

The Religious Intelligencer.

From the News of the Churches.
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VILLEGGIO, July 4th. (Official.) The French army, increased by Prince Napoleon's corps, will operate against Verona, whilst the part of the Sardinians begin with the siege of Poschiava.

The Emperor, having sent back all wounded officers without exchange, and having requested an exchange of prisoners, an Austrian has arrived with the announcement that the Emperor of Austria will also send back without exchange the wounded prisoners of the Allies, and that his Majesty is equally anxious for the exchange of others.

PARTICULARS OF THE BATTLE OF SOLFERINO.

All additional details of the battle of Solferino, published in the London *Times* correspondence with the Austrian army, estimates the Austrian loss at 12,000 to 15,000 killed and wounded. No generals were killed, but four or five were wounded. Several colonels and numerous other officers were killed or wounded.

Another account says that the total loss of the 2d Austrian army was 230 officers and 9,000 privates killed and wounded. About 4,000 were missing, most of whom had returned.

The French employed a battery to give signals when the Austrians were advancing.

The Sardinian loss was 59 officers killed, 167 wounded; 642 men killed, 3,400 wounded, and 1,250 missing.

The Vienna correspondent of the *Times* says it is believed that if the Emperor Francis Joseph had not been present at Solferino, there would have been a different result.

A report was current at Castiglione that the Austrians had retired into Verona.

Disturbances had taken place at Messina.

The Herald's *Turn* correspondent says 20,000 beds had been ordered down from Milan to Brescia, and 10,000 from Turin.

There are great complaints of scarcity of provisions in the villages occupied by the allies.

A dispatch has been issued by the French government to representatives of foreign courts, making known the opinion of the French government as to the policy and attitude of Germany.

The dispatch fully endorses the circular sent by the Russian Cabinet to its agents in Germany, declaring the opinion of Russia that the Confederation had not only no grounds for interference in the present war, but Germany, by mixing in the conflict, would depart from her treaties—and this opinion the French dispatch declares to be true and just.

The new Prussian military measures have not inspired the French government with uneasiness, as France cannot disagree with the views stated by Prussia for taking such steps. The dispatch concludes by stating that without being yet officially acquainted with the views of the English government, France is authorized to draw from the circumstance of their coming into power, most favorable conclusions for Italy.

Prussia, it is said, has given tranquillizing assurances to the French Government.

A Berlin correspondent of the *Times* says:

The Prussian proposals were in the hands of Russia and England. The writer says that, by the end of the week, the Prussian army will be in full march. Two corps d'armes will be stationed on the Silesian frontier, in case of an unexpected attack on the part of Russia. On the lower and middle Rhine 140,000 Russians will be stationed.

When these preparations are completed, Prussia will probably make her proposals to France, and these will unquestionably be refused.

The same correspondent gives an outline of the propositions, which include the erection of Venice into a separate kingdom, with the Archduke Maximilian as King.

KOSUTH IN ITALY.

Kossuth having arrived on the 22d of June at Genoa, proceeded next day to Turin. At every station on the road crowds of Italians assembled to cheer him. After two long interviews with Cavour, at Turin, Kossuth, in company with a confidential friend of the Sardinian Minister, set out for Parma, the head quarters of Prince Napoleon. The same scenes of enthusiasm were witnessed; at Piacenza his carriage was drawn by the people. At Parma he had an interview with Prince Napoleon. On the 29th Kossuth set out for the head quarters of the Emperor Napoleon, provided with letters from Cavour and Prince Napoleon to the Emperor.

GREAT BRITAIN.

In the House of Lords, on the 4th, a motion for a select Committee to inquire into the operation of the Church rates system was agreed to.

In the House of Commons the same evening, Mr. Griffiths inquired whether the British Consul at Rio had exercised his authority to prevent a certain contraband for the sale of slaves in Brazil by the British Mining Company from being carried into effect. Lord John Russell said the Company had been informed that they would be liable to a penalty if slaves were sold.

Mr. Gladstone announced that the financial statement would be submitted as soon as the estimates were prepared.

Lord Paget said it was intended during the present session to bring in a bill to carry out the recommendations of the Commissioners for managing the navy.

Lord Palmerston reported a statement that no reform measure could be introduced at present.

On the 5th in the Lords, Lord Stratford de Redcliffe gave notice of a resolution approving the neutral attitude assumed by government, relying on the continuance of that policy, at the same time adopting measures for the completion of the national defences.

Lord Lyndhurst strongly advocated vigorous measures of defence, both on sea and land. He thought that a regular militia force of 100,000 men ought to be maintained, and an equal force of disembodied trained militia. He regarded the assertion that France had no wish to invade England as undeserving of consideration. England ought to live in perfect independence of French forbearance, relying alone on the vigor of the people.

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THREE DAYS LATER!

ARRIVAL OF THE "AFRICA."

PROSPECTS OF PEACE!

RISE IN THE MONEY MARKET!

N.Y., July 21st.

Africa has arrived. Her dates are to the 9th. An armistice had been concluded between the Empresses of France and Austria, till the 15th of August, and hopes of peace are entertained.

The announcement caused a rise in all Money Markets.

It is stated that Napoleon is to issue a proclamation to the Hungarian nation, to be followed by one from Kossuth: that in case of Hungary rising and freeing herself from Austria, France should be the first officially to recognize the independence of the country, and will then obtain the same recognition from the Allies.

Cotton advanced. Sales for the week 79,000

bales.

Breadstuffs declined, and market depressed for all kinds.

