

Latest from Europe.

CLOSING OF THE IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

The English Parliament was closed by Commission. The following extracts from the ROYAL SPEECH will be read with interest.

"My Lords and Gentlemen.

We are commanded by her Majesty to release you from further attendance in Parliament, and at the same time to convey to you her Majesty's acknowledgments for the zeal and assiduity with which you have applied yourselves to the performance of your duties during the session of Parliament now brought to a close.

Her Majesty commands us to inform you that her relations with Foreign powers are friendly and satisfactory, and her Majesty trusts that there is no danger of any disturbance of the peace of Europe.

The progress of events in Italy has led to the union of the greater part of that peninsula in one monarchy under King Victor Emmanuel. Her Majesty has throughout abstained from any active interference in the transactions which have led to this result, and her earnest wish as to these affairs is, that they may be settled in the manner best suited to the welfare and happiness of the Italian people.

The dissensions which arose some months ago in the United States of North America have unfortunately assumed the character of open war. Her Majesty, deeply lamenting this calamitous result, has determined, in common with other Powers of Europe to preserve a strict neutrality between the contending parties.

Her Majesty commands us to inform you that the measures adopted for the restoration of order and tranquillity in Syria, in virtue of conventions between her Majesty, the Emperor of Austria, the Emperor of the French, the King of Prussia, the Emperor of Russia, and the Sultan, having accomplished their purpose, the European troops which, in pursuance of those conventions, were for a time stationed in Syria to co-operate with the troops and authorities of the Sultan have been withdrawn; and her Majesty trusts that the arrangements which have been made for the administration of the districts which had been disturbed will henceforward secure their internal tranquillity.

Her Majesty has seen with satisfaction the rapid improvement in the internal condition of her East Indian territories, and the progress which has been made towards equalising the revenue and expenditure of that part of her empire."

"Her Majesty commands us to express to you the deep gratification with which she has witnessed the spirit of devoted patriotism which continues to animate her Volunteer forces, and the admiration with which she has observed their rapid progress in discipline and military efficiency.

"Her Majesty has observed with heartfelt satisfaction the spirit of loyalty, of order, and of obedience to the law which prevails throughout all her dominions, and she trusts that, by wise legislation and a just administration of the law, the continuance of this happy state of things will be secured.

On returning to your respective counties you will still have important public duties to perform, and Her Majesty fervently prays that the blessing of Almighty God may attend your exertions, and may guide them to the attainment of the objects of Her Majesty's constant solicitude—the welfare and happiness of her people.

ITALY.

Much sensation has been created in Turin by the publication in some of the papers of the circular of M. Minghetti, Italian Minister of the Interior, directed against the Mazzinian party, and even against Mazzini by name. Minghetti complains of Mazzini having endeavoured to excite the public mind against the presence of the French troops in Rome, by causing a petition for their withdrawal, prepared in London, to be carried round for a signature. Minghetti also accuses the party to which Mazzini belongs, of systematically spreading reports of pretended cessions of Italian territory to foreign powers. This circular, which was intended to be kept intensely secret, was revealed to the public press, to the great wrath of Minghetti, who, not very popular before, is likely to be still less admired in Italy after this attack upon Mazzini.

A letter in *The Times* says:—"The Père Jacques, who assisted Cavour in his last moments, having been called to Rome to explain to his Holiness what had taken place in the last moments of the great minister, had an audience of Pio IX. immediately, during which the Pope endeavoured to elicit from him what had taken place. The friar resolutely declined to divulge the confession, on the plea admitted by the Church that such secret communications are never divulged. Next day the confessor was handed over to the Holy Office to give an account of his conduct, and is, as I am now informed, confined in the apartments of the Inquisition."

TURIN, August 6, Evening.—The amount to which subscriptions to the National Loan, have been made by the public now reaches 900 millions.

RUSSIA.

From a letter published in the Paris papers and containing the most circumstantial details, it appears that at St. Petersburg a tragedy was on the point of being enacted, the effects of which, had it been accomplished, would have spread at least over one half of Europe. A plot against the life of the Emperor Alexander, as well as against the lives of the different members of the Imperial family, has lately been dis-

