

Religious Intelligencer.

SECULAR DEPARTMENT.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

We regret that we have no English news, via Halifax, to lay before our readers this week. No signs of the Steamer at that place at midday, a.m., this day, (the 2d.)

Arrival of the "Pacific"

One Week Later from Europe!

Surrender of Kars.—More Fighting in the Crimea.—Decades in Congress—Peace More Desirable.

New York, Dec. 28th.
The steamer Pacific, Capt. Nye, from Liverpool, 13th inst., arrived about 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Kars has surrendered from famine, the garrison, 8000 strong, becoming prisoners of war.

Dear Pasha was near Kars which the Russians held in force.

In the Crimea, 3000 Russians attacked the extremity of the French line, and after seven hours fighting withdrew.

Firing continues between the North and South side of Sebastopol.

Russia has opened a new loan of 30 million Roubles, 5 per cent at Berlin, Hamburg, and London.

The Bank of England has been authorised to issue £475,000 notes beyond the amount specified in its charter.

Peace prospects doubtful; no advance apparent in negotiations.

Consols, 88*s*.

Considerable misunderstanding exists between Lord Palmerston and his colleagues.—Lord Palmerston and Panmure continue to urge the war, while the remainder of the cabinet are desirous of embracing the present opportunity for peace: and to their views Napoleon is said to incline. The Premier holds the threat of a dissolution of Parliament over the head of his colleagues.

The Paris correspondent continues to report that a treaty of adhesion to the alliance has actually been signed between France and Sweden, and only awaits the exchange of ratifications.

The same correspondent asserts that the mission of the new Russian envoy to the Court of Denmark is essentially political.—The subject of the Sound Dues is a mere pretext.

The Austrian army was being reduced to a peace footing.

The Government of Naples publishes the result of a consultation with the United States, defining the rights of neutrals.

The interests of the United States, Pitman, and others, are about to be affected before the end of the year.

A stand against, or in favour of, the proposed re-organisation of the Italian states, and by any means—

—will be quiet and unchanged. Prospects unchanged. American securities—stocks were unchanged, and less active.

Business was generally very dull, and the prospect of most articles had greatly declined, although the value of a slight recovery was perceptible, changing rates being for Hawaii flour \$15; mace pork 3*lb*; cranberry sugar 1*lb*; spirits of camphene 8*lb*; butter 3*lb* to 3*lb*; and 2*lb*.

The only intelligence of importance received from France by this arrival is the announcement of the Bank of France above presented, and a considerable financial embarrassment at the last settlement day.

Respecting the prospects of peace, there is a mass of crude and contradictory statements, but made on such feeble grounds that they have ceased to influence even the Bourse. Meanwhile preparations for a continuation of the war do not at all appear to slacken.

The English Parliament opens on the 21st of January.

The only particulars received relative to the supposed fall of Kars, is that when General Karsky and another escaped from the city, to hasten, if possible, the advance of Our Pacha, General Gogolov was sending a flag of truce with an offer of capitulation.

In the Crimea both armies are comfortably housed and provisioned.

Correspondence from the seat of war states that the Russians on the northern side of Sevastopol continue to pour a very heavy fire of artillery against the southern side, the Allies replying but little, their engineers continuing their work within the town.

The British army is said to be over-supplied with equipments now.

English writers admit that the Russian army is well supplied for the winter, having large supplies at Simferopol and Odessa.

Several Russian infantry divisions are now in the Crimea, two having gone north. Prince Gorchakov has extensively fortified the Tchougruk and by batteries.

The Russians were concentrating their forces at Bachch, Semipalatinsk, pol.

Most of the English and Ottoman cavalry had arrived at Constantinople, where they will remain during the winter.

The Allies and fortified Kishlak, and consider it equal to any attack that can possibly be made.

The French lines at Karskem were nearly completed on a magnificient scale.

Mr. Pittendron's views say that a vast train of transports had entered the Crimea, to the south of the Simeonov, late Mayor of St. John, the Hudson's Bay Company sent out another party to elicit more facts on this point, and that in pursuance of this design a messenger was sent from their headquarters in Montevideo, which messenger passed through this place about fourteen months since, to Governor Simpson at the Selkirk Settlement to make the necessary arrangements for that purpose. Mr. D. Stewart, whose arrival in this city, we copy the following description of his establishment from the *Morning News*:

It is situated near the foot of King Street, and is close to one of the public slips in that part of the City. The building has been commenced and finished within the last 4 months. It is 4 stories in height. The engine which has been placed in the building, is 40 horse power—it is from the Foundry of Messrs. Harris & Allan. The boiler is enclosed in brick work, and set in a block of stone 9 feet in thickness. This stone work is in a constant state of moisture from the regular rise of the tide, which with the height of the chimney being 70 feet, will be a sufficient safeguard against danger or destruction to the premises from fire. The boiler house also is separate from the mill, and connected with the establishment is a patent kiln, which is capable of drying 500 bushels of corn per day. This is, we believe, the first kiln of this description that has been introduced into this Province. It is a self-feeder and self-discharging, and is propelled by a 3 inch belt. There are 4 sets of stones used for grading, one of which is for corn and three for wheat. There is a bolting machine in the establishment on a new principle, and which has been found to work well. Owing to the convenient location of the mill, a vessel of several hundred tons may lay alongside, and by means of a system of elevators can be laden or unladed with the greatest facility. The mill consumes 4 tons of grain on the 12th inst.; the stock of grain on hand was 7000 bushels. It is the intention of the owner to keep it in operation both winter and summer. The proprietor has made arrangements to procure the best description of wheat from Baltimore and other places, and will thus be able to furnish the public with a good article of flour.

