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From the Western Messenger. PONTIUS PILATE AT VIENNA.

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Vienne in Dauphiny, a province of France, the ancient capital of transalpine Gaul under the Romans, is situated on the river Rhone. There, on the left bank of that beautiful stream, is seen A tomb of an ancient architecture, which, according to tradition, is the tomb of Pontius Pilate-Pilate, under whose government Jesus Christ suffered. Passus est sub Pontio Pilato. It was in Vienne also that the Wandering Jew revealed himself in 1777-a most remarkable occurencethe spot that contained the ashes of the Judge of the Righteous, was to be trodden upon by a decondant of his accusers.

The following chronicle was extracted from an old Latin manuscript, found in a monastery near Vienne:

It was under the reign of Caligula, when C. Marcius was prætor at Vienne, that an old man, bent with age, yet of a tall stature, was seen to door of this house was written, in red letters, the name of F. Albinus. II. was an old acquaintance of Pilate's. After mutual salutations, Albinns observed to him, that many years had elapsed since their separation.—"Yes," replied Pilate, "many years—years of misfortune and affliction. Accursed be the day on which I succeeded Valerius Gratus in the government of Ju-

tico, or read in the works of the philosophers, anything that can be compared to the maxims of Jesus. One of the rebellious Jews, so numerous in Jerusalem, having asked him if it was lawful to give tribute to Cæsar or not, Jesus replied : Render unto Cassar the things which are Caesar's,

Robert Manas

and unto God the things which are God's. It was on account of the wisdom of his sayings that I granted so much liberty to the Nazarine ; for it was in my power to have had him arrested and exiled to Pontius, but this would have been contrary to that justice which has always charac-terized the Romans. This man was neither seditious nor rebellious. I extended to him my pro- departed. tection, unknown, perhaps to himself. He was at liberty to act, to speak, to assemble and address the people, to choose disciples, unrestrained

religion of our forefathers be supplanted by the religion of Jesus, it will be to his noble toleration instrument of what the Christians call Providence, and we-Destiny.

But this unlimited freedom granted to Jesus, powerful. It is true, Jesus was severe on the eity-too weak to suppress disorder, and having latter; and this was a political reason, in my opinion, not to control the liberty of the Nazarene. "Scribes and Pharisees !" would say to them, "you are a race of vipers!-you resemble painted sepulchres!" At other times he would their leaders, that I winked at their sedition consneer at the proud alms of the publican, telling him that the mite of the widow was more precious in the sight of God.

New complaints were daily made at the pretorium against the insolence of Jesus. I was even informed that some misfortune would befal himthat it would not be the first time that Jerusalem had stoned those who called themselves prophets -and that, if the pretorium refused justice, an appeal would be made to Cæsar.

that happened. My conduct was approved of by heinous in their eyes. Another grievance also descend from his litter and enter a house of modest appearance near the temple of Mars. Over the of troops after the termination of the Parthian ploy a part of the treasure of the temple in creet-

> Being too weak to suppress a sedition. I re- scowled at. The Pharisees were the avowed solved upon adopting a measure that promised to enemy of Jesus. They cared not for the goverre-establish tranquility in the city, without sub- nor; but they bore with bitterness the severe repjecting the pretorium to humiliating concessions. rimands which the Nazarene, had during three of soldiers, and heard, at a distance, other trunat the pretorium. He came.

nounced at Siloe. Never have I heard in the por- though proud of his regal dignity, yet he was afraid of committing an act that might diminish his influence with Cæsar.

Herod called on me one day at the pretorium ; and on rising to take leave, after some insignificant conversation, he asked me what was my opinion concerning the Nazarene. Dionysius the Areopagite is reported to have ex-claimed—" Either the Author of Nature is sufferopinion concerning the Nazarene.

I replied, that Jesus appeared to me to be one of those grave philosophers that great nations sometimes produce: that his doctrines were by no means dangerons ; and that the intention of Rome was, to leave him that freedom of speech which was justified by his actions. Herod smiled maliciously, and saluting me with ironical respect, he

popular exaltation, which always manifests itself by any pretorian mandate. Should it ever happen—may the Gods avert the omen!—should it ever happen, I say, that the solemnities of the passover. The city was overflowing with a tumultuous populace, clamor-ing for the death of the Nazarene. My emisaries most similar to those which had so often smitten informed me that the treasure of the temple had the Romans with dismay by the will of the gods. been employed in bribing the people. The danger was pressing. A Roman centurion had been insulted.