covered, in which some of the highest members of the nobility and State functionaries were implicated. For some time past the house of a great functionary was the rendezvous for a large number of persons, who assembled there under divers pretexts. They were, for the greater part Government functionaries, retired officers, landed proprietors discontented with the late reforms, and individuals belonging to the different coteries into which the court is now divided. These personages, it is stated, became the centre of a conspiracy which aimed at the lives of the Emperor and his children, as well as the establishment of a constitution. The complicity of two ladies of the highest rank, shows who the conspirators had in view as their future Czar. Relations were also formed with some exiles, who were brought round by the promise of the immediate proclamation of a liberal constitution; a senator who, on account of the favour he enjoyed at court, was considered to be the most fitting intermediary between the different malcontents; and the correspondence on the subject was carried on through him. However, the frequency of the meetings drew the attention of a servant to them, and a gossiping propensity on his part was the means of putting the police on the track, which they pursued, by the Emperor's orders, with the greatest circumspection. The letter further states that several persons who frequented the reunions were suddenly dismissed from their situations. This had the effect of at once arousing misgivings that they were discovered. Some strove to quit the country, and the ringleader in the plot became utterly deprived of reason. When all this was known to Government, M. Patkul, the chief of the Russian police, paid a domiciliary visit to the house of the senator, for the purpose of seizing all his papers. While doing so, a colonel in the Russian army, and secretary to one of the ladies in question, came and displayed an order which empowered him to take possession of the treasonable correspondence. A warm contest ensued; but Patkul was the victor, and in the letters which he found was discovered the clue to the conspiracy. The two ladies were immediately ordered to leave St. Petersburg, and also forbidden ever to return there. But the fate of all the others has not yet transpired.

POLAND.

A letter from Warsaw of the 29th ult. states that the student, Louis Balizer, who on Feb. 25 posted up a placard inviting the Poles to a funeral service in memory of the Polish soldiers killed at the battle of Grochow, has been condemned to four years hard labour, and transported to the island of Cronstadt, without being permitted to see his parents. It is given as a reason for the condemnation that Balizer by his placard caused the events of Feb 25; but it is on the other hand affirmed on good authority that this pretext is inadmissible, inasmuch as at the time the student was arrested 20,000 persons had already assembled in the Starisnasto suburb.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The famous "Kossuth Notes" were sent to the Bank of England to be destroyed. They loaded two or three waggons.

Dr. Livingstone has discovered a waterfall in Africa, which eclipses Niagara. The stream is 2000 feet wide, and the fall 300 feet.

The thousandth year of the existence of the Russian empire, is to be celebrated next year. In Novogorod, a monument has already been commenced to commemorate the occasion.

Some of the pet breeds of dogs exhibited at the Leeds show were ticketed at the most fabulous prices, one lady putting the price at £2,000, whilst others modestly catalogued them at £1,000.

The Committee on the Galway Contract has reported that, under the circumstances, the Postmaster-General was compelled to annul that contract, but expresses a hope that the Galway Company may receive favourable consideration if it is thought desirable to renew the service.

MISS NIGHTINGALE.—This lady is devoting her attention and much of her spare cash to the establishment of educational institutions for the soldier, and was recently on a visit of inspection to one of these institutions at Chatham. It will rejoice her many friends and admirers to know that she has so far recovered from her illness as to be able to undertake this labour of love.—*Leeds Mercury Correspondent.*

ANECDOTE OF PRINCE ALFRED.—A good anecdote is told of Prince Alfred while in Canada lately. "The doctor," a famous jockey, who had the contract to furnish thirty horses for the suite of the Prince of Wales throughout the tour, at \$6 each per day, drove Prince Alfred to the Falls of Montmorenci. The "doctor" remarked to Prince Alfred, "I drove the Prince of Wales here." "Did you?" said the Prince. "Yes, and H. R. H. gave me this old watch." "You are a lucky fellow," replied Prince Alfred; "that is more than he ever did for me." The "doctor" subsided.—*American paper.*

The London *Morning Chronicle* announces the death of Bob. This was a dog that used to "run with the machine" of the London Fire Department. He was on duty promptly whenever the alarm-bell sounded, ran before his company to clear the way, would be first in entering the burning house, and was remarkable for his bravery and intelligence. He saved the lives of several children by directing the firemen to the rooms of those asleep, and on one occasion was seen coming out of an apartment full of smoke, with a cat in his mouth, which he brought out in safety. He died on the field of honour, being run over by a fire engine.

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AN ANALYSIS OF THE SUN.—Two German chemists working together in their laboratory at Heidelberg, have analyzed the body of the sun! Fabulous as it may seem, this is literally true. They arrived at the results of their analysis solely by close examination of the rays of light.—By this means it is ascertained, in a manner quite convincing to those who have witnessed the experiments, that the body of the sun contains large portions of iron and other metals and earths common to this globe of ours.

LORD ELGIN.—The nomination of Lord Elgin to the Governor-Generalship of India will give general satisfaction to this country; in India the covenanted service gentlemen are said not to like him at all, the reason being that he has a mind of his own. To them he appears a man of unusual self-conceit. To us he seems to be a man of just that combination of strong good sense and self-reliance pre-eminently desirable in a distant vicerealty, which must be essentially a despotism. Lord Elgin has always shown himself ready to assume responsibility, and to act with decision when routine and tradition furnished no guide to conduct. How few men, when the French Plenipotentiary was afraid of the Chinese, and when it was certain that a party here would cant about Vandalism, and so forth, would have had the moral courage to burn down the Summer Palace of the Emperor, and thus to burn into Chinese minds a European conception of the penalties due to murdering men by perfidy! We want men who dare judge and act for themselves!—*Freeman.*

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