HASZARD'S GAZETTE, FEBRUARY 6.

(From Wilmer's European Times). PEACE!

PEACE! The nation was startled through its length and breadth on Thursday by the announcement from Vienna and Berlin that Russin had agreed to accept the Austrian propositions for peace. One of the telegraphic despatches stated that another that she had consented to accept them is another that she had consented to accept them is another that she had consented to accept them is the basis of negociation. "We have reason "that the despatch from Paris, though not very clearly worded, approaches more nearly than those from Vienna and Dresden to under-state basis of negociation. In like manner, Russia accepted last year the 'four points' as the basis of negociation. We do not mean to imply that the cases are exactly parallel. If the are that we hole that the allies will in-1855, it is to be hoped that the allies will in-

1855, it is to be hoped that the allies will main the sist upon their being held in Paris or London instead of Vienna; or in Brussels, if it is deemed necessary that they be held in a neutral state. But even if the allies are weak enough to allow them to be held in Vienna, England will be much more efficiently represented there than she was last year.'

than she was last year." The Times of yesterday, referring to the same moot point, asks, 'What does Russia mean by an unconditional acceptance ! We have held an an unconditional acceptances we have head an acceptance of hers before, and have some expe-rience how coolly she can dishonour it. Other despatches from Vienna speak of the terms being accepted as the basis of negociation. Logically, there is no distinction between the Logically, there is no distinction between the two, for the foundation on which the negocia-tion rests must be accepted unconditionally, or -it is no foundation at all. We must begin somewhere, and that with which we begin must be unconditional; but we have had some experience how Russia understand these things when we remember that last year she underwhen we remember that last year she under-took to do away with her preponderance in the Black Sea, and could be brought to assent to no means of carrying out this condition which did not tend directly to defeat it. We don't believe that any of these difficulties will really be allowed to interfere with that peace which

did not tend directly to deteat it. We don't believe that any of these difficulties will really be allowed to interfere with that peace which the Court of St. Petersburg seems to have de-termined to be necessary to its interests, but merely wish to cool the ardour of these over-sanguine spirits who may infer that everything is already done, and that nothing remains for England and France but to ring their bells, light their boufires, and pay the bill." The excitement on the Stock Exchange when this intelligence became known was intense. The British Funds rose more than three per cent., and from the commencement to the close of business the operations were enormous, a little dashed occasionally by the various read-ings which were given as to the sense in which the phrase "basis" was to be understood. But when it was positively known that Count Nesselrode had informed the Austrian envoy that the propositions were accepted purely and simply at the foundation of preliminaries of that the propositions were accepted purely and simply as the foundation of preliminaries of peace, the minds of the dubious were reas-sured, and the value of the securities increased. peace, the minds of the dubious were reas-sured, and the value of the securities increased. In foreign stock also much was done, and al-ready an immense impetus has been given to the general trade of the country, the result of this almost unhoped for state of things, res-pecting which nothing better than guesses could previously be offered, even by the best informed. The value, too, of many articles, which had been much enhanced solely by the war, has already suffered considerable depresi-tion, and the next few weeks and even months will doubtless exhibit the same feverish excite-by which business of all kinds has been so suddenly affected. A time of transition like the present is one in which fortunes are made, and, we may add lost, and there is still suffi-sions uncertainty about the future to keep alive anxiety and even fear. If the tone of the leading organs of opinion in the empire be taken as an index of the na-tional mind, these peace proposals have not excited great enhusiasm, and mothing can show more clearly how strongly the war-mania has seized upon the people of this coun-try, that the along the strongly the war-mania has seized upon the people of this coun-try that the along the preparations for the out-to the argued, no doubt, with much plausibility, that most of the preparations for the next campaign are now completed—that the ex-

