

of the interpellation in the Chambers has been averted.

The armistice is not yet arranged. The Russian answer intimates that received negotiations must be conducted on the basis of eventual peace conditions. The Porte has not yet replied.

Despite the pressure from the police and threats of dissolution, the Turkish House of Representatives is assailing the Government with great freedom and bitterness. They probably have the population of Stamboul on their side, and it is doubtful whether they would obey a decree of dissolution if the Government ventured on such a step.

It is reported that Baker Pasha has been promoted to be Lieut. General.

A cry is being raised for the recall of Midhat Pasha.

The line of fortifications around Constantinople is completed. The defences are regarded as impregnable.

Contradictory reports regarding conditions of armistice continue. The Russians have probably not yet made any proposal, but all reports current point to severe conditions.

It is announced from Constantinople that the Porte informed England of its readiness to enter into negotiations with Russia, but intimated that it did not think negotiations between military commanders, as proposed by Russia, suitable; the much more preferable method being negotiation through special plenipotentiaries. There are, however, formal difficulties in the way of this proposal.

The Turkish ministry has been reconstructed, with Server and Safvet Pashas to retain their portfolios of Foreign Affairs and Justice respectively.

Russia.—The St. Petersburg *Golos* prints a despatch from Vienna which contradicts the St. Petersburg despatch to the London *Times* of the 7th stating what is rumored that Austria and Germany oppose the idea of opening of the Dardanelles to Russian vessels only, and that Russia had consequently determined not to raise the question at all. The *Golos's* telegram says Austria has not discussed the question with Germany and Russia.

A Kiernan special says the Czar is ill in St. Petersburg. It is rumored that Russia proposes to convert the Baltic into a closed sea and exclude vessels of all non-Baltic ports from entering.

A Bucharest despatch says that the Turkish commander-in-chief at Loutekli informed the Russian commander that he was empowered to arrange the basis of an armistice, and that Mehemet Ali has been designated as the eventual Turkish plenipotentiary. The Grand Duke Nicholas acknowledged the receipt of the communication, adding that he would report the matter to St. Petersburg.

Hopes of armistice are rapidly disappearing, and the strictest secrecy is maintained as to the terms Russia would propose. It is said that even the Commander-in-chief has not yet been instructed on this point.

The *Agence Russe* denies the truth of the statement that the Porte accepted the preliminary basis of peace and says the Porte, however, is aware that the acceptance of these bases must precede the conclusion of an armistice.

The railway from Frateshti to Simnitza is to be opened on Friday. This will enable the Russians to transport the new iron bridge which has only awaited the completion of the railway to the Danube. Ten small steamers have been brought from Russia for use in connection with the bridge.

It is stated that the Russians in Bulgaria have only three weeks supplies, and great difficulties relative to forage are probable unless communication is speedily restored.

At Schipka the Russians captured 28,000 men, 2,000 horses, 12 mortars, 12 siege guns, and 80 fields guns, Cossacks have cut Yamboli railway.

The ice has ceased moving on the Danube. Already it is frozen over near Milatz, and is expected to freeze as far as Simnitza immediately.

The Russians found 8,000 Turkish wounded in Sofia.

About 1,000 Russians passed through south Balkans from Sofia Plains.

The main body of the Montenegrins is now marching toward Scutari.

Two Russian columns from Kezanlik have arrived, one near Zeni and Saghra and the other near Tatar. The Bazardjut and Yamboli railway is threatened; the civil population are ordered to quit Adrianople, and 8,000 men have already gone. The Civil Government is transferred to Rodosto.

The latest sensation is the crowning victory of Russia is the Shipka Pass. The *Times* says the Russians have comparatively an easy task before them. The opportunity of pouring forces across the Balkans, afeat supposed last summer an easy accomplishment is now finally offered. The Russians are consequently masters of the last natural line of Turkish defence. Everything indicates the utter disorder and demoralization of the Turks. The Porte must now make peace if it desires to preserve any substantial portion of its territory. Turkey must accept harder terms now than would have been accorded her a year ago, but the experience of the past twelve months must have taught her that if she resists longer she has only to expect a complete and final discomfiture, ending in ignominious surrender.

An English alliance is impossible. There is not the remotest prospect of any other

power coming to her aid. England will protect British interests, if they are threatened, but will not defend the Turks from the consequences of their misdeeds.

Antivari surrendered unconditionally to the Montenegrins.

The Russian journals commenting on the capture of the Turkish army in Shipka Pass points out that this is new evidence that the Turkish powers of resistance are utterly broken.

SOUTH SEA ISLANDS.—A fire at Honolulu in Decr., devastated the esplanade, a portion of the City, destroyed Government-war houses opposite Custom House wharves and sheds devoted to the use of ocean mail steamers, and a number of private buildings, including houses, lumber yards, manufacturing establishments, etc. Loss \$250,000; insurance \$63,000.

