

PAPERS BY THE BRITANNIA.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 19.

TIMBER PRICES CURRENT.

Table with columns for timber types (e.g., Deals, Pine, Spruce), quantities, and prices in £ s. d. format.

Her Majesty has appointed William Allan, Esq., president of the Royal Scottish Academy...

Despatches were received at the Colonial Office on Tuesday, from the Governor of New South Wales...

Lord John Russell gave interviews at the Colonial Office, on Saturday, to Lord Orammore...

The following staff appointments have recently taken place in the army:—Capt. A. C. Sterling of the 73d Regiment...

The Gazette of Friday night announces the following additions and alterations in the peerage...

A large contract is announced by the Commissioners for executing the office of Lord High Admiral of the Navy...

The Globe, of Tuesday night, says:—"As, in Her Majesty's present condition, any undertaking involving anxiety or fatigue might prove injurious..."

A Turkish gentleman has been appointed midshipman to H.M.S. Monarch.

A convocation of the clergy is appointed to be held in the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, on Friday, the 20th of August.

The Hon. and Rev. Baptist Noel has been appointed one of the chaplains in ordinary to Her Majesty.

The Rev. George Augustus Selwyn, one of the assistants curates of New Windsor, has been named by Lord John Russell to the bishopric of New Zealand.

The royal visit to Woburn cost the Duke of Bedford, for new hangings, &c., twelve thousand pounds.

Mr. W. C. Lister, the liberal member for Bradford, died the other day after a very short illness.

The silver mines in the island of Sark are now said to be yielding a lucrative return to the shareholders.

The trains of the Great Western Railway travel no less than 25,960 miles per week, that is, a greater distance than the whole circumference of our earth.

The Emperor of Russia has just sent to Dr. Bowring the silver medal of the Alexandrian University of Helsingfors, as a mark of his services to the literature of Finland.

The Hindostan, 78 gun ship, thirteen years on the stocks, was launched at Plymouth on Monday week, in presence of an immense multitude.

At a meeting of the Lincoln Temperance Society last week, the question was raised whether the use of brandy in cookery, particularly in plum-puddings, would be an infringement of the rules?

At the Cork assizes, Miss Campion, daughter of the late Dr. Campion, of Limerick, brought an action for breach of promise of marriage against Mr. Drew, of Flower Hill, county Waterford.

The young lady has an extensive property; the "gay Lothario" is in his 50th year, and has £1500 a year. The verdict was for £1500.

Papineau, the Canadian O'Connell, is living in a state of great wretchedness in Paris.

The Staffordshire ironmasters have reduced the price of iron 10s. per ton.

One of 36 carrier-pigeons despatched from Bayonne the other day reached Liege, a distance of 300 leagues, in 24 hours.

Lady Prideaux expired at Netherton Hall, Devonshire, a few days since. The deceased lady was second wife to Sir Edmund Sanderson Prideaux, Bart., and was only married in April last.

THE ROYAL INFANT.—The young princess royal is a fine lively child, with mild blue eyes, full, beautifully formed lips, and, far as the features of an infant at such a tender age are capable of expression, hers are eminently so.

Her Majesty's accouchement is not expected to take place before quite the middle or the end of October. Lord Lyndhurst, presiding at the judicial committee of the

Privy Council, gave judgment in the appeal against Sir Herbert Jenner's decision respecting the will of the late Mr. James Wood. He overrules the judgment of Sir Herbert Jenner, establishes the validity of the will, and gives the whole of the immense wealth of the testator to his four executors, subject to the payment of the codicil in favour of the corporation of Gloucester.

The laying of the keel of a large war steamer of upwards of 1,000 tons burden, to be named the Infernal, has been completed on the same slip whence the Devastation was recently launched at Woolwich, and a large quantity of timber is already prepared for constructing her at a short notice.

This description of first class war steamers seem to be the greatest favourites at present, and when those now in progress are finished will add greatly to the strength of the British navy.

The navigability of the Euphrates is by every succeeding expedition discovered to be more and more practicable. The two iron steam-boats which, about eighteen months ago, left Liverpool, have traversed the stream 1100 miles from its mouth, an achievement never before accomplished.

At the Connel assizes, a wretch of the name of Lysaght was admitted approver in a case of setting fire to a cottage while the inmates were asleep, and in the annals of all informers it would be difficult to find a parallel for this same wretch. In his cross-examination he admitted he had been guilty of one abduction, five murders, and one arson.

On Thursday last, a public meeting was held in Dublin, for the purpose of expressing the feelings of respect and esteem entertained towards Lord Morpeth, and the regret which his approaching retirement from the office of chief secretary has produced in Ireland.

