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DISEASES OF THE LUNGS.

DR. ROBERT HUNTER desires to announce that for the information and guidance of those who are suffering from the diseases of the lungs, he has established a family medical periodical entitled "Hunter's Lung and Liver Journal," the first of which will be found a full exposition of his views on every subject connected with pulmonary diseases.

Those who are desirous of obtaining in addition to such information which should be read by every one predisposed to consumption, a full description of his views on Consumption, an extended explanation of the method of treatment adopted by Dr. Hunter would receive such explanation when we were supposed to be ten years ago. Difficulties have arisen which I hope are not insurmountable, but which may take time to remove. That time is felt to be very precious in every respect, and not least in a financial point of view. Indeed, the loss incurred is considerable in men as well as money. Typhus is raging in the army, and the expenses incurred by 14 or 15 days' unnecessary delay in the Crimea is calculated for the English at about 20,000,000*f.*, for the French about 15,000,000*f.* Our armistice expires on the 31st, and it is denied, though I can hardly credit the denial, that it will be renewed, but, even if it be renewed, an act of indiscretion on the part of a general officer, of a diplomatic agent, or even of inferior persons, may add new complications, as if there were not enough already. You will agree with me that the cause must be a serious one indeed which would justify so much loss. That cause, great or small, important or trifling, exists, there is no doubt. But what can it be? every body asks. Were we not told from the beginning of the present week that nothing could be more satisfactory than the progress of the negotiations? Indeed, the Russians were so conciliating that they seemed to regret that no more was asked of them; the Austrians appeared resolved not to be offended by any scowl or sarcasm from Count Orloff; and the Prussians were said to be as meek as mice. In fact, everything went on, or was said to go on, "merrily as a marriage bell," when all of a sudden the scene changes. I think I can guess the cause of this change. I believe it to be owing to the demand put forth yesterday by the Prussian Plenipotentiaries to be admitted to sign the treaty of peace on the same footing and in the same character as if Prussia had been a party to the alliance through out, as if she had accepted all the obligations involved in it, had joined in the ultimatum, and had declared that she would abide by all its consequences. Such, it seems, are the pretentions of Prussia at this moment, and I believe that in these pretensions she has the support of Russia, if not of others.

That these pretensions are opposed in the Congress is evident from their preventing the conferences being brought to a conclusion yesterday, but by what Powers in particular I am unable to say. Of the main fact of their being put forward, and of their being the principal, if not the sole, cause of this unforeseen delay, I think I can safely assure you. By some persons such a cause is considered, if not trifling, at least not sufficient to justify the serious consequences that may follow. By others, I suspect, real importance is attached to it. I do not take it upon myself to decide as to who is right, or who is wrong. I contest myself with repeating that the delay in signing the treaty of peace, expected yesterday, is attributable to the opposition offered to the demand of Prussia to be admitted on terms of equality with the great Powers, and that I cannot say when that demand or that opposition will be withdrawn.

From the London Times.

TURKEY.—CONSTANTINOPLE, March 18.—I wrote to you some time ago that the unexpected pliancy which the Turkish Government, as well as the Council of State, displayed on the occasion of the preliminary conferences held here about the first and four points has been followed by a reaction on the part of the Council.

The departure of Ali Pasha for Paris and the communication of the instructions given to him for the conferences were the signal for this change. Up to that moment the council had shown a strange apathy, which allowed the Ministers to have it all their own way. This apathy, so entirely at variance with the energy and resolution exhibited by this body in the beginning of the Eastern war, is easily explained by the turn which the whole question has taken during the war. By a combination of circumstances, and through the want of a superior directing mind, Turkey had by degrees lost the position which she had, to the astonishment of Europe, assumed in the beginning, and had sunk down into comparative insignificance in the struggle in which she had been before a principal.

Eighteen months had passed since Turkey had thus, in the very crisis which was to have established her independence, placed her fate in the hands of her allies, when she was, all of a sudden, called upon to assume again her original position as a principal in the war, on the occasion of the negotiations of peace and the preliminary conferences.

