which hitherto has greatly depressed cotton manufacturers. Should the crisis continue the mill owners will reduce the wages.

Two thousand cotton operatives were locked out at Manchester, in consequence of the refusal to submit to a reduction of 12 per cent wages.

A site has been chosen for the Cleopatra Obelisk on the Thames embankment at the top of Adelphi street between Charing Cross and Waterloo bridge.

In the House of Commons on Monday afternoon Mr. Gladstone suggested an address to the Crown from both Houses of Parliament, assuring the Queen of their support in the Conference, instead of a vote of credit.

FRANCE.—The Academy of Sciences has awarded Land's prize of astronomy to Professor Stall, American discoverer of the Satellites of Mars.

A Berlin correspondent of the *Standard* learns that France has confidently declared that she stands on the same side as Germany in regard to the Eastern question, although resolved to avoid foreign complications.

GREECE.—The following official announcement is published at Athens:—The Helena Government, moved by the sufferings of the Greek Provinces of Turkey, has given orders for an army of 42,000 men to cross the frontier and occupy Thessaly, Epirus and Macedonia, in order to maintain perfect order and prevent the massacre of Christians."

The Chamber has voted ten millions of drachmas for war supplies, to be raised by a loan

The whole population has been ordered to enrol in the National Guards.

It is rumored that an insurrection has commenced in Epirus.

The Cretan insurgents have declared that the island is annexed to Greece.

Twenty four communes of the district of Volo, Thessaly, have formed a provisional government.

The Turkish force in the Provinces inhabited by the Greeks, consists of 15,000 regulars.

ITALY.—Italy is prepared to make an alliance with any power to oppose Russian supremacy.

The Pope has given notice of his plans for the reconstruction of the Scottish hierarchy. He has appointed two Archbishops and four suffragans, and will hold a concistory to give palliums to the Archbishops.

TURKEY.—The Porte received the following despatch from Server Pasha on Saturday evening:—

"*Adrianople Jan.* 31.—The peace preliminaries and armistice were signed to-day."

There is great satisfaction at Constantinople at the settlement of the peace preliminaries. The following are the conditions of the protocol:—First, the erection of Bulgaria into a principality; second, a war indemnity or territory in compensation; third, the independence of Roumania, Servia and Montenegro, with an increase of territory for each; fourth, reforms in Bosnia and Herzegovinia; fifth, an ulterior understanding between the Sultan and the Czar regarding the Dardanelles; sixth, the evacuation of the Danubian fortresses and Erzeroum.

It is stated that one of the conditions of the armistice is to march part of the Russian army through Constantinople.

Hobart Pasha has received orders to hold the fleet in readiness to sail, it is believed, for the Island of Crete.

The *Times'* Pera despatch says the Ministerial Council has determined to defend Constantinople if attacked.

It is reported that the Russians are within twenty-four hours' march of Constantinople.

There are ten British ironclads in Besika Bay

The distress in Constantinople increases, so great is the number of refugees arriving. 150,000 are already there; 80,000 arrived on Monday. There are fears of famine from this increase.

Among tens of thousand of refugees from Roumelia are many armed Circassians. These have already plundered Luleh, Bourgas, Chorln and Rodoso and other towns, and are now flocking into Constantinople laden with booty. The government wishes to disarm them and send them into Asia, but it is doubtful if they are able to do so.

Appalling misery prevails from the Bosphorus to the Gulf of Salonica. The whole coast is crowded with terrified Mohammedans seeking transportation across the straits. Hundreds are perishing from cold, hunger and exhaustion, and no succor is possible until the panic and confusion in the capital has abated.

Baker Pasha has arrived at Gallipoli, with 50,000 men.

A Constantinople correspondent writing from Adrianople says: Grand Duke Nicholas has arrived here by railway from Hermanli, and has taken up his quarters in the Governor's Palace.

RUSSIA.—Russia has accepted Austria's proposal of conference for settling the European questions resulting from war. The place at which the Conference will meet is not determined on, probably in one of the smaller States. The basis of the Russian peace conditions has been signed.

At St. Petersburg on Sunday last Thanksgiving services were held in the churches and salvoes of artillery were fired inconsequence of the signing of the armistice. Flags were flying all over the city and preparations making for a brilliant illumination.

