gy is strained, to hasten on to the scene of conflict, the means of destruction.

We give a condensed selection of news:

Great Britain.

The English elections for members of Parliament have resulted in favor of the Tories or Derby Government.

The members returned to the new House of Commons, up to the evening of the 5th, were five hundred and fifty two. The *Times* estimates the ministerial gain at seventeen, and the *Herald* at twenty four.

The following is the official letter of Prince Gortschakoff to the British Government: "I do not deny that there may exist a written engagement between France and Russia, but I can assure you in the most positive manner that such arrangement contains nothing that in the most distant manner could be interpreted as constituting a hostile alliance against Europe. If Lord Malmesbury should be questioned on the subject, he may answer with confidence in the above sense, and I give you my personal guarantee that the declaration will not be falsified by the facts."

The French minister at Vienna, and the Austrian minister at Paris, have both taken their departure for their respective Governments.

The Duke of Malakoff has had an audience to the Queen, and presented his letters recalling him to France.

A royal proclamation has been issued, offering a bounty of £10 to seamen, with the intention of recruiting ten thousand additional men. The greatest activity prevailed in the English dockyards preparing for war.

Instructions from the British Admiralty were received at Woolwich, April 30th, directing all possible haste in the completion of the new class steam frigates now on the stocks.

A telegram was received at Sheerness, on the 29th ult, to send the *Royal George* to Davenport, the *Colossus* to Portsmouth, and the *Edgar*, *Queen*, and *Trafalgar*, are to to be got ready for sea immediately. The *Osborne* steam yacht has been ordered to be got ready for immediate service. Its destination is reported to be the Mediterranean; to be placed at the disposal of the Prince of Wales.

LONDON, May 4.—The *Times'* city article says the improvement in the funds consequent upon the assurances of Mr. D'Israeli of his entire confidence that no secret treaty existed between France and Russia, was less than one half per cent., and the market at the close was still heavy. The demand for discount at the Bank was unusually heavy, and a further advance in the rate on Thursday, was considered probable.

France.

PARIS, April 30.—The *Moniteur* publishes a circular note dated the 29th of April, addressed by Count Walewski to the diplomatic agents of the foreign powers. It describes the present position of political affairs, and expresses much satisfaction at the conciliatory spirit of England, Prussia and Russia. It states the wish that the other powers which compose the Germanic Confederation may not allow themselves to be misled by reminiscences of epochs quite different from the present, and hopes that the statesmen of Germany will perceive that it depends on them to put limits upon the extension and duration of a war which France conscientiously feels she has not provoked.

PARIS, May 4.—Military volunteers for two years have been accepted. A war credit for ninety million francs is to be opened. A loan of five hundred million francs is to be contracted by national subscription.

The latest accounts from Italy are, that though no actual collision had yet occurred between the Austrian and Sardinian armies, intelligence of a conflict was expected at any moment.

The Emperor Napoleon had sent a formal declaration of war against Austria to the corps Legislatif, and also announced his intention to head the army. His departure was expected on the 6th. His manifesto states that Austria has virtually declared war against France, and nothing remains for France, but to take up the sword in defense of Italy He disclaims all idea of conquest, and being about to place himself at the head of the army, leaves the Empress and his son under the patriotic care of the French people.

The French troops are pouring into Piedmont. The Austrian troops are concentrating along the Sezia, and occupied Vercelli, Trieste, and the surrounding country, which had been placed in a state of siege.

Austria.

The Vienna correspondent of the London *Times* says the Porte is preparing for war, and that Omer Pacha is on his way from Bagdad to Constantinople.

The following is the manifesto of the Emperor of Austria, issued on the 20th ult.

"I have ordered my army to enter Sardinia. Our struggle is a just one, and we begin it with courage and confidence. We hope we shall not stand alone in it. I speak as a sovereign member of the Germanic Confederation, when I call attention to the common danger, and recall to memory the glorious times in which Europe had to thank the general and fervent enthusiasm of Germany for its liberation. For God and Fatherland."

Prussia.

The Prussian Government has resolved to put its army in readiness to march.

Sardinia.

Sardinia has made proposals at Madrid, to induce the Spanish Government to join her in the cause of Italy, but Spain intends to be strictly neutral.

Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 3.—The official journal of the Government has been authorized to declare most positively that there exists no treaty of alliance, offensive and defensive, between Russia and any other power whatever.

MONEY MATTERS.—We copy the following from an exchange:

Louis Napoleon asks for a loan of 500,000,000 francs ($100,000,000) to carry on the campaign in Italy, in which he is to take the command in person. The loan lately put in the market by Russia, now the ally of Napoleon, is $60,000,000. Besides these there are in the market a loan for Austria of $30,000,000, which hitherto she has been unable to sell, but has seized instead the metallic currency of the Austrian banks; a loan for Sardinia of $25,000,000, which she has succeeded in obtaining a loan for Prussia of $45,000,000, and a loan for England in behalf of India, for $80,000,000.

The total amounts of new loans in the market is $290,000,000, besides over $10,000,000,000 already due by these Governments. The effect of the coming war will be to make them all bankrupt. The annual interest on the debt of England alone is $120,000,000. The annual expense of her army and navy is $157,000,000. Her whole annual expense is $340,000,000. Russia owes $980,000,000, and the annual expense of her army and navy is $73,500,000. France is in a similar predicament. They will not be able to pay the interest, and a crash will take place that will shake all Europe.

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At Newton, Iowa, April 23th, by Rev. John Steele, Mr. S. G. SMITH, Esq., to Miss LOUISA J. DIXON. On May 5th, Mr. JOHN G. WILSON to Miss PARTHENIA CONNELLY.

On the 4th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. Samuel Wilson, GEORGE C. SWING, M.D., of West Liberty, Va., to Miss JENNY, daughter of M. B. Porter, Esq., of Luzerne, Fayette County, Pa. On the 12th inst., Mr. EZRA DONALDSON, of Redstone, to Miss LUCINDA WEBB, of Perryville, near Pittsburgh.

Obituary.

DIED—On the 18th of May, Mr. SAMUEL W., son of James F. McNeal, of Blain, Perry County, Pa., in the 19th year of his age.

[Shippensburg papers please copy.]

DIED—April 15th, of lung disease, in Mercer County, Pa., Mr. JAMES GAULT, in the 77th year of his age.

The deceased was born in Fayette County, Pa. He came to Mercer County in 1808, and lived a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church nearly forty-eight years. He served with great acceptance as Ruling Elder, for twenty-two years, in the church of Neshannock. In that vocation he was regarded by the flock as faithful, and was much respected and beloved. And while his memory is cherished, yet his death was precious in the sight of the Lord.

DIED—Near Springdale, in the 13th inst., MISS HATTIE, daughter of Matthew Maclean, Esq., in the 16th year of her age.

Though the afflicted parents, in the bitterness of their grief, might say, on yielding up to the summons of death this, the third interesting child, all of whom have been called away within a few years, at nearly the same tender age—

"Thrice has thine arrow sped,
And thrice my peace been slain."

Yet they sorrow not as those that have no hope. The well founded consolations of the religion of Christ, cheer and sustain them in the assurance that their children have only gone before to a happier and brighter world. J.R.S.

DIED—On the 17th of January, 1859, near Taneytown, Md., Mrs. MARY SMITH, relict of the late Obadiah Smith, in the 66th year of her age.

For many years she had been a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. Faithful in the discharge of her social and domestic duties, kind and obliging in all her intercourse, she gained the esteem and confidence of all who knew her. From the commencement of her illness, she seemed sensible of the near approach to death. But during the whole time she manifested a strong confidence in her Saviour. She often expressed her joy at the precious manifestations of his presence with her, and was often heard to whisper the name of Jesus with an expression which showed how much her mind dwelt upon the subject. In her death we have one more strong testimony to the power of the religion of Jesus, in the hour of death.

DIED—Near Albion, on Thursday, March 31st, 1859, JOHN CALVIN COOK, in the 31st year of his age.

The deceased died of consumption. He left a circle of sorrowing friends to feel the bereavement of a son and a brother. He was raised in the bosom of the Presbyterian Church, and made a public profession of religion in the 15th year of his age, from which time his growth in grace was evident. The light never was too cold, wet, or dark, nor the company too pleasant, for him to retire for secret prayer. His sufferings were great and constant; notwithstanding which, he never was heard to utter a murmuring word. He labored under a deep sense of his own sinfulness, and he could not say he believed Jesus Christ would save him, until about thirty-six hours before his death; he then said he believed Jesus would save him, and he could trust his all to him. E.C.