I wrote to the prefect of Syria, requesting a hundred foot soldiers, and the same number of cavalry. He declined. I saw myself alone, with revolted the Jews-not the poor, but the rich and a handful of veterans in the midst of a rebellious still stained with the blood of the Nazarene, I no other choice left than to tolerate it.

They had seized upon Jesus; and the seditious rabble, \_ithough they knew they had nothing to fear from the pretorium, believing, on the faith of tinued vocieerating, "Crucify him-crucify him!" Three powerful parties at that time had combined together against Jesus. First, the Herodians and Sadducees, whose seditious conduct appeared to have proceeded from a double motive : they hated the Nazarene, and were impatient of the Roman yoke. They could never forgive me for having entered their holy city with banners that bore the image of the Roman emperor; and although, in this instance, I had committed a fa-This I had prevented, by informing Casar all tal error, yet the sacrilege did not appear less

ing edifices of public utility. My proposal was dawn.

by mortal ear. Dark clouds lowered over the pinnacle of the temple, and their loud ruptures settled over the city, and covered it as with a veil. So dreadful were the signs that were manifested, both in the heavens and on the earth, that

ing, or the universe is falling apart." Towards the first hour of the night, I threw my mantle around me, and went into the city towards the gate of Golgotha. The sacrifice had been consummated. The crowd were returning home; still agitated, it is true, but, gloomy, sad,

taciturn, desperate. What they had witnessed had struck them with terror and remorse. I also ken of grief; and I overheard some of the soldiers Sometimes groups of men and women would halt: then looking back towards Mount Calvary, would remain motionless in the expectation of witness-

Arabia left. She was to have left Liverpool ing some new prodigy. I returned to the pretorium sad and pensive on her return voyage, March 5th. On ascending the stairs, the steps of which were perceived an old man in a suppliant posture, and, behind him, several women in tears. He threw Shipley & Co., the agents of the Collins line

himself at my feet, and wept bitterly. It is pain-ful to see an old man weep. "Father," said I to him mildly, "who are you, and what is your re-quest?" "I am Joseph of Arimathea," replied he, "and I am come to beg of you, on my knees, at Liverpool, dated Glasgow, Fed. 27, says the ture, fine ornamental doors with white or the permission to bury Jesus of Nazareth." "Your prayer is granted," said I to him, and at the same time ordered Manlius to take some solglass handles, a lady's work box, and other articles such as are common in the cabin of a diers with him to superintend the interment, lest first class steamer. The Edingburgh was it might be prefaned. A few days afterwards, the sepulchre was found empty. The deciples of then five days out, lat. 40 36, lon 45 40. Notwithstanding this, an insurance has been Jesus published all over the country that he had risen from the dead, as he had foretold. free of average, showing a belief in the ulti-

A last duty remained for me to perform : it was to communicate to Cæsar the details of this deplorable event. I did it the same night that followed the fatal catastrophe, and had just finished the communication when the day began to

At that momont, the sound of clarions playing the air of Diana, struck my ear: Casting my eyes towards the Cesarean gate, I beheld a troop I wrote to Jesus, requesting an interview with him years, been throwing out against them wherever pets sounding Cæsar's March. It was the reinhe went. Too weak and too pusillanimous to act forcement that had been promised me-two thou-Oh, Albinus! now that my blood runs cold in by themselves, they had eagerly embraced the sand chosen men, who, to hasten their arrival, VOL. 3. NO. 21.

territories of the United States contrary to international law.

The Protocol of 1852, relative to the Denmark succession, has been laid before the the House of Commons

The Board of Trade Summary for February exhibits a considerable improvement.

The amount of the late Mr. Sadlier's frauds are yet unknown, but new developments are being made continually. RUSSIA.

Three thousand Russians are employed day and night in the construction of a tripple row of piles across the Gulf of Finland, six miles from Cronstadt, behind which is the Russian steam fleet, consisting of 18 ships, 14 corvettes, and 70 gun bonts.

An order has been issued by Russia for the mmediate issue of treasury notes amounting to 21,000,000 roubles.

Large amounts of specie have recently been forwarded across the Prussian frontiers to St. Petersburg.

Great energy has been manifested in the contemplation of the Russian Railways.

The relations between Russia and Poraia has increased in cordiality.

