FOREIGN ITEMS.

-A pamphlet under the title of Note sur l'Organisation Militaire de la Confederation de l'Allemagne du Nord, written by Napoleon III at Wilhelmshohe, has just appeared at Brussels. It does not contain anything new as regards the North German army, but the position of its author gives a special interest to some remarks he makes on the causes of the French defeats. "Before the misfortunes of 1870," he says, "no weight was attached to the opinion of those who declared that the military organization of our country stands in no relation to its political status. Before the campaign of 1870 the Artillery Committee would not admit that the material of the Prussian artillery was more complete and practical than ours, and the Eugineer Committee declared that our fortresses were not too numerous, and that they were in a condition to resist the new artillery. It would not allow that one-half of our fortresses must be razed and the other half rebuilt in accordance with the system which has made Antwerp one of the first fortresses in the world. It required such sad events as those we have witnessed to make General Coffinieres-a general of engineersadmit before a council of war that Metz could not withstand a siege of fourteen days if it lost the protection of Marshal Bazaine's army. Before the campaign of 1870 the military administration obstinately opposed the views of those who advised that the country should be divided into districts, each with a corps d'armée capable of providing itself with every requisite for the field in its own dis-In another passage, after highly praising the discipline of the Prassian ex-Emperor proceeds:the "Between the leading principle of the Pruselan army, which looks upon the will of the King was the highest law, and the injurious maxims which prevail among us, there is a wide interval. What do we hear on every occasion? 'I serve my country, not an individual;' and this phrase, which is supposed to elevate one's personal dignity, is really only a mask for all disloyalty, skepticism, and breaches of faith. In every monarchy the sovereign is the commander-in-chief of the army, and every man under the flag serves him and owes him obedience and loyalty, for the sovereign represents the whole nation. Without this principle there is neither discipline nor order in the ranks, nor security for society." -An article in the Allgemeine Zeitung sharply

criticizes the present organization of the German navy. The author says that the naval administration, from its chief downwards, is "hemmed in between the army on the one side and the bureaucracy on the other. * * Its commander-in-chief is a general; the most important posts of the department are held by pensioned army intendants and other landsmen; so that, with the exception of a few of the younger and more influential men, the director of the office, Admiral Jachmann, is alone capable of giving due influence to the opinions of those who have a practical acquaintance with naval affairs. This accounts for the lukewarmness and indifference with which the department conducts its business." The writer proceeds to show that during the war the want of a Minister of Marine was constantly felt. the War Minister, General von Roon, having found it impossible to attend to the army in France and to the fleet in the North Sea as well. As to the officers, "there are doubtless distinguished men among them, but a korough awakening of t spirit would do no harm." The article further points out that there has been a stagnation of promotion in the navy, owing to vacancies (of which there are several in the establishments of most ships on active service) not having been filled up, and that the pay of the officers, and especially of the surgeons, chaplains, engineers, and paymasters, is much too low.

-On the subject of explosive cartridges a correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette writes as follows:-You will doubtless remember a certain vigorous despatch, published some months ago, in which Count Bismarck accused the French troops of some practices "contrary to the usages of civilized warfare:" among other things of firing explosive bullets and bullets cut up into small pieces. Bearing this in mind, I was surprised the other day to meet with the two following passages in well-known standard German military works:-1. In the twelfth edition of "Organization and Infantry Service of the Royal Prussian Army," by Lieutenant-General A. von Witzleben, published at Berlin in 1871, and founded upon "Regulations for the Instruction of Troops in Field Service, etc.," dated June, 1870, we find it stated at page 334 (volume 2), in the instructions for the attack of isolated buildings, that "the explosive cartridges served out to infantry are peculiarly applicable to this service." I presume that "explosive cartridges" (explositions-patronen) can only mean cartridges containing explosive bullets. 2. In the first volume of "Bushbeck's Manual for Officers of All Arms," published at Berlin in 1869, we find at page 94 a description of the various patterns of small-arm ammunition, including "buckshot cartridges" (Rephostenpatronen), "which contain six buckshot in addition to the ordinary bullet, which would certainly be as destructive and unusual as Lullets cut up into small pieces. I suppose that neither explosive bullets nor buckshot cartridges were used by the Germans in the late war; but if it be true that they still manufacture and issue these missiles, the use of which is particularly recommended to their officers on certain occasions, I think that some day we shall read a despatch in which Prince Bismarck will inform us that it cannot with justice be said that the employment of these projectiles is contrary to the "rules of war." True, there was the convention of St. Petersburg, which Prussia signed, but it can easily be shown that 'circumstances have altered.' The St. Petersburg Cabinet has taught that

