

beginning of calamities of which many of us may see the end. We had hoped that the Civil Government of France had learned wisdom, and had burned its fingers sufficiently in meddling with the Church. But there are some men who learn nothing and forget nothing, and such men are, unhappily, too numerous in the world, and they are now too powerful in France.

The recent decision of the jury at Gloucester in awarding 500*l.* to the priest in his trial with Cardinal Wiseman, has called forth a large amount of indignation. Only think of an English jury vindicating the rights of a poor priest, against the insolence of a prince of the Church. It would not be so in Italy.

European & Foreign News.

FRANCE.

On Wednesday afternoon, about three o'clock, the Emperor, accompanied by an aide-de-camp, was driving along the Rue Rivoli towards the Bastille, the horses, when near the Hotel de Ville, took fright at the sound of a drum, ran away, and rushed upon the foot pavement. A boarding in front of a shop stopped their progress, but one of the reins snapped, and the forewheels of the carriage became awkwardly entangled in some planks. The Emperor got out without coming to any harm.

There has been some talk of a conspiracy against the Emperor, having been discovered in Paris, and *The Times'* correspondent now says that it was a gunpowder plot. A republican weaver, so it is said, conceived the notion of blowing up the Emperor while he was sitting in his box at the Theatre Francais. The modern Catesby proceeded to London to communicate his plan to persons from whom he expected to receive encouragement and assistance. After a conference with them he returned to France, and soon after again repaired to London to arrange the final operations. In the meantime some of his London friends, believing he had reason to suspect that the French Catesby, was in reality, a secret agent of the authorities sent to tempt him, gave information to the English police. When "Catesby" heard of the fact he became furious, and, anticipating the denunciation, returned hastily to Paris, revealed the plot to the French authorities, and denounced his accomplices. He, with about thirty persons, was at once taken into custody. The affair is now in course of investigation, and will in due time be brought before the Correctional Police-court, when, no doubt, the confederator of the plot will be produced as the principal witness.

It is a plan of the part of the theatre where the Emperor was wont to sit, as of the several parts contiguous, was made. Barrels of powder were to be deposited immediately under the box, a train laid on, which was to be carried outside, and the mine was to be sprung while the attention of the Emperor and the audience was absorbed by the scenic representations.

By telegraph we learn that the Grand Duke Constantine has landed upon French territory. The French Government has just had the pleasure of lowering the pride of a bishop. Some time since, the Bishop of Moulins caused a great scandal in his diocese. He suspended some of the clergy without giving any notice; he forced others to renounce their right of appeal to the civil power in any case; he excommunicated those who would not renounce their allegiance; he published synodal statutes in an illegal manner. These facts the Government have taken into consideration; have declared the acts of the bishop to be an abuse of his power, and have cancelled them. The bishop obtained leave of absence, in order to visit his diocese.

RUSSIA. The operation of raising the vessels sunk at the port of Sebastopol has commenced. There are upwards of eighty of them and six hundred have already been recovered, namely, the *Cherbourg* steamer (250 horse-power), four frigates, one brig, two schooners, two tenders, and six smaller craft. The four transports are already afloat, and are engaged in conveying provisions and equipments.

AUSTRIA. On the 9th, the ceremony of "the washing of feet" took place at the Austrian Court. At ten o'clock in the morning, twenty-four old men and twelve women and as many women were dressed in the ancient German costume, were conducted to the "Hall of Ceremonies" of the place. On their arrival, the men were placed on one side of a long table, and the women on the other. As soon as the senators had taken their seats, their Majesties entered, and placed before them a great number of golden servers. The Emperor handed the "crosier" in a masterly way, but the Emperor required the assistance of her ladies. The dishes had been set on the table; they were removed, and placed in twenty-four large silver vessels, which were sent to the rooms occupied by the paupers in the almshouse. At ten o'clock the washing of feet began, in the chapel of the palace. The Emperor performed the ceremony on the above-mentioned twelve old men, and the Empress on the women. His Majesty received from the hands of his Lord Steward a gilt ewer, and poured from it a few drops of water on one of the feet of each of the men. After a towel had been pressed once or twice on each of the wetted feet, and a little bag containing thirty-two silver groats had been hung round the necks of the old people, the ceremony was at an end. Her Majesty, who was attended by her Lord Steward, acted in exactly the same way as her Imperial consort.

THE IMPERIAL PRINCE RUNS ALONE.—Although no official announcement has yet been made that the Imperial Prince walks alone, an engraving has just appeared in the print shops representing the interesting baby with nothing on but a shirt, making his *premier pas*. The nurse, in her provincial costume, is kneeling down by the side of the cradle prescript by the city of Paris. She stretches out her arms on either side of the shoulders of the infant, and, indeed, supports him with that pious fraud which accompanies every first "going alone." The child advances towards the Empress, seated in an arm chair, behind which is the Emperor with an expression of wonder and delight depicted on his countenance. Whether this is actual or anticipatory portraiture I cannot say, but as the Prince is now nearly thirteen months old, he ought to walk alone.—*Letter from Paris.*

A STRANGE MARRIAGE.—A correspondent of the *Abingdon Virginian*, writing from Marion, Smythe county, relates a singular case of marriage. He says:—"We have within a half a mile of this place a person who has remained in one position (flat on his back) for 16 years or more. His joints are as stiff as if he never had any. He can move his head slightly, can move his hands a little, is unable to eat a single mouthful unless put into his mouth, is fat, very hearty and cheerful, and within the last two years has married a good-looking and merry girl. The clergyman who married this man said he had some scruples about it until he had a long conversation with both the parties. He saw they were bent on being married. The young lady stood by the bed of the groom, as she could not take his hand, or he could not reach it out, and they were made one."

General Todleben, who is in Paris, remained with the Emperor nearly an hour at his first audience. The Emperor asked him whether, if the French and English had marched on Sebastopol at once after the battle of Alma, they could have taken it? General Todleben declared that there was no doubt about it, as there were but two or three battalions in the place. This opinion was subsequently expressed by him to others.

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