THE LATEST. The latest advices from Paris, which are to February 29th, states that the rumored break-up of the Peace Conference had caused considerable agitation in the Money market. A despatch to the London Morning Advertiser says :-- " It is deemed not improbable that the result of the moves of the artful diplomatists of Russia may cause the immediate breaking up of the Conference. A very grave hitch has already occurred. Though the fifth point was the last of all, it was a-greed to take it up first, and accordingly at the second meeting of the Conference it was submitted for consideration.

Count Orloff and Baron Brunew objected. and proposed to refer it to a Congress of all the crowned heads of Europe, pledging them selves, in the name of the Czar, to abide by whatever decision that Congress might reach. This unexpected course produced much consternation in Paris, causing a fall in the The excitement in relation to an apprehen- French funds. It also surprised and alarmed ded difficulty with the United States had be- our own government.

### ARRIVAL OF THE ARABIA, AT HALIFAX. HALIFAX, March 12 .- The Cunard steamship Arabia, from Liverpool, whence she sailed at 10 o'clock on the afternoon of Satur-

Foreign Drus.

One Week Later from Europe,

The Arabia encountered no ice on the pas-

A despatch received by Messrs. Brown,

steamer Edinburgh, from New York, passed,

February 7th, large quantities of broken ice ;

saw on it a quantity of broken cabinet furni-

made on the cargo of the Pacific at £26 5s.

[We are informed by the agent of the Col-

lin's line in this city, (New York) that the

doors refered to in the above despatch, corre-

pond with those in use in the deck cabins of

the Pacific, but as they are also common to

most of the trans-Atlantic packet ships, it is

quite possible that they may have belonged to

mate safety of the steamer.

some sailing vessel.]

day, the 1st inst., arrived here last evening at 11 o'clock. The Arabia brings 133 passengers. Her advices are one week later than those by the Africa. The Steamship Hermann sailed from Southampton on the 27th ult., for New York. The steamship Quaker City from New York, had not arrived at Liverpool when the

whomsoever has born it. One of my ancestors imprinted an indelible mark of infamy on the fair should sometimes tremble : but then I was young the reekless and proffigate populace, always ready front of Imperial Rome, when the Romans passed under the Caudinae Furculae in the Samnite war. Another perished by the hands of the Parthians in the war against Arminius. And Imiserable me !"

"You miserable?" asked Albinus; "what "have you done to entail misery on you? True, the injustice of Caligula has exiled you to Vienne, but for what crime? I have examined your af fair at the Tabularium, You are denonneed by Vitellus, prefect of Syria, your enemy, for having chastised the rebellious Hebrews, who had slain the most noble of the Samaritans, and who afterwards withdrew themselves on Mount Garizim. You are also accused of acting thus out of hatred against the Jews."

"No!" replied Pilate, " No! by all the Gods, Albinus, it is not the injustice of Cæsar that afflicts me.'

"What, then, is the cause of your affliction ?" continued Albinus. " Long have I known yousensible, just, humane. I see it ;- you are the victim of Vitellus."

"Say not so, Albinus-say not that I am the victim of Vitelius. No: I am the victim of a of their God !"

" Of their God, did you say, Pilate? Impious put to death on the cross !"

"Beware, Albinus, boware !" contidued Pilate. " If the Christ had been born under the purple, he would not have been adored. Listen. To your friendship I will submit the events of my life; you will afterwards judge whether I am worthy of your hospitality.

On my arrival at Jerusalem, I took possession of the pretorium, and ordered a splendid feast to the pride of your enemies, lest they raise up brought back to me. I proceeded to the hall of be prepared, to which I invited the tetrarch of against you the stupid populance, and compel me justice, followed by my guards, and asked the Judea, with the high priest and his officers. At to employ the instruments of justice." the appointed hour, no guest appeared. This was an insult offered to my dignity. A few days after-wards, the tetrarch deigned to pay me a visit. attendants to sit down at the table of the Gen quered had declared themselves the enemies of spilt." the conquerors.

At that time, Jerusalem was, of all conquered cities the most difficult to govern. So turbulent were the people, that I lived in momentary dread single centurion, and a handful of soldiers. I reyond the means of defending them !

Among the various rumors which came to my ears, there was one that attracted my attention. A young man, it was said, had appeared in Galileo, preaching with a noble unction, a new law in the people against the Romans : but soon were "my fears dispelled. Jesus of Nazareth spoke plished." rather as a friend to the Romans than of the "You .Jews.

