

Supplement: Religious Intelligencer.

St. John, N. B., June 29th, 1877.

THE WAR.

The Russians Crossing the Danube. — England and Egypt.

THE first press dispatches that have been received over the wires since the conflagration, give the following particulars:

LONDON, June 22.

A special from Ibrail (22d) says all is ready for the passage of the Danube. The bridge from Ibrail to the Turkish shore has been finished for some hours. To-day troops began to pass before Galatz without meeting a single Turk. In addition to the bridge constructed in front of Ibrail, from 700 to 800 yards in length with an extension upon inundated Turkish territory, the Russians built a large number of rafts which have been towed down into an arm of the stream, where the two monitors were sunk. In addition to their own gunboats the Russians continue to employ all merchant vessels detained in port. Seven wooden sloops, moreover, have been ironplated during the last few days. Each carries two guns and will hold 200 men. Should nothing be changed between now and to-morrow all will be finished. It is expected that the greater part of the fourteenth corps will have crossed in 24 hours, and will receive the Czar, who is to arrive on Saturday. Such is the purport of the orders Gen. Zimmermann sent his troops Thursday.

A Vienna despatch says, since yesterday Austrian troops lined the Montenegro frontier with strong detachments. Women are flying in numbers to Budua and Cuttaro. The Russians have constructed in all a thousand rafts and pontoons, chiefly in the river Sereth, of which large numbers are being used at Ibrail, but leaving enough for a bridge at Galatz also. Each raft is separately towed to a position nearly one hundred feet up stream from the bridge. The anchor is cast, and the current sweeps the raft swiftly down alongside the one previously fixed, to which it is made fast while a steadying anchor is carried out below.

Yesterday a detachment of Cossacks made a reconnaissance towards Matchin and got pretty close, but were half drowned in the attempt. All day yesterday forty at a load were being ferried over from Galatz to a patch of hard ground opposite, whence by a wet winding path it is said the hill country is attainable. About forty thousand troops are now in Ibrail and Galatz.

There is no fighting, as the wide expanse of marsh land still separates the combatants.

The latest advices from the war announce that ten thousand Russians crossed the Danube yesterday. The points were between Galatz and Matchin. Immediately upon landing a forward move was made, and the heights behind Zizila were taken possession of. The Russians are now fully entrenched on these heights.

The Turkish garrison at Marchin is withdrawn.

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 23.

Mukhtar Pasha has been engaged since Thursday with the Russian army at Tatkaja, between Khorasan and Delibaba. A battle was proceeding all day yesterday. Result unknown.

The Porte's reply to Lord Derby's note, in reference to the Suez Canal, was despatched on the 21st instant. It is understood that the Porte accepts the principle of free navigation of the Canal by neutrals, but reserves the right of fighting an enemy's vessel.

LONDON, June 23.

It is now expected that the British Parliament will vote the extraordinary credit of £10,000,000 for military exigencies.

Arrangements have been made by which England, with the consent of the Khedive and the Sultan, shall occupy Egypt. The force will comprise 20,000 men, under Gen. Steele, a third of the whole force to be Moslems from the Bengal army.

It is now stated from Berlin that the reported offer of Bismarck to Austria of an offensive and defensive alliance is fully confirmed. Austria is now concentrating 20,000 to 40,000 troops on the Servian frontier, and it is expected that the crossing of the Danube by the Russians will be the signal for Austria to cross the frontier.

THE OKA TROUBLES.

(Christian Guardian.)

