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# THE DAILY EVENING TELEGRAPH-TRIPLE SHEEF-PHILADELPHIA, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1868.

# NEWS SUMMARY.

Domestic Affairs,

-Gold closed yesterday at 135]. Another prize fight is to come off in Virginia next week.

-General Roscerars has reached Mexico and been cordially received. -Farthquake shocks have been experienced

in different parts of Mexico. - General McCook, our Minister to the Sand-

wich Islands, has arrived in San Francisco, -Governor Swann has offered a reward of one

thousand dollars for the marderer of Love. -Hon, Edwin M. Stanton yesterday resumed his practice in the Supreme Court of the United Sin es.

-The Louisville and Cincinnati mail line of steamers henceforward will refuse petroleum for ireight.

-George W. Holland, of Harrisburg, while altempting to cross the Susquehenna on the ice, broke through, and not being discovered for some time, was to badly itezen that he died

in a brief period after his conveyance home, -Governor Wise's farm, in Princess Anne county, Va., has been restored to him by the Government. The owner of Laboy Prison is also to be paid three years' rent for the use of that building by the United States authorities, - In the United States Senate yesterday Mr. Edmunds introduced a bilt for a provisional government in Georgia; Mr. Auboit 0.011 pay claims of loyal southcrners; and Mr. Mor-ton, a bill appropriating \$125,000 for a site for a new Executive man-lon. Mr. Framball, from Judiciary Committee, reported against the

bill requiring certain guarantees from the lately Rebel States. The resolution of sympathy for Spain, offered by Mr. summer, was passed. In the House, the Pension bill, appropriating \$23,270,000, was reported, and make the order for Jan, 5. Various bills and re-otations were introduced. The credentials of J. W. Menard (colored) as Bepresentative elect from Louist snn, were presented and referred. A but was passed extending the provisions of the Home-stead act to soleice ' orphans under twenty-one years of age. The Secure bill relieving political disabilities of South Carolinians and others was COLCORFEG 1D.

#### Foreign Affairs.

LONDON Dec. 18 .- The Marquis of Salisbury deries the truth of the report that the Government has determined to recall Earl Mayo from India.

The Times, in an article on the recent proceedings in the American Congress concerning the national debt, fears that ambiguity of purpose is apparent in the resolutions against repudiation, and argues that if the world was certain the United States would surely pay the interest on the national debt in gold, as England and France do, the annual burden of the country might be reduced one-balf. England pays r more interest in the acgregate than the United States, although her dent is twice as large,

The Standard this morning exolts in the completion of the postal treaty between England and the United States as a triumph of the Tory party, and declares that the beachts conferred upon mankind by the convention are immeasurable.

LONDON, Dec. 18 .- French official journals say the changes in the ministry are a confirman of the Emperar's programme of policy, which is liberal at home and pacine abroad,

LONDON, Dec. 18. - The Times, in an article on the impending war in East, holds that Greece is the aggressive party pecause she ordered her vessels to fire upon the Tarst-h men-of-war who might attempt to overhaid them. The Times thuses the powers will bring such pressure to bear upon the Athenian government that peace

will be speedily restored. The Slandard and the Slar both attribute the outbreak in the East to the obstimutey of the European powers in maintaining the status quo of the Outoman empire. A despatch from Constantinople charges the

Greeks with commencing hostilities. It a series that in the recent naval encounter the Erosis fired the first shot. The Turkish man-of-war returned the fire with effect, and the Erosis put on all steam and ran into the harbor of Syra. The despatch adds that the Elosis was struck several times, and her mast and smokestack were badly damaged. Losnon, Dec. 18,-The following despatch.

