

THE WEEKLY OBSERVER.

LETTERS FROM EUROPE.

From the New-York Evening Post, Sept. 3.

The pocket-book of Leopold arrived this morning from Paris, with the Lawton papers to the 1st July. The Belgian Bill was yet to come in the House of Commons, the opposition contesting, but unsuccessfully, every inch of ground.

The strictness with which the Members of the House of Commons are watched by their constituents, needs no better proof than that Adelbert Thompson was obliged to apologize to the Liver of London for his vote against the disestablishment of the borough of Appleby.—The outcome of his vote to *disestablish*. The Abolition has always been considered a sound Reformer.

The three days passed over in France without any disturbance of the public peace, and the *gouvernement* of the 20th of July was celebrated with a grand ceremony and splendor.

The cholera, however, continues its ravages at St. Petersburg. Up to the 16th July, the total number of cases was 3113, and the mortality 1612.

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The question of intervention on the part of the other Powers is not yet settled. The London Courier of 27th July says: "We have this moment received from an official source the *Decree of Decree of the Emperor of Poland*. The Prussian Government has just declared that it is *not neutral* in Polish affairs; that it considers it has a right to add Russia in every way, in including the passage of provisions and munitions of war to the Russian army in Poland—and to treat the Poles as revolted subjects; in fine that the present state of Prussia is *not neutral* but *hostile*." This decision, with no doubt, changes the policy of Austria, and for the system of non-intervention not being adhered to by other powers, we are now bound to keep it.

A Treaty has just put an end to discussions which in fact, is nothing less than direct intervention.

Our Cabinet, we trust, will on this occasion support those liberal principles abroad which we are strenuously advocating at home."

POLAND.

On the 14th of July, Gen. Czerny repaid Rudecer at Minsk, 5 miles from Warsaw, killing and wounding 3000 men, taking 9000 and pursuing the Russians. But the main Russian army crossed the Vistula, and a general battle is expected.

WARSAW, July 18.

In consequence of the action at Minsk, a detachment of the enemy is said to be cut off. 943 Russian prisoners, taken by General Charkowian, arrived at Warsaw the day before yesterday. Our troops are said to have occupied Flisck and Alawa, and General Sherawski to have taken 2000 prisoners, and seven cannon. The Russian General Knorius is said to be killed.

General Pahlen's corps has arrived at Lipino; it consists of 12 regiments of infantry, each of two battalions, 3 regiments of cavalry, and 72 cannon.

The Warsaw Courier says—"Now has been resolved that the enemy will enter the province of Kujawie before they approach Warsaw."

Our papers say that Field-Marshal Paskevitch has at length several of the wounded Polish officers, who were made prisoners in Ostroblomia, given up their parole to take no further part in the war—*Prussian State Gazette*.

Extract from a letter dated — Warsaw, July 12.

The Russians have 600,000 men, with 200,000 horses, and we have to oppose them, 50,000 Poles, with 120 cannon. All our army is at Modlin, or near it, and we are expecting to come to blows. Should we be unfortunate in the battle, we shall retreat fighting to Wilna in plain of Vilna; and again to the capital, and defend it to the last.

P. F. Marshall, July 12.—It is affirmed that Field-Marshal Paskevitch held a council of war on the 3d instant to determine the course of the Russian army, which was to march to Warsaw, and to the camp formed by the Prussian General von Grolmann.

After having ascertained the small progress of the 13th instant insurrection, and the small coalition of the Russian army, which consists of 62,000 infantry and 13,000 cavalry, it was resolved to commence vigorous offensive operations, and to press the Vistula without delay, to obtain possession of Warsaw.

The plan was to be carried into effect on the 14th. In a few days great events will take place, and Field-Marshal Paskevitch will give the first specimen of his military talents on Polish ground.

Memoir, July 17.—The remains of General Grolmann have been buried by the Poles, in the bivouac assigned them, on the 13th, in the Prussian territory, near the village of Stettin. His assassin is said to be Lieutenant Skulski, of the corps of Rohrbach reported to have shot himself soon afterwards. The corps of Grolmann and Chlapowski amount, according to a list given to the Prussian authorities by the latter General, to 2,908 men—viz. 2,443 soldiers—officers and privates, 53 staff-officers, 13 surgeons, &c. They had 623 officers' horses, and 329 soldiers' horses, and 6 cannon, which last were brought for the present to Modlin. The wounded, 300 in number, are already well housed, and the horses of the corps removed on the 13th, in a dolor and bitter loss, near the rivers Merse and Schone, where it is kept in quarantine, and surrounded by infantry and cavalry; these men are in perfectly good health.