-Not many months ago, writes a correspondent of an English paper, the pay of all Government employes in Egypt was reduced, and now they have to give up 5 per cent. of their reduced salary. A new tax of some piastres has been put upon every fedan of land. In some departments the employes are seven months in arrears of pay, and have not a morsel of bread in their homes. The people are being extensively seized to make soldiers of them. When I go out early, I meet soldiers bringing men and young lads into town, all of them tied together, and the soldiers conducting them to the citadel to be examined and passed by the military doctors. They are taken unawares at night while yet asleep. Everybody here seems to think that the Khedive is to take a decided and bold step soon, and it is well known that there is some understanding between Russia and Egypt. The Khedive is reported to have just concluded a loan for six millions and a half storling. This will keep his head above water for

bonorable member should be "taken down," or that he should be "named," has long been a mystery. A carious extract from the news column of the Exeter Gazette of the 8th of March, 1810, enables us to describe what did follow upon an occasion when both those direful threats were fulfilled. On the 6th of March, 1810, the House of Commons sat in committee to hear evidence in the inquiry into the Walcheren expedition. The Earl of Chatham was under examination, and one of the members of the House, Mr. Fuller, conceived that several questions he had put had not met with that attention which their importance justified. Accordingly, when the Earl of Chatham withdrew, Mr. Fuller rose and complained of the slight put upon him, adding with an oath, "I have as much right to be heard as any man who has paid for filling the place he holds." The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Spencer Perceval, afterwards Premier) moved "That the words of the hon, member should be taken down. The committee assenting, the words were taken down, and when the House resumed, Sir John Anstruther, chairman of the committee, reported the expression. The Speaker then "informed the House" that it had "come to his knowledge" that a member had used unparliamentary language, which was a breach of the privileges of the honorable House. He felt deeply grieved, but it would become his duty to name him. Here the irrepressible Mr. Fuller came to the assistance of the Speaker by shouting out, "Oh! you need not be diffident! It's me, Jack Fuller." This did not tend to lessen the gravity of Mr. Fuller's position, and the Speaker sternly ordered him to withdraw. He declined, and it was only at the earnest soligitations of his friends that he eventually consented to leave the House. The Chancellor of the Exchequer then moved that Mr. Fuller be taken into custedy by the Sergeant-at-Arms. The House cordially agreed with the motion, and the Sergeant-at-Arms was fully instructed to take the honorable member into his custody. But the House, as it presently discovered, had reckoned without the honorable member. Mr. Fuller was found in the lobby, and upon the Sergeantat-Arms communicating to him the nature of his delicate mission, he rushed past him into the House and, interrupting the proceedings, declared in a loud voice that the Speaker had no right or authority to order him into cus-Who was the Speaker? And what was the Speaker? Why, he was the servant of the members, and by their habit of submission to him they had made him their master. In order that there should be no mistake as to whom he referred, Mr. Fuller, who appears to have been a gentleman of characteristically frank speech, added that he meant "the insignificant little fellow in the wig over there." This is the last of the observations offered by Mr. Fuller upon this interesting occasion that have come down to us. A free

fight between the hon, member and the Ser-

geant-at-Arms, who had the assistance of four

messengers, followed, and eventually Mr.

can read without a shudder that the Right

Honorable Speaker was once publicly referred

Fuller was carried out of the House. sixty years ago;" but we feel sure that no

to in the House as "the insignificant little fellow in the wig." -With the exception of the colored and other lithographs, and the account of the Yama-mai or oak silkworm, says the Pall Mall Gazette, Mr. Adams' third report upon the silk culture of Japan is not of so much general interest as his first report of 1870. Indeed, several of the lithographs which swell the price of the present parliamentary paper are illustrations to the excellent report of last year. There is, however, one point of much importance on which some new light is thrown—the parasite "aji" (maggot), as the Japanese call it, which preys upon the silkworm, and in some years kills from 30 to 84 per cent. of the worms, and threatens completely to ruin the industry. It appears that neither M. Guerin-Meneville, nor the Entomologist, nor the Moniteur des Scies have been able to arrive at the natural history of this insect. The state of mind of the Japanese peasant upon the subject is rebuked in a despairing despatch from Date, ex-prince of Uwajima and Minister of the Home Department. He says:-"Is it not painful to attribute a plague like that of the uji solely to Providence because we have not yet ascertained its causes?" The theory regarding the uji to which Mr. Adams gave currency in his first report was that during the spring a fly having deposited its eggs on the mulberry leaf, they were introduced with the food into the silkworm's intestines. The better opinion, however, seems to be, as stated in the second report and confirmed in the third, that the fly pierces the silkworm and deposits its egg underneath the skin, where it is hatched into the uji or larva, which, feeding upon the body of the silkworm during its changes, gradually increases until it is nearly as large as the chrysalis itself, and in the end destroys its way out of the cocoon, which thereupon becomes useless, The uji then shrinks considerably, in the course of four or five days into a small chrysalis of its own, which on dissection discloses the embryo of a fly, although it has not been sufficiently observed to ascertain the time of the fly's natural issue. The birth of the fly is, however, perhaps correctly supposed to occur about the time of the hatching of the first crop of silkworms in the following spring, when it deposits its eggs, and the existence of the next annual generation begins. This supposition is chiefly grounded on the fact that the second erop of the worms, the summer hatching, is comparatively free from the uji. The ignorant Japanese, unfortunately, do not destroy the uji issue from the cocoons, but merely throw them away; and the efforts of the Japanese Government to circulate information on the subject have hitherto been unavailing. One notification warns the population to "remember the saying, 'Fear posterity,' and that it is impossible to affirm that the extreme limit of progress has been attained." It is a curious fact that 320,000 lbs. weight of silkworms' eggs were exported from Japan to France and Italy in 1869. Mr. Adams has to struggle against misprints, and it is rather hard on him that his map of the silk districts of Japan, which appears to be much improved from that of last year, is engraved upside-down, the north being very nearly where the

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