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1859.

General Macmahon, had arrived at Genoa.

military ardour. A proclamation has been have the ordinary and vulgar ambition of all issued to the Tuscan troops inviting them to despots for territorial aggrandisement-although march in a compact body to the aid of Pied disclaimed for the present--and for personal mont, and no doubt the army, consisting of aggrandisement too. All this is known ; what 12,000 men, will be ready whenever Sardinia may be behind in secret understandings even needs it. In the meantime, the Grand Duke of more than in "secret written agreements," no Tuscany has succumbed to the popular feeling, one can tell. and the Provisional Government installed in England's duty is plain. She cannot, if she Florence since the flight of the Grand Duke, would, aid by interference the cause of the illcarries on its work regularly in the name of governed nations. Her honour is no more con-Victor Emmanuel, acting entirely with a refer- cerned than her interests, in intervention. If ence to the general undertaking of resistance to Austria be humbled, no Englishman will grieve Austria. In Rome, the French troops have over her; if French ambition be checked, we become popular, and on Easter Sunday the shall not lament ; the only thing to be deplored manifestations of the crowd were strikingly dis- by us will be the eventual triumph of the soldier played in favour of the soldiers of France. The over the liberties of Italy, but that is beyond our Pope is not, as may be supposed, at his ease ; power to prevent .- Ib. and rumours are prevalent that he desires to place himself in the hands of Austria. His reliance on France is not of the most firm kind but the French commandant, General Goyon, has intimated that France had a refuge for him, either in Algeria or in her own territory, and that his distrust of the protection of Francis Joseph is equally as strong as that of His Holiness appears to be to the Emperor of the French.

THE GEOGRAPHY OF THE WAR.