dated Corfo, December 16, has been received here: The government of Athens has called

washed away in Loreto, but no lives were lost, as the people took refuge in the church. The town of Alamos has only six houses not damaged in the place, all the rest that are left being more or less injured. Over one hundred houses, with their beautiful or one orchards, flower gardens, and grape vineyards, were entirely swept away. The residence of Dr. Hill, with his apothecary store, is so entirely oblice at that nothing is left to mark the spot where it stood, while the river which previously rau east of his place, now divides one portion running west, down one of the principal streets of Alamos. At last accounts thirty-three persons had lost their lives by the falling of houses and drowning, and many others were missing, besides a large number of valuable horses and mules. The number of ludiaus lost was thought to be very large. There appears to have been little or no danger at Mazatlan, notwithstanding previous reports to the contrary. At La Paz the heavy rain had caused roo's to fall in, and had done much damage to the crops. Several small graft had been driven ashore, and the Mexican war steamer Juarez was high and dry in a small bay near to La Paz. The barque Harrison had

been dismasted during the gale, but managed to reach Gusymas in salety.

#### EUROPE.

THE LATEST NEWS BY STEAMER. The following advices from Europe by steamer are in addition to those published by us yea

#### terday. GREAT BRITAIN.

The Conservative Premier's Carcer-What is Expected of Him and His Party.

From the London Times, December 1.

If Mr. Disrach were to close his political career to-day, it could not be said, and he cer-tainly would not himself think, that he had been an unsuccessful man, He has attained his gbest anotition; and how few can boast as such I No hostie majoritles, to the very end much ! of his life, can prevent him from having been Prime Munister of England. He has been sent for by his sovereign; he has formed an adminis ration: he has witnessed the envy of his triends and the still more delightful animosity of his fors; he has established confidential relations with royalty, he has subbed a Lord Chancellor; he has created a duke and an archbishop-to short, he has concentrated tato a few months all that is most exquisite in human greathess. Unless we are very much mistaken, Mr. Disraeli is only about to begin afresh. For the first time in his career, he is in an independent position. Before 1806 he was the spokesman of the Conservatives in the House of Commons, but not the leader of the party. It was understood that Lord Derby was supreme-that the allegiance of the Torie was given to him, and that Desraeli was only his heutenant. By this arrangement did the great Tory people raisity their principles or their pride, and reconcile themselves to being spoken for by Disraeli. Even with all this there was every now and then an attempt to displace him, and one respectable conservative or another would assume a confident and official tone, indicating that he was now a recog-niz d leader of the opposition. It has been amusing to see how they have all faded and receded one after another into the Tory mass. Mr. Disraeli has looked forth on his opponents from a background of disappointed rivairy, and many people believed that when Lord Derby withdrew the Tories would rather acquiesce in defeat than give the honor of victory to their new general. Lord Derby has, no doubt, behaved honorably by his lieutenant, and given him a moral support which has disarmed the jealousy of the party. But with all this Mr. Disraeli's official position has been a false one. No one knows better than himself that a Minister ought to be supported by a majority of the House of Commons. An extraordinary conjuncture of circumstances or the skill of a consummate tactilian may enable a Cabinet to live in the face of outnumbering oppo-nents; but there is necessarily something undignified in such a position, and something onpleasing in the arts by which it is main-tained. From all these drawbacks Mr. Disrach will now be free. He is the acknowledged leader of his party, and, as that party is in a minority in the Commons, he will sit in his proper prace, on the opposition bench. He was never before so free to direct the policy of his party; Lor even when he was in office was he nore likely to unfluence the action of Patliament. He and his Lord Chancellor are undoubledly the foremost men among the Conservatives, and if they work together-the one in the Commons and the other in the Lordshey may exercise something of the same power which belonged to Sir Kobert Peel and Lord Lyndhurst in the Whig days, after the Reform act. The diminished toliowing of Mr. Disraeli connot present a sore discouraging appear-auce next week than the Tories of 1863 and when Sir Robert Peel first reviewed their thin and disconsolate bands. The Conservatives have lost in the present election-the verdict of the country has been against them on the queston on which they staked power and reputation. But they have at least as much their opponents the advantage of union, and the knowledge that each man will obey all legiti-mate commands. Popular elections may always be trusted to destroy a "Cave," for the never-failing instinct of the electors is to choose a n an who will vote for his party, and to con demn all shades of intermediate and indecisive opinion. The two parties will thus come face face, with the vote of almost every man letermined beforenand on the chief question of the day, but with a resolute minority ready to take advantage of any mistake in the general conduct of affairs. We do not dissemble the influence which the conservative leader and his party may exercise, because we feel that good sense and pairiotic feeling on their part may iscilitate the business of the souniry, while bey may, if encouraged to perverseness and obstimancy, delsy, if not detent, many useful measures. In his new capacity, the country ooks to Mr. Disraeli for something better than mere pertinacious opposition. He may add to his reputation as a party leader by clever trickand guerilla successes, out as a statesman he will probably be estremed according to the fatmess and manhness with which he acquiesces in the passing of certain measures.

