

HASZARD'S GAZETTE, DECEMBER 30.

"Austria binds herself to France and England, as she had already done to Turkey by the treaty of the 14th of June, 1854, to occupy the Principalities for the purpose of repulsing the Russian troops, if they attempted to re-enter them."

"Austria proclaims the right, as justly belonging to Turkey and to the Allies, of making all the movements which may suit them for the purpose of attacking either the Russian troops or the Russian territory."

"It is consequences of her attitude in the Principalities, or for any other cause, Austria should find herself at war with Russia, the alliance offensive and defensive between her, France, and England, shall be established by the fact of the war."

"If, before the end of the present year 1854, Russia should not have made propositions which are considered acceptable, and which ensure good and durable peace, the three Powers will advise as to the means of obtaining that peace."

PARIS, Dec. 6.—At a council held at Berlin, on the 6th instant, the King of Prussia had determined on following the example of Austria, and signing the Austro-Western Treaty.

CONSTERNATION IN PRUSSIA.

The correspondence from Berlin states that surprise, consternation, and rage have seized the Russian party in that capital, at Austria having concluded an alliance with the Western Powers. Some represent Prussia as having been overreached, after having gone so much farther than she need have done, for the very purpose of preventing the accession of Austria to the French and English alliance. Others regret that Austria has taken the initiative, while Prussia has been dragged on step by step unwillingly. Official persons holding high appointments spoke only on Sunday of any such alliance as more improbable than ever.

THE BATTLE OF INKERMAN.

Further Particulars.

(By the Times' Special Correspondent.)

Novosarai 8.—The battle was at its height about eight o'clock, and by that time the Russians had partially established themselves on the heights on our right. Dr. Smith, of the head-quarters staff, and two gentlemen who had ridden out with him towards the front, ignorant of the exact position of the enemy, got under fire in the fog, and the proximity of fragments of shell, the whirring of shot, and the "fizz-zing" of fuses, warned them that it was just as well for non-combatants to retire as rapidly as possible towards the valley of Balaklava, where all seemed to be quiet. As they cantered off, they saw poor Sir George Brown, who has been living in a blaze of fire since he came out here (for not only has he been in the heat of action, but he has received smart volleys from our own picquets), borne back on a litter, and taken down and put on board the Sanspareil, after Dr. Alexander had examined his wound. Men covered with blood, and spitting it out, came limping along, and sat down by the bushes, examining their hurts and imploring a little water or a little brandy. Ambulances hovered over the plain in the rear around the scene of the fight; horses on three legs or cut by balls, hopped along, looking piteously for help; the fog folded the hills in its clammy embrace, and the roar of cannon and musketry told of the struggle which was going on along those bloody heights.

THE FRENCH ADVANCE.

The French were driven up in three bodies of about 2000 men each on the ridge of the hills over Balaklava, watching the movements of the Russian cavalry in the plain below. As I came up the enemy were visible, drawn out in six divisions, with the artillery and infantry ready to set, and horses saddled and bridled. It was evident they were waiting for the signal to dash up the hill in our rear, and sabre our flying regiments. They had a long time to wait. The French lines below us were lined by the Zouaves; the gunners in the redoubts, with matches lighted, were prepared to send their iron messengers through the ranks of the horses the moment they came within range. Behind the French 5000 "Bois Joachim" were drawn up in columns as a reserve, and several Turkish regiments were also stationed under the heights on the right, in a position to act in support, should their services be required. Already the French were on their march from the sea to our assistance, and the black lines of their regiments streaked the gray plain as they marched double-quick towards the scene of action. The Chasseurs d'Afrique on their gray Arabes swept about the slopes of the hill to watch an opportunity for a dash. Our own cavalry were drawn up by their encampments, the heavy brigade on their left, the light brigade in the center of our position. The latter were out of fire some time, but an advance to the right exposed them to shot and shell. Mr. Cleveland received a mortal wound, and several men and horses were injured later in the day. The heavy cavalry were employed in protecting our left flank. At nine the French streamed over the brow of the hill on our right—Chasseurs d'Orient, Tirailleurs, Indigene, Zouaves, infantry of the line, and others, all of whom rushed across the brow and fell on the flank of the Russian column. On visiting the spot, it was curious to observe how men of all arms—English, French, and Russian lay together, showing the grimaces must have been exchanged several times by different bodies of troops. The French were speedily engaged, for the Russians had plenty of men for all comers. Their reserve in the valley and along the road to Sebastopol received the shattered columns that were driven down the hill, allowed them to re-form and attack again, or furnished fresh regiments to assault the allies again and again. This fierce assault to have consisted of three large bodies—probably of 5000 men each.

The attacking force could not have been less than 30,000 men, and I make a very low estimate indeed of the strength of the Russians to-day when I place it at from 45,000 to 50,000 men of all arms. Some say these were from 55,000 to 60,000 men engaged on the side of the enemy; but I think that number excessive, and there certainly was not ground enough for them to show front upon. Captain Burnett states, that he saw fresh bodies of Russians marching up to the attack on three successive occasions, and that their artillery was relieved no less than four times. The Minnie rifle did our work, and Lord Hardinge is entitled to the best thanks of the country for his perseverance in carrying this expedition as far as he could, with every rifle that could be got, notwithstanding the difficulties with which the

weapon was received by many inexperienced soldiers. Our volleys told on the advancing bodies of Russians fearfully, and, in order to be out of scope of such terrible weapons, they rested on us with the bayonet, and after long and desperate encounters met their masters, and were forced to retire.

