

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

FRANCE.

The Neuchâtel Conference progresses slowly. Next meeting will be held on the 14th (March). The Prussian Minister waits instructions.

The Post's Paris correspondent states that an exchange of notes has taken place on the China difficulty between England and France, and the best understanding exists with respect to joint operations.

It is said that, in consequence of the last news from China, the French fleet in those seas, under the command of Admirals Guérin and Rigault de Genouilly, will be reinforced, by three ships of the line.

At this moment an unfortunate occurrence in the diocese of Moulins supplies the enemies of the Church with a new opportunity for signalling their great reverence for order and justice. The Bishop of Moulins has been forced to suspend one of the Priests of his diocese, and it is difficult to see why he should not do so, if he sees fit.

The men who call themselves friends of the Church are always enemies; their object is to seize upon her jurisdiction, to supersede her regular tribunals, and to dispose of her powers according to the necessities of their political relations.

So long as the Bishops communicate directly with the Holy See, there is no hope for these gentlemen. But if they can induce one Priest to recur to the secular power for the redress of the grievances under which he conceives himself to labor, their work is done.

It is not without instruction to observe how the legal instinct survives all changes in the exterior form of the law. The old French Parliamentary spirit is as much alive to-day as it was when it denounced the Jesuits as flatterers of kings and regicides.

Spain. Country quiet. Preparations for an expedition against Mexico continues. It is thought probable that the operations will be limited to a blockade and bombardment of Vera Cruz.

Italy. NAPLES.—The Queen has given birth to a son, and hopes are entertained that the King will profit by this event to make concessions which will reconcile the Western Powers.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs has addressed a circular to all his diplomatic agents, instructing them to contradict the statement that torture was inflicted on political prisoners.

The Cattolica of Genoa publishes a letter from Naples of the 21st Feb., mentioning another explosion which took place three days before in the fort of Vigliena, on the sea-side between Naples and Portici, but caused little damage.

The letter adds that upon examination it was found that both this explosion and that of the Carlo III. were owing to the spontaneous ignition of a peculiar compound invented for military purposes by one of the officers who perished on board the abovementioned vessel.

The Morning Post still croaks, like an ill-boding raven, about the affairs of Naples, and led its readers, in the middle of last week, to look out for Sicilian squalls within a day or two.

PRUSSIA. A despatch, dated Berlin, March 4, announces that the Government bill on the divorce and marriage law has been rejected by the Chamber of Deputies (House of Commons) of the Prussian Landtag.

SWITZERLAND. In Geneva, which has been called the "Rome of Protestantism," superstition is at present presented in a form so profane and ridiculous as almost to exceed belief.

AUSTRALIA. The reports from the Victoria gold diggings, continue most extraordinary, and the return of the year, it is estimated, will exceed 120 tons of the precious metal.

RUSSIA. News from Circassia received to the effect that the Circassians had again beaten the Russians on the banks of the Laba.

CHINA. Official despatches have been received by the present mail from Sir John Bowring and Sir Michael Seymour.

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disguise and wore their uniforms under the garments they had assumed to gain admission to the vessel. There is no doubt, the authorities conceived at their design, and will give them the full price for the boats.

Of the rebels in the south we have no intelligence beyond a rumour that they have come to an understanding with Yeh, and combined to "expel the barbarian."

The mandarins have issued in various districts the most bloodthirsty edicts against the English and have offered large rewards to those who may succeed in assassination or incendiarism in Hong Kong.

We have just received intelligence from Canton informing us that the whole of the suburbs west of the city had been burned by our force on the 12th Feb.

The Paris journal Pays says—"We learn by the latest news from China, under date Dec. 15th that the Court of Peking had published a decree prohibiting all subjects of the Celestial empire from trading with the English.

PERSIA. The treaty of peace is considered satisfactory. Persia undertakes to evacuate Herat within three months after its ratification, and upon the fulfilment of that condition England will evacuate Persian territory.

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covered with skin eruptions, sores, and boils, is exceedingly disgusting. In parts of the environs are the burying places, covered over with small mounds of earth, upon which are placed stone flags, two feet high, bearing inscriptions.

NEW PROTESTANT DOCTRINE.—HUMAN SACRIFICES TO BE OFFERED.

In order to understand Mormonism aright, it is necessary to bear constantly in mind that the foundation of this remarkable system of fanaticism and imposture lies in the doctrine of direct revelation from Heaven in all things pertaining to spiritual or political government, and that the whole fabric of the Church, both doctrinal, ethical and liturgical, may be at any time changed by a new revelation uttered by its Prophet.

This principle is thus explained on page 507, vol. XV, of "The Millennial Star, the Church organ in England: "If a man receive all truths, he must receive them on a graduated scale. The Latter-Day Saints act upon this simple natural proposition. Paul had milk for babes, and things unlawful to utter."

The influence which has been acquired over many of their ignorant followers by these means is unbounded. I will give you an instance. While travelling a short time since, I had occasion to ride in a wagon with a Mormon who was very firm in the faith but naturally communicative.

There are sins that men commit, for which they cannot receive forgiveness in this world or in that which is to come; and if they had their eyes open to see their true condition, they would be perfectly willing to have their blood spilt upon the ground, that the smoke thereof might ascend to Heaven as an offering for their sins; and the smoking incense would atone for their sins.

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Mormon missionaries still unblushingly point to Utah as the place where female virtue is protected, and refer to the law which makes it death for a man to seduce the wife or daughter of a Mormon (without Brigham's consent). They fill, however, to tell us the punishment for a Mormon who seduces a Gentile girl, for they have before them the example of Brigham Young, who by pictures of the fearful misery and agony to which a Gentile is doomed in the future, and by promises of happiness and visions of a heaven of sensual bliss which could hardly fail to entrance the senses of a weak minded person, together with that easy, personal address characteristic of the accomplished rascal, succeeded in seducing Mrs. Cobb, the wife of a Boston gentleman, and induced her to flee with him to ruin and shame, taking with her a beautiful daughter.

