

rested the same expressions. To the last prayer he uttered the responses with the same firm voice, the people joining with him, and weeping. Even the soldiers of his battalion were deeply moved, and some of the officers wept. In fastening the rope the executioner maltreated the criminal, so as to excite one of the fathers so much as to strike him twice.

The latest intelligence from Naples declares that tranquility has been restored in Sicily. The consuls of England and France speak of political arrests in Palermo, Catania, and Messina. Troops have been distributed throughout more than one province, and the officials of Palermo assert they have been well received. At the same time there appears to exist strong evidence that the present movement, if really put down, might again break out at any moment, for it has been proved that the Sicilians are not in want of arms.

PERSIA.

The cause of the present crisis may be told in a few words. In an evil hour the British Ministry thought fit to send the Hon. Charles Augustus Murray to represent British interests at the Court of Persia. Soon after his arrival he was embroiled in a dispute with the Shah, in consequence of the protection he had given to a native who was claimed as a Persian subject. The native had a pretty woman in his seraglio, and the real cause of contention was supposed to refer rather to this modern Helen, than to her husband. Not the slightest imputation of a personal nature rests on Mr. Murray's proceedings in this matter. The Shah was irritated, the discussion became acerbated, and Mr. Murray, at length, struck his flag and retired from the capital, thus leaving British interests without any protection. Russia sends the most astute, not the most simple of her statesmen, to represent her at that Court. The Shah was soon persuaded to break his treaty with us, and to send an army to conquer Herat. Thus a misunderstanding which began, most preposterously, about a woman, has ended most inauspiciously in the invasion of Persia.

Lord Palmerston is understood to have renewed negotiations with Persia. The terms are that Mr. Murray shall be received back at Teheran, that the obnoxious Minister of the Shah shall be disgraced, that Herat shall be restored to independence, and compensation for damages shall be made to the Britains.

A SAUL AMONG THE PROPHETS.—On Tuesday, at the consecration of the new church of St. Matthew, Bedford New Town, St. Pancras, a novel incident took place. Just after the newly-created Bishop of London arrived, and at the moment when the entire congregation were on the tiptoe of excitement, a person appeared at the southern door, attired in a garb of a clergyman, but not having the required ticket, his name was requested. He announced himself as the Rev. Mr. Blackthorn, of Sydenham, and was immediately shown to the spot appropriated to his "clerical brethren." He had scarcely, however, taken his seat, when the "reverend gentleman" was recognised by several detectives who were present in plain clothes, as being a well-known member of the swell mob. The *soldisant* reverend, finding he was discovered, slunk into a back seat, and as soon as opportunity offered, made his exit.

FINAL ARCTIC SEARCH.—There is now little or no doubt as to the intention of the Government to despatch final expeditions in search of further traces of Sir John Franklin. They will probably consist of three parties, one overland, another via Behring's Straits, and a third via Davis' Straits. The Behring's Straits expedition will probably be commanded either by Captain Collinson (should he volunteer his services), or Captain Rochfort Maguire, an officer of great energy and much active experience. The Baffin's Bay expedition will, it is supposed, be offered to Captain McClintock; but we have as yet heard of no one mentioned to command the overland party.

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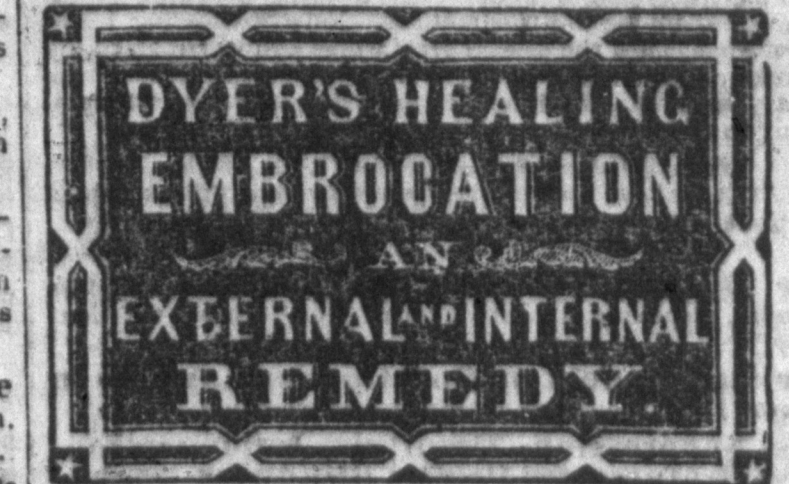
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