THE Oka troubles have become notorious, but an event occurred week before last which, it is to be hoped, will have the effect of bringing about a speedy settlement. Not many months ago, our readers will remember, the Protestant Church at Oka was laid in ruins; and when the offenders should have been brought to justice, the Indians were prevented from obtaining any redress because of some legal technicality. Now the Catholic Church at Oka has been destroyed by fire, and the deed is considered an act of retaliation on the part of the Indians. The loss of property is estimated at about \$50,000. It is useless to review the perplexing case, or to enter into details with reference to the present unhappy event. Something certainly ought to be done to prevent the recurrence of such a calamity, and to bring to an issue a case which unfortunately, it seems, could not have been settled heretofore. The present quarrel is a continuation of hostilities which have been more or less manifested for years, ever since, in fact, the majority of the Indians at Oka became Protestants. This feeling of enmity has developed from one stage to another until now the quarrel is purely a religious one. The Indian Chiefs maintain that they have been unfairly treated by the priests, who have repeatedly deprived them of their rights; and the Montreal *Witness*, which has from the first stood up in defence of the Indians, goes so far as to hold the priests responsible for all the trouble that has occurred. However, there appears to have been wrong committed on both sides, and it is high time that the matter was referred to some tribunal that would mete out justice to all parties concerned, and secure the peace and safety, as well as guard the rights of the handful of Indians, who appear to have been more sinned against than sinning, and whose only crime seems to be that they will not subscribe to the Catholic faith.

.... Never did the words of Jesus, "lay not up for yourselves treasures on the earth," have so much force to us as in view of the wide-spread ruin that has just fallen on our city. It is good to have treasure in Heaven. There no fire destroys. Thank God, Christian, for an enduring portion.

The school at Lower Northampton, Carleton Co., has been temporarily closed, owing to some cases of diphtheria among the children.

The Toronto *Mail* has been sold at auction.

Married.

At Carleton, N. S., on the 20th ult., by Rev. S. K. West, MR. CHARLES KING and MISS LEVINEA ANDREWS.

At the same time and place, MR. WM. PECK, of Yarmouth, and MISS ELMIRA, daughter of Mr. Henry King, of Yarmouth.

On the 14th inst., by the Rev. Wm. Kinghorn, MR. MILES WELCH to Miss CASSIE HOYT, both Blissville, S. Co.

At the Free Baptist Church, Millstream, Kings Co., N. B., on the 21st inst., by the Rev. C. T. Phillips, Rev. E. MILES KEIRSTEAD, of Yarmouth, N. S., to MARY J., second daughter of Joel Fenwick, Esq., of Studholm, N. B.

At the residence of Mr. J. Loyd, Argyle, April 26th, by the Rev. J. Gravinor, CHAS. ROGERS, Esq., to Miss JANE CROSS, both of Forreton, C. C.

MORE ASSISTANCE.

MORE than \$200,000 have already been received or promised towards the relief of the suffering in this city. The following contributions have been sent or promised since our former list was made out:

Charlottetown, P. E. I.,.....	\$ 5,000
Chicago Produce Exchange,.....	1,000
Chicago Board Trade,.....	5,000
Sarnia Odd Fellows,.....	50
Bath, Maine,.....	1,300
J. & C. Harris, Moncton,.....	200
Portland, Maine,.....	2,000
Lowell, Mass.,.....	465
Toronto City Council,.....	20,000
Imperial Insurance Co., London,....	2,500
Boston,.....	5,000
P. E. I. R. R. Employees,.....	700
Philadelphia,.....	3,000
Sydney, C. B.,.....	400
Stock Yards, Chicago,.....	1,200
Hamilton Board Trade,.....	1,000

Then there are donations of clothing, provisions, bedsteads, coal, &c., from many places and individuals that we cannot well classify and then find room for. The whole indicates a generosity that appears wholly unprecedented.

NEWS BRIEFS.

The Keswick Camp Meeting opens July 5th.

The Normal School Building, Fredericton, now that the scaffolding has been removed, presents a fine appearance.

The statement of the imports of the Dominion for the last four months shows an increase of \$1,663,926 over that of the corresponding period last year.

Mr. George F. Everett, of Andover, lost a barn, four tons of hay, double and single wagons and all his farming utensils, by fire, on Monday morning last. The fire was caused by lightning. Loss \$500; no insurance.

There was quite a fire in Milltown, N. B., on Wednesday night. It broke out in a house in the rear of the Congregationalist Church, burning that building and five or six dwellings. The church and organ were insured for \$800.

It is reported that there will be no Exhibition this year, owing to the fire in this city. No announcement has been made on authority.

John Costigan, M. P., of Victoria Co., is in Gloucester, helping the opposition to Mr. Anglin.