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NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

THE SITUATION.

From the Daily Patriot.

LONDON, April 29.

General Hastings Horsford has been appointed commander of the second army corps.

It is thought very probable that a considerable portion of the first army corps will be despatched to Malta sometime during the course of the coming week.

Certain manufacturers have received orders from the Admiralty for more than one hundred wire torpedo nets for the protection of ships of war from the much dreaded fish torpedo. All lots are to be delivered during the month of May.

Immense quantities of shot and shell are being issued from Woolwich Arsenal in all directions.

St. PETERSBURG, April 29.

The principle of simultaneous withdrawal from Constantinople having been accepted, Bismarck will now retire from the position of mediator, leaving the disputants to conclude the details of the settlement.

BOMBAY, April 29.

The Indian expeditionary force will leave to-day. It consists of two batteries of Royal Artillery, the 13th and 61st regiments of foot, the 2nd Gorkhas, and two companies of sappers and miners.

The second expedition will be despatched as soon after as possible.

The native soldiers are completely captivated by the prospect of being engaged in military service in Europe, and are volunteering to cross the seas with enthusiasm. They are pressing forward in whole regiments at a time, and are delighted that they are going to some place near England to fight the Russians. In one regiment every man signed a petition that he be sent with the expedition to Europe.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the statements or opinions of our correspondents.

POTATOES.

To the Editors of the Island Press:

GENTLEMEN.—The writer has had a little experience in the potato trade, and would be glad to have room in your columns to call attention to the extent of the potato culture and to make some suggestions which would increase its value in foreign markets. By reference to Customs returns I find the shipments for the fall 1876 and spring 1877 would be about one million seven hundred thousand bushels, but as the Customs returns only cover a part of the exports, it would be safe to put the quantity available for export for that season, say, at two million bushels. In the fall of 1876 I was in Boston, and at one of wharves I found our friend, Capt. McKay, of Rustico, busy selling a cargo of potatoes, largely composed of blues, and on enquiry as to prices I found that while early rose and whites were in demand at from 65 to 70 cents per bushel, it was hard to sell blues for more than 50 cents. In the fall of the same year the writer and another loaded a brig for Demerara, W. I., and although the vessel made a good run, and the cargo, largely composed of potatoes, came out in fair order; still as the potatoes were blue, we had to sell at \$2 per barrel. At the same time a vessel from the United States was discharging a cargo of white potatoes, for which I understood he got from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per barrel. The white potatoes seem to keep better and they certainly sell for more money. I have been shipping potatoes to the United States for several years past, and have had invariably to sell at from 10 to 25 cents per bushel less money than rose and whites were selling for in the same market. As our blue potatoes were, and generally are, equal in flavor to those supplied by American growers, it was only fair to suppose that the prejudice against them would die out, but on the contrary I find by reference to agent's circulars that at the present time early rose and Jackson's quote at from 50 to 60 cents in Boston market. Blues, as they call them changes, are hard to sell at from 35 to 40 cents per bushel. Last autumn a number of shippers loaded cargoes of potatoes for the English ports. Here again the color of our potatoes and their ugly shape operated against them so much in the London market where sound white potatoes were selling at from £7 to £10 per ton, and quick sales, P. E. Island blues were hard to sell at from £3 to £4 per ton. It seems impossible to overcome the prejudice of the foreign buyer to our blue potatoes, and a change of seed has become of vital necessity. If our farmers wish to get higher prices for their potato crop they, or the Government acting for them, must import new seed. If we had a Reciprocity Treaty with the United States now, we could not ship blue potatoes to that market and return the grower more than 15 cents per bushel. I know a case of a shipment of a cargo of 2,500 bushels made to New York last fall, and the owner got just 30¢ for the whole cargo. I would suggest that the Government import from England and the United States say from one to five thousand bushels of the most saleable kinds of potatoes, selecting two or three different varieties, and distribute them among the farmers, the farmers agreeing to pay the Government in the autumn the first cost of the seed so distributed. It is just as easy to grow potatoes that will sell at from 30 to 40 cents per bushel as to persist in growing an article that rarely sells for more than 25 cents, and often dear at that to the shipper.

Trusting, Mr. Editors, that you will give the foregoing space in your columns, I remain yours, respectfully,
HENRY COOMBS.

Ch'town, April 25, 1878.

