

THE WAR.

A *Times* telegram from Shumla says there is nothing new from the Lom except the Russians have again occupied positions at Popkoi, on the left bank, opposite Sarnasulax.

The Velayet Government was yesterday transferred to this place.

It is also thought that the consuls who have hitherto been staying at Varna will remove hither.

PREPARATIONS FOR WAR IN SERBIA.

The following is an extract from the letter of the *Times* Vienna correspondent:—"For a change, the news from Belgrade sounds very bellicose. Cabinet Councils are again spoken of, in which it has been definitively determined that Serbia shall enter the field."

(DAILY NEWS TELEGRAMS.)

BUDA-PESTH, Monday.

Reports received to-day from Belgrade confirm the news that Serbia will formally declare war against the Porte by the 10th inst. One Army Corps, it is stated, will operate with the Roumanians before Plevna, while another will join the Montenegrins.

VIENNA, Monday Evening.—In Serbia all officers on furlough have received orders to rejoin their respective regiments within three days. Notwithstanding this, there is still a steady belief in this city that Serbia will not participate in the war this year.

HUNGARY AND THE TURKS.

(DAILY TELEGRAPH TELEGRAM.)

VIENNA, Monday.—The following particulars concerning the Transylvanian affairs have transpired to-day:—The funds are said to have been furnished by an English gentleman, and amounted to more than £2,000; that sum was employed to purchase 1,000 Martini rifles, 5,000 cartridges, and 400 fezes. A prominent member of the Hungarian Diet is designated as one of the original promoters of the scheme. So far only the chiefs have been discovered, which makes it all the more probable that the matter will be hushed up. General Klapka has repudiated the charge brought against him of having taken a leading part in it. The General may be implicitly belisved.

THE RUMOURS OF MEDIATION.

A telegram from Rome to the *Standard* says—The *Fanfulla* affirms that a lively correspondence is being maintained between the Cabinets of Berlin, Vienna, and Rome with reference to the attempted opposition to a suggested armistice between Turkey and Russia.

GENERAL TODLEBEN AND THE WAR.

The Berlin correspondent of the *Morning Post* telegraphs as follows:—The Russian correspondent of the *North German Gazette* reports a conversation which he has had with General von Todleben. The General distinctly denied the correctness of the newspaper statement, according to which a particular sphere of duty has already been assigned to him. Such is not the case. General Todleben does not expect to receive final instructions nor his appointment to a particular post until he reaches headquarters. The correspondent reports the General to have discussed in his hearing the general aspect of things at the seat of war, describing the present position of the Russians as undoubtedly serious and embarrassing; nevertheless, he expressed a hope that the losses hitherto sustained may yet be retrieved, and events directed back into a more favourable course. The General seemed particularly concerned at the lateness of the season, which renders, in his opinion, a really decisive action before winter difficult, and perhaps altogether doubtful. Notwithstanding, the correspondent carried away with him the impression that the Russian army is not likely to establish itself in winter quarters until a serious effort has been made to deal the enemy a decisive blow, and to secure the Russians an undoubted advantage.

RUSSIA AND EUROPE.

The *Times* observes that the military strength of the Porte is found to be greater than anybody out of Turkey imagined, and even her enemies draw some comfort from the fact. If, they say, the worst Government in Europe is thus able to hold its ground against a great military despotism, other States may keep their minds at ease as far as at least as Russia is concerned. If she conquers Turkey it will only be after a desperate and exhausting struggle, which will teach her the virtue of peace better than all the homilies in the world. Russia is found to have been a great bugbear; the prediction that by this time all Europe would be Republican or Cossack, betrayed the infirmity of Napoleon's judgment, and the fear that Russia would some day fight for the possession of our Indian Empire is a discreditable superstition. Had her weakness for aggressive purposes been fully known at the outset of this contest, some currents of political opinion would have taken a different turn. As the safety of the road to India would not have been in question many people would have given their moral sense more free play—even the Magyars might have seen that their dislike to Russia need not make them break out into extravagant admiration for the beauties of Turkish society and government.

THE CZAR.

The *Times* has a despatch from St. Petersburg stating that there is no truth in the report that petitions are being signed requesting the Emperor to return home. All think that he could not well return at present, and that his presence at the seat of war is extremely useful. Uninvited offers of mediation will be regarded almost as a national insult.

TURKISH HOSPITALS.

A telegram from Sofia to the *Times* reports that Surgeons M'Kellar, Macpherson, and Goodridge, who left for Orhanie with an ambulance, have inspected the hospitals, and found 2,300 wounded and 200 sick patients. A mosque had been converted into a hospital. Four Russian wounded have been attended with the greatest care for the last five weeks in the officers' ward. The general state of the hospitals is satisfactory.

AMMUNITION FOR GREECE.

A *Standard* telegram from Buda-Pesth states that a Greek agent has bought at a manufactory in Presburg fourteen waggon loads of cartridges, which have been despatched to Greece, according to rumours circulated here, with the consent of the Hungarian Government.

