

heads of the departments will be changed and the political constitution of the service abolished.

A discussion occurred on Thursday on the number of representatives in the Commons and the need of greater restrictions on the number to be elected, a motion was made asking for some imperial sanction to a change, but it was subsequently withdrawn.

The Governor General sent to the Mayor of Montreal a very complimentary letter thanking the citizens for their hospitably praising the volunteers and extolling the prominent part taken by Sir Francis Hincks.

A special from London says the Grand Trunk will pay a half year's Dividend of three per cent. on the first preference stock, on the first of March. This is good news, will make Canadian railway stocks firmer.

An old Montrealeur named Vallioie went to New Orleans and died there, leaving fifteen millions without an heir. The Vallioies of Montreal are making ready to gather the spoil.

Sir A. T. Galt is mentioned as a candidate in Montreal, to support Mr. Mackenzie's Government.

Failures are occurring every day at Montreal, the names are said to be too numerous to mention.

A great flood occurred at Port Hope, Ontario, on Saturday last. Two children were drowned.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The Jury on the inquest over the death of Mrs. Mary Quin brought in a verdict that she came to her death from a blow from an axe, through the hands of Wm. Vaughan. He was at once taken to jail, followed by a large crowd. Vaughan will be tried at the Circuit Court, which opens on the second Tuesday in March.

Mr. Ansley Atkinson, of Sackville has lost three children last week by diphtheria, and the fourth is dangerously ill.

A fatal accident occurred at Acadieville, Kent County, on Saturday of last week. A Frenchman named Andrew Bristol left his house at noon intending to bring with him on his return a load of hay. He was found late in the afternoon near the stack of hay, dead, and it is supposed that he had fallen from the top of the hay upon a fork, the prongs of which had entered his body and killed him almost instantly. Deceased leaves a wife and several small children.

Two houses were burned on North St. St. John, one owned by Thomas Myles and the other by the Carroll estate on Friday night last.

P. E. ISLAND.—In Charlottetown on Monday night of last week a rigger named James Wise was knocked down while entering the door of his own house, and robbed of his purse and \$83 which it contained.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The American fishermen have been giving trouble at Fortune Bay by persisting in laying their seines on Sunday. The inhabitants tripped the seines and cut them to prevent the Sabbath desecration. This of course caused trouble.

UNITED STATES.—At Princetown N. J., eight sophomores were dismissed from college on Thursday, and forty-two freshmen and sophomores where indefinitely suspended, on account of recent hazing.

Two men were killed and 2 fatally wounded by a boiler explosion in a saw mill at Quincy, Illinois, on Tuesday.

At Deadwood, Dakota, six men, were killed who went with Pat Rafferty, prospecting last July. Only Rafferty escaping. Another party under Rafferty, comprising 4 persons, were killed later near Crow Agency.

Lum Bing, a prominent Chinese merchant, connected with officials of high rank in China, has recently returned from China to San Francisco. He states that in three or four months a Chinese war vessel with American officers and a Chinese crew will visit that port, bringing as passengers the Chinese consul and a large number of Chinese army officers of rank, who will make a tour of observation through the country. He describes the famine in the Northern provinces of China as terrible. In one district of the State of Sang Tong last year, out of a population of 96,000, about 80,000 died from starvation.

Information has reached Winnipeg, that the Fenians are drilling at St. Paul and Minneapolis. The object of the movement is supposed to have reference to operations in the event of England going to war with Russia.

CUBA.—The Official Gazette of Tuesday last publishes the bases of the peace conclusions. All the insurgent chiefs have given in their adhesion to the conclusions. General satisfaction is expressed all over the island, and peace is no longer doubted.

ENGLAND.—It has been stated positively that Government has received private information that the Turkish fleet is to be surrendered to Russia.

The War Office has invited tenders for the supply of 150,000 Martini-Henry rifles.

Earl Russell is seriously ill at Berlin. His friends are very anxious about his condition. He suffers from acute bronchitis and has entirely lost the use of one lung.

Lord Derby has stated that the difficulty as to a place for the meeting of the Conference has been removed and that Baden-Baden has been chosen. Austria proposed that the meeting take place in the first week in March, but

the British Government objects to the shortness of the time asked.

It is persistently maintained, despite the statements in the British Parliament, that the arrangements between England and Russia are by no means perfect; that the announcement of an intention to occupy Constantinople caused the whole affair to enter upon a new phase and that in consequence the British squadron again returned to Prince's Island. Thus the whole question at issue seems to be again renewed.

