

appointed Private Secretary to Earl de Grey, Secretary of State for India, and Mr. F. W. R. Gordon, of the War Office, has succeeded him as Private Secretary to Lord Dufferin.

Accounts from Prague report that the educational establishments are about to be closed in that city on account of the danger of war.

All the Vienna papers dwell upon the political importance of the forced loan in Venetia.

Several Italian emissaries have lately been arrested at Padua and Vicenza for endeavouring to persuade the inhabitants to emigrate.

Rumours are afloat that the resumption of cash payments by the Bank of Austria has been postponed a year.

Preparations for war continue in Austria, and the patriotic expressions of public opinion are undiminished.

Students can now enter the army or volunteer corps under certain favourable conditions, agreed to by the Austrian Government.

The headquarters of General Benedek will be shortly removed from Olmutz to Trubau, a small place on the Bohemo-Moravian frontier and the junction of the North Austrian railways. The tempest is moving in the direction of the Prussian borders.

The fortification works upon the left bank of the Danube, near Vienna, are rapidly approaching completion.

The Prussian representative stated, that Prussia had never intended to decide the question of the Elbe fortifications by an appeal to arms.

The *Times* says it would be deplorable if the obstinacy or ambition of governments representing civilised and enlightened States should hurry Europe into war without even the preliminary trial of pacific discussion, and yet such is the present prospect of affairs.

The armed Powers have each in turn withdrawn so much from the cognisance of the Conference that little importance would be left for the Conference to consider. A large share of the responsibility of war rests with Austria if she rejects the opportunity the Conference affords her of coming to terms with her enemies.

It is very certain that the appeal to arms will produce the most frightful calamities. It is by no means certain that the result will leave Austria with even as much as the Conference would undoubtedly adjudge to her.

In all likelihood Berlin will be shortly fortified. Various circumstances combine to recommend such a course. Its nearness to the Bohemian frontier, and its defenceless character of the intermediate ground, fact of its being nearly surrounded by a continuous chain of broad and deep lakes, which greatly facilitates the erection of redoubts and last, not least, the urgent necessity of finding work for the thousands of hands thrown out of employment by the sudden depression of business, all contribute to render a circumvallation advisable.

The Kaiser's example in constructing a formidable *tete du pont* in the immediate vicinity of Vienna has given an additional impetus to an idea having so many other grounds to urge being realized.

Orders have been issued by Napoleon III. to concentrate 100,000 men at Chalons. The troops are to be kept thither, to insure them to the fatigues of a possible campaign, and, what is even a worse sign, to give them their bearskin caps at home.

The French battle line includes a light cap, just as the Prussians in the habit of casting aside their helmets before confronting the enemy. The French admirals at Boulogne and Brest have been directed to keep their fleets in readiness for employment, it is supposed in the Mediterranean. But this measure has probably reference to the Eastern than to the Continental situation.

The semi-official *Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung* has published the Austrian declaration relative to the convention of the Holstein estates seems to be a direct declaration of war.

The convention of those estates the declared object of dissolving those ties of alliance, which, according to the treaty of Vienna, the Duchy of Holstein to Prussia, is apparently a grant violation of the treaty of Vienna, and an attack on the sovereign rights of Prussia, which she would resist; nevertheless Prussia will hope until the last moment that Austria may yet see fit to assist from carrying her declaration into effect.

Von Bodelschwing, the Minister of Finance, is reported to relinquish his post in the ministry on account of ill health.

The armaments in Germany continue on all sides. The whole of the Rhenish and Westphalian troops of Prussia are about to proceed to the borders of Saxony.

Prussia will make use of three different lines of railway, requiring only 60,000 garrison troops in the Rhenish provinces, together with a small band of about 15,000 field troops stationed at Wezlar. Not to the Rhine wholly unprotected, more Landwehr troops, however, to be embodied. As to Austria, we now possess positive intelligence that a new conscription is ordered. In Galicia, for instance, the town of Lemberg has been directed to complete the persons liable to conscription by June 10.

The list to include all those born in 1843, 1844, 1845, although it was those who were affected by the sweep of conscription carried out but a few months ago—those born in 1846, who according to Austrian law are also called in for service.

