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### NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Thirty-seven villages in the province of Shausee, Japan, have been swept away by the bursting of the banks of a river.

The delegates to the French Assembly are arriving in Paris, and numerous reports are in circulation respecting the course the different parties will take when the Assembly opens.

Admiral Lobos, commander of the Spanish fleet, has been removed from office for taking the squadron to Gibraltar without consulting his Government. The Minister of Marine has assumed command.

A terrible prairie fire swept over twenty-five miles of country near Omaha, Neb., on Tuesday, 21st inst, destroying many houses and large quantities of grain. Of ten school children caught in the flames, nine perished and four others were seriously injured.

Much damage has been done in St. Petersburg and the surrounding country by the river Neva raising ten feet above its usual height.

The Free Masons, Odd Fellows, and other benevolent bodies in San Francisco are sending aid to the sufferers in Shreveport and Memphis.

A despatch from Paris to the London *Times* reports that an understanding has been come to by the Monarchical party, the Comte de Chambord making certain concessions to the Liberal branch, who in turn promise him their support in the Assembly.

John Bright has been re-elected to Parliament.

The wife of Pere Hyacinthe, on Saturday, gave birth to a son.

Advices from Paris confirm the truth of the reported concessions lately made to the Monarchists by the Comte de Chambord.

The rebel frigate *Numancia* ran into her consort the *Fernando el Catolico* on Friday, sinking her and drowing half her crew. One version attributes the catastrophe to the ignorance of officers, while another report says the *Fernando* was sunk because she parted company and refused to answer the signals.

Bishop Mermilod, from across the French

frontier, has issued an edict prohibiting three curés, lately elected by the Old Catholic Congress, from performing the functions of their office. Pere Hyacinthe yesterday delivered a powerful sermon, in which he repudiated the assumption of power by the Bishop.

The General of the Order of Jesuits in Rome was yesterday notified by the Government that the buildings at present occupied by them must be vacated immediately.

Six convents were yesterday taken possession of in Rome by a committee appointed by law for the purpose. The United States and Portuguese Consuls entered a protest against the seizure of the Franciscan convents, on the ground that they were the property of citizens of their respective countries.

The Spanish insurgent squadron arrived off Valencia on Sunday the 19th inst, when the command sent a boat ashore demanding money and provisions, counseling the granting of his request as he did not wish to bombard the town. The authorities refused, and made preparations to resist an attack. Threats were then made of sinking a gunboat in the harbour, but the British Admiral demanded that ninety-six hours' notice of an attack should be given, and threatened to open fire on the squadron, if the demand was not complied with.

The Cunard Steamship Company intend withdrawing their vessels from the West India service and establishing a daily line of steamers between Liverpool and New York.

The Intransigent's vessels remain off Valencia, where they have captured several Spanish merchantmen. Troops are arriving, and the city is being prepared for an attack.

A deputation of members from the French Assembly waited on President McMahon yesterday, 21st inst, to ascertain if there was any truth in the report of his intended resignation. He replied that his services in any capacity were always at the command of his country, but repelled the idea that he would hold the office under any and all circumstances.

The Bonapartist organ in Paris, *Le Gaulois* publishes a document signed by many of the deputies who favor a plebiscite protesting against the restoration of a monarchy without consulting the country.

The recent hurricane in Cuba was very destructive. Many lives were lost, and 300 houses were destroyed in Havana.

During an interview between Prince Bismarck, Count Androssy and the Italian Minister, at Vienna, yesterday, 21st inst, the former urged the matter of ecclesiastical legislation, and suggested identical action by Austria and Germany in the matter of Papal election. At a banquet, given in the evening, the Emperor William said the meeting at Vienna was a pledge of the peace of Europe.

A meeting of delegates of the Right Centre of the Assembly was held on 22nd inst., Duke D'Audesseret Pasquier presiding. A resolution recalling Count de Chambord to France was unanimously adopted. The meeting also adopted a resolution formally coalescing with the members of the Right. A communication was addressed to a party of the Left Centre, with a view to an understanding upon questions of moment.

The trial of Bazaine was continued at noon, 22nd inst., with the presentation of further evidence in regard to the amount of ammunition in Metz. Some of the witnesses testified that a third of the supply in the magazine at the beginning of the siege was consumed before the 16th of August.

The Intransigent vessels have left Valencia: not stated in what direction they proceeded. Before leaving, they plundered ten more Spanish merchant ships, four of which were taken along with them. They failed to capture the Government gunboat, *Lepanto*.

Admiral Lobos acknowledges that he disobeyed orders in leaving Cartagena for Gibraltar with the National squadron, and has asked that his case be tried by court martial.

A telegram from Calcutta to the *Times* says a severe famine is threatened in the Province of Bengal.