One day, in passing by the place of Siloe, as a vortex, rolling along the living waves, from civilization, by protecting the most barbarious fortunately the same day Mr. Buchanan was The safety of the province which has been confiwhere there was a great concourse of people, I Paris to baptize it. ded to my care, requires it. You must observe the portal of the pretoriem even unto Mount Zion power in Europe, and for liberty, by allying yourself with a French despot and a Mahome-invited to dine with the Queen, and etiquette required that he should give Her Majesty the observed in the midst of the group, a young man deaning against a tree, who was calmly address-Washington's birth-day was duly celebramore moderation in your discourses. Do not in- with howlings, screams, shrieks and vociferations, fringe my orders; you know them. May happisuch as were never heard, either in the seditions ted by Americans in Paris. dan tyrant; but chew me, if liberty ain't a preference. The Lord Mayor made a speech, ing the multitude. I was told that it was Jesus. ness attend you. Farewell." of Pannonia, or in the tumults of the forum. SWEDEN This I could easily have suspected, so great was long sight better off in the hands of that old regretting Mr. Buchanan's absence, as the re-" Prince of the earth." replied Jesus, "I come By degrees the day darkened like a winter the difference between him and those who were Stockholm is to be fortified by land and possum Nicholas than such mealy mouth hyp- ception he would have met with ; from the not to bring war into the world, but peace, love, twilight such as had been seen at the death of the Tistening to him. He appeared to be about thirty sea, including the valley of Maalar. ocrites. You understand stabbing in the representatives of the leading interests of Enand charity. I was born the same day on which great Julias Cæsar. It was likewise towards the years of age. His golden colored hair and beard Casar Augustus gave peace to the Roman world. DENMARK. ides of March. I, the condemned governor of a dark; you do! Liberty is all bunkum with gland, would have proved to him the absence gave to his appearance a celestial aspect. Never Persecution proceeds not from me. I expect it rebellious province, was leaning against a column you. If it ain't, what do you go crying and of all unfriendly feelings with regard to Amer-The trial of the ex-Ministers has resulted. have I seen a sweeter or a more serene countefrom others, and will meet it in obedience to the of my basilic, contemplating, athwart the dreary nance. What a contrast between him and his will of my Father, who has shown me the way. gloom, this theory of Tartarus dragging to exescraping to all the despots in Europe for, ica, and that the interests of commerce, peace, in their acquittal. hearers, with their black beards and tawny com- Restrain, therefore, your worldly prudence. It is cution the innocent Nazarene. All around me when you could raise the hull continent in the civilization and humanity were too powerful INDIA AND CHINA plexions! Unwilling to interrupt him by my not in your power to arrest the victim at the foot was a desert. Jerusalem had vomited forth her cause of freedom if you had a mind to. Why to permit a collision between the countries. The telegraphic advices from Trieste bring presence, I continued my walk, but signified to Similar feelings were expressed by other us news from Bombay to February 2d and indwellers through the funeral gate that leads to don't you choke off her privileged classes, and of the tabernacle of expiation." my secretary to join the group and listen. So saying he disappeared like a bright shadow behind the curtains of the basilic. Under the gemonia. An air of desolation and sadness enveloped me. My guard had joined the cavalry; back the black niggers in the Indies the coun-gin. My secretary's name was Manilius. He was 'the grandson of the chief of the conspirators, The kingdom of Oude has been formally Herod the tetrarch, who then reigned in Judea, The proceedings in Parliament were of an iexed. The grandson of the chief of the conspirators, who encamped in Etruria, waiting for Catalina. Manlius was an ancient inhabitant of Judea, and who died devoured by vermin, was a weak and who died devoured by vermin, was a weak and who died devoured by vermin, was a weak and who died devoured by vermin, was a weak and who died devoured by vermin, was a weak and who died devoured by vermin, was a weak and who died devoured by vermin, was a weak and who died devoured by vermin, was a weak and who died devoured by vermin, was a weak and who died devoured by vermin, was a weak and who died devoured by vermin, was a weak and who died devoured by vermin, was a weak and who died devoured by vermin, was a weak and who died devoured by vermin, was a weak and who died devoured by vermin, was a weak and who died devoured by vermin, was a weak and who died devoured by vermin, was a weak and who died devoured by vermin, was a weak and who died devoured by vermin, was a weak and who died devoured by vermin, the same time making abortive atter to the history of the gods that to the winds, appeared to me the words that Jesus had proand the centurion, to display a shadow of power, | try you've robbed them of, instead of screechwho related to me the words that Jesus had pro- dered Jesus immediately to be put to death; but announce an agony such as never had been heard , can make a darned cent by it.

the Roman blood, as incapable of fear as it was and confusion that result therefrom. of puerile emotions.

