

The Prospect in the East.

The much talked of Congress of the Powers is to meet on the 10th of April, so that by this day month it will be at work and then we will be able to form some idea whether it is likely to lead to the establishment of a permanent peace, or merely to result in a European war on a large scale. The powers which are to be represented at the Conference are Russia, England, Germany, France, Austria, Italy and Greece, and the work which the Conference has to do is to revise the Treaty of Peace which has been signed between Russia and Turkey, and settle such portions of it as touch European interests on a basis satisfactory to the majority of the Powers. There can be no doubt that Russia, notwithstanding her recent tariff over Turkey, and the humiliating terms which she has exacted from her, now occupies a very difficult and dangerous position. It would seem as if now, for the first time, the public opinion of Europe is turning against her, and every day adds some new difficulty to her position and raises up some new enemy to her policy. Europe, in fact, is becoming convinced that the pretences upon which she commenced this war were not honest, and that she is demanding far more exacting terms from Turkey than were rendered necessary by the requirements of the Bulgarian Christians. To the ordinary European mind, the reason which the Czar gave for going to war with Turkey were conclusive. The Christian Provinces of Turkey were woefully misgoverned, and it seemed proper enough for a Christian State to draw the sword in their defence. England did not approve of the war, but then England was the rival of Russia in Asia and would not approve of anything that Russia did. Thus reasoned the German, the Austrian and the Frenchman, and they asked properly enough: "Why should we aid England to thwart Russia on the philanthropic task upon which she has entered?" When the Russians threatened to enter Constantinople, the decided action of England in sending her fleet into the Bosphorus aroused the European powers from their lethargy. Austria took the alarm, and then France, and, last of all, the German people, who so long seemed to view the triumphant progress of Russia with satisfaction. This sudden change of front on the part of these Powers, which have no very particular affection for England, is an ominous sign, and shows what Russia may expect when the Congress meets. No doubt the principal reasons for it have been the imperious manner in which Russia announced that she would only submit certain portions of the treaty to the Congress, and the belief that there was a secret treaty between Russia and Turkey, by which the Czar was to receive far more than was shown on the face of the document which was given to Europe as the Treaty. Even the most callous German could not be expected to view with satisfaction the entire surrender of Turkey to Russian influence, and hence we have those German papers which were most friendly to Russia when the war was in progress, coming out now and declaring that European interests must be protected and that measures must be taken to prevent the Dardanelles and Bulgaria from becoming Russian property. England has declared in the most emphatic manner that every one of the provisions of the treaty between Russia and Turkey must be submitted to the Congress, and Germany has signified to Russia that this is a reasonable proposition, and should be acceded to. Russia is prepared to discuss with Germany the points to be submitted to the Congress, but she will have to go much further than that, for it is idle to say that any point in the treaty is not a European interest. Even the question of the amount of indemnity becomes one, in view of the fact that Turkey, being virtually bankrupt, the largeness of the sum might be made the pretext for a permanent occupation of Turkish territory. Perhaps the most masterly move which England has yet made towards checkmating Russia is the demand that Greece should take part in the Congress. For the Greeks, while they hate the Turks with all the vindictiveness which men who have been slaves for two thousand years are capable of, only like the Russians so far as they can make them serve their own purposes. The interests of Greece are utterly opposed to a Russian occupation of Constantinople or to the extension of Russian influence to the shores of the Aegean Sea. Such a programme would be in direct conflict with Greek aspirations, for the people of Greece have not forgotten that once the Hellespont was a Greek strait, and they are not without hopes that the day will come when Constantinople will be included in the enlarged Grecian kingdom of which they dream. But the most threatening news of all comes from Austria, a country which has always pursued a selfish policy, and which will rarely draw the sword except in the last extremity. Andrassy, the mouthpiece of the Austrian Ministry, declares most emphatically that Austria will not consent to an extension of Bulgaria, such as is contemplated in the treaty, and will not permit the troops of Russia to occupy that Province more than six months. The credit demanded by the Austrian Government has been unanimously voted, and Austria stands ready to mobilize her army if Russia attempts to disturb the balance of power in Europe. In view of these facts, it must be conceded that the prospects of Russia being able to maintain the treaty intact before the Congress are not bright, and that before that body rises it is likely to be so much torn up as to be scarcely recognizable.—*St. John Telegraph.*

There will be a meeting of the City Council this evening at 7.30.

By cable to Longworth & Co.—Barque *Kingwood*, Treason, sailed from Newport, Wales, on the 12th, for Havana, Cuba.

RELIGIOUS.—There will be Gospel preaching for a few evenings at the new Church House, near entrance to Malpeque Road, services commencing at half-past seven o'clock.

Latest by Telegraph.

WAR NEWS.

Special Dispatch to Examiner.

LONDON, March 18.

The Post congratulates the country upon the unanimity of the Ministry in the present critical position.

A Paris correspondent says: "The proposed preliminary Conference is regarded as the last effort of resistance on the part of Russia." The meeting of the Congress, though possibly not until April 15th, may be confidently counted upon in consequence of the energetic representations of Bismarck, who almost entirely shares the views of Austria and England. It is doubtful whether Gortschakoff will be well enough to attend.

A Vienna special states that Bismarck and Andrassy consider that Russia has yielded enough in offering to submit to the Congress the clauses it may designate. Another Vienna despatch states that Andrassy on being asked in the Committee of the Austrian delegation whether he meant to restrict the formation of the New Seal States, said that the problem was not to undo the results of the war, but to harmonize them with the rights and interests of Europe and Austria.

