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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Shah of Persia took his departure from this city to day (July 5th) for France. His Majesty proceeded to Portsmouth, where he embarked on the British steam sloop "Rapid" at two o'clock this afternoon and sailed immediately for Cherbourg. An immense crowd gathered at the Railway station in this city and loudly cheered the Shah as the train moved off. As the "Rapid" steamed out of Portsmouth harbor, a parting salute was fired by the Channel Squadron.

A despatch from Bombay brings intelligence of a rising among the Hindoo peasants in the District of Pinah. They refuse to pay rents, and have plundered and burned several houses. Two bands have been dispersed by the police.

The European and American Congress will meet at Berne on the 9th September.

A reduction in the rate of discount of the Bank of England, will probably be made tomorrow. The rate of discount for 3 months' bills in open market 15-16 per cent below the Bank of England rate.

A Vienna despatch to the *Standard* says, an attempt was made yesterday by an incendiary to fire the exhibition building. Correspondents of the London journals and other persons who have returned here from Vienna, hint that the building will probably be burned soon.

In the House of Commons this evening the members for Merther Tydville, moved that in the opinion of the House Her Majesty's Government should communicate with foreign powers for the purpose of improving international law and with a view to establishing arbitration as a permanent resort for the settlement of differences between nations. In support of his motion he stated that he had received a large number of letters from America expressing sympathy with his motion.

Mr. Gladstone opposed the motion, he argued that it would defeat its own object, because continental nations held widely different views on the subject. He asked the gentleman to withdraw the motion.

Mr. Richard declined to withdraw and the House divided. The division resulted in a tie, 98 yeas to 98 nays, and the Speaker gave his casting vote in favour of the motion, which was adopted.

The *Herald's* London special says: The *Herald's* correspondent at Khartoum telegraphs via Alexandria, a confirmation of the arrival of Sir Samuel and Lady Baker and party. He adds that Sir Samuel Baker has succeeded in organizing district governments, appointing superintendents, and making Fatiko the chief station; Goudokooro being next in importance. He also established eight other principal posts, which form a connected chain from Mibia to Nynza, and obtained troops to complete the garrisoning of communications. An important geographical discovery is said to have been made, which will astonish the scientific world, as it pretends that Lakes Tanganyika and Albert Nyanza prove to be one and the same water, and a magnificent inland sea seven hundred miles in length. It is further announced that vessels can be launched above the falls named after Sir Roderick Murchison, and sail to Ujji. Baker and party are in excellent health, and leaves at once for Sonakim, en route to Suez.

Eighteen Norwegians belonging to the German Arctic Navigation Company's Service, who were left on Spitsbergen Island, were found dead by the party who went to their rescue.

The second instalment of two hundred and fifty million francs of the last milliard of war indemnity, was delivered to the German treasury on the 5th inst. There now remains due to Germany but five hundred million francs, which, in accordance with the treaty signed at Berlin on the 15th March last, is to be paid by the 5th of next September.

The Duke de Briment's libel suits against the proprietors of the *American Register* of this City, and the *New York Herald*, were decided for the plaintiff. The *Register* was condemned to pay 5,000 francs damages and a fine of 1,500 francs; the *Herald* to pay 6,000 francs damages, and 1,000 francs fine.

The Paris correspondent of the *Times* telegraphs that the trial of Marshal Bazaine will probably take place at Compeign in the latter part of September.

The Shah of Persia arrived this afternoon at Cherbourg, on the British ship 'Rapid.' The town and the shipping in the harbor were brilliantly illuminated.

The number of foreign visitors to the Exhibition is increasing daily. The great majority are from England.

The juries are now hard at work, and it is thought that a considerable number of prizes will be awarded to American exhibitors.

A severe rain storm passed over the city. The rain penetrated through the roof of the Exhibition building, considerably damaging the goods exhibited in the United States department and ruining the silks displayed in the French section.

Notice is given in the journals that the International Patent Right Congress will convene on the 14th of August. An Imperial Commission has been appointed to arrange the preliminaries. The language used at the Congress will be German, but French and English will be permitted. The decision of the Congress will be communicated through the several commissions to their respective governments. Inventors and proprietors of inventions are actively moving in the matter, and a large and important gathering is expected.

The Count de Cambrai has failed to form a Cabinet, and the crisis in the Ministry continues.

Shocks of earthquake are reported this morning in Billuno and vicinity.

The Shah of Persia has accepted an invitation to visit this city.

The Shah of Persia and suite entered the Passy station at 6:30 this morning where the Shah was met by President McMahon and Duc de Broglie. At the arch of triumph the Shah was met by the Prefect of the Seine and the municipal councillors. M. Vautrain made an address of welcome, to which the Shah briefly replied. He was then escorted to the Palais Bourbon, where he was received by M. Buffet, President of the National Assembly. The crowds of spectators were immense, and the Shah had a warm and popular reception.