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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The British Court will go into mourning for a short time for the Dowager Empress of Brazil.

Numerous wrecks are reported on the English, Scotch and Irish coasts, but no American vessels are yet mentioned.

The steamer *Woodham*, bound from New castle to New York, went ashore on the Isle of Wight during a heavy gale and is a total wreck. All hands saved.

The *Morning Chronicle* contains an extract from the *Times of India*, received here by mail, giving an account of a terrible earthquake in India, a telegraph report of which was received Jan. 13th from Bombay, and published next day by the press of Europe and Great Britain. Despatches from Bombay and Calcutta of to-day's date make no mention of any new calamity of this kind.

Parliament re assembled to-day. The following sketch of the Queen's speech has been obtained in advance of its delivery :

England is at peace with everything.

The great powers have promised to cooperate effectually for the suppression of slavery on the east coast of Africa.

Friendly negotiations are in progress with Russia. Count Schouvaloff has assured Her Majesty's Government of the friendship of the Czar for England.

The new Treaty of Commerce between Great Britain and France is calculated to promote the friendship of the two countries.

The President of the French Republic has been appointed to arbitrate the differences between Portugal and England, relative to the possessions on the south coast of Africa.

Copies of the *Alabama* and San Juan awards will be presented immediately. It is considered proper to hasten the payment of the *Alabama* award.

The speech expresses regret at the rapid rise in prices, and consequent disputes between workmen and employers, and promises that bills will be introduced improving the system of higher education in Ireland for the reconstruction of the Supreme Appellate Courts, and prevention of corrupt practices at elections.

Sir Alexander Cockburn has refused a Peerage, and has received the Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath.

Lord Assington is seriously ill.

The schooner 'James Bayley' has been wrecked on the Anglesa coast, and eight of her crew perished.

The proprietors of several collieries in the south of Wales, who have announced their intention to import Chinamen from California to take the places of the men now on strike, have received anonymous letters threatening them with assassination should they attempt to carry out their design.

The weather of the past three days has been intensely cold, and 100 persons were frozen to death in England during that time.

Gambetta has recovered from his recent illness.

The proprietor of the *Corsair* newspaper has been fined and sentenced to four months imprisonment for publishing an International circular.

The deputies of the extreme Left held a meeting last night, at which an address was introduced, expressing the sympathy of the Republican members of the Assembly with General Garibaldi, and protesting against the severe comments on his interference in the late war made by members of the Right in the debate on Lyons contracts. An address was immediately signed by seventy of the deputies.

The *Union* says the Carlist lines extend through the Northern Provinces of Spain, from Cape Creux to Coruna. Don Alphonzo commands the insurgents in Catalonia. Valles, one of his generals, has entered Aragon. Ollo commands in Navarre. Redas, at the head of the right wing of the insurgents at Asturias, is marching on Leon and Castile. Lizarraga has command of the forces in Guipuzcoa. The *Union* represents the Carlist cause as flourishing in numbers, arms and resources.

The despatch from Lisbon announcing that the steamship *Murillo* had been sighted off that port was incorrect, and she is yet at Cadiz, where she has remained since her first arrival. The British Consul here has demanded the issue of a writ of attachment

against her. The captain of the *Murillo* and officers who were on watch at the time of the disaster to the *Northfleet* happened, are held as prisoners on a Spanish man of war pending the investigation. The crew are under guard and are not allowed to go ashore. The Spanish authorities who have made an examination of the *Murillo* declare that she shows no signs of having been in collision, and it is their belief that she is guiltless of running down and sinking the *Northfleet*.

The Government has received intelligence of another battle between the Carlists and a force of troops, in which the former were completely defeated, suffering great loss in both men and stores. The engagement took place at a small place called Aya, in the north. It is officially announced from the Ministry of War, that 200 of the insurgents were killed, and that 1,100 rifles, including 800 of the Remington patent, a large quantity of ammunition and stores, and 200 prisoners were captured. Eighty of the captured insurgents begged for amnesty.

At a session of the Congress yesterday, a Republican Deputy proposed an amendment for the Porto Rico abolition Bill, extending its provisions to Cuba, and providing that the slaves themselves, and not their masters, shall receive the indemnity. It is not likely the Congress will consider the amendment.

A band of Carlists burned the Railway Depot in Villa Franca yesterday.

Bismarck has submitted a proposition to the German Federal Council, for an appropriation of 9,000,000 talers each, for the erection and improvement of the fortifications at Cologne, Koenigsburg, Wilhelmshaven, Kiel and Posen.

Bismarck has submitted to the Committee of the Federal Council a bill imposing taxes on transactions in the Stock Exchange.

The Roman Catholic Bishops have addressed a memorial to the Emperor protesting against the passage of the Ecclesiastical Bill now before the Prussian Diet.