The late war taught us the geography of the colur with his own hands, and this was hoisted countries around the Black Sea ; we shall now at the fortress, where the velites were stationed. have a study of those bordering on the Po, and and at the Palazzo Vecchio. Meanwhile the lying at the southern foot of the Alps. Every Archduke Charles, the Grand Duke's second son, reader of the newspapers should at once prohad gone to Fort Belvedere, which, commands cure a decent map of the North of Italy; and the city. Here surrounded by the officers of the another of the South of France would be useful; velites and artillery, of which he was the comfor it is really impossible to follow the movemandant, he caused a sealed order, left by the ments described in the papers, or tolerably to Commander-in-Chief, General d'Arco Ferrari, to comprehend them, without such aid. It would be opened. It contained a general plan of there be seen at a glance how the Continental attack on Florence, with directions for a bompart of the Sardinian Kingdom, composed of bardment. At this announcement, all the officers, the Old Duchy of Savoy, and Piedmont, internally, with Nice and Genoa for its maritime those of the velites included, declared that they would not fire on the people. "Then," asked provinces, lies in the north-west corner of Italy, May 4. wholly between the mighty Empires of France the Archduke, "are we prisoners and is our family in peril?" The officers replied in the and Austria; even the long narrow maritime negative ; but repeated their resolution not to province of Genoa being surrounded by Parma, fire upon the people, adding that their chief Modena, and Tuscany. The Po. that mighty desire was an alliance with Piedmont. Meanriver whose fertilising streams are so likely to while upwards of 20,000 inhabitants had asbe dyed again with Italian blood, forms the sembled around the Pitti Palace, when the Grand proper southern boundary of Austria in Italy : Duke at length sent for the Marquis of Lajatico. but its main stream divides, and its minor The result of this step has already heen stated. streams water the whole of Piedmont Proper. The Grand Ducal family left Florence at about From Switzerland on the north, Lake Magsix p. m., in the direction of Bologna, without giore (Major), and the Ticino, famous since the any Regency or Government of any sort being days of HANNIBAL, forms the eastern boundary named. Whereupon, in order, to prevent any of Piedmont, that river joining the Po near revolutionary manifesto being published, the Pavia. The Swiss and French Alps being on municipality, then the sole guardians of the state, appointed a provisional Government, as the north and west, and the Sea and the Ticino on the south and east. The northern half of already stated. Through the friendly interven-Piedmont is nearly a level plain, with nothing tion of the French envoy, M. Ferriere Levayer, to delay the march of an army from Ticino to all the secretaries of the different embassies ac-Turin, which lies on the Po somewhat towards the French side of the centre of Piedmont. On companied the Grand Duke. The Austrian Minister caused the Imperial escutcheon to be the half south of the Po, the country is much taken down from his hotel, and left Florence more defensible, being the northern side of the the same day. Apennines; and here we have Casale on the Po, and Tortona, and Alessandria, all we SPAIN .- The Government has applied to the believe places, especially the latter, capable of Cortes for authority to increase the army to delaying for some time an invading army. A 100,000 men, in order to protect the neutrality map also will show to the eye how accessible of the country during the war in Italy. The Genoa is from the French ports, also the rela-Espana says :-- " We learn that the Governtive proximity to Turin, of the Alps and the ment has just received a telegraphic despatch from our Ambassador at Rome, expressing the Tieino. opinion that it is desirable to increase the garri THE FINANCES OF THE BELLIGERENTS .-sons of the Balearic Islands by 10,000 men, in The financial position of the Powers engaging case the Pope, in the event of having to abandon in war is most remarkable. Austria begins it, his capital by the spread of the revolution in indeed, by an act of bankruptcy. She asks for a loan of £20,000,000, while her Five per Cents, Italy, should decide on establishing the seat of the Holy See in one of our Mediterranean are at forty-nine, and she is obliged to give it islands. out by demanding silver or the new stock in payment of all duties ! She had, therefore, ITALIAN VOLUNTEERS .- Nearly all the Italians forthwith to authorise an issue of inconvertible in London have left for the seat of war ; amongst paper currency in the beginning of a war ! others Court Montemerli, who is well known in France has also to demand a loan, with her the artistic circles of the capital, is, we under-Three per Cent stock at sixty-three ! and stand, about to join the movement which is so Sardinia's resources must be much more than general over Italy. He has issued an address to exhausted. It is a battle of bankrupts !his countrymen, and specially to the Lombard National Guard and the Tuscan Volunteers, Freeman. whom he organised in 1841. He proposes the WHERE WILL THE WAR END ?- The war is formation of a legion at Pisa in Tuscany, to be then begun, but the universal exclamation specially armed with six-shot rifles, revolvers, amongst diplomatists and politicians is, Where and to be manœuvred upon a new principle will it end ? Already, as we have seen, the entirely his own.-Morning Post. element of nationalities and demands for independence and freedom are mingling in the fray. GREAT EXCITEMENT IN ROME. - Rome, April 28. But that, we may be assured, the despots who -A proclamation has been issued by General are fighting with each other are not fighting for Goyon, the French commander, recommending popular liberties, and, so far as in them lies, the the inhabitants to remain tranquil, disapprovwar will have no issue of that kind. Nor can ing of any manifestations even of a pacific any one reasonably hope that the masters of a nature, and reminding the populace that the million of soldiers will not take good care that assembling in street crowds has been already civil liberty shall be thoroughly subordinate to forbidden. military power. Yet who can say that the Letters from Ancona state the arrival of event may not frustrate their expectations ? 8,000 Austrians in that town. Uprisings of the people and fraternisations of On Easter Sunday, after the benediction given the soldiery are not impossibilities, though, we to the people and French and Pontifical troops, should say, anything but probabilities. groups assembled round the general in com- Orders by letter will be attended to promptly. But it can hardly be doubted that the despoi mand and the French ambassador, greeting them with cries of "long live France !" themselves have not some deep laid plan, well understood among themselves, to humble the " Long live the Emperer !" " Long live Italy !" object of their common ill will, and probably to There were reports at Rome that the Pope inaggrandise themselves. France showed not only exhaustion at the c'ose of the Crimean tended to retire to Bologna or Gaeta. war, but also a strong leaning towards Russia. A Paris viewer of European politics thinks She procured for the Czar an early and a too Austria is an aggressor to the extent of a man invourable peace, when it was the interest of who, seeing himself about to, be waylaid and at-Europe to have made its work more complete tacked by a couple of antagonists, has the wit, when once begun. In all subsequent discussions after having given fair warning, to rush upon France invariably leaned to Russia. In settling the foremost and knock him down before the the Government of the Provinces, she obtained other is at his side. . Ro, 40 Granville Street, Halling.