The Wesleyan Centenary Committee.—This committee met in London on the 28th July. James Wood, Esq., the Treasurer, stated that he was happy to inform the meeting that he had received the sum of £185,000 on behalf of the fund. It was fully expected that by this time £200,000 would have been received, but the extreme depression of commercial affairs fully accounted for the delay.

At the Wesleyan Conference, at Manchester, on Wednesday week, a letter from the Rev. Mr. Hodgson, a member of the Established Church, recommending a union between the Wesleyans and the Church, was discussed at great length. The discussion was renewed on the following day: when it was resolved that a reply should be sent to Mr. Hodgson, simply thanking him for his kind motives in writing the letter, and expressing a desire that greater unanimity of feeling may obtain among all religious denominations.

THAMES TUNNEL.—At two o'clock on Thursday afternoon, Sir Isambard Brunel passed from the Surrey side of the river through the Thames Tunnel, and ascended into the shaft on the Middlesex side. The small portion of the distance, about twenty-five feet, now incomplete, is connected with the shaft on the Middlesex side of the river by a driftway, through which, at the end of the Tunnel, Sir Isambard passed.

A TRAGEDY IN HIGH LIFE.—A horrible tragedy has taken place at Florence. Two sons of Lord Aldborough (who has a villa near Florence) went into the town to look at some horses at a livery stable, when a quarrel ensued, and words ran high between them; nevertheless, they returned home apparently reconciled to each other, and dined and slept as usual under their father's roof.

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SPAIN.—Madrid journals and private letters of the 21st and 22d, mention the discussion of the bill relative to the alienation of the property belonging to the secular clergy, which was declared national property by a majority of 109 votes to 2.

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A strange tumult, with great loss of life, occurred at Rome on the 20th July, during a public execution—an unusual event in that city. Last year, the house of a watchmaker was robbed, and his wife and daughter were murdered. One of the criminals was a woman who obtained access to the house on the pretence that she was the mother of a maid, whom she afterwards murdered. This woman and two men, all of them named Riteozzi, were convicted of the crime, and executed on the 20th. The documents relating to the trial, which it is usual to publish on such occasions, have been suppressed; because, it is said, they compromise members of some distinguished families. The woman was led first to the scaffold, veiled; and she suffered first. The Paris Gazette des Tribunaux gives the following account of the execution and its sequel.

There was no symptom of disturbance during the execution of two of the criminals. When the third, however, was brought upon the scaffold, he uttered the most horrid imprecations against the crowd, and pointing to it, said to the executioner, 'Oh, if I were but among them, how I would punish them! I regret life, only on that account.' As if his words had found an echo in the crowd, no sooner had his head fallen, than horrible cries were heard, and thousands, struck with terror, and scarcely knowing why, sought safety in flight. A set of wretches immediately took advantage of the flight and disorder, and fell upon the fugitives, tearing the rings out of the ears of the women, [most of the women in Rome wear large gold ear-rings,] and openly snatching the watches of the men. In vain did the police attempt to interfere. The thieves and their victims were involved in a general pellmell with dragoons and infantry, and cries of savage ferocity were mingled with those of the distressed; whilst the tolling of the church bells drowned the voice of the commanders of the troops, who were endeavoring to rally their men.

The tumult was so great, and so alarming, that at the Castle of St. Angelo the guns were loaded, and the gunners stood with their matches lighted in their hands. The panic spread to both banks of the Tiber, the Piazza del Popolo, and the Capitol, where persons were running about crying for aid. The crowd increased at every instant, and several dragoons were so pressed by it as to fall from their horses, and be compelled to use their arms in their defence. At length, however, the crowd dispersed, and bodies were seen lying in the streets as upon a field of battle. At one o'clock in the afternoon, the number of persons killed was ascertained to be twelve, and two hundred wounded, fifty of them severely. The wounded were immediately conveyed to the hospitals. More than 300 persons had been arrested by the police and the troops.

A letter of a later date from Rome supplies the following details of the lamentable consequences of the scene which took place after the 20th ult.—A woman and two children were found dead on the ground, eight were mortally wounded, eighty-nine had severe wounds, which have not proved mortal, ten had limbs broken, and 587 received bruises and other injuries. When the people were cleared away from the spot, there were found upon it 479 men's hats, 99 of which belonged to abbés and other ecclesiastics; 89 short cloaks belonging to abbés, and two monks' frocks; 180 women's caps and bonnets, and ten reticules and purses.

The wealthy Marchioness of Faval, daughter-in-law to his Grace the Duke of Palmella, presented an heiress to the valuable estate of her late father, the Count de Povoia, on Wednesday last. A few days since, a lunatic of St. Hymer, in Calvados, in one of his paroxysms, opened his body with a scythe blade, and with every demonstration of self-satisfaction continued to tear out and cut up his entrails, until he was seized and prevented. Notwithstanding the serious injury he has received, hopes are entertained of saving his life.