Provisions dull. Consols 95 & 95 1/8.

THE DEAD ON THE BATTLE FIELD.

The plains of Guidizzolo is really horrible to look upon. Even so late as yesterday the dead were not all buried. They were to be seen in groups of twenty and thirty, huddled together in a spot, where a shell had exploded or the Chasseurs d'Afrique had passed. All still maintained the attitude in which death had struck them down.

Here was one with uplifted arm to ward off the blow which had split open his skull, and smashed his brains far and near. Close by was another, with his hand upon his breast, shivered and rent by the grape. Another seemed to be sailing, as if in mockery of the grim warrior's approach. Some were lying upon their backs, with faces turned towards heaven, and prayers still seeming to linger upon their lips.

Further on, there was a Hungarian, who had thrust his clothes into a ghastly wound near the heart. At his left was a Tyrolean, with the unused cartridge between his teeth. To the right, a Croat had his head cut off by a ball, and the head was by his side, with its horrible eyes, glaring and leering, as it seemed, at the dismembered body.

Two young lads of certainly not more than sixteen were lying in each other's arms. Death had surprised them in that attitude; or, perhaps, feeling themselves about to die, they had clung together in a last embrace, and had fallen thus, never to rise again.

Upon the body of a Bohemian officer we noticed a dog waiting apparently for his master to get up. We had not the heart to call off the faithful animal by a word or gesture, for we felt sure that God would reward the devotion of this poor dumb creature, so touchingly shown amidst the carnage which had waged against his fellow man.

On every side was the same. Death, in his most horrible and ghastly form, glared us, most terrible where we gazed. Enough, however, on this sad theme.

THE SLAIN.—The London correspondent of the New York *Commercial Advertiser*, referring to the battle of Solferino, says:

The general opinion appears to be that the total of slain and mutilated in this one engagement will not be found to fall far short of 40,000 or 50,000. At Magenta the local authorities said to have stated that they actually buried 13,000. The wounded in the late battle, therefore, probably amounted to 25,000 or 30,000. Looking at the previous losses on both sides, at Palestro and in the various contests conducted by Garibaldi, to say nothing of those who have participated in crossing the Alps and in other movements, it will be a moderate calculation to suppose that the tale of blood and misery now numbers at least 130,000 victims. Reckoning the number of parents and of brothers and sisters of all this host, 600,000 or 700,000 survivors must also be suffering the deepest anguish as the price of that future liberation of Italy, which is to be inaugurated under the auspices of France and Russia.

An American writer on the present war says:—How few persons in this country, as they road the heroic bravery and the passion for the battle among the Italians in the present war, appreciate the real intensity of the feeling that stirs them! How few can imagine what Oppression is! How few know the hunger for Liberty! In every fierce assault of Italian volunteers, contemptuous of wounds and death, baptizing the soil with Austria's blood, and pressing back the broken line of foreign soldiers, who cannot what wrongs are being washed away—what daily tempests, what degradations, what exactions, what public despisings, what invasions of national rights, what insults, what murderous crimes, what brutalities committed on the conquerors? As the Italian soldier strikes home, how many scabbards stained with noble Italian blood, how many prisons filled with their heroes, how many tortures and murders and executions rise before him! How repulsive, terrible women scouraged, peasants murdered, statesmen shot, houses plundered, long years of obloquy and insult and execution and blood. Is it any wonder that he fights well? Thus, and a hundred times more fiercely, will Hungary fight when her day comes?

As they have gone, these are of very satisfactory kind. The simple, earnest, spiritual joy that springs up, reminds one of the early Church after Pentecost. The name of CHRIST is very precious. There is great love among believers, and very earnest desire for the salvation of others. Evangelical zeal is especially active. The moral effects seem to be equally striking. Orange men abandon their fierce political spirit, and the formerly contributed for drink is spent on Bibles; law-suits are settled, and long-standing quarrels are amicably adjusted; drunkenness and profanity disappear; the tavern-keeper either passes through the change himself, and abandons in disgust and horror his loathsome traffic, or finds his tavern deserted, and shuts up for want of customers. All this is in the right direction, and should it continue and spread, the fruits of the movement, both spiritual and social, will point unequivocally to its heavenly origin.

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We cannot in this connection understand why some of our trustiest liberal papers indicate a lack of favor to the Austrians. We can, of course, appreciate an utter want of confidence in the intentions of Louis Napoleon; but this should go so far as to lead to representations which would excite Austria, we cannot understand.

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The sudden intelligence, within the last few weeks of a great religious awakening in the north of Ireland, has been received by all classes of earnest Christians with the liveliest interest.—

Commencing in the town and neighborhood of Ballymena, in the county of Antrim, the awakening has now spread to Belfast, Coleraine, Londonderry, and many other places, and seems still to be spreading on every side. Vast numbers of persons are brought under a sense of sin, and after remaining a longer or shorter period in great distress, find peace in believing on the name of Christ. Meetings for prayer are attended by eager thousands, and the services of devotion are relished to an extraordinary degree.—Many of those who have passed through the change, feel themselves constrained by an irresistible impulse to tell others of their experience, and invite them to the Savior. In many cases the shock of the first impression is so great that the body is prostrated under it, and hours, or even days, the person struck down is unable to attend the ordinary occupations, or even to take of food. The movement is so general and so remarkable as to excite universal attention.—

The priests have recovered from the stunning surprise of twelve years ago; greater vigilance has in a large measure restored their influence over their flocks, and they are probably congratulating themselves that the door of probability has been shut, not again to be opened.