RESIGNATION OF THE SENIOR NAVAL LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY

The *Standard* understands that the health of Admiral Sir Hastings Yelverton has not been sufficiently restored by his stay on the Continent to admit of a close attendance to his duties at the Admiralty, and that, acting under medical advice, he has signified his wish to be allowed to resign his seat at the Board.

MR. FORSTER ON THRIFT.

The *Post*, referring to Mr. W. E. Forster's speech at Bradford on Saturday, says Mr. Forster is anxious that friendly societies should take into their consideration the question whether it may not be

possible for them to arrive at some plan by which they will be able to provide annuities for the old age of their members. The question is one of a very interesting character, but we doubt whether in the present state of friendly societies it is likely to be dealt with by them in a satisfactory manner. They have yet to purge themselves of some taint of suspicion which clings to them. We do not for moment doubt that they will be able to do so, but they have at present enough upon their hands without venturing on the very difficult question which Mr. Forster has proposed to them. If the Government see their way to making their scheme of annuities more attractive, there can be no doubt that it would be better to leave this matter in their hands.

THE REVENUE RETURNS.

The *Standard* thinks that it is not to be denied that there are some very unsatisfactory features in the present returns. The great items of revenue which most clearly indicate the condition of the masses of the population, and the activity of business, are customs, excise, and stamps. It is unfortunately true that all these show a decreased yield in the last three months, and two of them also in the six months. As regards stamps, however, it is to be noticed that on the whole six months there is an increased yield of £35,000, which is £5,000 more than the increase estimated for by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. Notwithstanding then a falling off in the past two months, the gain in the preceding three was so great that the net increment is now larger than was expected for the whole year. This must be considered a fairly satisfactory result.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE OF LORD LYTELTON.

A marriage is (says the *Birmingham Gazette*) arranged to take place between Lord Lytton and Emily Charlotte, eldest daughter of Viscount Halifax, and widow of the late Mr. Hugo Francis Meynell Ingram, of Hoar Cross, county Stafford.

Mrs. Marsden, of Station House, Leeds, asks us to state that, at the request of Lady Burdett-Coutts, the articles of clothing, &c., contributed in Leeds and neighbourhood to the Turkish Benevolent Fund will be sent off to-morrow (Wednesday). The yacht which is to convey them to Turkey sails during the present week.

LEEDS HORTICULTURAL GARDENS.—PROMENADE CONCERT.—The last promenade concert for the season took place yesterday evening at the above gardens. The band of the 17th Lancers was again engaged, and under the leadership of Dr. Hartmann performed a carefully-chosen programme, which included several very pretty selections from the works of Auber, Weber, Wagner, and other well-known composers. Although the evening was somewhat chilly, there was an exceedingly large attendance, and the admirably-rendered performances of the band frequently elicited applause.

ACCIDENT AT MIRFIELD.—A man named Smith Holroyd, Low Moor, joined a train at Brighouse to go on to Leeds on Saturday night. On changing trains at Mirfield, through some unexplained means he fell over a wall into a road below, a depth of eight or nine feet. It was found necessary to remove the sufferer to Huddersfield Infirmary the same evening, where it was found that his leg was broken.

DEWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL.—A meeting of the Town Council of Dewsbury took place last night at the Borough Offices. Taking up a suggestion from the chairman and secretary of the Yorkshire College of Science, it was resolved to petition Her Majesty's Privy Council against the formation of the proposed Manchester University. Reports were read from Mr. Watts, the medical officer, from which it appeared that though the borough was generally in a healthy condition, there were still some cases of fever. The minutes of the Gas, Water, Sanitary, General Works and Purposes, Finance, and Watch Committees were read. A report from Mr. Bailey-Denton, C.E., of London, on the scheme for the drainage of the borough, was approved of, and the Council soon afterwards broke up.

COLLIERY ACCIDENT AT ROTHERHAM.—Yesterday afternoon, Mr. Dossey Wightman held an inquest at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Greasborough, touching the death of Louis Gascoigne, 13 years of age, who was killed on the 27th ultimo, in the Holmes Colliery, Rotherham. The deceased was a pony driver, and on the 27th ultimo he was going on with his work, when a large quantity of the blue hind which composed the roof fell upon him and another lad. Gascoigne died before he could be extricated, and the other lad had his arm broken and spine injured. No blame was attributable to anyone. The jury returned a verdict of "Accidentally killed."

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE AT PONTEFRAC.—Yesterday Mr. John Paver, manager to Messrs. Moxon and Co., maltsters, Pontefract, attempted suicide by hanging in one of the maltkilns. He was, however, cut down in time by one of his family. Domestic differences are said to have prompted the rash act.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge visited Woolwich yesterday, for the purpose of making his usual autumnal inspection of the troops. The total number present was about 6,000. After various evolutions, the troops advanced in front of the Duke in review order. His Royal Highness addressed a few words to the commanding officers, and then dismissed the men, who returned to barracks. After visiting the Herbert Hospital, the Commander-in-Chief and suite returned to London.