the chief ends of the Czars. Sardinia, disap- gave rise to a rather curious incident. At the The French troops are rapidly arriving at pointed and snubbed by Lord PALMERSTON in moment the battalion was filing off to go on Genoa, 15.000 of the Imperial Guard debarking his Court zeal for Austria, threw herself on board, the colonel advanced towards a very there on Friday, making 40,000 of the soldiers France and Russia, and granted the latter the young Zouave, and, taking him by the arm, inof Louis Napoleon now in Sardinia. Generals use of the Mediterranean port of Villa Franca. formed him that he must go no further. The Niel and Canrubert on the same day viewed the Russia had the inexplicable selfishness of colonel had recognised in this person a young line of the river Dora with the King of Sardinia, Austria during the Crimean war to avenge ; woman, who disguised in uniform, hoped to acand the coadjutor of these French generals, Louis NAPOLEON had mortified dynastic ambi- company her Zouave to the field of battle. The tion, which Sardinia gratified, at the sacrifice of colonel thought proper to oppose this act of The whole of Italy is now a boiling mass of a daughter, to avenge on his part; and both self-devotedness.

THE ROVOLT IN TUSCANY .- A letter from Florence gives some additional details concerning the events there. It appears that early on the previous morning all the military bodies, with the exception of the carbineers and velites, went to the Grand Duke, who had intended to make his escape during the night, but had been prevented by the attitude of the inhabitants. They demanded that the tricolour should be granted to them, and an alliance concluded between Tuscany and Piedmont. After some resistance, the Grand Duke gave them the tri-

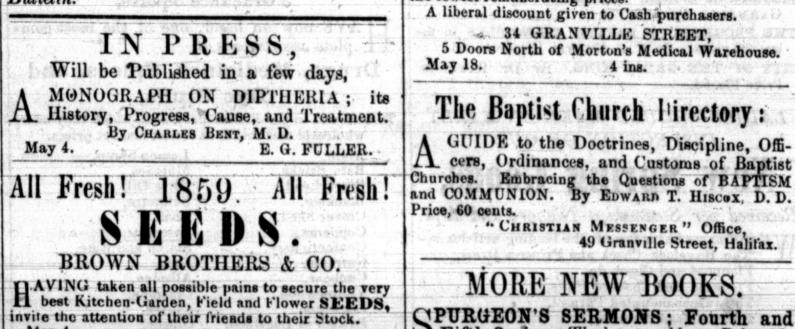
soldier of Italian independence. Long live for Russia, against England, Austria and Turkey, The embarkment of the Zouaves, at Marseilles,

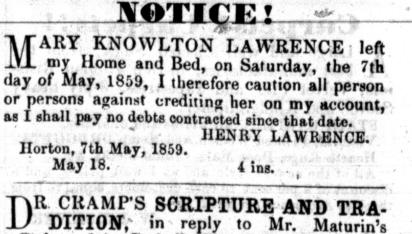
Prince Alfred has visited Jerusalem. It is said that the Osborne steam yacht is to be got ready for the Mediterranean,-to bring him home immediately.

It is expected that General Williams will vacate his post about the middle of the present month, and proceed to his new appointment as Commander-in-thief of the district of Canada and Nova Scotia.

AN OLD MAID .- Miss Amelia Ross, aged 117 years, died last month in England. She lived in the reigns of five sovereigns of Great Britain. One hundred years ago her parents settled with her in the town of Newtownlimavady, and she lived there until the day of her death.

Ladislaus Magyar, a Hungarian, well versed in the naturnal history of Brazil, in the hope of reaching the interior of Africa with more certainty, has married the daughter of the Negro king of Bibe, in Upper Guinea. Having by this step become General in-Chief of the armies of his father-in-law, he makes use of his newlyacquired authority to facilitate his researches.-Bulletin.





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