# The Press.

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The News.—We have intelligence of another battle (the fourth) between the Austrians and the Allies. The news came by the steamer Anglo-Saxon, at Quebec. The fight took place at Magenta, a village twenty miles from Milan, and it is stated that three hundred thousand men were engaged in the conflict. The French Emperor commanded in person, and it is presumable that the Austrian Emperor and the King of Sardinia were present. Napoleon claims the victory, but the Austrians had declared in advance that they took 7,000 Austrians prisoners. No more were placed hors de combat, however, than in other reports, represent it to be. The French, we are told, were aided by Prince Napoleon and Marshal Canrobert, who commanded the Imperial Guards. Five French marshals and seven Austrian superior officers were engaged. Milan was evacuated by the Austrians, who had declared in advance that they would not leave a single gun behind. The French had driven the Austrians from the city. On the reception of the news of the victory in Paris the city was illuminated. The Queen delivered her opening speech to Parliament on the 7th. A synopsis of it is given in our telegraphic summary of the news. Lord Derby has had a long interview with the Secretary of State to-day on peace and terms. Lord Lyons has had an interview with Count Walewski, the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, with a view to ascertain the intentions of the Imperial Government in regard to the protection of neutral rights, now under advisement by our Government. The failure of Congress to appropriate a contingent fund for the Postmaster General to continue the Cincinnati and Havana Steamship service, and that mail contract expires on the 30th of June, will not be renewed unless they choose to accept the postages as in full for service. The postage is, however, so inconsiderable that the service is accepted, and the line will therefore continue running. The ship Bolton, Captain Cotter, cleared at this port on the 8th inst. for St. John, N. B., without any one's being aware that she had on board a load of death and destruction. The vessel, when near Green Island, about six miles south of Marcus Hook, was totally wrecked. Only three persons out of eighteen on board were saved. The captain and his daughter were lost, besides thirteen of the crew. The second mate and two seamen were all that were saved. No further particulars of the disaster are given. The Bolton was owned by Messrs. Stephen Baldwin & Co. She was built last year at Bath, Me., where she is owned. She was A 1, was 930 tons register, and was believed to be fully insured.

North Carolina is not so progressive as many of her sister States. A few days ago a fellow was convicted of "highway robbery," and the following is the sentence given by the correspondent of the Charleston Courier of the execution of the sentence:

"The prisoner was then blindfolded by the turnkey, his hands tied behind him, and bound his feet firmly to the floor. Nothing remained to be done but to draw the bolt, when the prisoner would be launched into eternity. A plank under B as he stood, and a string connected with it, were handed to the executioner, who pulled it, when the plank was withdrawn, and B was left suspended by the neck. His hands were introduced into the pockets of his coat, and two stripes were applied to his bare back, after which he was discharged."

Every jail in North Carolina is provided with a whipping post, stocks and pillory. Murder, rape, burglary, arson and the highest crimes and misdemeanors are punished with death; manslaughter by branding the latter M in the right hand. Treason's hand is bound to the bar, and the branding iron laid upon the palm until he can say "God save the State" three times.

It is said there is a fellow who is sitting generally between the two houses of Congress, whose office is to keep the members from fighting. It is said that he might just as well be engaged in the trade of holding bleak Siberian mines.

We object to naming the reopening of the Academy of Music in the politics of the country, for the several reasons:

1. Because it hereafter, and under other circumstances, it might be wise and safe to revive the feuds, it is not now; in the present relations of the South and North.

2. Because it is a time when all the talent and influence of the country should be united in the preservation of the Union.

3. Because it is a mischievous idea to suppose that there may still be a firebrand of sectional strife, to be used to consolidate the sentiments of Northern people in favor of Southern institutions. It lowers the moral position of the Southern people from one of high principles of liberty in defence of vested rights to a mere question of policy about which we are profoundly divorce.

The Political Crisis in England.—The Queen's speech, in Parliament, was read on the 7th instant. It contains some points worth notice. She proclaims the neutrality of England, and asks Parliament to sanction an increase of the navy. She suggests the renewal of diplomatic relations with Naples. She announces that Lord Cowley will be sent to Berlin, and that Lord Napier will be sent to Florence. She says that the Ionian Islands will be annexed to Greece. She says that Lord Derby is pledged to bring in a Reform Bill. This will deprive the opponents of a stalking horse against him.

In the House of Commons, on an amendment on the motion for an address to the Queen, in reply to her Speech, to amendment, signifying want of confidence in the Ministry, led to a long and excited discussion when the House adjourned over to-day.

It is possible, but scarcely probable, that this amendment, which is a trial of strength, will be carried. Were it successful, the Derby Ministry would resign. Whether Russell or Palmerston or Gladstone would be summoned to form a Ministry seems doubtful. The Queen is said to have taken a dislike to Lord John Russell, and Prince Albert is by no means friendly to Palmerston. It is added that Russell and Palmerston have since met and agreed upon the terms of a new personal and political alliance.

To have either of these men guiding the helm of State would be unfortunate for England. Russell is but a weak Reformer, who would do little for the people's rights when they asked for them; and has shrunk, the good will of 2,000,000 Catholics in Ireland and England, by avowing sentiments about religion at once startling, and what can be said in the slang of the day, "not at all nice." Palmerston is a mere Reformer, who would not move a finger to help the people's rights when they asked for them; and has alienated