This first moment of surprise was turned to account by the leading members of the Turkish Cabinet to make the Council of State subscribe to the concessions of the Hatti-Humayoun, and to endorse the suggestions of the allies about the final arrangement of the Danubian Principalities. The greatness of the sacrifice aroused them to the danger of their position, and the consequence was, as you know from my former letters, the instructions to Aali Pasha not to consent to the insertion of the Hatti-Humayoun among the articles of peace, and a formal order to oppose any arrangements about the Principalities in any way prejudicial to the rights of sovereignty of the Porte in those provinces.

Ali Pasha embarked for France, and the Council of State assumed an expectant attitude, whilst the reaction from the docility hitherto established increased. This passive attitude has, since I last wrote to you, become an active one. It was caused by the reconsideration of the first point relating to the Principalities at the conference at Paris.

As you know, nothing decisive was settled about this question at the preliminary conference held there. The want of full instructions was pleaded by the Ambassadors of France and Austria, and the matter referred to the conferences at Paris.

The telegraphic wires informed the Turkish Government that the first point touched upon in this question was the union of the two Principalities of Moldavia and Wallachia, an idea which was known to be popular in Paris, but which had not been put forward in the preliminary conference. The news of this unfavorable but scarcely unexpected turn of the discussions on the first point, threw the official world of Stamboul into a state of excitement. Cabinet Councils, sittings of the Council of State, and a long interview between the Kaimakins of the Grand Visier and the Cadi followed, and the result was a formal protest by telegraph against the discussion even of the union of the two Principalities, as an interference with the internal affairs of Turkey, and as a violation of the sovereign rights of the Porte in those provinces.

Thus the affair rests for the present. The French and Austrian Ambassadors had long interviews with the Ministers of the Porte, but the protest has been sent.

It was a natural result of the instructions given to Aali Pasha at his departure, which showed that the Council of State had sufficiently elevated itself to its former position, to resist all attempts of the conference to meddle with questions of such vital importance to Turkey.

GOVERNOR SEWARD has just finished a speech upon the Kansas question, which, if he had never spoken before, and should never speak again, would stamp him as one of the clearest thinkers and ablest statesman of our country. In its presentation of facts, its arraignment of the President, its investive, and its logical conclusions from premises which were established to the satisfaction of every hearer, it was one of the most triumphant arguments ever presented to the American People through the Senate of the United States. Since the palmiest days of the immortal Webster, no such argument has ever been listened to within the walls of the Capitol; and were the Great Defender of the Constitution alive, and had he been a listener to this great speech, he would have been the first to have pronounced it alike able, patriotic and *Conservative*;—aye, as truly *Conservative* as the speech ever made by Daniel Webster himself.

The speech of Governor Seward is considered here, as the formal acceptance by the opponents of the Administration, of the "pure and simple" issue tendered to us by the Democracy of the South. It is, therefore, thoroughly conservative in character, and confined solely to the one great matter in hand,—justice to Kansas—resistance to Slavery extension—repudiation of the repudiators of the Missouri Compromise. It is precisely what was wanted at this juncture; it covers the whole ground, and is put forth at the presse time when the people are getting ready to act. Let it be widely circulated, therefore; let it be scattered broadcast through the land; and its truths cannot fail to sink deep into the hearts of the honest and independent freemen of this country, without regard to what may have been their past political affinities.—*Editorial Correspondence of the N. Y. Cour. & Enq.*

GAZETTE OFFICE PARTLY DESTROYED BY FIRE!—About six and a half o'clock last evening, a fire broke out in the upper part of the *Gazette Building*, between the ceiling and the roof immediately over the newspaper composition room, which spread very rapidly, destroying the roof and most of the contents of the upper story, the first, second and third stories, were very much damaged by water.

The forms of the *Daily Gazette*, fortunately, had been locked up, and as soon as the fire broke out, the outside forms were lowered into the press-room, and were thus secured. The inside forms, which remained on the imposing stone were covered with press-boards, and immediately thereafter the roof fell in, burying the whole in a mass of ruins, and protecting the type in the forms from the effect of the heat. As soon as the fire abated, the forms were taken out and found to be uninjured. We are thus enabled to get out the *Gazette*, this morning, as usual.

