

gain strategic points in war, that shows the existence of a directing hand.

A London special to the New York Herald says it is considered in official circles in London that the mission of Von Moltke to Copenhagen is sure indication of Germany's intention to act as the Roman's vanguard, and formally in favour of neutralizing the Baltic or forbidding the entrance of British fleets. The object of Von Moltke's mission, it is believed there, is to enforce measures on the Danish Government which will secure the closing of the Sound. Denmark's weakness is so apparent to all that no one doubts the success of Von Moltke's mission as he cannot afford to refuse a peremptory demand of that nature from Germany.

Enquiries are being made by the naval authorities at various points as to what steamers are available for the cruisers or for the transportation of troops and arms. So far it is found that about seventy steamers of the first class can be selected and placed in commission when required. One company here, owning 40 steamers, have offered to place their entire fleet at the service of the Government. The torpedo service promises all that is desired. Messrs. John L. Thompson & Co. will soon have ready for the service of the Government launches which are building and other firms are making extraordinary efforts towards the completion of Government orders for launches.

LONDON, May 2.—The Right Hon. Mr. Cross, the Home Secretary, in a speech at Preston, yesterday, said, referring to the juries of the Conservatives in the House of Commons:—"I am quite certain if there was an election at the present time, which should deprive to the strait, and I hope there will not be another election until the proper course of Parliament has run, our majority in the present moment would be vastly increased."

The Press Association says that the Lords of the Admiralty, who have been invited to the Chatham dockyard, conferred privately to-day it is understood in reference to the completion and despatch of another powerful ironclad squadron for particular service. The elevation of Gathorne Hardy to the peerage with the title of Viscount Cranbrook is granted.

A memorial circular by the Eastern Question Association (regretting the calling out of the reserve and expressing the belief that no sufficient obstacle exists to prevent the assembling of Congress) has been signed by 17,000 persons, including the Dukes of Westminister and Bedford, the Marquis of Blandford, the Bishops of Exeter and Oxford, several noblemen, Mr. Carlyle, Rev. Mr. Spurgeon, Dr. Newman Hall, Mr. Robt. Browning, and Sir Charles Reed, and presented to the Queen.

CARLETON COUNTY.—The *Standard* contains the following plans in the local column for the coming election in Carleton County. 1. Temperance Legislation; 2. Abolition of the Legislative Council; 3. Free grants of land to settlers and building of roads through the settlements; 4. Extension of franchise to sons of farmers. It also thinks some better method of apportioning county road money should be devised.

Woodstock has voted to expend \$1,000 in 1878 for building sidewalks in the city. Shikatawak has very wisely decided to discard its harsh Indian title, and wishes henceforth to be known as Bristol. That is sensible. Shikatawak was always a shibboleth to settlers.

The damaged pier of the Railway Bridge at Woodstock has been repaired, and greatly strengthened. The bridge has not settled in the least, and trains are running over it as usual. A boom, constructed with rollers, eight hundred feet long, is being used to move the piers, and so turn the running logs from it.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY.—St. Stephen High School graduated 4 pupils with averages between 92 and 95 per cent. The schools are in a high state of efficiency.

West Isles, voted for a local Candidate last week. Captain Loyde was victorious over his opponent W. S. Thompson. On 17, Joseph Donald is out for the County of Charlotte.

The *Standard* says James Mitchell is a coming man for Charlotte.

The *Globe* suggests several names of persons whom he considers eligible for appointment to the Governorship of the Province. Among them are the names of Mr. George Carroll, and Mr. Thomas Gilbert. Is the *Globe* in earnest, or only mischievous, sarcastic?

On Friday evening the Temperance Bill was moved into committee by the Premier who renounced that in his opinion it would be better to prohibit the traffic altogether, but this would give the opportunity to the people to express an opinion on the principle of prohibition and prove the sincerity of prohibitionists. Sir John, while thinking a stringent license law the best, yet he proposed to give this a fair trial and would help to perfect its details to the best of his ability.