LONDON, March 19.

A Constantinople despatch says, it is reported that important despatches from England were communicated to the Sultan on Saturday.

A Council was thereupon held, which decided that Turkey should remain neutral in the event of a difference between England and Russia.

The Times says that the latest phase of the difference between Russia and England seems that Russia, while admitting the right of the Congress to discuss all points of the treaty, declines to be ultimately bound by the decision of the majority of the powers.

A Paris correspondent states that a proposal to convene a preliminary conference to settle the programme for the Congress has been generally coldly received as unnecessary.

A Constantinople telegram received in Paris says that England has permission to establish a Coal Depot on the Island of Indos.

In the House of Commons to-day Sir Stafford Northcote confirmed the report that Russia has not refused to admit Greece to the Congress, but merely raised a question as to the footing on which the Greek representative should be admitted.

We have heard of "love at first sight," and now we have before us an account of love at last sight. Day after day human nature is developing more extraordinary elements, and there is no saying where the progressive spirit of the age will stop. We beg our readers to picture to themselves, a man and wife enclasped in one another's embrace; the husband exclaims, "God bless you! I love you," and plunges a dirk into his wife's vitals; she reciprocates the soft impeachment, and avows her love for Gustave, who, sorry to see her suffering, puts her out of misery by cutting her throat. Read the following:—

"The New Orleans Times gives an account of the murder by Gustave Labutat of his wife, of which the following is an extract: His account of the tragedy, however, is full of a certain picturesque quality. 'I then told her, he says, 'your fate is sealed, but I will give you time to pray; and, God bless her, she did pray. After she had prayed, I put my arm round her waist and, taking the knife from my pocket, I struck it to the hilt in her stomach. I thought the first blow had killed her, but on finding she was not dead, I picked her up, kissed her and said: 'God bless you, I love you; you are not dead; pray again, because I am going to finish you.' She placed her arm round my neck and said, 'Gustave, I love you.' Oh! God! it was the happiest moment of my life! I saw she was suffering, and as I could not stand and see her suffer, I took the knife blade, the handle being broken, and cut her throat."

At the Stipendiary Magistrate's Court this morning, the examination of Thomas McCloskey, for assaulting W. B. Allin, was resumed. He was identified by two witnesses to be Allin's assailant, and he was remanded to jail to await trial at the next session of the Supreme Court. Another complaint was made against McCloskey by Mr. Andrew McDougall, who testified that on the night of the 5th inst., McCloskey entered his store, and demanded payment for coal that he said he shoveled for McDougall a short time ago. Mr. McDougall said he never shoveled any coal for him. Upon his refusal to pay, McCloskey struck him a violent blow in the face, and left the premises. The sentence for this offense will be reserved until McCloskey is sentenced by the Supreme Court for the 12th of July disturbance.

The examination of witnesses in the case of the traversers, W. E. McDonald, John Power, Richard Power, James Carroll and Alexander McCabe, was concluded at half past two o'clock to-day, and Judge Hensley concluded his address at four o'clock. The Jury then retired, and after an hour returned a verdict of not guilty for the above named traversers.

We call attention to the trip of the Charlottetown Orchestra Club to Summerside on Friday next. They are giving the Summersiders a splendid programme, and we would advise those who wish to spend an enjoyable trip and listen to choice music to accompany them.

The St. Patrick's Total Abstinence Society Concert in the Market Hall last evening was largely attended, and passed off favorably.

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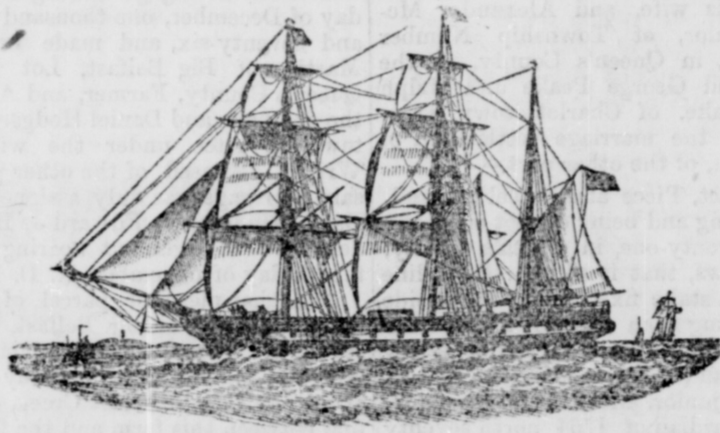
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By order, F. W. HALES, Secretary.

Ch'town, 12th March, 1878.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Executor of the Estate of the late Henry Cooper, of Charlottetown, deceased. Any persons having any claim against the Estate of the deceased will please present the same, duly attested; and any person indebted to the said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to me or to his widow, at her residence, Prince Street.

RICHARD M. GIDLEY, Executor.

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Jan. 31st, 1878.

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- 5 " Granulated "
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March 6—4i

MORTGAGE SALE!

To be Sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, on WEDNESDAY, the Eighth day of May next, A. D. 1878, at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, at the Court House, in Charlottetown, in Queen's County, under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage, bearing date the twenty-third day of February, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-two, and made between John Balls, of Charlottetown, in Queen's County, in Prince Edward Island, carpenter, and Eliza Balls, his wife, of the one part, and Archibald McArthur, then of Township Number Thirty-one, in Queen's County, in the said Island, farmer, now deceased, of the other part,—

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