Segment of King Louis Philippe at the opening of the French Chambers, on the 29th July:—

"Messieurs Peas and Deputies,

"I am happy to be among you in this place since France has received my oaths. Deeply impressed with the duties which they impose upon me, I shall always rest upon the national will, of which you are the most illustrious members, and I expect from you that firm and zealous co-operation which must give to my Government the strength which it can only derive from the expectation of your voice."

"I wish, Gentlemen, the Charter would be a truth which I have said has been accomplished. The Charter is the Constitutional Monarchy, with all its conditions legally established, with all its consequences frank and open."

"It is true that by the uniform action of all the powers of the State we should put an end to those prolonged agitations which had torn the criminal hopes of those who dream of the return of the old dynasty, or of those who still dream of the return of a Republic. Divided respecting the object, they agree in the will to overturn, no matter what price, the political order founded by the revolution of July. Their efforts will be discovered or punished." (*Fresh applause, and cries of "Vive le Roi!"*)

"In calling me to the Throne, France desired that the Royal authority should be rational; it did not desire that it should be feeble; a Government without strength cannot suit a great nation."

"I have just returned from a tour through France, and the testimonies of affection which I have received in these journeys have deeply affected my heart. The wishes of France are present to my mind; you will see how in fulfilling them, Order will be protected, Liberty maintained, every action attempted to overturn the future which we can restore confidence in the country."

"It is to attain this end, to consolidate more and more the Constitutional Monarchy, that I have caused the several projects of law to be prepared, which will be laid before you."

"In that which has for its object the decision of a great constitutional question, referred by the Charter for the examination of the Chambers, you will, I hope, perceive that I always seek to make our institutions harmonize with the interests and the wishes of the nation, enhanced by experience and matured by time."

"You will also have to examine, conformably to the premises of the Charter, the projects of law destined to complete the departmental and municipal organization, to determine the responsibility of Ministers, and of the other agents of Government, and to regulate the liberty of instruction."

"Other projects of law on the recruiting of the army, on the penal code, on the finances, and various public interests, will also be laid before you. I am aware of the whole extent of the distresses which the present commercial crisis causes the nation to suffer,

I am anxious at the same time to relieve the courage with which they are supported. I hope that they are appropriate to a close, and that the consolidation of order will soon produce the security necessary for the circulation of capital and welfare to our commerce and manufactures that activity which under a Government always guided by the national interests, can never be interrupted, except for a moment."

The situation of our finances is satisfactory; if the wants and our abundant resources are prepared to provide for them.

The Bank of France for the service of 1831 and 1832, will be presented to you early in the session. Reductions have been made in several branches of the Adminstration. The relations which I have formed in a country which are our neighbors will soon I hope the efforts which I shall immediately make to attain this end; but I take pleasure in believing that the Belgian people, so remarkable both for courage and resolution, will give credit to the Government for the duffness of a position connected with state interests which at this moment affects almost all Europe.

"The result of every political combination is to affect for a time the welfare of the people. I am too sensible of its importance not to strive my immediate attention and most active solicitude to revive commerce and manufactory which are the vivifying principles of national prosperity. The relations which I have formed in a country which are our neighbors will soon I hope the efforts which I shall immediately make to attain this end; but I take pleasure in believing that the Belgian people, so remarkable both for courage and resolution, will give credit to the Government for the duffness of a position connected with state interests which at this moment affects almost all Europe.

"I intend to avail myself of every kind of information to encourage all the means of manufacture; and it is in the places themselves that I have already begun to do so, and that I intend to collect the information which is the best calculated to guide the course of the Government in this respect."

"Gentlemen, I have accepted the crown which you offered me with a view to perform a task equally noble and useful; it is to consolidate the institutions of a勇敢 people, and to maintain its independence. My dear friends are other ambitions than those of a king. I am seeking a solvency I may be able to give you happy. On securing a solvency I will express to you one of my chiefest wishes."

"The main point from a violent crisis—*May this day often all hasten to all myments—now our only*

strength animates all the Belgians, that of a frank and sincere man.

"I shall hasten to discharge the functions as soon as I shall have acquired a certainty of being able to do so without risking the safety of France. This certainly depends on a general dissolving. France feels the necessity of it; the interest of all requires it."

"I have the satisfaction to announce to you already that I have not had occasion to employ all the resources which the Chamber has placed at my disposal."

"Since the Revolution of July France has resumed the rank which belongs to her, and henceforth nothing can deprive her of it. — *Le Roi est à Paris!*"

"Never was there independence so easily gained."

