

Laird on Friday last. The Council is elective.

A girl, staying at D. Cameron's, Kensington, on Saturday, the 30th ult., was seriously injured by the explosion of a package of powder, which she put in the stove, not knowing its contents.

The Patriot says that a cooper in the employ of Mr. B. Champion, of Alberton, undertook recently, for a wage of \$15, to shave a thousand barrel staves in ten successive hours.

A few days ago, a poor man from Strathalbyn, whose wife had recently died, leaving a family of eight small children, was arrested for debt, and hurried off to Charlottetown jail.

UNITED STATES.—W. M. Tweed died in jail on Friday last of pneumonia.

The steamer Belgic from Hong Kong via Yokohama, has arrived, at San Francisco, bringing Hong Kong advices of March 13.

ENGLAND.—On Thursday last by the bursting of a sewer, a considerable section of South London was flooded to a depth of two or three feet.

A conference of the cotton manufacturers was to be held on the 16th inst., to take action regarding the impending strike of operatives in Lancashire.

At Blackburn operatives protested against a reduction in wages of 10 per cent. The majority of the masters replied that the mills would be closed unless a five per cent reduction was agreed to.

For the protection of ships in the Mediterranean from torpedoes a number of steam launches will be sent to Ismid and other stations.

A number of torpedo boats are sent from Chatham Dockyard to the Mediterranean.

In the House of Lords on Monday of last week, Earl Beaconsfield, after a retrospect of the government's past policy, criticised the treaty of San Stefano, drawing conclusions similar to those contained in Lord Salisbury's despatch.

Eight Turkish transports have started for Odessa to bring home the Turkish prisoners.

Mr. Layard, British Ambassador at Constantinople, has received a report from the British Consul at Rostochuk, claiming satisfaction from the Russian Government for an outrage committed by the Russian troops in entering the Consulate there and taking possession of its archives, notwithstanding the British flag was hoisted over the buildings at the time.

News from Cettinge says the districts in Albania on the coast and Boyana river intercepted, says that the Montenegrins have been so ravaged by war that the inhabitants are starving.

The position of Vefyk Pasha, President of the Council of Ministers, is stronger.

New objections have been taken against Russian military movements. Russian garrisons have relieved the Roumanians at Widden, Nicopolis and Rakova.

At the close of the discussion the address to the Queen thanking her for calling out the reserves, was adopted.

The Vienna Presse considers England has already gained a moral victory for herself and Europe.

In the House of Commons on Tuesday the debate on the address to the Queen continued.

Sir Wilfred Lawson, on behalf of the Radicals, moved an amendment, of which he had previously given notice, contesting the necessity of calling out the reserves.

The London Times issued a special edition on Tuesday night containing the full text of Prince Gortschakoff's reply to Lord Salisbury's circular despatch.

Prince Gortschakoff contests Lord Salisbury's assertions point by point, but the general tone of his reply appears conciliatory.

Prince Gortschakoff says in conclusion:—"The situation may be summed up thus: Existing treaties have been successively infringed by the Porte in violating its obligations towards the Christians. Lord Salisbury himself recognizes that great changes are necessary in the treaties hitherto regulating the East.

It seems to be the conviction that Russia is preparing to accept Germany's help to get out of the deadlock by making such concessions as will secure the meeting of Congress.

There is less excitement at Portsmouth dockyards. The work is assuming ordinary routine. Over time is generally stopped and very little remains to be done in the way of warlike preparations.

FRANCE.—A despatch from Paris says prices of lodgings and all necessities of life will be largely advanced during the Exposition. Proprietors of furnished apartments and hotels already make extra demands.

GERMANY.—A Berlin despatch says there is an active competition between Russia and England in chartering steamships at German ports.

GREECE.—Thessalians from burned villages in Thessaly have taken refuge in Greece utterly destitute.

The North German Gazette says that the Porte believing the Greek consul at Salonica was the instigator of the insurrection, has demanded that he be recalled, and has threatened to withdraw his exequator. Greece has refused and threatened reprisals if his exequator is withdrawn.

The Greeks demand that the Greek Patriarch shall summon the Russian Government to declare itself on the question of the Greco-Bulgarian schism.

ITALY.—The Ministers of Foreign Affairs, answering interpellations, on the Eastern question in the Chamber of Deputies, said Italy was free from engagements except those deriving from treaties which constitute the public law of Europe. Italy would preserve vigorous neutrality.

TURKEY.—The defensive works near Constantinople are being carried on with great energy.

The Turkish authorities at the Island of Tenedos have requested instructions from the Porte in view of the disembarkation of British marines to guard the depot of war material on the island.

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ing gains ground that some formula will be invented which will remove the obstacles to an assembly of a Congress, and that Bismarck is evidently interesting himself to this end.

The belief that Germany is abandoning her strictly passive attitude, is rapidly gaining ground at St. Petersburg. It is said Bismarck will use his influence in favor of peace. It is supposed negotiations for a Congress will re-commence on some new basis.

AUSTRIA.—Austria's objections to the San Stefano treaty have given great satisfaction to Russia as claiming too large concessions.

A special to the Politische Correspondenz from Cattaro states that the inhabitants of Antivari and the whole neighborhood are unanimous in their desire for annexation to Austria instead of Montenegro.

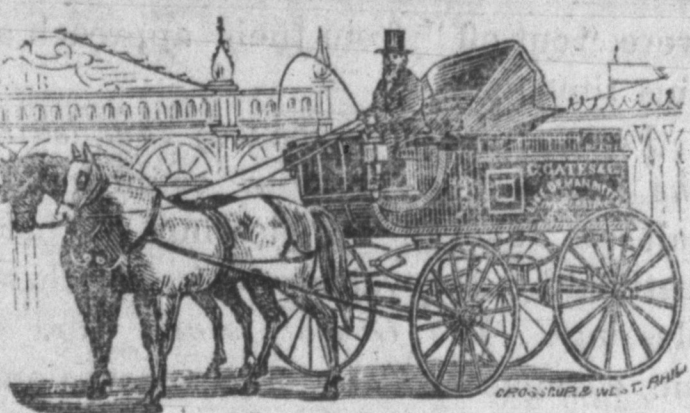
The Vienna Fremdenblatt says, peace can only be maintained by Russia modifying the Treaty of San Stefano, in conjunction with other powers.

SERBIA.—It is said that Anglo-Austrian influence is now in the ascendant at Belgrade, and there is a disposition of the part of Serbia, Roumania and Montenegro to make joint remonstrance to the Powers against the treaty of San Stefano.

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