

BRITISH NAVY DEFENDED.

French Troops in Tonquin Acting on the Defensive.

REINFORCEMENTS TO BE SENT.

The Dublin Press on the Change in the Irish Chief Secretaryship.

THE CANADIAN VOYAGEURS AT ASSOUAN

The Government Accedes to Wolsey's Demand for further Supplies.

Increased Activity Among British Troops at Wady Halfa.—The Agricultural Crisis in England.

Yesterday Afternoon's Cable Despatches to the Press.

The Canadian Voyageurs.

Three hundred and seventy-eight Canadian boatmen have arrived at Assouan.

Destitution in Paris.

The increase of the municipal budget by 3,500,000 francs for the assistance of the poor shows clearly the extending destitution of Paris.

The Trouble in Sugar Market.

The Morning Post says the trouble in the sugar market ceases three weeks ago.

Renewal of Activity.

A despatch from Wady Halfa says there is evidence of a sudden resolve on the part of the Government to augment the forces.

The British Navy.

Sir Thomas Brassey, speaking at Hastings, quoted statistics showing the British Navy, in both armored and unarmored vessels, is superior to any other navy.

The Senatorial Reform Bill.

The committee having in charge the French Senatorial Reform bill decided by a vote of 5 to 4 that the twenty-five life senatorships at present at the disposal of the Senate would be added, as fast as they fall vacant, to the nine years' seats at the disposal of the Chambers jointly.

New Cardinals.

The Pope will create eight new Cardinals as a secret consistory. The persons who will be honored are the Archbishops of Vienna, Seville and Palermo, and Monsignors Massia, Merisigori, Lourenze, Masotte and Verga.

Mourning the Duke of Brunswick.

The Prussian court is ordered to wear mourning for the Duke of Brunswick for a fortnight, and the troops and inhabitants of Brunswick for two months.

Favor Decisive Action.

A Paris dispatch says the majority of the committee on the Tonquin credit are in favor of decisive action.

Proposed Duty on Corn.

In the French Chamber of Deputies yesterday Soutiquis placed upon the table an amendment to the Cattle Customs Bill, which proposes to fix a duty of five francs per hundred kilograms on bread.

Motors Sentenced.

The court martial in the case of the prisoners who took part in the anti-French riots at Kharvnia, Russia, in June, has sentenced eleven to periods varying from twelve to twenty years' hard labor, for manslaughter, twenty-seven to periods varying from one to three years for robbery, and sixteen to short periods. One prisoner was banished to Siberia and eleven acquitted.

On the Defensive.

Gen. de Lisle, replying to a request from Prime Minister Ferry for information in regard to the situation in Tonquin, states that the French forces there are sufficient to maintain a defensive attitude, but cannot undertake offensive operations.

The Agricultural Crisis.

Delegates from the Farmers' Alliance will hold a conference in London in November on the agricultural crisis.

Dispatches from Alexandria report that Gen. Wolsey has been contending with the War Office in regard to the proposed curtailment of supplies of men, money and material for the Nile expedition.

Trevelyan's Withdrawal.

The Freeman's Journal of Dublin, asserts Mr. Trevelyan withdraws from the Chief Secretaryship of Ireland because he was unwilling to continue as the mouthpiece of Earl Spencer's policy, and because he was disgusted with the chief officials.

The Congo Question.

Earl Granville has obtained the assent of the German and French Governments to a proposal to limit the work of the Congo conference to the settlement of the Congo question.

Winter Weather in the Northwest.

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 22.—There has been a heavy snow storm in the Northwest. The morning is nearly done and snow.

A Marriage Outrage.

A girl named Narcis Kirkyacharian, of Hadjin, a small town of Cilicia, in Asia Minor, was recently forcibly married against her own inclinations and against the desire of her father, to a man to whom she had been betrothed at the age of five years.

Cable Notes.

The French Chamber of Deputies has voted additional decorations for troops in China.

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The Sun's Heat and Power.

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A Terrible Death.

Halifax, Oct. 22.—Late last night Wm. Sweeney, a middle-aged man, who has been working in the quarries at Beaver Bank, was seen about Bedford station in a somewhat intoxicated condition.

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