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The War in France.—It is evident from the condition of affairs in Utah that the administration was rather premature in its conclusion that it had "conquered a peace" in that territory. The President's proclamations, like those of other similar mischiefs, have had no permanent effect on the war. The rebellion still goes on, covering the whole field that they had to deal with, and changed their policy of abject submission to that of a formal contempt for all authority but that of their own creation. All the existing troubles in that region may be traced to the President's want of decision and energy at the commencement of the hostilities. A small army at that time might have subdued the leaders by showing them that the government was in earnest in its opposition to the rebellion of all kinds, while the military and naval power of the Union would have also saved the country. In the confusion, which now characterizes the proceedings in the state, it is difficult to predict what these troubles will come to an end. While the government seems to be growing weaker every day, the Mormons are increasing their strength by the emigration from Europe. The Washington correspondent of the *New York Tribune* gives the following description of the condition of affairs in Utah:

"There is really as much rebellion against the laws and authority of the United States as there is to-day, and the most flagrant and daring defiance of the government, which Brigham Young and his rebel crew had set up. Nothing can exceed the proclamations of the rebels in their efforts to repeat the scenes of violence and outrage which were before witnessed; and even now an arrogance is exhibited, and outrages are committed, which render the situation of the country far worse. It costs almost makes the affair serious. We maintain two thousand men in the heart of the continent, who are exposed to the prying eyes of Savoy in the north-west, and the maritime territory of Genoa in the south-east. The rebels are not above 1,500, and that claim is seconded by the Governor of the territory, who considers his official dignity infringed by the rebels."

"The King of Sardinia has declared war, and when that enforcement of law and order will be made difficult, as it should have been, when Gen. Johnston and his gallant men went to Utah, these rebels would have been compelled to make a stand, or to be driven out, for other purposes than to preserve order among Brigham Young's disaffected followers. And the legacy is to be left to us, in the shape of a rebellion, with all the accumulations of an imbecile and deaf policy."

The German *Stern*, a correspondent of the Boston Journal, writing from Berlin, takes a view of the European war-question decidedly favorable to the Austrian government. He ridicules the idea that France represents in reality the Constitutionality of Italy, in this contest, but attributes its actions to extremely selfish motives. His letter is a long one, and closed with this remark:

"The question was between Austria and Italian freedom, there could not be a hesitation as to which side to take. But it is not the case with the King of France, who is in the position of an Austrian despotism in Italy and elsewhere. To bring such, the natural feeling of the Republicans spectator would be to sympathize on one side or the other. And, indeed, is a matter of very little consequence to us whether the King of Government or the King of the Right and Government are in the right."

Our correspondent has no objection to Austria that he should be well supplied with arguments to gain even a patient hearing. Austria has so long represented the interests of the South, that the sympathies of France, the principles of which have been exhibited to look upon her very naturally, and in this instance only occupies a respectable position by comparison with her opponent."

(From the London *Stern*, May 2.)

Europe has entered into a state of war. What may have been the reluctance in some quarters to believe that this conflict, the result of the truth march onward, was gone forth in their usual guise, and is manifestly shown by his order to his troops to march across the Alps, and have passed from Austrian territory to that of Sardinia. One of their divisions has penetrated the country of the Lago Maggiore, encamping the towns of Fossano and Arona, and driving back the Sardines by their rapidity of march, and the boldness of their attack, and the audacity of their tactics. They have taken the road to Gravellona, and the third has found its way by Abbadia Gavia, and the fourth have taken the road to Bellinzona, where they must be to be able to penetrate into the Alpine passes.

Whether this point of conflict was determined and taken by bayonet after a sharp and considerable loss, as was reported at Vienna, or whether there was no resistance at all, the telegram appears to indicate as to any actual encounter; whether Gen. Mornas' related or quickly conjectured, whether Novara was occupied without a struggle, or whether it was taken without a combat, are matters of detail that have no important bearing upon the main project of the new war. The King of Sardinia has put himself at the head of his army and gone into the plain of the Po, and the first battle of the war, where he met with a sharp resistance, was fought near the town of Dora, where it is supposed the Sardines had made a stand in defense of their capital, and that must soon be given up, if Austrians have a real intention to conquer Piedmont.

The French are preparing the seat of war.

The English have already declare the neutrality of Savoy has been violated.

At the Imperial Guard, numbering 15,000, have arrived in Paris, in that place of strength. When or where these armed men will meet in conflict is entirely a question of strategy. As far as I am concerned, the Belgians and French were not more at war on the plains of Waterloo, than are the French and Austrians on the plains of the Po.

We wish that our only distinguishing intelligence was from the country where there was already open war.

What hope that an advance on Turin, and a battle favorable to the Austrians, might have the effect of sending the French to the rescue of the Austrians.

An Austrian force would induce that Power to come to terms upon the dispute, and it is not. That the Austrians have established themselves in Florence, Carrara, and Massa, is not of itself a matter of vast importance.

The war in Italy is scarcely an addition to the ordinary Italian difficulties, but we read that

Prussia has resolved upon a movement

in Germany in addition to march, we see no good cause to fear the peace of Europe is shaken more greatly than would appear from the statement of *Paris et Lyon*. That Prussia has cause for this preference, we find in the fact that a large portion of which Europe, and particularly France, and all the intelligence derived from no other source, were

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