

French papers betray annoyance at the presence of the British squadron in the Gulf of Genoa.

The sarcophagus containing the body of Alexander the Great, is said to have been discovered at Saida.

One of the Russian diplomatic dodges has been to endeavor to persuade the Porte to occupy Bulgaria with Turkish troops.

The stakes for the fight between Sullivan and Mitchell have been deposited. Mitchell won the toss and will select the battle ground.

Russia is said to have taken advantage of the delay afforded by the Bulgarian negotiations to push towards completion a treaty of alliance with France.

To-day is the birthday of the Pope, who was born in 1810. His Holiness' age is advanced, but it is to be hoped his reign may be continued for some years yet.

The Bulgarian Government is stated to have firmly resolved to reject any proposal to dethrone Prince Ferdinand, even if such proposal be supported by the Powers.

The Oxford College crew are already practising for their race, which takes place on May 31. The Cambridge eight have been on the water for the past three weeks.

The Land Commissioner has reduced rents in Donegal 25 per cent, and several landlords have reduced them 40 per cent. The concession is stated to have had a good effect.

A writer in the London *Sporting Times* asserts that the recent sculling race between Wallace Ross and Bubeur was a cooked affair, arranged by two or three bookmakers in their own interests.

It is reported that a syndicate of French, Belgian, and Dutch bankers has advanced to Russia the sum of \$30,000,000, refusing to grant a larger loan unless the Bulgarian question is settled peaceably.

Mr. Hoare, Liberal-Unionist, was elected without opposition to the House of Commons for Hampstead, to fill the vacancy caused by the elevation of Sir Henry Holland, Colonial Secretary, to the peerage.

Bismarck is reported to have had his tumbler filled with his favorite beverage eighteen times while making his recent speech in the German Parliament. He had to sit down once, but was soon on his legs again.

The Italian, Austrian and English governments have replied to Russia's proposals touching Bulgaria. They concur in the opinion that Prince Ferdinand's position is illegal, but decline to take steps likely to disturb the peace of Bulgaria.

Sir Henry Burke, having granted 25 per cent. reduction and paying the legal costs, reinstates the evicted tenants, and pays the cost of their main tenance since eviction. Mr. McCarta, member of Parliament, has granted his tenants a reduction of 33 per cent.

It is reported that the Prince of Wales, on the occasion of his silver wedding banquet, will announce the betrothal of Prince Albert Victor to his cousin Princess Alexandra of Greece, and the betrothal of Princess Victoria to the Duke of Sparta, the Crown Prince of Greece.

Some very keen diplomacy is evolved out of the vexation of Russia at the loss of her complete control of Bulgaria. This is, of course, a vital object with Russia, who, for lack of it, sees her way barred to the south. Prince Bismarck's formal invitation to the Czar to demand the restitution of Russian preponderance in Bulgaria, is thought to conceal beneath its apparent frankness a pitfall for Russian Diplomacy, as if Russia thought herself encouraged to restore her states by force, she would have been precipitated into hostilities. The Czar seems to have avoided this snare, and negotiations are resumed, which will probably, however, not avert war in the end.

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