A Strange Affair.

A SALOON-KEEPER CHARGED WITH ABDUCTION.

At the Police Court this morning Thos. A. Scott, more familiarly known as Tom Scott, was arraigned on a charge of abduction. The Magistrate on calling Scott informed him that he had been arrested on a very serious charge at the instance of Mr. Charles Piercy for the abduction of his daughter Alice about 9.30 o'clock on Wednesday evening last. It is alleged that Scott with another man named Edward McNeil, who is still at large, procured a horse and carriage and drove about the streets in search of Miss Piercy, whom they found in company with her sister entering her father's house near the corner of Leinster and Carnation streets. Scott jumped from the carriage, seized the girl and attempted to drag her towards the carriage. Her smaller sister immediately came to her assistance and through their combined resistance Scott was checked for a moment. McNeil then leaped from the carriage and materially aided Scott. The girl was at last overcome but not before it is said she had received from her abductor a severe blow on the head, and drove off in the carriage to an empty house in the Adelaide Road. The sister immediately gave the alarm at home, but it was too late and the course of the party was unknown. However, the sister recognized the party who assailed them, and accordingly a warrant was issued and Scott was secured as above stated. The whereabouts of Miss Piercy was discovered through a little girl who came to the station this morning and informed the police that a girl giving her name as Alice Piercy was locked up in a house on the Adelaide Road and wished her parents to come and get her and that she was starving. The police were sent in search of her, and she is probably by this time restored to her parents. Scott is 25 years of age, and keeps a saloon on Union street. He and the girl have been old friends. He is a married man, whose wife has left him. Miss Piercy is the daughter of James Piercy, engineer of No. 2 Fire Engine. The penalty for an offence of this kind is very severe, being from 2 to 14 years imprisonment in the Provincial Penitentiary. The Magistrate gave the accused a severe reprimand, and asked him how he could hold up his head if he were guilty of such a felonious act. "Why," said his Honor, "has it come to this in this enlightened day that a girl cannot go to her home through the public street without being waylaid. If I were her father, and if you are guilty of this act, I would pursue you to the ends of the earth in order to bring you to justice." The prisoner was remanded to jail, bail being refused.—St. John Globe.

The State of Business.

The Toronto Mail says: Messrs. Dun, Wiman & Co., furnish a list of the failures for the first quarter of 1878 as compared with the corresponding periods for 1876 and 1877. The record stands as follows:

UNITED STATES AND TERRITORIES.		
Year.	No.	Amt. of Liabilities.
1878.	3,555	\$82,078,826
1877.	2,859	54,538,070
1876.	2,086	64,644,156
CANADA.		
1878.	555	9,100,929
1877.	572	7,576,511
1876.	447	7,417,238

THE "GREAT MORAL SHOW."—The Toronto "Telegram" in referring to the disgraceful exhibitions in the House of Commons on Friday night and Saturday, suggests that "in future the best thing that could be done under the circumstances would be for the Speaker of the House to hire a brass band and charge an admission fee to future performances. We have no doubt the railway companies would readily run excursion trains and that people would flock from all parts of the country to witness the great moral show in the chief legislative hall in the country.

In order to cover the expense of suppressing the late rebellion, which amounted to \$43,000,000, the Japanese Government has resolved to issue \$27,000,000 in paper money, and to make large savings in the ordinary civil expenditure. The national debt of Japan at present amounts to \$350,000,000, of which \$219,000,000 consists of bonds in the hands of daimios, or nobles, repayable in thirty years. These bonds were issued to the daimios in lieu of the life annuities which the Government was formerly bound to pay them. The foreign debt consists only of \$15,000; the remainder is paper money, which has hitherto been readily accepted.

AN UNWELCOME OFFERING.—An amusing incident, which occurred in London, England, is related to Mrs. Scott Siddons.—The hot evening produced a torturing thirst, to quench which one of the boys was despatched for a mug of porter. Before he returned, Siddons was obliged to go before the audience. The boy inquired for her, and was pointed to the stage. Lady Macbeth was walking in her sleep, when, to the horror of all, the boy walked up to her, and, unconscious of any impropriety, presented the porter in full view of the whole house. She waved him off with a majestic gesture, but all in vain. When he finally appreciated the situation, he made his exit amid amused uproar, which it needed all the dignity of the finished actress to quell.