DIED—At Tallahassee Mission, Creek Nation, February 9th, 1859, FRANKLIN MISSIER, an African, in the 52th year of his age.

After spending forty years of his life in the service of his heavenly Master, he died in peace, and went home to his eternal reward. When a young man, he taught an African Sabbath School; but, when somewhat more advanced in life, had the misfortune to lose his eyesight. But his Heavenly Father still took care of him, and provided him a home at the Mission, where for the last sixteen years he lived, enjoyed many rich privileges, and did good service by his help, his work, and his prayers. He loved the missionaries and the cause of Christ, and always sought its advancement. He loved the Bible, and was truly a man of prayer. When disease had taken fast hold, and he found that he was sinking, he had no fear, but was perfectly willing to obey the Master's call, and peacefully, and without a struggle, yielded up his spirit. J.R.R.

DIED—At the residence of his parents, Peebles Township, Allegheny County, Pa., HENRY HAYS, youngest son of Wm. and Mary Jane Wormcastle, aged 5 years, 11 months, and 12 days.

As the mist that appeareth for a short time, and vanisheth, thus did this little one pass away—a child truly an ornament truly an ornament to the family circle, for whose welfare and happiness the anxious solicitude of parents manifested; a little brother to whom the most tender love was attached by elder brother and sisters; a child of the most amiable disposition, angel-like in life, angel-like in death, beloved by all who knew it. Precious to its friends, alas, disease stole upon its vitals. Medical skill was employed and exhausted. For fifteen successive days and nights, disease lingered upon its frame. But hope fled, and in the silent vigils of the night it was peacefully resigned unto Him who has said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forgive them not; for of such is the kingdom of heaven. Such is the destiny of all living, such is the work of death.

DIED—April 30th, in the 71st year of his age, Mr. WILLIAM GILSON, a Ruling Elder of the Presbyterian church in Centreville, Indiana County, Pa.

The deceased was born in Tuscarora Valley, and in early life gave himself away to the Lord, in connexion with the church of that place, then under the pastoral care of Rev. Mr. Coulter. His earnest and consistent piety soon secured the esteem and confidence of all who knew him, and whilst yet a young man, he was chosen Ruling Elder of the church in which he drew the first breath of natural and spiritual life. He was afterwards Ruling Elder in the church at Lewistown, Manchester, and in Centreville, from which his peaceful spirit ascended to the General Assembly and Church of the First Born. Throughout a protracted and somewhat painful sickness, he enjoyed the presence of his precious Saviour. His faith in him was strong—his hopes of everlasting fellowship with him, bright and happifying. Without a struggle, he fell asleep in Jesus. R.S.

DIED—On the 7th day of April, 1859, MRS. LYDIA THOMAS, in the 80th year of her age.

The deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church of Pigeon Creek. Early in life she gave her heart to the Lord, and adorned a profession of religion for more than thirty years. She was a kind, faithful, and devoted wife, a tender, affectionate, and beloved mother, and a modest, humble, and faithful follower of Jesus. She was the mother of a large family, most of whom are the professed followers of Christ. This afforded her much comfort, when reclining on her dying couch. It was in her family that her humble piety shed forth a hallowed influence. She not only lived near the Cross herself, but she was very successful in leading her children to Jesus. It was a blessed privilege to see the greater portion of a large family around the dying bed of an aged and beloved mother, to receive her last counsels, and listen to the dying echoes of her last prayers. Death had for her no terrors. He approached her as an enfeebled foe, divested of his sting. Her hope sustained her during the conflicts and trials of a long life, and it bloomed in death. "It made even the gloomy vale of death a smile of glory wear." Calmly she laid her dying head upon the bosom of Jesus, and "breathed her life out sweetly there." The closing scene was fraught with consolation to her aged partner, now near ninety years of age, with whom she shared the joys and sorrows of a long life, and whose separation will be very short. Her children and a large circle of relatives are admonished to follow her, as she followed Jesus, thus securing a happy meeting when the anguish of parting shall be known no more forever. J.S.

DIED—On the first day of October, 1858, MRS. ELIZABETH VANCE, of Somerset Township, Washington Co., Pa.

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