Our weekly forms, cases, and most of the type in the newspaper department, were destroyed; also the principal portion of an edition of a Bible, and a number of periodicals, with pressboards, and two standing presses in our drying room.

It is impossible to state the extent of the entire loss, but the stock and building are fully covered by insurance.—*Cin. Gazette, Monday.*

THE U. S. District Court in Northern California has given a decision in favor of Robt. J. Walker, ex-Secretary of the Treasury, Commodore Stockton, and others, awarding to them the possession of the great Almaden quicksilver mine at Santa Clara. The exports of this valuable metal from California are all from this mine. The quantity exported in 1854 was 1,316,554 pounds, value $658,317; and in 1855, 1,951,242 pounds, value $975,621. The exports are principally to Mexico, Chili and Peru, where the metal is wanted to work the silver mines, many of which had stopped for want of quicksilver, previous to our possession of California. The remaining exports were to England and Australia.

ESCAPED.—On yesterday the Warden of the Ohio Penitentiary sent twelve convicts, in the care of two guards, to the farm of Wm. Atcheson, about three miles from the city, for the purpose of cutting wood. The guards placed their revolvers on the top of a wood-pile, and while one of them sat down to watch the pistols, the other walked round to attend to putting up the wood; and while thus engaged, two of the convicts named Maher and Young, stole the revolvers and made off, threatening that if the guards followed them they would blow their hearts out, and thus made their escape. This makes four escapes from the same place within four weeks!—*Columbus Fact*, 11th.

THE CINCINNATI NATIONAL CONVENTION.—The New York News, one of the organs of the Hards, says that it is impossible for the two sections of the Democratic Party of that State to sit together, or to vote together, in the Cincinnati National Convention. The editor asks:

"Is it likely that any name can be proposed upon which they can unite; that any platform can be laid down upon which they can harmonically stand? Certainly not; and the vote of New York must, therefore, remain withheld; it the two delegations would be virtually to cheat New York from the Convention, for she could never agree to vote."

ACCORDING to the new license law, which will soon go into operation, the number of hotels in Philadelphia will be about a thousand, and 47 and fifty. The total of the two at the present time is about four thousand. The reduction, therefore, will be very heavy.

A COMMITTEE appointed by the business men of KANSAS, consisting of G. W. Brown, editor of the Herald of Freedom, and others, were in Alton on the 9th, to take the initiatory steps for establishing a line of steamers between Alton and Kansas, for the purpose of transporting free State emigrants with their goods. They will proceed hence to Chicago, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, and eastern cities, to perfect the arrangement.

THE Richmond Enquirer which has all along been predicting that the "abolition Party," as it styles Republicans, could never get even a foothold in any Southern State, says:

"It is needless to conceal the fact that there is now an organized abolition party at the South."

WE all have our troubles. But I dobut if anything be half so annoying as, when givin your address to a tailor whom you have never before done business with, accidentally letting a ticket from your pawnbroker drop out of your card-case.

THE Legislature of Mississippi has passed a bill authorizing parties to contract for the payment of any rate of interest not exceeding ten per cent. on the renewal of any debt after maturity.

THE steamer Eclipse from Louisville for New Orleans, had 16,000 sacks of corn engaged at points along the Ohio. This will make the largest cargo of corn ever known to have been shipped on a boat.

MICHIGAN.—The Town Elections just held in Michigan, appear to have gone nearly all one way—for the Republicans. The Republican majority in Marshall county will reach 1200.

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Notice to Bridge Builders.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at my office, in Chicago, until the 1st day of May next, for building a BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER Illinois, at Ottawa, in the County of LaSalle, in the State of Illinois, according to plans and specifications now on file in my office. The work is to commence immediately on the execution of the contract, and to be completed on or before the 1st day of November next. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. By order of the Governor of Illinois.

WM. BRADLEY, Canal Commissioner.

WM. WINSLOW, Chief Engineer.

Chicago, March 29th, 1856. ap2-dtd

SUNDRIES—150 casks Soda Ash:

250 bags Nitrate Soda;

400 boxes Burmese Cheese;

50 bbls. Rosin;

50 keg Powdered Alum;

50 bbls. Sperm Candles;

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PITTSBURGH GAZETTE.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 16, 1856.