that it is well worth reading. The communica-tion is directed to the editor of the Petue Presse and begins, after a preliminary line or two, thus: My letter is going to be all about Rossini and a dish of maccaroni, for which I am supposed to have fallen out with him.

In the first place, one cannot fall out with those one is not bound to by some tis or other; consequently not with those one has no sympathy for; and my situation with Rossini was such through life that I never spoke to him more than three times in forty years.

Our position in the literary and scientific world was such, however, that we could not be absolute strangers to each other; so that, some of my "Monte Cristo" subscribers having asked me to give them a good recipe for maccaroni-s thing I do not like an I do not know much ofwrote to Rossini, having reasoned thus with myself:-There is an illustrious man in this world who is a reputed gastronomist and he is an Italian. I will get a first-rate recipe from him for this maccaroni, and my subscribers will think a good deal of it. The letter I wrote to the composer of *Moses* and *The Birber* was as 101 OWE :-

DEAR GREAT MAN-You have, it appears, a splendid recipe for maccaroni. You who have done so much for the cars of your contemporales should do something for their stomachs, and after having been blessed you will be adored. Yours, etc., A, D The following was Ressind's answer:-A. DUMAS.

I have indeed a marvellous recibe for macca-ron, but I keep it for myself and friends. Come and cat some next Tue day, and you will compre hend that when a man bas such a treasure he does not give it up to dilapidation. Yours,

1 answered immediately :--

DEAR ROSSINT-I shall dine with you on Tues cav, but not on your maccaroni. It is a sense 1 have less, but I shall come to enjoy you and your wit and to see Orympe (Rossini's wife) again. I have still a vivid remembrance of her and of ber beauty. DUMAS. The following day I went to Rossiel's. We were about four or five together. He was as delightful as ever, and the maccaroni came on instead of soup. It had a splendid success, though I ate none, and I was privileged not to do so on the faith of my second note. As to the rest of the dinner it was, trankly, very inferior indeed. On Rossini's refusal to give me the recipe I thought I would go and try to get it from his brother, who was cook to the Prince of Thoutfort; for I knew that even if he refused it I should get it from the Prince, who is a triend of mine. Meanwhile, however, I met Madame Ristory, who also assumed that her maccaroni recipe is the best. She offered to give me it. I accepted and I submitted it to my readers with the above details. As soon as people knew I had dined with Rossini I was assailed with questions. I could not say anything against a mau whose bread and sait I had shared, so I only replied, "Rossmi is not a real gourmand," Some time after I met him at the opera; he had heard my opinion of him and felt hurt, saving, "I gave you a taxily dinner, not thinking I ought to stand on ceremony with