Much indignation is expressed in official circles at the suspicions which in some quarters in London have been cast upon Russia's good faith regarding the prolongation of the armistice negotiations. It is declared that formal instructions were sent not once, but repetedly, to headquarters, to negotiate an armistice immediately if the basis of peace was accepted

The Russian steamer Constantine sunk a Turkish screw-steamer off Batoum on 26th with a Whitehead torpedo.

The Russian rear guard has occupied Lobaski, Haskoi, Demateca and Keeik Kilissa. The Czarowitch's army has crossed the river Lom in force. The Turks are everywhere retreating upon the fortress of the Quadrilateral.

It is stated that Prince Alexander Batenburg, of Hesse, will be appointed Regent of Bulgaria.

The *Times* correspondent besieged in Erzeroum writes Jan. 15: Typhus fever is raging here; 250 die daily. There are 10,000 sick and wounded in the hospitals.

It is feared the Czar refuses to abandon his claims to Roumanian Bessarabia. The delay in signing the conditions of peace is attributed to the Porte's opposition to a temporary occupation of Constantinople.

About a million quarters of grain are accumulated at Odessa, and nearly a million and a half more are stationed at the railways.

After the conclusion of peace the Black Sea and the Sea of Azoff ports will export five million quarters of wheat.

The Czar on Sunday last, after an inspection, addressed the troops as follows: "I congratulate you upon the armistice, the satisfactory conditions of which are due to our brave troops, who proved that, for them, nothing is impossible of accomplishment. We are still however, far from the end, and must continue to hold ourselves prepared until we obtain a durable peace, worthy of Russia."

Public opinion at St. Petersburgh, and even more at Moscow regards th projected Conference with disfavor. Some of the papers speak of the Conference as a mere device of the European Powers to deprive Russia of all she has gained after so heavy an expenditure of blood and treasure, without themselves spending a farthing or losing a man.

SERVIA.—The *Political Correspondence* special from Belgrade says the illfeeling excited by Russian peace conditions is so intense that it appears decided that Servia shall disregard them and continue the war until she holds the whole of Old Servia.

After four days battle the Turks have been defeated near Ratscharnik by 40,000 Servians.

The hospitals are ordered to prepare accommodations for 3,000 wounded.

AUSTRIA.—There is no immediate danger of an inundation now, but the island below Pesth is flooded and 20 villages are submerged and probably completely destroyed. It is impossible to send aid, because the river is obstructed by ice, and a heavy snow storm blocks the roads.

Independence Belge has the following special from Vienna:—"Austria, like other powers, considers that the peace conditions require great modifications as regards aggrandizement of Servia and Montenegro and retrocession of Bessarabia. Russia's demands in regard to indemnity are deemed inadmissable, because of their tending to perpetuate the occupation of Bulgaria. Austria will immediately send a note to the powers on these points."

SOUTH AFRICA.—The Saleka rebellion is spreading and its suppression is improbable before the arrival of reinforcements. The Colonial levies are going forward slowly.

Marriages.

On the 8th of January, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. A. E. Ingram, Mr. Isaac M. Munroe, of Bass River, to Miss Teressa Davison, of Portaupique Mountain, Colchester Co.

At Shulee, Cumberland Co., on the 30th Jan., by Rev. H. Bool, Capt. Joseph Newcombe, of Parrsboro, to Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. Thomas Patterson.

At Diligent River, Cumberland Co., on the 24th inst., by Rev. J. F. Kempton, Mr. Robert McWhirter, of Sand River, Cumberland Co., and Miss Lydia Bigney, of River John, Pictou Co.

At Windsor, on the 29th ult., by Rev. E. M. Kierstead, Mr. Arthur Curry and Miss Rebecca Cochran, both of Windsor.

At Freeport, January 9th, by the Rev. W. L. Parker, Mr. Elias B. Everitt, of Digby, to Mrs. Harriet Brown, of Freeport.

By the same, Jan. 13th, at the residence of the bride's father, Deacon George Thurber, Mr. Burwell Trask, of Little River, to Miss Georgie E. Thurber, of Freeport.

Also, by the same, Jan. 29th, Mr. Chas. T. Spring and Miss Lottie E. Crocker, both of Freeport.

At Truro, on Thursday, Jan. 31st, by Rev. J. McMillan, James M. Mumford, of Halifax, to Elizabeth, daughter of D. Ross, Esq., of Earltown.