GENERAL GRANT.—General and Mrs. Grant, accompanied by General Badeau, left Leamington yesterday morning, and were heartily cheered on their departure. The General has gone to Southampton, on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Sartoris. After a week's stay he will go to Torquay as the guest of an American friend, and will afterwards make a public visit to Birmingham; thence he will go to Paris, and will afterwards make a tour through Spain. Subsequently he will cruise in the Mediterranean for some weeks.

THE SCOTCH LIBERAL DEMONSTRATION.—Notwithstanding that the municipal elections in Scotland fall upon the 6th November, the executive of the East of Scotland Liberal Association has found it impossible to alter the date of the proposed Liberal demonstrations. It has been finally arranged that the Earl of Rosebery shall take the chair, and among other noblemen and gentlemen announced to be present will be the Marquis of Huntley, the Earl of Breadalbane, M. P., Mr. Cowan, M. P., Mr. Baxter, M. P., Mr. Adam, M. P., Mr. Logan, M. P., &c. On the following day a Council meeting will be held in Glasgow, and in the evening a banquet. Our Edinburgh correspondent writes in contradiction of the rumours afloat that Mr. Gladstone has either asked or been invited to stand for Edinburgh at the next Parliamentary election.

THE VACANT CORONERSHIP FOR THE NORTH DING.—Mr. A. H. Jackson, solicitor, Malton, has withdrawn from the candidature for this office, vacant by the death of the late Mr. John Ness, of Helmsley (who died suddenly at Plymouth whilst attending the late meetings of the British Association there). Viscount Pollington, the High Sheriff of Yorkshire, has appointed Friday next for the election of a new Coroner, at the National School, Pickering. There is only one candidate now before the electors, viz., Mr. Arthur Wood, surgeon, of Kirbymoorside, who acted as deputy to Mr. Ness for several years. The probability is that Mr. Wood will be returned unopposed. Should a poll be demanded, it is fixed for Monday.

DISCOVERY OF A BODY AT LYTHAM.—Yesterday afternoon information was received at the office of Mr. Gilbertson, Coroner, Preston, respecting the discovery of a human body which had been washed up by the sea near Lytham. The body is not identified, but from the fact that it is exceedingly well clothed, that a watch and gold guard and a little money have been found in the pockets, and from the general appearance, it is evident that it is the remains of some person that had moved in a respectable sphere of life. What adds to the mystery, and leads to the belief that the man has committed suicide, is the fact that a bullet hole was found in his forehead, and bullets were also found in his pockets. Death had evidently occurred very recently. An inquest on the body will be held.

A RITUALISTIC CLERGYMAN SUPPRESSED.—A scene occurred at St. George's Church, Barrow-in-Furness, on Sunday. At the last Easter vestry the parishioners elected a Low Church warden in the person of Alexander Ward. This gentleman on Sunday interfered with the progress of morning service by demanding of the Rev. T. G. J. Ashworth, formerly a curate of the church, but now of another diocese, his license from the Bishop to officiate there. Ashworth, who was in the attire of a Romish priest, bowing before the altar, ordered the churchwarden to his seat; but the latter refused to allow him to proceed with the service, and he had to resign his position, and transfer his garments to another curate, who proceeded with the service. Great consternation was caused in the church.

LOSS OF A GLASGOW SHIP.—Particulars are contained in the Cape papers, received at Plymouth yesterday, of the wreck of the ship *Charmar*, 1,000 tons register, belonging to Mr. G. W. Gray, of Glasgow. After leaving Mauritius, the *Charmar* experienced bad weather, and the crew becoming mutinous, Captain Muir determined to make for Table Bay. On Thursday the vessel was hoisted on account of heavy gales, and early on Friday morning, Sept. 14th, she struck on the point of the reef at Dyer's Island. Rockets were fired in hopes of attracting attention, but without success. Finding that with the heavy sea the vessel could not last long, Captain Muir ordered two boats to be got out, and, with two mates and 16 men, left the ship, and after six hours' hard work succeeded in finding a landing place. The only things saved were the ship's register and log. One of the boats had a hole knocked in her, and it was only by putting a sailor's coat into the hole that she was kept afloat. About sunset the vessel disappeared. The cargo consists of tenk. The greater part will be recovered. Three hundred logs had already been washed up in Long Bay, where the *Celt* was wrecked.

HUNSLY UNION.—Statement of the number of persons relieved and the amount paid for relief during the week ending Saturday, Sept. 29th, and the corresponding week of last year:—Week ending Sept. 29th.—Outdoor 847, indoor 176, vagrants 74, total 1,097; at a cost of £67 19s. 3d. Corresponding week of last year.—Outdoor 869, indoor 171, vagrants 62, total 1,042; at a cost of £66 9s.