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a gratuitous performance for the inmates of this asylum, which speaks highly for the humane feelings that actuate this gentleman. On yesterday, at a meeting of the Board of Governors, a vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Mark "for his thoughtful kindness in giving a gratuitous performance at the institution, which was a source of great delight and amusement to the inmates."

It is the Doctor's intention to return to Limerick, when he will give a performance on the 25th and 26th of June, for the benefit of the Protestant Orphan Society.

THE LATE DR. HARVEY, F.R.S. & L.S., M.R.I.A., &c.

The *Irish Farmers' Gazette*, announcing the death of this eminent gentleman, who was a Limerick man, being son of the late Joseph Massey Harvey, Esq., of this city, and who filled the Botanical chair in the University of Dublin, thus writes in a biographical sketch of the deceased:—"He had been ailing, with an occasional rally, for the last couple of years, so much so that he was unable to occupy the professorial chair, and deliver the usual course of lectures in the University—that important duty devolving on the one of all others he considered most competent for the task, Dr. E. P. Wright. That his penetration was acute and his confidence in his young friend's great and varied abilities not misplaced, may be gathered from the fact that the number of students attending Dr. Wright's lectures have been much over the average. Towards the end of last year Dr. Harvey was advised by his physicians to winter in a milder climate than that of Dublin. Devon was selected, the winter and spring were over, and it was hoped—but no; his relentless malady—phthisis—claimed its victim, and at Torquay, on the 15th ult., death terminated his sufferings, and deprived science and our University of one of their most distinguished ornaments, and those who had the honour and advantage of his acquaintance of the truest and gentlest of friends. Marine Botany was his speciality, and, as an Algologist, we believe he had no equal. Previous to his departure, some thirty years ago, for the Cape of Good Hope, to undertake the duties of treasurer to that colony, and where, during his official career, he was known as the Hon. Wm. Henry Harvey, he described the *Algae* of Ireland for the *Flora Hibernica* of his old and valued friend, the late Dr. Mackey.

"During his residence there he made himself familiar with the botany of South Africa. His *Flora Capensis* testifies to his labours in that quarter of the globe. His *Phycologia Britannica*, or History of British Seaweeds, containing character, synonymes, and descriptions of all the species of *Algae* inhabiting the shores of the British Isles, with coloured plates, drawn by the author, is in itself an enduring monument to his memory. Then his *Synopsis of the same work*. He visited the Australian continent, and we have the result of his labours there, in his *Phycologia Australica*, comprising coloured figures of the more characteristic Marine *Algae* of New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, and Western Australia, and also a *Synopsis of all known Australian *Algae**. This magnificent work was the result of his arduous toil and personal exploration of the shores of that vast continent. He also published a supplementary work—his *Nereis Australis*, containing figures and descriptions of Marine Plants collected on the shores of the extra tropical Australian colonies, New Zealand and the Antarctic regions.

"On occasion of the Chair of Botany in our University being vacated some years ago by Dr. Allman, Dr. Harvey was unanimously selected to fill it. His acceptance of it shed new lustre on his Alma Mater. On his marriage, a few years since, he left his college quarters and went to reside in one of the most agreeable suburbs in Dublin. There, occupied with his professional duties, and in the charge of the Herbarium, the revision of his works, and the production of others on which he was engaged, he scarcely perceived the inroads of disease until serious symptoms unmistakably developed its existence. All that professional skill and care could do was done, air and scene were changed, but in vain, and now, not in Irish soil, but in the graveyard of Torquay, rest the remains of our distinguished and lamented countryman."

The following are the acceptances for the Duhallo Handicap at Katurk Races, June 7th and 8th—Mary May, 11st 2lbs; Decision, 11st 2lb; Maid of Honour, 10st 3lb; Jolly Tinker, 9st 9lb; Defiance, 9st 5lb; Ranger, 9st 3lb; Rambler, 9st 2lb; Lady Barrymore, 8st 12lb; Young Vixen, 8st 10lb.

John O'Driscoll, of Macroom, arrested some time since on a charge of Fenianism, and John Green, alias Frederick Willis, recently convicted before the Recorder of Cork for stealing 100 sovs. and sentenced to seven years' penal servitude, were removed together to Mountjoy prison, Dublin, on Friday evening, under charge of Constable M'Anley and a sub-constable from Shandon-street station.

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