For some time past workmen have been engaged in boring an Artesian well at Haguenau (Bas-Rhine). A few days ago, after having gone a depth of 290 metres (nearly 900 feet), the boring instrument entered a bed of salt clay, and immediately on withdrawing it the water rose to the surface. Although mixed with the springs of fresh water in the course of boring, the water at the surface was as salt as that of the sea.

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lish engineers to their strength. A convent on Mount Carmel had been fixed upon as a garrison for English troops, but having been represented as neutral ground, under the protection of the French, will not be so occupied. The mountaineers appear everywhere opposed to the restoration of the Turkish domination. The prevailing wish of the Christian population is to form an independent kingdom having Jerusalem for its capital. This is a notion which nothing but force of arms will incline them to relinquish, and to reduce them to obedience would, it is affirmed, require a Turkish army of not fewer than 50,000 men.

According to letters from the frontiers of Turkey, the 1st inst., an insurrectionary spirit prevailed among the population of Gallatz, and the government of Moldavia had deemed it expedient to send a hettman to Jassey with unlimited powers, to act against the inhabitants in case they raised the standard of revolt.

The Augsburg Gazette, under date Constantinople, the 14th July, states that preparations were being made by the porte to receive Said Bey, the youngest son of Mehemet Ali, and Sami Bey, his secretary, who still continued in quarantine, with the greatest possible respect and attention. The sultan had commanded his jeweller to prepare several costly presents and splendid brilliant decorations for every member of Mehemet Ali's family. It was likewise rumored that Said Bey would espouse one of the sisters of his highness. Mehemet Ali's party in the seraglio and in the divan has taken a significant tone. The object of the large presents made by the viceroy to the officers of the porte had been to form a strict union between the Turks and Egyptians. "United," said the viceroy, "we are sufficiently strong to defend ourselves against all Europe. For this purpose, however, it is necessary that we be true to each other." It had been insinuated through the French journal, that the object of the allied powers was to divide the Turkish empire between them, and those passages in them which related to this subject were translated and distributed amongst the people. Ridiculous as the idea appears of a convention between Russia and Great Britain, for the partition of the Turkish empire, the Turks see nothing but treachery and danger every where, and consider that their only chance of safety is in Mehemet Ali's friendship and coalition between the Turkish and Egyptian governments. Six regiments of landwehr had been ordered from Nicomedia to Constantinople; other regiments were expected to arrive from Volo before the end of the month, and the old seraglio had been fitted up as a barrack for their reception. The garrison would then amount to 40,000 men, and every one asked what could be the object of such a concentration of troops. The answer is, that it was for the purpose of exercising the landwehr on the plains of Scutari during the autumn.

A piece of Egyptian antiquity has recently been brought to light. It is a grand tablet, or picture, discovered in the tombs of Beni Hassan, near Cairo, representing the arrival of Joseph's brethren in Egypt. Joseph, in the costume of an officer of state, appears in the act of presenting his brethren to a viceroy of the reigning sovereign, in whose tombs the tablet was found.

Several stoppages have taken place at Odessa; among others, the house of Eslinger for 400,000 rubles, and Isais for 200,000 rubles. Advances from Candia of the 16th July represent the insurgents as still making head in the mountains.

SCOTLAND. The election of the sixteen Representative Peers of Scotland took place on the 6th in the Picture-gallery of the Palace of Holyrood. The following were elected: the Marquis of Tweeddale, the Earls of Morton, Elgin, Argyll, Leven and Melville, Selkirk, Orkney, and Seafield, Viscounts Arbutnot and Strathallan, Lords Forbes, Salton, Sinclair, Colville of Culross, Reay, and Rollo, and the Marquis of Queensberry. The only alterations were the substitution of the Earl of Seafield and Lord Rollo for the Earl of Home and Lord Gray, who retire by their own consent.

As Lord John Russell passed through Selkirk, on Saturday last, in returning with his bride from Bowhill to Blair House, he stopped to accept the freedom of the ancient burgh. The ceremony was performed at a hustings in the Town-house: the initiatory rite consists of "licking the birse"—that is, dipping a bunch of shoemaker's brushes into a glass of wine and drawing them across the nose. He has made a speech, and received an address from the inhabitants of Galashiels.

At the meeting of the commission of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, on Wednesday, it was much discussed, by an overwhelming majority, resolved to proceed judicially in their several presbyteries against those members of the moderate party who, in conformity with their protest delivered to the last assembly, had only sympathized with, but ministerially assisted in, several dispensations, their suspended brethren of Strathgibie.

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