The London correspondent of the Scotsman says: "The suspicion is widespread that the Government intend to dissolve Parliament about Easter."

The Manchester Guardian states that an officer of the Horseguards arrived at Bristol on Wednesday to purchase five thousand horses for the War Office. The officer states this is part of a purchase of 21,000 horses.

The Government has purchased another iron clad built for Turkey, mounting ten 12-ton guns.

In the Commons a bill establishing a representative board for the government of counties passed a second time, 231 to 63.

A lockout of 4,000 weavers at Oldham, began on Saturday.

Rev. Henry Dodwell, insane, fired a pistol at Sir George Jessel, for fancied injury, as Jessel, who is Judge of Court of Appeals, had Dodwell removed for disturbance of the court. The bullet grazed Jessel's ear.

FRANCE.—The Council-General of the Seine has adopted a resolution recommending the Government to raze the ruins of the Tuilleries.

TURKEY.—A special to the Cologne Gazette says that recent events have so shattered the Sultan intellectually and physically as to cause serious apprehensions.

The Turkish soldiers have killed 30 and wounded 22 Druses in the village of Mtallah. Under the pretence of arresting the head men of the village for trespass.

Two Russian officers have arrived at Constantinople en route for Asia, to fix the line of demarcation.

It is said that Russia stipulates for a date by which a treaty of peace must be signed at Adrianople.

There are 20,000 Russians at Tehataldja, but they are not advancing beyond that place. The Russians are fortifying Rodosto.

The draft of the peace conditions contains stipulation that six of the principal ironclads be ceded to Russia on the ground that otherwise the porte might sell them to England.

The Sultan objected; he would prefer to destroy the vessels, and promised not to transfer them to any foreign power. The incident terminated by the Sultan undertaking not to sell the ironclads to England, in consideration of which Russia withdrew her demand.

It is understood that a treaty of peace is on the point of being signed.

RUSSIA.—It is generally felt that Russia's present relations with Roumania are extremely awkward, but the Government shows no signs of relinquishing its demand for the retrocession of Besarabia.

It is understood that Russia has issued a circular informing the Powers that she has renounced the occupation of Constantinople at the request of the Emperor William.

Prince Gortschakoff's last despatch claims some concession from England in return for Russia's not occupying Gallipoli.

It is reported the Czar telegraphed the Russians will occupy Constantinople if the Turks delay the signing of the terms of peace, which includes cession of Armenia and surrender of the Turkish fleet.

The feeling at St. Petersburg, in consequence of recent events, especially the speech of Bismarck in the German Reichstag, is fairly represented by the following passage from articles in Bedomosti: "Ingratitude is the ordinary result of the self-sacrificing activity of Russia. We become so accustomed to it that it no longer astonishes us. No sooner is war finished than we meet on all sides intrigues and hostility, not only by powerful neighbors who can support their words by force, but even from powerless little states like Roumania and Greece."

The Russian troops at Erzeroum are suffering from epidemic disease and are short of provisions. Negotiations for the surrender of Erzeroum are still proceeding. Meanwhile the Russian investment continues. Three thousand families, now in Erzeroum, are in terrible distress. The weather is intensely cold.

The Agence Russe says: "Together with the whole Russian press, we unreservedly approve of Prince Bismarck's speech." The Agence declares that England's armaments are ill calculated to inaugurate a pacific conference.

The Agence Russe denies that Russia has demanded or intends to demand the expulsion of any Musselmans from Bulgaria, except Turkish functionaries and troops, Bashi-Bazouks and Circassians.

A St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times has reason to believe that in spite of the active interchange of views between the three Empires no agreement has yet been reached concerning the main questions to be submitted to the Conference. Bismarck's utterances in regard to the Straits have caused some apprehensions in St. Petersburg,

as the Russian diplomats still hope to obtain a fort at the Northern end of the Bosphorus.

A Vienna correspondent says a difficulty has arisen relative to the date of the convocation of Congress. Gortschakoff considers the preliminary treaty of peace should be first signed. Austria objects to Russia being able to present the Treaty as a fait accompli.

The St. Petersburg Golos of Saturday last says Turkey should be informed if the peace is not signed at the earliest practicable date that hostilities will be resumed.

AUSTRIA.—In the Austrian Reichrath Prince Averspung, Prime Minister, answering the interpellation, declared that Austria would never consent to any modification of the limits of her power in the East which might damage Austria.

GERMANY.—The conviction prevails at Berlin that the military and Court parties at Vienna will induce the Emperor to settle amicably with Russia, notwithstanding the prepossessions of the Hungarians.