When the Nazarene made his appearance, I fastened, with an iron hand, to the marble pave- | sory act of submission. He sent his prisoner to ment. He was calm, the Nazarene-calm as in- me, to pronounce his condemnation and secure nocence. When he came up to me, he stopped, his execution. I answered him that, as Jesus and by a simple gesture, seemed to say to me- was a Galdean, the affair came within Herod's here I am.

tion and with awe, this extraordinary type of a testing his deference to the lieutenant of Cæsar, man-a type unknown to our nurvercus sculptors, he committed the fate of the man to my hands, who have given form and figure to all the gods. and all the heroes,

faltered-" Jesus of Nazareth, I have granted crowds from the mountains of Nazareth, the you, for these last three years, ample freedom of towns of Galilee, and the plans of Esdrelon. of a sage. I know not whether you have read | voted city. Socrates and Plato ; but this I know, that there | I had taken to wife a maiden from among the is in your discourses, a majestic simplicity that | Gauls, who pretended to see into futurity, Weepelevates you far above those great philosophers. ing, and throwing herself at my feet-" Beware," The emperor is informed of it; and I, his humble said she to me-" beware, and touch not that representative in this country, am glad of having man, for he is holy. Last night, I saw him in a Higher Power! The Romans regard me as an allowed you that liberty of which you are so vision. He was walking on the waters-he was vere proconsul; the Christians, as the executioner that your discourses have raised up against you the tempests, to the palm trees, to the fishes of surprising. Socrates had his enemies, and he fell | torrent of Mount Cedron flows with blood-the wretches! Adore a God born in a manger, and a victim to their hatred. Yours are doubly in- statues of Casar are soiled with the filth of the censed against you, on account of your sayings;

against me, on account of the liberty extended which Rome has left to them. My request-I do the frowns of Casar!" not say my orders-is, that you be more circumspect for the future, and more tender in rousing the weight of the multitude. The Nazarene was

The Nazarene calmly replied :

from true wisdom. Say to the torrent to stop in prophesied the ruin of the temple; he calls him-His deportment was grave and deceitful. He in the midst of the mountain because it will up-pretended that his religion forbade him and his is religion forbade him and his root the trees of the valley; the torrent will and the Jews.' Roman justice, said I, punisheth not the cantain was gratified to perceive that King swer you, that it obeys the law of the Creator. such offences with death. "Crucify him- -cruci tiles, and to offer up libations with them. I God alone knows whither flows the waters of the fy him !" should forth the relentless rabble. thought it expedient to accept of his excuse ; but | torrent. Verily, I say unto you, before the rose from that moment I was convinced that the con- of Sharon blossoms, the blood of the just will be shook the palace to its foundation. One man

emotion. "You are more precious in my estima-tion, on account of your wisdom, than all these in the temples of Eumenides. It was the Naza-tion, on account of your wisdom, than all these turbulent and proud Pharisees, who abuse the of an insurrection. To repress it, I had but a freedom granted them by the Romans, conspire against Caesar, and construe our bounty into fear. quested a reinforcement from the prefect of Syria, Insolent wretches !- They are not aware that the moment, appeared to me to be the only one that who informed me that he had scarcely troops wolf of the Tiber sometimes clothes himself with could save his life. I ordered him to be scourged; sufficient to defend his own province. Insatiate the skin of the sheep. I will protect you against then, calling for a ewer, I washed my hands in thirst of empire!-to extend our conquests be- them. My pretorium is open to you as a place presence of the clamorous multitude, thereby of refuge-it is a sacred asylum."