sions as those in others is to be attributed to a want of proper arrangement on the state of the generals commanding. The shall not been the case, since the hardship health, and it became apparent to Omar Pasha, that to linger longer in so unauitable a locality would seriously imperil his whole army. He, therefore, reluctantly gave the mountains until she had witnessed tho up shot of the campaign : it is now preint of the austing in the store of the campaign : it is now preint command in the store of the campaign : it is now preint to mountains until she had witnessed tho up shot of the campaign : it is now preint to the gotiations with any Power hostile to the stores of the hast week have obliged all the storems of the hast week have obliged all the storems of the hast week have obliged all the storems of the hast week have obliged all the storems of the hast week have obliged all the storems of the hast week have obliged all the storems of the hast week have obliged all the storems to get under way and seek at Ba-foum that shelter which the open roadsized here does not afford. The army has gene THE COUNCIL OF WAR. THE COUNCIL OF WAR. PARIS, Jan. 11.—The Moniteur of this day[has the following:—The Council of War met this morning at the Tuilleries, the Emperor presiding. The following:—The Council of War met this morning at the Tuilleries, the Emperor presiding. The following are the members:—this Majesty the Emperor, Prince Jerome Napoleon, Duke of Cambridge, Prince Mapoleon, Lord Cowley, Admiral Sir Edmund Lyons, Admiral Dundas, Marshal Vaillant; Ceunt Della Marmora, Marshal Vaillant; Ceunt Della Marmora, Jurier de la Grasier, and Admiral Remelin, Admiral Sir Marry Jones, General Count Della Marmora, Marshal Vaillant; Ceunt Walewsky, General Jurier de la Grasier, and Admiral Remelin, Admiral Sir darps de la Grasier, and Admiral Remelin, Admiral Sir darps de la Grasier, and Admiral Remelin, Admiral Sir darps de la Grasier, and Admiral Remelin, Admiral Marshal Vaillant; Ceunt Della Marmora, to take precedence of any other. Its object is voely to enlighten the Allied Governments upon the different military combinations which cas be adopted, ta feree all possible eventualities, and to prepare measures to meet them. The Council being in a great measure composed of experienced generals, nextly all of whom have taken a glori-being in a great measure composed of experienced generals, nextly all of whom have taken a glori-being in a great measure the wet a glori-being in a great measure the measure appresing. The "Pressat" Cuase Drase wet an a glori-being in a great measure the measure appresing. The "Pressat" Cuase Drase Barting. Marshal Campaign the military and saval force which the Enset and in the Baltic, cas but afford the meas to prepare measures to meet them a glori-ber and in the Baltic, cas but afford the meas to pressate "Pressat". Disc. 20.—The terrific torms of the last week have obliged all the THE "PERSIA" CUNARD STRAMSHIP, The R. M. Steamship Persia, the new Cunardat most of the preparations for the next The "Pense as been insurred, and that with the pense is about to the Bell Budy, the second to the se France and England, and were Immiddiately forwarded by them to their Goranaments. "The reply of Russia not being the 'pure and simple acceptation demander, from that Power, Austria could not take it into consider-ation without being authorised therato, by her two allies, france and England. The Wastern Power had no motive for giving up a decision which had been carefully considered and was irroveable. "I to was, therefore, replied to Prince dorts-chakoff, that, if by the 18th of January, Russia did not send her pure and simple acceptation of the ultimates, January Yaketing Externary and his Legation would receive orders to leave St. Betermany defined receive orders to leave St. Bitersintigiotino er terr eita lo contentia en f anti Einmeditiatri atterpartar Argentica etter genetica etter denina Dies tetrepai en territor projektikam for the difficult of the territor

men and money would have been cheerfully met and endured, the only condition exacted being that the conflict should be vigo-rousely pushed. But all this is passion, not reason, the feeling of animal nature, not has cool diductions of wisdom and philosophy. For ourselves, we have felt that if the assent of Russia could be had to the Austrian proposi-tions, it would be foolish and even impious to prolong hostilities. Russia has certainly grown weary of the game much sooner than we anti-cipated ; her powers of resistance have failed earlier than we were led to expect; but there is this great advantage in arriving at a peace on terms which, after all, are not excessively humiliating to her vanity—namely, that she on terms which, after all, are not excessively attempt to force his way over a flooded humiliating to her vanity—namely, that she country, and across several mountain tor-will have the less desire to rush into war again when she has recruited her strength. This is the first fatal break-down in the policy of ag-gression which commenced with Peter the Great and terminated with Nicholas. The son of the last-named Czar is the first to feel the the Ekoura, over which river Skender Pa-course of woonwhed wride the strength of the last-named car is the first to feel the the Ekoura, over which river Skender Pa-the strength of woor which constructed a feathwide with con-