"The inhabitants of France are now in a position to

choose a king without fear of any difficulty."

"I have given orders to increase the execution of vessels employed to insure the execution of laws passed in the last session for the effectual suppression of the negro slave trade."

"Conformably to my demands, the troops of the Emperor of Austria have evacuated the Roman States. A real amnesty, the abolition of conscription, important changes in the Administration and judicial system—such are the ameliorations which, by securing to the State, make us hope that their tranquillity will not again disturbed; that the balance of Europe will be strengthened by the maintenance of their independence."

"The Kingdom of the Netherlands, as constituted by the treaties of 1814 and 1815, has ceased to exist. The independence of Belgium, and its separation from Holland, has been recognized by the great powers. The King of the Belgians will not be a member of the German Confederation. The fortress erected to threaten France, and to protect Belgium, will be demolished. A neutrality recognized by Europe and the friendship of France ensure to our neighbors an independence of which we have been the first supporters."

"The Power which prevails in Portugal, will be maintained with respect to the right of justice and humanity. To obtain reparation, demanded in vain on the Tagus, we have appealed to the Tagus. I have just received the news that they have forced the entrance of the fortification of Lissabon, and to protect Belgium, will be demolished. A neutrality recognized by Europe and the friendship of France ensure to our neighbors an independence of which we have been the first supporters."

"A singular and inveterate struggle is prolonged in Poland. This struggle causes lively emotions in the midst of Europe. I have exerted myself to hasten the termination of it. After having offered my mediation, I have invited the great Powers, whose desire to stop the effusion of blood, to endeavor to secure the safety of Warsaw, without meeting any opposition from the Polish troops. We hear from Lithuania, that General Dembinski, with his troops, the last remains of the expedition sent to that country, has been taken prisoner by the Russians."

"We hear from the province of Anthonost, that on the 17th and 18th, 20,000 Russian troops arrived from Lithuania, passed through on their way to join the main army."

"A private letter from Antwerp has the following ominous postscript attached:—"I have just seen a letter from Leipzig, written by a person worthy of credit, which states that the Russians, irresistible in their advance upon Warsaw, along the left bank of the Vistula, had already reached the outskirts of the devoted city, and were, when this account left, actually bombarding it. The greatest consternation prevailed in the place, and the poor inhabitants were flying in it, in the opposite direction, real objects of pity."

"This is the account upon one side; upon the other we have the following paragraphs:

"The Messenger des Chambres, Aug. 1, says:—An

"An inhabitant of Mericourt, received on the 26th of July, a letter from Frankfort, which states, that in a general battle the victorious Poles took prisoners or killed 14,000 Russians and took 80 pieces of cannon."

"The London Evening paper of Aug. 1, says:—Just as we were going to press, we received letters from our Correspondent at Warsaw, dated the 21st ult. The following is an extract:—*"We hear this day that the Russians, who crossed the Vistula, have returned to the right bank."*

"A old report that the Emperor Nicholas had been carried off by the cholera, is again in circulation, but is not probable.

"Gen. Skrzyniecki, commander in chief of the Polish army, wrote and sent to the king of Prussia, the following letter, July 5, which his Majesty of Prussia returned with a declaration that he could not enter into it:

"I am sending you a resolution, granting £100,000 yearly to your Majesty, in the event of her recovering."

"The chosen Queen of Belgium is the Princess Maria of Orange, whose birthplace, it is said, will serve to lesson the curse of royalty."

"Poland.—The Prussian State Gazette of July 27,

says—According to the latest accounts from the environs of Nischnia, the Russian army, said to be composed of 90,000 men, with 70 pieces of artillery, is moving towards the village of Stettin, and is expected to be in contact with the Prussian army on the 31st ult. From the 1st to the 1st of June, British troops have been less than 1,000,000 men in the Tagus valley, the value of which would be £300,000.

"In the manufacture of Timbrel, Andronik, and Sodam-pants and caps, the quality and pattern of which are not surpassed by any in the country, there are upwards of 500 weavers employed. The annual amount of this import of brim of manufacture cannot be less than £100,000."

"Gold is weekly exported in London to the amount of about £100,000, and it is generally supposed that most of it is supplied by Mr. Rothschild for the use of the Russian army."

"Brest.—The arrangements relative to the

army of the 23d ult. were to be commenced on the 23d ult. The chosen Queen of Belgium is the Princess Maria of Orange, whose birthplace, it is said, will serve to lesson the curse of royalty."

"The latest accounts state that the insurrection had been quelled. The ringleaders and the greater part of their followers were arrested and committed to prison. It was expected that the others would soon be captured, the authorities being in pursuit."

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