On the 31st inst., by the Rev. S. F Huestis, Geo. A. Brown and Fanny H., eldest daughter of the late John Cleverdon, Esq., all of Halifax.

On the 31st inst., by the Rev. S. F. Huestis, Mr. James P. Barnstead to Mrs. Susan J. Melvin, both of this city.

Deaths.

On the 2nd inst., Mary, the beloved wife of Cornelius O'Brien, in the 52nd year of her age.

On the 2nd, James Heffler, Sr., in the 66th year of his age.

On Saturday, Thomas Hogan, aged 39 years.

At Dartmouth, on the 1st, Adelaide Matilda, wife of Henry Bradley.

At Port Hastings, C. B., on Thursday, the 17th of Jan., Sarah A., the beloved wife of D. F. McLean, aged 37 years.

At Windsor, on the 29th ult., Phœbe, widow of the late Aaron Fitch, aged 75 years. She was for 32 years a highly esteemed member of the Windsor Baptist Church.

On Dec. 25th, 1877, Mr. William Durning, of Upper Economy, in the 71st year of his age.

At Upper Economy, on Dec. 26th, 1877, in the 5th year of his age, Edmund Moore Fulton, only remaining child of Mr. Cogswell Fulton.

At Avonport, January 26th, inst., little W. Blanche, aged 3 years and 3 months, only child of Albert and Maggie Read. She was interesting in life, precious in death, and is now with Christ, "which is far better." Her funeral was improved by the writer from the words of the prophet, "Surely he hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows." Isa. liii. 4. As we looked on the lifeless and waxen form, we thought, "How true: death is only the ransomer of frail mortals from the prison of a sinful, painful and corrupt frame; their deliverer from a transitory and vexatious world; their introducer to an eternal and, oh that we could (as in this case) always add, a blessed state." May God sustain these dear parents and friends under this heavy stroke is the earnest prayer of their friend and brother. —COM. BY REV. J. C. BLEAKNEY.

On the 14th ult., Judson A. Vaughan, son of William and Tryphena Vaughan, of Western Shore, Chester. This is the fourth child of the same family since the year commenced, of that terrible disease, diphtheria. May God console the bereaved parents.

On the 28th ult., at Marriette Cove, Chester, Mr. Matthias Eisenor, in the 84th year of his age.

At Freeport, Jan'y 16th, Mr. James Ring, aged 68 years.

At Freeport, Jan. 17th, of scarlet fever, Joseph William, aged 3 years; and, on the 25th, Lizzie Rebeccah, aged 1 year; children of Capt. William and Elizabeth Wyman.

At Freeport, Jan. 18th, of scarlet fever, Josie, daughter of Morton and Sophia Morrill, aged 2 years.

On Thursday, Francis Stevens, in the 83rd year of his age.

On the 30th Jan., 1878, Jno. Abbott (colored), aged 78 years.

On Tuesday, the 29th inst., William Henry Smith, third son of the late Peter Smith, of H. M. Dockyard, in the 59th year of his age.

On the 28th inst., Mr. Chas. Livermore, aged 43 years.

At Hebron, Jan. 10th, Mary, wife of J. W. Crosby, Esq., and daughter of David Smith, of Cheverie, aged 40 years. By an attack of paralysis, on Christmas day, Sister C. was deprived of speech and consciousness. After about twenty-four hours, consciousness returned, but she never spoke afterwards. She leaves a husband in very delicate health, and seven children, who feel most keenly their unlooked-for bereavement. Mrs. C. experienced the saving grace of God before coming to reside in Hebron, but shortly after coming here made a public profession of her hope, and was baptized into the fellowship of the Hebron Church. Those who knew her best bear testimony that she lived in close communion with her Saviour, and exhibited much of His spirit.

Lost at sea, Jan. 4th, Jesse Shaw, mate of the schr. 'Jessie Jones.' Brother Shaw was the subject of religious impressions while yet a youth, but these became more decided about a year ago, when he began to manifest in a public manner his faith in the Saviour. He hesitated, however, about baptism, until the last time he was home, and then improved his last opportunity, and was baptized into the fellowship of the Hebron Church, Nov. 11. He leaves a wife and seven children, who are indeed bereaved.—COM. BY REV. A. COHOON.

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