Mr. Speaker Anglin protested most solemnly against the bill as injurious and tyrannical. No majority should dictate to a minority what they should eat, drink and wear. Poor abused man! but then why should he not fight hard for his own pet interests? A telegram to Sheriff Temple from John P. and, Esq., gives the gratifying intelligence that the bill passed this morning at 2 o'clock.

IRISH VOLUNTEERS.—We have pleasure in calling attention to the following memorial addressed to her Majesty which has already received several hundred signatures of persons asking to be enrolled as volunteers, under the same regulations as guide the services in England and Scotland and the Colonies.—"We the undersigned residents in Ireland, desire (in view of the present unsettled state of Europe) to tend to your Majesty our services in support of the honor of the Empire. We are prepared, and hereby ask to be enrolled, under regulations similar to those governing the volunteers in England, Scotland, and the Colonies. We desire thus to prove that we are not behind any portion of your Majesty's subjects in our readiness to make personal sacrifices for the purpose of strengthening the defenses of the country. We thoroughly endorse, and sympathize with, the admirable patriotic spirit which suggested such an idea so particularly opportune, at a moment when Europe is so unsettled, and any moment may see it hurled into all the dread horrors and tremendous responsibilities of war. The people of this country feel very keenly the fact that they are excluded from taking an active and prominent share in these responsibilities as do their brothers across the Channel, and this offer comes from them with a double grandeur when the acceptance of it would serve to show the Car that there is no sympathy in Ireland with any attempt on the part of himself or of his ministers to imper or trench upon British interests and that, Irish people would repel any attempt by Russia or any other Power to put them into jeopardy. This is as it should be, and we make no doubt that peer and peasant alike will unite in this movement, to which we wish all success. The Irish like all well hearted people, are a particularly sensitive race, and resent with peculiar keenness any shadow of doubt cast upon their loyalty. A distinguished nobleman was heard to remark the other day, "The very fact of her Majesty's uniform being put upon an Irishman would impress him with a sense of his responsibilities and duties, and thus go a long way towards making him loyal." Dublin Times.

A SPECIFIC FOR WAR-FEVER.—A Zealand correspondent of the *Natal Mercury* states that in the recent fight as many as from 150 to 200 of the young men were killed, and that Cetwazy's headmen have been consulting the witch doctors as to what should be done. The result was that the king ordered up all the regiments, in order that an emetic might be administered to every individual, so as to bring out the evil in their hearts, which causes them to fight and kill each other.

We regret to learn from the *Standard* that objection, which are deemed insurmountable, have been raised against the establishment of a depot for naval stores at Tenedos. It is of great importance that we should in some way obtain a footing in the Levant, and we can hardly see that the Greek Government would object to the sale to this country for one or two of the islands which command the entrance to the Dardanelles. It is said that the permission to this country to establish a depot there might give offence in another quarter. That quarter is presumably Russia. But Greece has nothing to gain and much to lose by considering the aspirations of Russia, which has certainly, in her partition of the Ottoman Empire, carefully ignored the claims of Greece. Her obvious interests at the present moment is to strengthen by every means in her power the resources of this country, and hope of future advantage, no less than gratitude for the benefit she has received at our hands in the past, ought to render her our closest of our most powerful ally. Of course Greece does not want to be involved in a war if she can keep out of it, but she may be sure that Russia at present too much upon her hands to trouble herself about so small an antagonist. Russia will not attack Greece if she sees Tenedos to England, and if she were to do so England is quite powerful enough to protect her.

One of the male patients at the Middlesex County Lunatic Asylum of Hanwell, England, recently caused much alarm among the officers of the establishment by getting on to the roof and remaining there for the situation for about three hours. He said he was King of the Mice, and as a struggle on the roof with him might have resulted seriously, it was deemed advisable not to attempt to capture him by forcible means. He was carried away by a length prevailed upon to take a glass of beer, which, being drugged, speedily overcame him, whereupon he was secured.

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