Dr. Philip Schaff writes from Cesarea Philippi in the Holy Land, as follows: "At last I have fulfilled a long-cherished desire to see with my own eyes and tread with my own feet the most sacred and the most classical land in the world. My only regret is that I did not visit it twenty or thirty years earlier. I have been neither favorably nor unfavourably disappointed. I found the country and the people pretty much as I expected, but I trust I understand both better than before. My faith in the Bible has not been shaken, but confirmed. The Bible is the best handbook for the Holy Land, and the Holy Land is the best commentary on the Bible."

WHAT A LEAF SAID.—I am a fading leaf, for the signal for my dissolution. You can think as you like about man, as he fades and falls—make the end of your life here as mournful as you please—dishonor death by evil names and images, but leave me out of your sad analogies. I protest against being one that shudders at dissolution. I might have done that in June, when my life was all to live; but in September, when I begin to loosen from the spray, the loosening seems as good as the budding. It is a sweet mystery, to be made clear no doubt sometimes. So I shall die as I have lived, with my face to the sun, and the loving heavens, and welcome the autumn frost, as I welcomed spring sunshine.—*American Rural Home*.

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Pain cannot stay where it is used. It is the cheapest Medicine ever made. One dose cures common SORE THROAT. One bottle has cured BRONCHITIS. Fifty cts. worth has cured OLD STANDING COUGH. One or two bottles cures bad cases of PILES and KIDNEY TROUBLES. Six to eight applications cure ANY CASE OF EXCORIATED NIPPLES OR INFAMING BREAST. One bottle has cured LAME BACK of eight years' standing. Daniel Plank, of Brookfield, Tioga County, Pa., says: "I went thirty miles for a bottle of your Oil, which effected a WONDERFUL CURE of a CROOKED LIMB, by six applications."

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Marriages.

At Nictaux on the 21st of October, by Rev. W. J. Blakeney, James Collens, of Nictaux, and Ellen E. McSweeney, of Yarmouth.

At Nictaux, on the 8th ult., by the same, William Henry Carey, of Aylesford, and Jane McFadden, of Digby.

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Dec. 24th, 1877, by the Rev. Wm. E. Hall, Mr. Herbert Baker, of Margaretville, and Miss Lavinia Johnson, of Westfield, Queen's Co.

By the same, Capt. Wm. J. McNeilly, to Selena, only daughter of Mr. Henry Baker, all of Margaretville.

Jan. 1st, 1878, at the same place, by the same, Mr. Leonard Chesley, of New Germany, to Miss Olivia Gates, of Aylesford.

Jan. 9th, by the same, at the Baptist Meeting-house, Melvern Square, Mr. Obadiah Neily, of Salem, to Miss Louisa A. Elliott of Victoria.

By the same, at the same time and place, Mr. Wm. Harris Moore, of New Brunswick, to Miss Cassie A. Zwicker, of Melvern Square.

Deaths.

Capt. John Shippey Lent, of Freeport, Digby Co., died Sept. 26th, 1877, aged 72 years, of cholera, at Batavia, Java. He was master of the barque "J. W. Oliver." Some years ago he professed to love the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and we hope the God whom he professed to love was his comfort in a dying hour, while far from the home of his youth and in a foreign land. He leaves a wife and four children, who were with him on board of the barque. His chief mate was his brother, Manning Lent, who was with him when he died. We sympathize with his afflicted mother, who by her second marriage is the wife of B. R. Hains, merchant, of Freeport. The deceased leaves also two brothers and two sisters to mourn their loss.

By REV. W. L. PARKER.

At Meadowville, on the 30th of Dec., George E. Barbeau, aged 7 years and 26 days, son of Alexander and Harriet Barbeau, of Meadowvale. This little son evidently found Christ as his Saviour during the few days of suffering he endured. At first he said he was unwilling to die, then he besought his parents to pray for him, and was engaged much in prayer himself. Before his death he expressed his willingness to die, repeating those precious words,

"Jesus lead me, Saviour take my hand."

W. J. B.

At Cleaveland, Nictaux, on Friday, the 7th inst., James Hakely, aged 5 months, only child of Bro. John Hakely.

At Cleveland, Nictaux, on Friday, the 14th Dec., Arthur Fultz, aged 19 years. He died trusting in the atonement of Christ.

At Arcadia, Yarmouth, Jan'y 2nd, 1878, Miss Sarah Larkins, in the 73rd year of her age. Her end was peace.

At Wilmet, Meadowvale, on 30th of Dec., of diphtheria, George E. G., son of Abel and Harriet Barbeau, aged 7 years. (BOSTON WATCHMAN please copy.)

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