IRREGULAR VERBS.—The Paris correspondent of Porter's Spirit of the Times is responsible for the following—"It is astonishing how foreigners are imposed upon by some of our wags. The other day I went to see a little Frenchman just arrived, who had been taking English lessons, as he informed me, on the voyage, from a fellow passenger. He complained much of the difficulties of our grammar, especially the irregular verbs. For instance," says he, "ze verb to go. Did one ever see one such verb? And with the utmost gravity he read from a sheet of paper: I go, Thou departest, He clears out, We ut stick, Ye or you make tracks, They abscquatulate, Mon Dieu! Mon Dieu! what irregular verbs you have in your language!"

NAPOLÉON AND FULTON.—We (Tablet) have been favored by the following communication by a gentleman well known by his able translations of French historical literature. It has been frequently asserted that Napoleon I., contemptuously rejected Fulton's proposal to apply steam power to the propulsion of vessels, and even pronounced Fulton a charlatan. This vulgar error has at length been conclusively refuted by the publication by M. Rapetti, in the Moniteur of the 17th instant, of the following photograph, which forms part of the forthcoming "Napoleon Correspondence."—Monsieur de Champagny—I have just read the scheme of Citizen Fulton (an engineer), which you have been far too late in submitting to me; inasmuch as it may change the face of the world. Be that as it may, it is my desire that you forthwith intrust the examination of it to a commission composed of members to be chosen by you from the different classes of the Institute. It is to that body that scientific Europe should look for judges competent to solve the problem in question. A great truth—a physical, palpable fact—is apparent to me. It is now the business of these scientific men to perceive, and to endeavor to appropriate, that fact. Their report, as soon as made, will be sent to you, and you will transmit it to me. Contrive, if possible, to have all this done within eight days, for I am full of impatience.—NAPOLÉON. Camp of Boulogne, July 12th, 1804.

BON MOT OF SECRETARY MARCY.—The Washington correspondent of the Springfield Argus gives the following characteristic of Secretary Marcy—"Some ardent Know-Nothing went to Mr. Marcy and told him with great emphasis that fourteen clerks employed in the State Department were Roman Catholics—and he paused to hear the Secretary's expression of surprise, regret or excuse. 'Ah!' said Mr. Marcy in his imperturbable bland smile and his quiet manner, 'I am glad to hear it—I did not know that I had so many as fourteen clerks with any religion at all?' The Know-Nothing vanished."

BWARE OF OFFICE.—When a wild animal tastes human flesh, nothing can ever after, says Burton, dissuade him from human slaughter. When a politician once obtains a public office, no persuasion can ever induce him to go to work, at anything but a nomination for another and another, during the term of his natural existence. If you want to spoil a good citizen for ten years, secure him a berth in the Custom House. He will never be socially a well man afterward. Send him to congress and you ruin him for life. He may carry around placards and tickets at the polls, accept a subordinate situation in the police, or run errands for the door keeper of a political meeting-house, but he will never have independence enough to emancipate himself from his morbid appetite for the "spoils," and go to work like an honest man and a Christian.

KILLED HIS MAN.—You have doubtless heard of Dr. Thompson, the waggish proprietor of the Atlanta Hotel, in Atlanta, Georgia. Well, once upon a time two gentlemen (he one decidedly under the influence of a spiritual presence, and the other proximately to the same condition) stopped at the doctor's hotel. In consequence of some extraordinary manifestations on the part of the "tightest" gent, he soon found himself "aigh unto muss" with the Doctor. His friend, however, carried him off before matters reached a crisis. After stowing him away, the friend returned, and accosting the proprietor, said very emphatically:—"Sir, you have been treading upon dangerous ground, sir; that man is not to be tampered with; do you know, sir, that he has killed his man, sir?"

Widows.—"Do you think more antique becoming on a widow?" said a young widow to Mrs. Partington, as she exhibited a mourning dress elaborately trimmed, and a bonnet of the latest mode. The old lady scanned her attentively through her glasses, before she answered: "More antic!" she said at length and her finger rose up like a note of exclamation.—"I should think less antic would be more becoming in a widow. Widows more antic must be them spoken of by Paul to Timothy, who will marry.—Well, well, let 'em though; where a woman has once married with a congealing and warm heart, looking straight at the rigid profile of the corporal on the wall—"and one that beats responsible to her own, she will never want to enter the maritime state again." There was a tremulous tear in her eye, like a dew-drop on a morning glory, the finger led to her side, and she turned to look out of the window after Ike, who was floating a shingle boat in a rain-water tub, with a garden toad as a passenger. The young lady withdrew to read what Paul had said, evidently disgusted with the dame's misapprehension of her question, though there was a lesson to her in the blunder.

A GOOD COMPARISON.—The Rev. William Roulatt, a well known Methodist clergyman, residing at Naples, draws the following amusing but apt comparison between Dr. McLane's celebrated Vermifuge, prepared by Fleming Bros., of Pittsburgh, Pa., and a ferret: "A ferret, when placed at the entrance of a rat-hole, enters the aperture, travels along the passage, seizes upon the rat, exterminates his existence, and draws the animal's defunct carcass to the light. And in like manner have I found Dr. McLane's American Vermifuge to operate upon worms, those dreadful and dangerous tormentors of children. This remedy, like the ferret, enters the aperture of the mouth, travels down the gullet, hunts round the stomach, lays hold of the worms, shakes the life out of the reptiles, sweeps clean their den, and carries their carcasses clear out of the system. This, at least, has been the effect of the Vermifuge upon my children."

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