The column of attack on the Russian right, which came up on our position at the nearest point to Sebastopol, was mainly resisted by the Second Division and Marines. The Russian centre was principally resisted by the Second Division and the Light Division; and some of the Third Division and the Brigade of Guards were opposed to the third or left attacking column of the Russians, which forced its way up the hill towards the Sandbag Battery, at the furthest point from Inkerman.

Continuation of the Report from the Illustrated Times.

Lord Raglan during the day advanced several times to the crest of the hill above the Second Division's camp, and was accompanied part of the time by General Canrobert. There can scarcely be a greater contrast than that between the staid appearance of our Commander-in-chief—his white coat and grey dress, and the dashing uniform of the French General—he cocked-hat fringed with white, his spare black hair falling over his face, and the peculiar twitches given to the mouth by a cigar in constant ignition. The sober dress of our Staff was also a strangely modest compared to that of the host of officers and ordnance, French and Arab, which surrounded General Canrobert, parading at their head the brilliant tricolour. The courage and ability of both Generals is admitted; but the French had a vast deal of what they call *cavale*—more, in fact, of the trick of military dress than we have.

Whilst General Canrobert was thus sharing in the battle of Inkerman—where I must not omit to say a shell cutted his arm—the Russians made a false attack on the lines of Balaklava, which was treated with the contempt which it required; but they made a determined assault on the French lines in front of Sebastopol. They saluted with 4000 men, and attacked the sailors, hasted by the shore. The covering parties were not re-formed with sufficient speed; and the enemy entered the battery, when they proceeded to spike the guns. This operation they performed very superficially to some of the pieces, when they were charged by General Lourmel at the head of the 26th regiment, and repelled to the wall of the town, with the loss of 1000 men and 100 prisoners. General de Lourmel unfortunately was shot through the lungs, and is not expected to recover. The loss of the French in this sortie is estimated at 500 men killed and wounded, and in the battle of Inkerman, at 700 killed and wounded. In this number are fifty officers, and there above the ankle. He is doing well.

Sir De Lacy Evans, who was very unwell on board ship when the fight began, managed to get on shore and ride up to the front, and I saw him on the battle-field full of grief for the loss he had sustained in the combat. Cap. Alix, one of the general's aides-de-camp, was killed; Capt. Gubbins, another aide-de-camp, was wounded; Brigadier Pennefather had a narrow escape, and Brigadier Adams was slightly wounded; and there lay the spot, the weakness of which the general had so often represented. It was enough to make one sad.

BUCASSET, Dec. 2.—45,000 Turkish troops are being concentrated at Ibrahim. Omar Pasha will leave our city to-morrow. 20,000 more are ordered to Varna.

GALLANT RESCUE.

The Light Division, or the portion of it in action, was as usual, foremost in the fray. Some of the officers had most wonderful escapes. In the 88th regiment, Major Maxwell's horse was shot under him, in front of the enemy's column. Lieut. Cross and Lieut. Baynes were surrounded by a body of Russians, who attacked them with the bayonet, although they were both wounded. Mr. Baynes miraculously escaped. Mr. Cross was surrounded by four Russians who thought to make sure work of him. He shot the two in front of him with his revolver, and a private named Hougham rushed out of the ranks, shot the remaining assailants dead, bayoneting the other, and, taking up Mr. Cross in his arms, ran back with him to the rear of the regiment and placed him in safety. The combat continued to rage with great fury between our troops and the Tenth Division of Russian Infantry from the heights to the bottom of the ravine. On the left, the Regiment of Ochotnik succeeded in gaining the heights, and had almost turned the position, when it was repulsed by the arrival of the French troops. "The enemy continued however (says General Dannenberger,) to defend himself with peculiar obstinacy, and, as he continually received reinforcements of fresh French troops we were obliged to yield to the superiority of his forces, and the murderous artillery of the enemy soon compelled us to withdraw into the city."

THE HOSPITAL AT SCUTARI.—Two British officers have arrived in Paris from Constantinople on their return to England. After the battle of the Alma they were sent to hospital at Scutari, which they left to embark in the Erene. They speak in the highest terms of Miss Nightingale and the nurses who have so nobly devoted themselves to the cause of humanity. The day before they left Constantinople about 600 of the British troops, who had been wounded at Inkerman, arrived at the hospital. Their wounds and bodies were washed by these ladies, clean linen supplied to them, and everything which the most tender care could suggest was had in abundance. One stalwart guardman, who had received three severe wounds, appeared deeply affected, when he found himself the object of so much solicitude. "Ah!" said he "now I see, there are people in England who care for us poor soldiers." Many comforts and luxuries have also been supplied by means of the sick fund transmitted by the agencies of the Times. Surgeons are more abundant, and altogether our wounded heroes are better cared for than they were at the commencement of hostilities.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—The oldest soldiers here never witnessed or heard of a campaign in which general officers or heads of regiments had been placed on the open field, for want of a roof to cover them; and generals who passed their youth in the Peninsula war, and who have witnessed a good deal of fighting since that time in various parts of the world, are unanimous in declaring, that they never knew or read of a war in which the officers were exposed to such hardships. They landed, as most of us remember, without anything but what they could carry, and they marched beside their men, slept by them, fought by them, and died by them, undistinguished from them in any respect, except by the deadly epaulette and sword belt which has cost so many lives to the country. The survivors have often been unable to get their things from on board ship. 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