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## NEWS PER MAIL

 European.signs of the Times.
Three years of extreme depression unnexampled prosperity ane sharply as
uid the seven years of famine follow dia the seven years of famine follow the seven year's of plenty in Phar--
oah's dreams and subsequent waking
 Joseph to interpret the signs of the
timess, and the decline of trade has
come upon us as a disagreeable sur-
prise. There was corn in Egypt











## A scrap of mistory.

When Prince Napoleon was born
in the Palace of the Tuileries, the
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female, only twentysone guns woul
be haard, but if an heir to the thron
was ushered into the world, ore hun
dred gins wond anne
dred guns woold announce the event.
It was six o'clock in the morning
when the first gun was discharged,
and all Paris counted
heard, and there appeared to be
longer pause than usual between the
second report, and gun after gux
flashed and sent the good news
listening Paris. Upon the borders o
the Black Sea 500,000 men were in
arms. England, France and Sardi
nia were attacking Sebastopol. The
to the French Army, and the shotie
guns were loaded with harmless mes
engers. The Enolish guns took up


was carried to the last resting-place
Empress Eugenie is still in the sam
oody and dines alone in her own
apartment. She only leaves he
room to go into that of her son. O
the first day she entered it since hi
death she nearly fainted on behold
ing the fatal saddle which cost th
Prince Imperial his life. The Em
press supports herself with the conscpress sions of religion. When she is
not praying she gets her companion
to read pious works to her, such asto read pious works to her, such a
those of St. Augustin and MassillonHose Majesty is still obliged to takHer Majesty is still obliged to take
chloral to obtain sleep. Her friend
have tried in vain to induce her tochange her residence to that of Spain
but she insists on remaining at Chisbut she insists on rem
elhurst for the time.
In a letter from the correspondentish forces in Zululand, the correspon-
dent says when he heard, on the ev*
ening of the Prince's death thatening of the Prince's death that he
was missing and probably killed, he
rushed off to search for Lieut. Carey,rushed off to search for Lieut. Carey,
and found that officer, an hour or soafter his return from the fatal expearms, enjoying his dinne. Lieut. Careshowed decided displeasure at beinginterrupted at his dinner by the correspondent, who heaps contempt up
on the man he charges with cowardlydesertion of the Prince.
Lord Beaconsfield is described asremarkably careful in his dress, al
though he no longer appears in emgold chain, silk-lined coats and lighttrousers. But when he takes hiswalks abroad he dons a wonderful
light overcoat, with trousers a shadedarker, a blue necktie, and when the
east win
kerchiefkerchief loosely tied around the
throat. In strange contrast to tho
white silk are thethe interior of the cafes, even
last mirrors, glistening with the dia- cheeks, and the dead, unmoved ex-

ly increasing. Since 1878 there basmonds of the fair sinners. The fair pression. His face shows his age; ly increasing. Since 1878 there has| $\begin{array}{l}\text { sex, which during the day seemed to } \\ \text { be depressed and hidden, abounds in }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{l}\text { but from a back view that cunningly- } \\ \text { but outer-coat would seem to surround }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{l}\text { been a decrease of } 3,120 \text { boldings under } \\ \text { thirty acres, and an inerease of } 556 \text { in }\end{array}$ |
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sture. The size of farms has, for

## Count raaffe.

The telegraph has within the last ew days in formed us that the Austrian pointed to Count Taaffe, has been apthe Interior, or as we would say Home Secretary of the Austrian Hm
ime. The Count ilustrious Irish family of Tad of the not alone a Count of the Taaff, and Tan Empire, but is also tenth Viscount aaffie in the peerage of Ireland. In
he Irish wars of the seventeenrh tury the Taaffes were staunch adherents Taaffe of the day wast, and che Viscount gallantly for James II, at the foyne He was succeeded by his brother, an came a Count-Marshal of the Empire
and Cumbrlain to the Emperor. William of orange was at timcs a gener-
ous foe, and so high was his respect aus foe, and so high was his respect
for Marshal Taaffe that he had inserta special clause in an act of Parliay
ment, exempting his title from the general forfeiture which beffell all the by his father Count Taaffe, one of the
most famous soldiers in the, camp of Maria Theresa, who closed a long and of Relgrade. This celebrated soldier
was a great sympathizer with the old country. The present Count Taaffe is 'Erin,', 'hich appears in the 'Standard,'
as a princely land-owner in the King, dom of Bohemia, and as maintaining at his castle of Elshau something of the
splendor of mediæval times. He is the great friend and right hand-man of the
Emperor Francis Joseph, and has held many posts of the first importanea, the
last being that of Goveruor of the Tyrol. In the political world the Count is re-
garded as the leader of the old noblesse, but this Conservatism is of a moderate
and intelligent type. The writer we have noticed above says that the Count's
ruling passion is devotion to the House of Hapsburg, the glories of which he is
fully persuaded are destined to revive: in the part," it is added, "he will play Austro-Hungarian Empire is most pros
bably a very mportant one, and every
day be is becoming more and be regarded as one of the few men to be
trusted in critical times." It is believed, indeed, in Austria that should, in
the whirligig of politics, Count Anddrassy cease to bo be Premier, Count
Taaffe will be his inevito Taafe will be his inevitable successor,
Within the last quarter of a century
we have seen Whose ancestors had been drisen name,
whom
Ireland for their devotion to dynasty and the old faith, to thern old the most powerful Prime Minister she
has had in modern times. MacMahon as president of Frabce, gave that trou-
bled land an interval of true peace and and reai prosperity, and laid down the sceptre rather than soil, by the shadow
of dishonor, the stainlees shield of the modern Bavard. If Count Taaffe is
made Premier of Austria a third made Premier of Austria, a third will
be addel to the list on which MacMahon and $O^{\prime} D$ onneil now figure.

An unsual scene for Eurcpe-that of the sun not setting, but shining through the whole night-is to be wits
nessed from the summit of Mount Aavax nessed from the summit of Mount Aavax
in Finland, near Torneo, at 66 deg. north latitude. Every year, on June 23, a multitude of people of different nations teresting spectacle. According to the teresting spectacle. Acdording to the
reports of the Finn journals, this there were on Aavax abuut 300 travel ers; three of these were Englishmen, two Frenchmen, one was a Russian; disedes, and the rest were Finn Ge Government of Finland is now ecting on Mount Aavax a hotel for $-\longrightarrow$ ?