Jesus carelessly shook his head, and said, with a graceful and divine smile :

" When the day shall have come, there will be no asylum for the Son of Man, neither on earth the name of the God who had sent him. At first, nor under the earth. The asylum of the Just is I was apprehensive that his design was to stir up | there (pointing to the heavens.) That which is written in books of the prophets must be accom- have been truly said that, on this occasion, all-

the load of years, it is not surprising that Pilate | sides these three parties, I had to contend against | creed by the Fater," cried I wringing my hands, in my veins flowed the Spanish, mixed with to join in a sedition and to profit by the disorder

Jesus was dragged before the council of the jurisdiction, and ordered Jesus to be sent thither. For some time, I contemplated, with admira- The wily tetrarch professed humility, and pro-Soon my palace assumed the aspect of a beseiged citadel ; every moment increased the number "Jesus," said I to him, at last-and my tongue of the seditious." Jerusalem was innundated with seech: nor do I regret it. Your words are those All Judea appeared to be pouring into that de-

object of Cæsar's disgrace; the Jews, as the se- worthy. However, I must not conceal from you, flying on the wings of the wind. He spoke to ed owner. powerful and inveterate enemies. Neither is this the lake-all were obedient to him. Behold ! the riosity. He was excessively fond of rum and gemoniz-the columns of the pretorium have given way, and the sun is veiled in mourning towards you. They even accuse me, indirectly, of being leagued with you, for the purpose of de-thee. If thou wilt not listen to the words of thy America, King George the third sent his sable priving the Hebrews of the little civil power wife, dread the curses of a Roman senate-dread

By this time, my marble stairs groaned under

people, in a severe tone, what they demanded. "The death of the Nazarene," was their reply. "Prince of the earth, your words proceed not For what crime? "He has blasphemed ; he has The vociferations of the infuriated multitude alone appeared calm in the midst of the tumult. "Your blood shall not be spilt," replied I, with He was like unto the statue of Ionocence placed else on. The ludicrous appearance which the

> After many fruitless attempts to protect him from the fury of his merciless persecutors. I had the baseness to adopt, a measure which, at that signifying to them my disapprobation of the

But in vain. It was his life that these wretches thirsted after. Often, in our civil commotions, have I witnessed the furious animosity of the multitude; but nothing could be compared to what I beheld in the present instance. It might the phantoms of the infernal regions had assem-"Young man," answered I, mildly, "you bled together at Jerusalem. The crowd appearoblige me to convert my request into an order. ed not to walk; they were born off and whirled

dea! My name is ominous ; it has been fatal to my veins, and that my body is bent down under quarrel of the Herodians and Sadducees. Be- had marched all night. "It has, then, been de-"that the great iniquity should be accomplished -that, for the purpose of averting the deeds of vesterday, troops should arrive to-day! Cruel

destiny, how thou sportest with the affairs of priests, and condemned to death. It was then mortals! Alas! it was but too true, what the was walking in my basilic, and my feet seemed that the high priest Caiaphas performed a deri- Nazarene exclaimed, when writhing on the cross: All is consumated !"

#### The Mosquito King.

In a lecture in New Orleans, on the 25th ult., Dr. McBean gave an amusing account of an interview he once had with the young Mosquito King, who was dressed in the full costume of his country, to wit: a straw hat and a cigar. The young sovereign said that his father, the old King Bob, was very drunk when he sold his lands to Capt. Sheppard, of Greytown, and that therefore the grant or sale was not valid. This is the grant which Col. Kinney has purchased, and under which he claims a vast region of Territory. It is about as valid as the English claim to Greytown and the Mosquito coast, and neither

party appears to have consulted the Government of Nicaragua, the only real and undoubt-This old King Bob, by the way, was a cutobacco, in which he was supplied by the English from Jamaica. About the time the latter first began to turn their serious attention brother a richly ornamented general's coat and cocked hat. King Bob was excessively

delighted with the present, and took every occasion to exhibit himself in his new dress. The captain of the English war vessel which conveyed the present wishing to do honor to the recipient of his sovereign's bounty, gave a grand entertainment on board, and invited King Bob and his court to be present. The the captain was gratified to perceive that King Bob was dressed in the coat and hat he had just received. But what was the astonishment and consternation of all to perceive when he boarded the vessel, that he had nothing richly laced red coat, with the tails hanging down behind, and a full plumed cocked hat,

Oliphant's " Minnesota," in the London Times of an American's opinion of England: Wal,

moral ticket You call annexation robbery and territorial aggression; but there ain't a power in creation that's swallowed more of other people's country without chokeng than lar. And now you're a going to fight for

come totally extinct. The Lord Mayor of Loudon gave a banquet to Mr. Buchanan, but that gentlemen was unable to attend, having ject. been summoned to dine with Queen Victoria.