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OMAR PASHA'S DISASTROUS RETREAT. ZIEWER, DEC. 13.—It is with a feeling of no little regret that, after the lapse of a fortnight, I am compelled to date this let-ter from the same place as my last. The gleam of sunshine which then induced a hope of finer weather proved treacherous, and we have until within the last two days been deluged with rain. Bather than an another the same place the same place of th would have been cheerfully been deluged with rain. Rather than re-linquish without any effort the object which he had hoped to attain when he undertook the campaign, Omar Pasha determined to attempt to force his way over a flooded f the last-named Czar is the nrst to teel the the the tast and, or which the base shows and base of wounded pride, and the lesson will sha had constructed a footbridge with con-siderable ingenuity, but which was never-Lord Panmure, Secretary of State for War, has been suffering, for some days past, from an attack of gout. The attack is a severe one, and has affected his right hand.

Lord Pannure, Secretary of State for War, has been suffering, for some days past, from an attack of gout. The attack is a severe one, and has affected his right hand. The monster steamship now building on the Thames is to be called the Great Eastern. Sho will be launched the first week in August, and make her first voyage from Liverpool to New York. timately camped upon plains watered by the Skeniscal. These were partially flood-

ed, and it was with some difficulty, that A telegraphic announcement in a second spots were found upon which to pitch the addition of the *Times* under date of Vienna, tents where the water was not more than Wednesday, ten p. m., states " that Russia had two inches deep. Here the troops remained two inches deep. Here the troops remained on. Meantime the rivers in the rear had continued to rise, and the line of communithan she did the smaller one? Between an un-conditional acceptance without parley, and the acceptance of a hasis to parley about, there is a wide difference. Of course the Allies will not, and ought not to, raise any difficulties in the way of renewed negotiation; but while the diplomatists talk the war must proceed. We hope that peace will result, but we are cer-tainly not sanguine. cation was temporarily intercepted. The sions as those in others is to be attributed

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an armed mob into the town in the middle of the night, and surprised an unfortunate garrison of 180 Turkish soldiers, who had been left there invalided. Three or four of these were killed, and 32 taken prison-ers in their beds, before the alarm had tho-roughly aroused the remainder. These as-sembled hastily in the square before the Princess's palace, and not only offered a stout resistance, but charged their numer-ous enemy, who crowded the narrow streets. ous enemy, who crowded the narrow streets, with such sdetermination that they killed 60 of them, among whom were eight beys, and utterly routed the whole force; after which, they barricaded themselves in the palace, from which place a messenger was despatched to Omar Pasha, asking for redespatched to Omar Pasna, asking for re-lief, at the same time assuring him they were provisioned and prepared for a long resistance. Gregory, finding it was hope-less to attempt to dislodge these brave men, turned his arms against a Mingrelian Bey who had taken up arms with the Turks, and obliged him to fortify himself with his retainers in his romantic fortress, which crowns a hill-top, in regular feudal style. He, too, has applied for assistance, and Skender Pasha was sent to the relief of both partics. That enterprising General, getting information of the presence of the enemy within a few miles of the camp, went out to meet them with a regiment of cavalry and a battalion of rifles under Colonel Ballard; placing the rifles in ambush, he advanced with his cavalry upon Prince Gregory. Seeing the small force which was opposed to him, the Prince charged the cavalry, which retreated until the enemy was fairly in the trap, when the order was given to fire, and a storm of Minie bullets emptied a hundred saddles on the spot; the remainder precipitately took to their heel s Skender Pasha then proceeded to Sugdidi. This summary chastisement will, doubtless, produce a wholesale effect upon the enemy, but it is more difficult to know, how the peo-ple of the country are to be treated. Their position is most unfortunate. Forced on the one hand by the brother of their Sovereign at the point of the sword to take up arms against the Turks, subject on the other to the immediate vengeance of these (the possessors of the country) if they are caught with arms, they see no means of escape from the dilemma in which they are placed, and which involves the destruction of all they hold dear to them.

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