Advance Payments.—Hereafter no subscription will be taken for the Daily or Weekly Gazette, unless payment is made in advance. Whenever the time is up to which the subscription is paid, the paper will be invariably stopped, unless the subscription is renewed by advance payment. All transient advertising, of every description, will be required to be paid in advance. The only exceptions will be where special monthly or yearly contracts are made. sepdaw

Pittsburgh Weekly Gazette.—The extensive circulation of our Weekly Gazette offers to our business men a most desirable medium of making their business known. Our circulation is between four and five thousand, reaching almost every merchant, manufacturer and shop keeper in Western Pennsylvania, and Eastern Ohio.

Three Days Later from Europe.

NEW YORK, April 13.

The steamer Washington, from Bremen and Southampton, arrived at 7 o'clock this morning, with London dates to the 25th ult., and Liverpool to the 24th.

The steamer America had not arrived out when the Washington sailed.

The Protocol of peace had not been signed at the latest dates, and the Conference was less harmonious, owing to difficulties raised by Prussia. Peace was, however, substantially certain.

The British government has dispatched two steam frigates in search of the Pacific, of which no tidings had reached England.

The London Times' Crimean correspondence says that the war party still cherish hopes that the negotiations will break down. It may suit the French to make concessions, but it ought not to suit us. They doubtless consider they have done enough for the honor and glory of France to revenge the reverses of 1812. Moreover, they cannot afford a war as well as England can. Their army, however numerous on paper, is dwindling sadly from the scurvy and fever, which are playing sad havoc in its ranks. The mortality is stated to be 120 per day; and frequently more.

The Allies had commenced the demolition of the enclosure and lines around Sebastopol.

Ismael Pacha is increasing his army in Anatolia.

General Muraviefl has received reinforcements via the Caspian sea and Tiflis.

The city of Parma, Italy, has been again laid under siege, owing to the frequent disturbances and assassinations taking place there.

Sir Hyde Parker, the commander of the English naval forces in the East Indies, died at Devonport on the 21st of March.

Sir Henry Pottinger died at Malta on the 18th of March.

Advices from Hamburg state that Commodore Watson had declared all the Russian Baltic ports to be still under blockade.

Advices from Persia state that Dost Mohammed had taken possession of Candahar, and that Persian troops were marching against him.

A telegraphic despatch from Jassy states that a courier, who was the bearer of a formal demand for the union of the Principalities, addressed to Count Walewski, had been arrested at Czernowitz.

Advices from Nicolaieff state that a Commission had arrived there from St. Petersburg on the 4th of March, and immediately commenced operations for the abandonment of that place as a military depot. It was stated that it would be a free port.

Commercial.

LIVERPOOL, March 24.—*Cotton Market*—Prices are easier, but not quotably lower, except for lower qualities; better qualities closed steady. The sales for two days were 16,000 bales, including 400 bales to speculators and exporters.

The Manchester markets are steady, without change in prices.

Breadstuffs.—The market has been dull, with a decline of 1s@1s 6d for Flour. Sales of Ohio at 35s@36s, and Southern also at 35s@36s.

Wheat has declined 2d@4d. The market closed quiet and steady.

Provisions were quiet, without change in quotations.

Consols are quoted at 92¾.

From the London Times.

FRANCE.—PARIS, (Sunday,) March 23.—P. M.—It was confidently reported yesterday, and with every appearance of truth, that the laborers of the Congress were last night to be brought to a conclusion. It was even affirmed that the treaty of peace would be signed at the same time, so that the Moniteur might be able to announce it this morning, a few hours only before the celebration of the *Te Deum* in thanksgiving for the Empress' safe delivery of a Prince.—The effect would have been fine—while the solemn strain was pealing beneath the roofs of every cathedral in France, that the thunder of cannon should announce the consummation of the work of peace. On such occasions people hardly content themselves with the bare truth, and we are now assured that so certain was the Emperor of the signing of the treaty that orders had been given for illuminations in the Ministerial offices. It may be so, the fact is not important, but of the confidence with which the conclusion of peace was looked forward to I have no doubt.

When the Plenipotentiaries separated on Thursday last it was understood that the next meeting would take place on Satur