FROM EUROPE.

The Baltic, Capt. Comstock, from Liverpool on the 1st instant, arrived at Halifax on Monday, with Liverpool dates to December first.

A telegraphic despatch from Berlin announces that the Austrian Cabinet has made a formal protest against the convocation of the German Parliament at Erfurt, and that the Austrian Government had alluded to a probable armed interference on its part in the affairs of Germany. The same despatch says that the Prussian Government had answered the Austrian Government by declaring that Prussia would maintain her rights. These accounts are partially confirmed.

A letter to the Morning Chronicle says that Prince Schwartzburg recently pointed out to the Prussian Government the danger likely to arise from the convocation of Parliament, insisting on the revolutionary tendency to which it would give rise, and the reaction that would be felt not only in the Austrian States, but in Prussia. Subsequently Prussia replied that she had duly weighed all these considerations, but that the most elevated and pressing motives urged her to persevere. As regarded real dangers, she would know how to meet them. It is further said that Austria has intimated to Prussia that, should the case require it, Austria will not hesitate to have recourse to an armed intervention. So that we are once more on the eve of a serious conflict.

In France the quencis of members of the Assembly have terminated in half a dozen duels. M. Pierre has figured in three or four of these encounters, none of terminating fatally. Measures for modifying the Constitution are still discussed.—It is now suggested to change the legislative assembly into a committee body, to be invested with the power of electing President, and of extending the term of office, so as to obviate the necessity of frequent appeals to universal suffrage.

From Constantinople we have nothing to change the previous pacific complexion of events. It is confidently stated that the British fleet has orders to withdraw from the Dardanelles. The Russian ambassador has once more been admitted to an interview with the Sultan, and diplomatic relations renewed. Austria appears to be satisfied with what Turkey had done by transporting Hungarian refugees to the interior; but Russia demands that the Polish refugees be expelled from Turkey, and that the chiefs be imprisoned, pending an ex excepting those that have embraced Mahomedanism. The Sultan received the proposition in calm manner, and intimated that it would not be accepted. The Council was about to be convened to consider it. Letters from Constantinople mention fresh subjects of dispute between Russia and Turkey.

The Papers More.—The following is the best thing we have read lately. If all the editors could have an opportunity to treat those whose curiosity leads them to examine matters with which they have not the least business, as President of the Louisville Journal, treated his 'chap,' it would have a salutary effect;

"We prized that Chap.—A few days ago, a gentleman (?) came into our sanctum, took off his hat, picked up a bit of manuscript, and commenced reading, very closely. We reached over and pulled it out of his hat, unfolded, and commenced reading it. He was so busy that he did not discover how we were using his hat in his own coin, until we asked him what it was his correspondent was writing to him about; a woman? No, he says he, Squire," says he, "you surely are not reading my private letters?" "Certainly, sir," said we, "you are reading our private manuscripts." He was plagued, begged us not to mention his name, promised to do so no more, and we quit even.

Shawls for the Upper Ten.—There was a great shawl sale at New York last Monday, when 180 India cassel's hair and silk shawls were sold, and the aggregate amount received being $17,785, which brings the price of each article, on an average, down to one hundred dollars and thirteen cents. The highest sum paid for a single shawl in the collection was eight hundred and seventy dollars, cash down.—Fifteen, Eight hundred and seventy dollars for a shawl!—Ladies of Louisville, are in an almost starving condition, does not argue a very high state of christian charity among the the fashionables of the metropolis.

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CONGRESS---BALLOTINGS FOR SPEAKER.

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This we call a sensible remark, and no mistake. It is not to be supposed that a young man shall take a paper while living in his father's family, but when he is about to forsake it and relieve unsolicited, it is an content himself without a paper in the house—and he will, of course, stop the visitous, and remedy the defect in their local character as soon as possible. So says the Pottsville Ledger.

THE STATE CANALS.—The water was to have been drawn off from the Canals of this State, yesterday, by order of the Board of Canal Commissioners.

DIFFICULTY IN OHIO.—The politicians at Washington are not alone in their difficulties. The Senate of the State of Ohio, the members of which assembled on the first Monday in this month, has not yet been organized. The difficulty has grown out of a contest for a seat from Hamilton county. There is both a Whig and Democratic claimant, and both claim the seat by a large majority. It is but the Speaker *pro tem.* recognizes the Democratic claimant as the member. The Whigs protest against the decision, and have refused to vote until the question as to who is entitled to the seat is decided; and this being refused, they decline going into the organization of the Senate. A question which is incidentally involved in the controversy is the constitutionality of the law, which makes two districts out of Hamilton county. The Whig claims his seat as the representative of the old district under this law, whilst the Democrat claims his election as the representative of the whole county.

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