six men engaged in mining coal. The vein at first showed a thickness of 14 inches; but now, at a depth of 16 from the surface, it has widened to 3 inches. It is calculated that this coal mined and delivered at San Francisco for per ton. These coals can be run down an inclined railroad to the city of Stockton without the use of engines; the weighted going down on one side on a double can draw up the empty cars to the mine rope on the other track. Coal is more than gold; therefore this discovery proves to be of great value to the State.

LARGE ARTESIAN WELL.—In the San Jose there is a splendid large artesian well of one of the streets. It is formed at the into a basin, six feet in diameter, and is a huge bowl. The supply of water is it is to be conveyed by pipes through dirt streets.

ENORMOUS RAILROAD SCALE.—The largest railroad scale in the world, in use, is one built by Messrs. Fairbanks & Co. of Vermont, for the Mine Hill and Schuylkill Railroad, in Pennsylvania. It is hundred and twelve feet long, and is capable of sustaining a load of a hundred tons.

Works are being erected in Birmingham, England, for the manufacture of archite derives in basalt. The "ragstone," a locality is melted and cast in cold molds, doing a species of basalt, or glassy lat which the name of *basalt* is given.

The following is, as we understand, a synopsis of a new bill, to be introduced by the Ministry, during the present session, for the more stringent regulation of the liquor traffic. We are in favor of a "Prohibitory law," but if that cannot be had, we think this bill will be a great improvement upon the present system. It contains, however, some objectionable features:

Sections 1 and 2, Points out who are to sell spirituous and fermented liquors, according to the acts not to be repealed, and by the proposed act.

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