

it will cease to be tenable. The new battery was well maintained... The tremendous volley with which it opened... Each day they have been accustomed to see our 10-inch mortars fire from the same part of our works...

FIFTH DAY.—SLACKENING OF THE ENEMY'S FIRE.

April 14—I have only time to add a line or two to the mail of the night before last... The fire of the enemy slackens more and more... Our casualties are, as usual, heaviest during the night...

PREPARATIONS FOR A GENERAL ASSAULT.

Preparations are evidently making for a general assault. Our shells, on which we were so long depending for hindering the repair of the enemy's trenches... will most likely be quite gone by to-morrow night...

will be forwarded to the advanced trench, near the ravine. All the embrasures, gunways, and iron supports of the ordnance are completed... The remaining six will go to the batteries of the Highlanders with the rest to-morrow morning...

THE FIRING AT TURK.

It is something awful to stand upon the hills which overlook the town and watch the projectiles of our batteries... The shells of our batteries are directed against them told well or ill... The French batteries engaged this latter so closely, that at least 25 per cent of their shots were not returned...

DOUBT OF THE MALAKOFF AND THE TOWN DURING THE BOMBARDMENT.

I surmised the whole contest from different points for about four hours. During the whole of that time the Malakoff only fired five guns, the Mamelon only three... The French batteries engaged this latter so closely, that at least 25 per cent of their shots were not returned...

THE TOWN DURING THE BOMBARDMENT.

This portion of the day was bright and clear. Every part of Sebastopol, even to the north side, could be seen distinctly, even with the naked eye... The works round the Malakoff were full of soldiers, who almost treated our shells with perfect contempt...

new and powerful batteries, which fired five or six volleys every quarter of an hour or so... They were, however, not so successful as they thought they reached our batteries, effected nothing... The side command, and as if to show that that was not a mere bluff, and as if to show that the slopes below those batteries was a dummy camp...

MOVEMENT OF THE ENEMY UPON BALACAVA.

About two o'clock, it was reported that a detachment of the enemy was advancing by Tchouroum towards the line... The movement of the enemy on Balava Clava, is of course, what we have expected for some time, and it is not surprising that they do not participate, if an attempt be made to capture the harbour...

THE EMPEROR'S DEPARTURE FOR THE CRIMEA.

There appears to be no longer any reason to doubt that the Emperor will proceed forthwith to the Crimea. In the Constitutional Monday, it is stated that his camp equipage has already been packed, and the 10th of May is confidently expected as the day on which he will take his departure... The Emperor is too profoundly impressed with the necessity of not over-straining the resources of France to be led astray by success...

TOTAL LOSS BY FIRE OF THE CROZUS.

The Crozus was one of the fine fleet of iron screw steamers which were built for the Government of the Emperor... She was then taken up by the English Government, and took out the Royal Writs Militia, from Viterbo to Genoa... She was then ordered to Malta, where she arrived on the 3d of April...

dition to earning a considerable sum per month, were not insured to their value. The £57,000. The Government was only insured £5,000 a month for her services.

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THE WAR.

It hardly requires the name of Lord Palmerston, on Monday night, in the Lower House, or that of the Earl of Clarendon, the night following, in the Upper House, to show that the conference was an ad hoc, and that Lord John Russell, as the Premier and the Foreign Secretary, of the Austrian capital, and was on his way back to London... It is hardly necessary for me to state that Russia had made no counter propositions, and that the offer of the Earl of Clarendon in the Black Sea, or to make his waters neutral to vessels of all nations, was not more completely than the Conference from the first was a force, and that Russia never entertained any serious notions of relaxing her hold on Ottoman empire...

The intelligence by the Overland Mail, which came to land last evening, is not encouraging, if we judge from the reports that are being received... Twelve months ago, when the war broke out, we were told the same story, namely, that the Government of Great Britain, it is now declared that the Government of Bessarabia is summoned to the assistance of the Emperor, and that he will proceed on an important mission to the Court of the Shah... The war broke out, we were told the same story, namely, that the Government of Great Britain, it is now declared that the Government of Bessarabia is summoned to the assistance of the Emperor...

COMPLETION OF THE ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.—A telegraphic station, dated Balacava, Wednesday evening, was received at the War Office at half-past twelve o'clock on Thursday.

The delay in the transmission of the message arises from the fact, that the electric wires between Cape Caliacra (where the wire dips into the Black Sea) and Yarna, a distance of thirty miles, were broken by the explosion of a mine, the wire carried into Balacava from St. George's Monastery. When the telegraph is carried up to the level of the mountain, the wire, which is already laid down, the field officer in command during the night will, at the same moment, announce a terrific wind, which will blow from the north and the blowing-street.

YARNA, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25.—Telegraphic communications from Yarna to Crimea complete.—All well!