Both the English Commissioners and Oscar Paine's Envoy had failed in their negotiations with the Circassians, the chiefs refusing to leave the mountains for the purpose of making an attack upon Georgia.

Most of the Allied fleet had passed Euston bound round.

Broadstairs were quiet and unchanged. Provisions were generally without change. Sugar was a little lower.

Mosses Boats reported iron quiet, and a shade easier. Money is good demand at unchanged rates.

Arrival of General Simpson in London.

General Sir James Simpson, late Com-

mander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's Forces in the Crimea, arrived in London on Sunday evening.

The gallant General travelled via the South-Eastern Railway, and on his arrival at the London terminus he was most enthusiastically received. Sir James, as soon as possible, left the station, and went direct to the War Department, in Whitehall.

Lord Palmerston being absent, he immediately left, and proceeded to his Club, the United Service, in Pall-mall, where he was most cordially welcomed by the officers who had the good fortune to be present. During the gallant General's short stay at Paris, he had the honour of an interview with the Emperor Napoleon and His Majesty Victor Emmanuel, King of Sardinia. In appearance, the gallant General seems to have suffered little from the effects of the climate of the Cevennes; in fact, he appeared to have actually

improved both in health and in appearance. On leaving the United Service Club, the gallant soldier was recognised by the few passers by, whose salutations he most heartily returned.

The Horse Guards.

Some of our Contemporaries have given currency to a rumour, that His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge is likely, very shortly, to succeed Viscount Hardinge as General Commanding-in-Chief. We are able to state, that the rumour is without foundation, and that there is no probability whatever of the resignation of Lord Hardinge.—Morning Post.

The Policy of France and the Emperor.

The Paris Correspondent of the Austrian Gazette says, that on re-entering the Tuilleries after his speech on the closing of the Exhibition, the Emperor Napoleon said:—

"Thank God! my conscience tells me that I was right in the policy I have observed in the Eastern question. Since the commencement of this War against Russia, I have often asked myself if the splendour of the throne or the promptings of self-love did not hinder me from discerning at some time movements whether or not I was in the right path." But the echo which my words have awakened to day, not only in the hearts of my own people, but among the representatives of all the nations of the world, assembled in the Crystal Palace, gives me the deepest conviction that our cause is a holy and righteous cause, the triumph of which I swear to fulfil."

BRITON OF HER MAJESTY.—It having been brought to the knowledge of her Majesty that the funds for building a charity school in the parish of the Holy Trinity, Windsor, were insufficient to cover the expenses of its completion, the Queen dispensed with the services of her private band at the Castle, in order that they should give a concert at the Town Hall, Windsor, for the benefit of the school.

The papers teem with matters concerning the blowing up of the steamer Georgiana at Petreval, killing 2 persons, and wounding many—Cause, carelessness. The officers have been indicted.

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sands of each successive mission were burying them still deeper. It has been five years since they had perished, and it was impossible to distinguish as to the persons of one or the crew.

This is described as a most dreary region, not a sign of vegetation being anywhere visible; and that the party of Sir John Franklin met their death by starvation is not to be questioned. The Esquimaux, from whom much information was gained, when questioned on this point, significantly placed their hands upon their stomachs, endeavoring thereby to indicate their horrible fate. This point is on the coast opposite Maudre Island. Mr. S. brought with him many relics taken from the Esquimaux which they had obtained of the ill-fated exploring party; among other things a piece of one of the boats belonging to that expedition.

Mr. S. was accompanied to this place by several voyageurs (half-breeds Chippewas), of whom went with him on his tour below, and the others are staying at the American. We understand it to be the intention of Mr. S. to proceed directly to England. He has performed this whole journey in a comparatively short space of time—being only thirteen months since he first fitted out for it. He represents the cold weather as being intense in that region, in some instances it having reached a point 65° below zero.

FIFTEEN DAYS LATER FROM CALIFORNIA.—The steamer Daniel Webster arrived at New York on the 20th, with San Francisco news to the 2d Dec.

The Indian war in the South continues. There was much violence and considerable disaster on both sides.

Nearly all the Indians of the North are arrayed against the whites.

A festival in honor of the fall of Sebastopol ended in a row. Ten thousand were present.

Murders were on the increase.

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