True," I answered, "but I thought that when stul oined alone he dined like a Rossini, This reply caused a wider breach between us. Rossini was selfish, stingy, and malletous-three faults I can endure in my enemies, but which I carnot bear in my friends. He was, moreover, at least he used to say so, very lazy. I do not believe in )az ness, I think it is only an excuse for incapacity; and, strange to say, Rossini Lever was lazy before Meyerbeer had so great a success in Robert le Diable. From that time his struggle began-not a struggle, though, but a duel, in which Rossini kept back. His friends say that, like Achilles, he kept under his teut: but it is not true. Achilies got under his teat to reappear stronger than before, more vigorous and more valiant; he reappeared to rout the Trojans, kill Hector and to Jrag him, bound to

his chariot, round the walls of the city. It Rossial did withdraw under his tent it was never to come forth again, to there make macca oni, far from all, to write a will, in which h first gives to and then takes away from a poor valet the small stipend of fifty tranes a month and some old clothes, finally sold by him to a peddler: and lastly, he daily uses an ivory syringe in order to increase its value on the day of its public sale. You see, dear sir, that when a person has

such an opinion of a man one cannot fall out

ants, leaving many of them, frequently, without I seed to sow. In view of the nearly equal chances of the combatants, and of the san state of the country. It is to be feared that civil war will, for a long time to come, continue to afflict this part of

Africa, that has in former times enjoyed a civilization from which the present disorders pre-vent it from deriving auy advantage.

### MARINE TELEGRAPH.

For additional Marine News see First Page, ALMANAC FOR PHILADELPHIA-THIS DAY . 5 1 CLEARED YESTERDAY. Steamship Tonawanda, Jennings, Savannah, Phila-delphia and Southern Mail Steamship Co. Brig James Baker, Phelan, Matanzas, J. E. Basley &

Co. N. G. brig Auguste, Klindtworth, Hamburg, do. Bobr Surplise, Symmes, Charleston C. E. Baker & Co. Sohr Scutterner, Darling, Portland, W. Clark, Str Diamond State, Webb, Baltimore, A. Groves, Jr.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY, Br. barque Ann Allee, Messenger, 10 days from Bos-on, in ballast to J. E. Bazley & Co. Br. brig John Sanderson, Colter, 13 days from Lon-toucerry, N. H., with fron, etc., to C. C. Van Horn, Schr J. B. Austin, Dayls, from New York, with bar-ey to captain. to captain. Scor James Jones. Potter, from Jacksonville, with

umber to captal lember to captain, Such Aurora, Artis, 1 day from Frederica, Dal., with grain to Jas, L. Hewiey & Co. Schr Wm. Townsend, McNitt 1 day from Fre'erica, Del., with grain to Jas, L. Bewiey & Co. City ice Boat No. 1 Capt. Sason. went down the river yeaterday morning at 11 A. M., and retorned at 4 P. M., having been as far as Chester without besing any ice.

Ship Temeriane, Summer, hence for Allona, was off

Deal 2d last, Ship Abbie Thomas, Raymond, hence, at Falmouth Sup Above Thomas, Raymond, hence, at Falmouth dit inst., for Antwerp. Ship Excelsior, Brown, for Philadelphia, entered cut at Liverpool ad irat. Barque Maugie Poinam, hence, at Helvest 2d inst. Barque Frecerick Gustave, Dinse, hence, at Aniverp dit inst. LD inst Binna, Barque Helene, Enulh, heuce, at Fluabing 4th Inst, Barque Vesta, Kolderup, for Philadelphia, cleared

Barque Vesta, Kolderup, for Philadelphia, clear.d at Livernool (in funt. Barque Gertrade, Atherton, for Philadelphia, was loading at Noenes Ayren 24th Oct. Barque Maria Margaretna, Dalen, hence, at Queeus-town 2d inst. Barque J. Cummings, Hoogway, from Rotterdam for Philadelphia at Deal Ed inst. and archored. Barque Jenoy, Hartman, hence, of Bremerhaven 2d inst.