THE PEACE CONGRESS. The plenipotentiaries to the Peace Congress have held three sessions at Paris, but their proceedings have not been suffered to trans-

The first meeting was held on the 25th ult., at which Count Walewski presided, opening the session with a speech. After ex- her safety changing credentials, a written guarantee was

signed by the members not to divulge the had been read in the presence of Turkish digproceedings until the Conference closed its nitaries, at Constantinople. session.

An armistice has been decided on to continue until the end of March, which is, however, not to effect the blockade of the Baltic ports.

The Austrian propositions were formally paraphrased as the basis of the negotiations, and the meeting then adjourned.

On Tuesday no meeting was held, but on Wednesday the Conference was again in session, but nothing transpired.

Among the rumors abounding, it is asserted that Russia while assenting to the destruction an open Court. of Sevastopel, Bomarsund, and Nicolaieff refuses to relinquish the protectorate of the Greek church.

A Vienna letter asserts that Prince Gortschakoff stated that the Russian Government considers that the convocation of a General European Congress, immediately after the conclusion of a peace, as the best means of nation, which Lord Palmerston refused to acsettling all questions. France and Austria favor the idea, but England objects.

The evident cordiality existing between for a select committee to inquire into the pre-France and Austria. begins to excite uneasi-ness in England, and a triple league between fused by fifty majority against it. France, Austria and Russia is surmised as not an improbable incident in the future.

Orders have been forwar led to the Allied generals respecting the armistice. It is stated cers to report upon the report of Sir J. Mc-that Napoleon has intimated to the generals Neal and Col. Tulloch is to substitute an inand admirals in Paris that they probably will efficient mode of inquiry, and that the effect not be required to return to the Crimea.

officers on duty in the Crimea.

ships in the harbor of Savastopol, by drop- culpated by the Commissioners appointed to ping heavy shells designed to explode beneath inquire into their conduct. the water.

Vienna advices state that Ismael Pacha succeeds Omar in the Asiatic command. Omar recently demanded from the Porte the appointment of Minister of War, and on his refusal resigned.

#### ENGLAND.

There is talk of an early dissolution of Parliament or change in the Government, and this rumor has had an effect upon the funds. On the 27th ult., the Lord Mayor of London assembled a distinguished party at the you have, when nobody was looking particu- | Mansion House, to meet Mr. Buchanan previous to his return to the United States. Un-

Lord Cowly is expected in London to take instructions from the Government on the sub-

The London Times notices rumors to the same effect, and which had caused a fall in the English funds of one per ceut, a rally occurring, however, at the close, in consequence of the rumors remaining unconfir ned

The ship James Baines was overdue at Liverpool, from Melbourne, having been 94 days out, and some anxiety began to be felt for

The Sultan's decree in favor of Christians

Count Nesselrode has had a voluminous report prepared as to the present state of affairs in the northwest of Finland, and particularly as to the rights of fishing which Russian Laplanders have acquired in Swellish coasts. The inquiry is supposed to be relative to General Canrobert's Swedish treaty.

Mr. Buchanan, and the Prazillian, Peruvian, Mexican and Haytien Ministers, were present at the Queen's levee on the 27th.

The Military Court of Inquiry into the report of the Crimean Commissioners is to be

The liberal electors of London have under consideration whether again to contest the question of Jewish enfranchisement in the person of Baron Rothchild, or to elect a more serviceable representative.

Mr. Lowe's local dues or shipping bill is withdrawn, and its author offered his resig-

Mr. Muntz. of B'rmingham, had moved

On Friday right Mr. Roebuck moved the following resolutions : Resolved-that the appointment of a Committee of General offiof such appointment will be to hide the mis-Leave of absence is now freely given to the conduct of those by whom various departments of our army have been subjected, to The Allies are a bout to destroy the sunken the command of officers, who have been in-

The resolution was intended to defeat the ministry on a division, but after discussion it was withdrawn.

Messrs. Allen and Gillespie have applied for permanent berths in the Wellington dock for the vessels of the Liverpool and Montreal Ocean Steam Ship Company.

Fog guns are to be placed at Holyhead. FRANCE.

Paris is extremely gay. A continued round of festivities are given in honor of the assembled diplomatists.

It is announced that if Napoleons child is a son, the Emperor of Austria will be godfather by proxy, and the Pope will come to

A True Picture. We find the following amusing sketch in you Britishers are cute, you go on the high

and no other article whatever on, can be bet-ter imagined than described. His court, of course, wore only the straw hat.