

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

FRANCE.

Suppression of Ministers.—PARIS, Oct. 1.—Public attention is at present much occupied with the fact that the Official Journal has published the speech delivered by the Minister of Finance at the Ministerial banquet on the 29th of September.

THE SUPPRESSED SPEECH.—PARIS, Oct. 1.—A Cabinet Council was held to-day. The question of the publication of Minister Say's speech came up, and after explanations incident thereto, was settled.

BOGUS WAR TELEGRAMS.—LONDON, Oct. 1.—A telegram from Paris says that at a regular semi-monthly meeting of the Permanent Committee yesterday, the Marquis de Pléno called attention to the sham telegrams about the Herzegovinian insurrection, which he said were manufactured in the interest of unscrupulous stock-jobbers.

M. Louis Passy, Under-Secretary for Finance, speaking at an agricultural dinner at Gisors, dwelt on the prosperity of the country as evidenced by the price of Rentes, the diminution of paper money, and the productivity of the taxes, which for the past eight months had exceeded the estimates by 60,000,000 francs, a surplus chiefly accruing from the indirect taxes—in other words, from voluntary imposts.

AN EPISODE OF THE PARIS COMMUNE.—In a book just published on the Commune of 1871, the Abbe Riche relates the manner in which the cathedral of Notre-Dame was saved from destruction. On the 25th of May he had been charged by the court-martial with the painful task of preparing for death the insurgents ordered to be shot.

THE IMPERIALIST PARTY.—The Bonapartists' Council which met in secret session at Arnhemberg, Switzerland, at the chateau of the Ex-Empress Eugenie for the purpose of determining the future policy of the party in view of the present aspect of affairs in France, and the growing strength of the Republic, has resulted in the following party programme.

SPAIN.—A CARLIST SUCCESS.—LONDON, Oct. 1.—The Times Paris despatch says special information received there confirms the impression that the Carlists gained considerable success near San Sebastian on Tuesday. L'Univers reports that one hundred Alfonsists were killed and one thousand wounded.

MADRID, Oct. 1.—A Royal decree orders the organization of fourteen new battalions of infantry.

GERMANY.—The Cologne Gazette reports that 117 buildings, including 97 houses, have been burnt down at Paderborn, and that 220 families, numbering 900 persons, are homeless.

BAVARIA AND GERMANY.—Bavaria it would seem, has not commended herself sufficiently to Prince Bismarck's Government by her zeal in the anti-Catholic war. The German semi-official press has been calling upon the Cabinet of Munich to break off at once all official relations with the Holy See, and to expel the Nuncio.

THE LONDON TABLET collates the following on the persecution of the Church still raging in Germany:—A letter which appears in the Germania gives a distressing picture of the religious condition of the diocese of Posen in consequence of the persecution. All persons engaged in religious instruction in the Gymnasiums (with the exception of a very few) have been dismissed for refusing to abjure their Bishop.

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the latter for having blessed the holy oils, on Monday, Thursday, without having received permission from the Governor of the Province. The successor of the Vicar-General in Gnesen was imprisoned for nine months, and then banished. The Prelate von Koszman, after having been for a long time in solitary confinement, has lately obtained a companion in imprisonment, Canon Kurkowski, who is suspected of being the "secret delegate."

ROADS IN THE HANDS OF THE INSURGENTS.—LONDON, Oct. 1.—The Times has an "special" dated Ragusa, September 30, in which the correspondent says:—"I have just returned from Trebinje, no troops have passed for five days, and the roads are in the hands of the insurgents."

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