Barque Gyda, Levold, for Philadelphia, entered out

Brig Wenonah, Davis, at Portland 16th inst., from Brig Charles Heath, Wyman, hence, at Salem 15th

Brigs Addie Hale, Dalley, and Kennebec, Nichols, issues, at Foriland 7th inst Brig Annie Bachelder, Steelman, hence, at Mar-

Brig E. A. Barnard, Crowell, hence, at Genoa 30th

ultime. Brig Resolute, Lippincott, hence, at St Mary's, Ga., Sth last, and was loading on the lith to return. Brig Relicroon, Soutt, hence, at Boston 16th inst. Schr Chas, McCarthy, Barc ay, salled from Buenos Ayres sin Oct, for San Francisco. Schr Olara Sawyer, Sawyer, hence, at Portland 16th Instant.

netant, schr Sabao, Lamson, hence, at Newburyport 16th Schr H. A. Hunt, Compton, hence, at Salem 15th

instant Schr Jesse W. Bright, Plum, hence, at Salem 18th

Schr A. M. Lee, Dukes for Philadelphia, sailed from

Salem 15th inst. Schr E. J. Heraty. Meredith, for Philadelphia, cleared at New York 17th Inst. Schr M. Fowell, Fenton, hence, at New Haven 16th

Both M. Jowen, Person, Makor article in the first and Both J. Both J. Stranger, Strang

in this city. Schr Watsuga, Laurance for Philadelphia, sailed from Georgeown S. C. 13th inst. Schr Kate E. Rich, Rich, for Philadelphia, sailed from Georgeown, S. C. 13th inst. Schr J. C. Patterson, Corson, hence, at Boston 16th

Schr Wm. F. Cushing, Cook, hence, at Galveston 8th

Schr Willer, Consing, Cook needs, at Calvesion and Bastani. Schrs George Conover. Robinson. and J. H. Marvel, Quillen, herce at Alexandria itch inst. Schr W. W. Marcy, Ubampicu, for Philadelphia, sailed from Provideoce löth inst. Schr Dick Williams and J. Wilson, from Boston for Philedelphia, sailed from New London 15th inst. Echr Jane Baker, Wilson, hence for Norwich, sailed from New London 15th inst. Schr M. H. Read, Bensou, hence, at New Bedford itch inst. ich inst. Schr Ells F Crowell, Stevens, from Provinceiown for Philadelphia, salied from Newport 15th inst.

A FRAUTIFUL NOVELTY IN DRESS. THENEW COLOR OF MATERIAL for GEN75' WALKING and EVENING COATS.

fust received direct from PARIS, CHARLES STOKES & Co's., No. 824 Chemut stress at-

JEWELBY,-Mr. William W. Cassidy, No. 12 South second street, has the largest and most attractive absortment of fine ewe ry and silverware a the city Purchasers can rely upon ob'aining a real, pure article tornished at a price which cannot be equalled He also has a large stock of American Western watches in all varieties and at all prices. A visit to his store is sure to result in pleasure and profit.

WEDDINGS AND PARTIES can be supplied with the same old Speer's Port Grape Wine so long celebrated in this country and Europe for its purity and rich ody, Sold by Johnston, Holloway & Co., No. 613 Arch street; Fred. Brown, corner Fifin and Chemust avd other druggints. Also, Thompson Black & Co., oprner Broad and Cheanut streets.

GREAT ONE DOLLAR BALE - Hoyt, No. 223 Chesnut street, will, until after the holidays, give his patrous the privilege of selecting any article in the various cases for a single dollar, no matter what it may be worth. Call in and see him.

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things are gone. MORE NOVELTY at No. 326 Chemnital reet. Until after he holidays Hoyt will allow his patrons to select for single dollar anything (excepting clerks and fir Uper) in the store. Go at once, before all the holiday

code are gone. Your choice for one dollar. CHARLES STORES & Co.,

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PUNCH, Fun, and Reynolds' Miscellany have come to hand. We are indebied to A. WINCH, NO. 805 Chesnut street. for them. This gentleman has a varied stock of Foreign and American periodicals.

#### DIED.

SNELL-On the 16th instant, PHCEBE SNELL, aged to years. Her mends and those of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from the residence of Mrs. F. Megonigie, conser of Fourth and Federal atrees, Canada, N. J., on Monday, the list instant, at 1 o'cack P. M., without further notice.



LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Of Philadelphia.

S. E. Corner Fourth and Walnut Streets.

said sever to be of brick, circular in form, with a clear inside diameter of three feet, with such is lets and manholes as may be directed by the Chief Engineer and Surveyar. The under-standing to be that the contractor shail take blits prepared against the property fronting on said sever to the amount of one dollar and twenty five cents for each lineal foot of front on each side of the street as so much cash paid; the balance, as limited by ordinance, to be paid by the city, and any excess to be paid by the

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owners of property When the street is occupied by a city passen-ger railrord track, the Sewer shall be con-

structed alongside of said track in such manner as not to obstruct or interfere with the safe passage of the cars thereon; and no claim for remuneration shall be paid the contractor by

remuneration shall be paid the contractor by the company using said track, as specified in act of Assembly approved May 8, 1865 All bidders are invited to be present at the time and place of opening the said proposals. Each proposal will be accompanied by a cer-tificate that a bond h\*s been filed in the Law Department as directed by or timence of May

Incare that a bond h's occurred in the Law Department as directed by ordinance of May 25, 1860. If the lowest bidder shall not execute a contract within five days after the work is awarded, he will be deemed as declining, and will be held lighte on his bond for the differ-ence between his bid and the next highest bid. Specifications may be had at the De-cartracted of Department with the archiver

partment of Surveys, which will be scrictly adhered to.

12 19 21) Chief Commissioner of High W- ya.

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AMUSEMENTS.

A MERICAN ACADEMY OF MUSIC. -

GREATEST LIVING ARTISTE, MES, SCOTT SIDDONS, who will be sustained by the entire Company from the

he NEW YORK THEATRE, including D Harkins, W. Davide ., C. T. Pa slor, Jr., J. Durn, F. Gosla, Mrs. Marie Wilkins, Saider Oole,

Five al pestances IN PHILADELPHIA

out the military resources of the country, and the mobilization of the militia has been or-dered. A battation of students is forming at Athens, and ten battalions, composed of Greek subjects of the Sultan, have been enrolled. It 71 is said the command has been offered to Garibaidi. An instant invasion of Epirus is loudly urged.

Lospon, Dec. 18-Midnight,-The following is the latest news from the East:-

The Greek government has despatched two men-of-war to Syria, to demand of Hobart Pasha that he shall not obstruct the free entrance of the harbor. Foreign war vessels are at Syra, belonging

respectively to the French, Britiso, and Russian navies.

Hobart Pasha does not attempt to blockade Syra. He has already allowed two Greek ships to enter the harbor.

Letters from Athens, dated December 10, represent that the city was a scene of a great popular animation. Bands were flocking from the interior and parading around the city. Great bitterness of feeling was shown against the admiral of the French fleet in the Pirzens, who was extremely unpopular on account of the energetic demands he has made on the Greek government to preserve peace. PARIS, Dec. 18-Evening.-It is rumored that

the Tarkish Admiral Hobart Pasha followed the Greek steamer Erosis into the port of Syra, and

sunk her. Pauls, Dec. 18.-The\_Patrie has a special despatch reporting that Turkish ships have been sout to Greek waters to establish a blockade, and Turkish troops are collecting on the Greek frontier to prevent volunteers from making incursions into Thessaly and Macedonia.