The Times' despatch from Berlin says the Emperor William has assured the Czar of his friendship and begged him to consider Austria's claims and interests.

In the Reichstag on Wednesday Bismarck described the apprehensions respecting the Dardanelles as not justified by the actual situation. He did not believe in a European war, as the powers who opposed Russia, would have to assume the responsibility of the legacy left by Turkey. Germany was in favour of hastening the assemblage of the Conference, which perhaps will meet within the first fortnight of March. He rejected emphatically all suggestions that Germany should not intervene, and declared she was willing honorably to mediate but did not wish to exercise the office of arbiter of Europe.

SERBIA AND HERZEGOVINA.—The negotiations between Russia and Serbia continue. The Russians have waived the incorporation of Nisch with the new Province of Bulgaria, but insist upon the Servians relinquishing Birot and Ak Polondo. This causes much indignation in Serbia.

General Leschjanin has gone to Adrianople to endeavor to obtain a modification of the peace preliminaries in favor of Serbia.

Servians are resolved not to evacuate the conquered territory unless forcibly expelled. It is stated that Russia has decided to add the Pashalik of Nisch to Bulgaria. A collision between Serbia and Russia is therefore probable.

In Wednesday's sitting of the Senate at Bucharest the Minister of Foreign Affairs said the Roumanian railways were practically in the hands of the Russians. He would insist that the rights of the Roumanians be recognized, but hitherto his efforts to remedy this disgraceful state of affairs have been unavailing.

It is reported that Governor Ticherkasky is rapidly re-organizing Bulgaria. The Provincial Legislature will shortly assemble, which will elect a Prince as the Governor of the Province.

A Berlin correspondent states that the Russians are concentrating 30,000 men in Roumania. This occasions much comment in Austria.

ITALY.—Cardinal Gioachino Pecci, Pontifical Camerlengo, an Italian, has been elected Pope. He takes the name of Leo XIII.

The Pope, after his election, assumed the Pontifical robes and received the homage of the Cardinals in the Sistine Chapel. The crowd before the Vatican, waiting for the benediction of the Pope, numbered 20,000.

Count Segur immediately informed the Pope that he purposed to present him with a million francs as a first donation of Peter's Pence from the French episcopate. As soon as the result of the election became known the bells in all churches of Rome were rung and diplomats went to the Vatican to congratulate the new Pope.

It is stated that Pope Leo XIII, was not chosen by adoration but by the requisite majority of votes of the Conclave, that Cardinal Bilio having declined to be a candidate, his partisans numbering nine Cardinals, gave their votes to Cardinal Pecci, that when the votes were counted all the Cardinals knelt at the feet of the Pope, and this act has been misconstrued as election by adoration.

The Coronation was to be private in the Sistine Chapel on Sunday.

The Cardinals commence on Monday to discuss the attitude to be adopted by the Holy See towards the Italian Government.

The Times' Rome correspondent says: "In the Antonelli will ease the court has decided that the plaintiff, Countess Lambertini, the deceased Cardinal's alleged daughter, should be permitted to introduce evidence in support of her case, and condemned the defendant, Count Antonelli, to pay the costs of this stage of the proceedings."

GREECE.—A telegram from Volo states that the Greek insurgents, though at first successful in fighting near that place, are now in a critical position on Mount Pelion.

Volunteers are constantly going to Thessaly and Crete. The popular feeling favors a renewal of the war.

SPAIN.—Flags were flying all over Madrid and a general illumination

taking place on Thursday night, over the official announcement of a termination of the Cuban insurrection.

A special to the Standard from Madrid says: "It is reported in the Cortes that after the pacification Cuba will have some legislative privileges as to Porto Rico. General Martinez Campos will remain in Cuba some time."

BELGIUM.—The palace of the Provincial Government in Bruges was burned down on Friday last.

SOUTH AFRICA.—Advice from officers operating against the Caffres state that there is a strong impression that the backbone of the insurrection is broken. There may be a sort of guerilla warfare for some time, but it is not believed there will be another regular engagement.

AUSTRALIA.—The Australian Colonies are considering measures for the defence of their coasts in case Great Britain engages in war.

CHINA.—The Times editorial says: "It is stated on authority which cannot be questioned that seventy millions of human beings are now starving in the famine stricken provinces of North China. We cannot doubt that if the Chinese have found their way to America from comparatively prosperous Eastern provinces in thousands, they will pour forth in myriads from the famine stricken districts of the North as soon as a way is open to them."

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