PASTH, Dec. 18 .- The people of Hungary have presented an adoress to M. Deak, thanking hin for his services to the country. PARIS, Dec. 18.-The Moniteur regrets the

breaking out of hostilities between Turkey and Greece, and hopes that common action on the part of the great powers will aborten the duration and circumscribe the consequences of the rupture.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 18 .- It is officially announced that the Sultan has resolved to enforce his demands on Greece. Four trigates sailed yesterday for the Archipela

MADRID. Oec. 18. - A Cartist conspiracy has been discovered in Vavatre, and several persons implicated have been arrested.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 18 .- The Advice, from Antwerp for St. John's, has been abandoned at sea. Her crew was saved, and have arrivel at this port. [Note.-The Advice, as the cable r-norts it, is supposed to be the burgue Advance, Captain Vickers, which sailed from Antwerp, ovember 18, for St. John's.] LIVERPOOL, Dec. 18. - The steamer Columbia,

tch salled from New York November 26 for Glasgow, has not arrived, and apprehensions are entertained for her safety. Heavy premiums are demanded for insurance risks on the vessel. PARIS, Dec 18.-The Emperor and Empress

Today visited Queen Isabelia. GIBRALTAB, Dec. 18.-There was a heavy shock of earthquake here to-day, but causing

Lo damage to life or property. HAVRE. Dec, 18 - The market for cotion

closed unchanged. PARIS Dec. 18 .- The Bourse closed weak. Rentes declined to 697. 7c.

#### DISASTER.

#### Terrible Tornadoes on the Mexican Coast.

Mazaflan Cor, San Prancisco Bulletin, Nov. 7. The late storm in Mexico is said to have been the most severe experienced there for the last of October. Its course appears to have been from St. Lucas, California, running to La Paz. Carman Island, Loreto, Guaymas, and as far north as Hermosillo, and to the south as far as Alamos, extending back- into the Sierra Mudre Mountains. The La Pura Mining Com-pany's mill is said to have been entirely washed away, and other mining couldanies had suffered. The principal towns and pueblos

The Alabama Claims and the New Ministry.

## From the London Times, Dec 5.

There would seem to have been some miscon-ception of Mr. Johnsou's position. It was understood that he was as fully empowered to epresent the Covernment of the United States as 1 old Stabley to represent our own Government. Of course, any agreement he might make would be subject to disquasion in Parliament. But we had reason to believe that any arrange ment agreed to by Mr. Johnson would be ac cepted and supported by his Government. In this we seem to be disappointed, and we appear still to have to deal with Mr. Seward himself. Such a result would be unfortunate; but we may till hepe that Mr. Johnson's skill will greatly acilitate the discussion, and even should the Convention be di-allowed, a great deal will have been gained. We have ourselves mate a fair offer of submitting to arbitration, and the United States Government, having once cordially entered into our proposal, will feel that the differences between us are no longer such as to justify an attriude of hostility. Lord stauley, perhaps, is chiefly to be condoled with in being disappointed of the honor of completing this long-desired settlement before his term of offic expired. But the fault is not his, and he must always retain the credit of having done every this to describe success. Should the difficulty be surmounted, the honor of the achievement will be due to him. It is unfortunate, indeed, that this coubt should have been raised at the very noment when the Foreign Office is changing hands. Some delay must necessarily be caused, and it is inconvenient that the thread of a complicated negotiation should have to be transferred at a critical moment. Lord Clarendon, on his accession to office, will find bimselt at once engaged in a difficult task. He brings however, ample skill and experience to his post, and we are confident that he will achieve a

### FRANCE.

#### Dumas on Rossini.

The following letter by Alexandre Damas on on the river Yaqui and Mayo sere catrely licenin is not only anoming, but so typical of who, in write of certain ancient customs, levy destrojed by freincis. Typicty houses were, the man and of the composer in private life, in nous contributions in grain apon the inha at-

successful conclusion.

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with him, because one has never been attached to him. ALEXANDRE DUMAS.

#### ABYSSINIA.

Condition of the Country Since the War -A New Emperor, and his Rival Claimants.

The following letter from Missowah, dated representer 17, appears in the Moniteur Univorsel:-

Since the end of the English expedition the internal stroggles which divide Abyssinia nave broken out again with as much force as ever. true that the provinces crossed by the English party profited by its passage through them, and by the money which it fert behind; out the number of rebels, whose occupation is pillage, has been since continually on the increase. Thus, it seems, the country already cause to regret that the foolish and of Theodorus, the only representative of Aoyssinian unity, should have prevented the establish went of an order of things in default of which there is reason to fear a continuance of trouble. and revolutions of which it is almost impossible to foresce the urshot. One of the three great provinces of Abyssinia, Amhara, is under the bsolute sovereignty of Gobazie, who has taken advantage of the English expedition against Theodorus to extend his possessions.

Magdala, after having been burnt by the Eng-lish, has been occupied by Mesdiat, one of the queens of the Wollo-Gallas, a Mahometan tribe. The escarpments of this fortness being natural, they could not be destroyed. Immediately after the city was taken possession of by Mesdiat, a rival, in the person of Queen Workit, set up a ms, in which she was supported by the King of Chos. Workit is one of the two queens ruling over the Wollo-Gallas in the name of their sous, who are cousins. The frontier of the Wollo-Gallas tribe is Bechalo.

The country to the north of Bechalo, Lasta. and Jidjou were governed during the Euglish expedition by the maternal nucle of Gebuzie; out Tapts Ali has commenced to urge the rights which he pretends to have, through his mother, spon Lasta, and through his tather upon Jijon. this chief is popular in both these countries, but he is not in a position to resist the forces of Gobazie. On the other hand, the son of Theotore Mechacha, who is in revolt against Gobazie. has returned to Kwara, his father's country Gobszie has not yet succeeded in suppressing this revolt, and his power has been seriously compromised in the southeast and northwest, out it is secure throughout the whole of Central Abyssinin.

Gobazie has rebuilt Gondar, the ancient capital, and has proclaimed hirself Emperor under the name of Hazie Tecla Glorghis. He has recently addressed a leiter to Lassa, King of Tigris, and sent him at the same time a present of several horses. This latter, who now resides at Adoxah, received and responded to these overtures in a friendly manner. These relations have given rise to different interpretations. According to some, Gobazie has simply required of Lassa to make submission to him according to others he bas demanded of the King that he send an cavoy with money to Cairo in order to obtain a bishop, and Lassa has refused to comply. Whichever may be true the rainy season would not permit hostilities at present. Ambara, where grain is abundant, offers to Gobazie resources which he would not find in the Tigris; besides which it appears preferable for both rivals to remain allies for some time yet in order that they might be better able to resist the rebels.

In case war should break out in the future, more or less distant, it would take place under very nearly the following conditions: - Gob izle, army is devoted to him, and tomed to fighting, has a strong cavair? force, but his troops are badly armed. The effective troops of Lassa are very numerous. He has a good supply of cannon and muskets, and he has the advantage of being near the sea. But in spite of his generous character and his proud courage, he is not yet completely master of his people. The Province of Tigris has not only been ravaged for several years past by grasshoppers, but is healdes devastated by partisans

CITY ITEMS.

A PERSENT WORTH HAVING .- Of course, any pretent, however trivial, is worth acceptance as its value is not intrinsic, but is to be measured by the unteen jewels of sentiment that imagination investa it with. Still, one does not object to a present having a high intrinsic value. Where a woman knows he can afford it, she will not think the less of a present from her husband for its having cost from forty to two hundred dollars, Not a blt of it. Now, we have in our mind's eye just such a present as a true wild would like to receive from her worser half. Such of our own readers as would see it in a substantial form, may do to by stepping into the salesroom of the Grover & Baker Sewing Machine Company, No. 730 Chesnut street. In one of their sewing machines, so perfect in their construction, and ar easily adapted to every kind of work, we think that a genuine husband who loves his wife, and would, therefore, lighten her heart by lightening her household cares, will find just uch a present as he ought to feel bound to give her at this season of festivity and gratefulness. The prices of the machines, which are marvelously simple, and require no mechanical skill to manage, are from fitty-five dollars upwards. Let every sensible father of a family buy one, and in six months it will save its cost in "weariness and vexation of spirit" alone.

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