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### BUENOS AYRES.

On occasion of the arrival at Montevideo of the French corvette *Triomphante* from France via Rio Janeiro, the papers of the former city got up a report to the effect that she brought intelligence that the French government had approved the conduct of Baron Gros in granting a monthly subsidy of 200,000 francs to the Montevideans, and that it had come to the determination of empowering Admiral Le Prédour to settle matters in the Oriental State without any diplomatic interference. The Oriental journal, *Defensor*, flatly contradicts the first assertion, and states that, in pursuance of a resolve of the French government, the admiral, if he has not already received, will shortly receive, positive instructions to discontinue the abovementioned subsidy. As regards the other announcement, the *Defensor* admits that no other diplomatic agent is to be sent out, and that the Admiral is to be authorised to terminate the question, but not in the sense insinuated by its Montevideo contemporaries. "We have already stated," says the same paper, "that Admiral Le Prédour will cause the subsidy assigned by M. Gros to cease. We will add that the other objects of his commission will be to induce the so-called legionaries to lay down their arms—to obtain guarantees for them—to provide for some time for the maintenance of those who comply—to announce to the intrusive government in Montevideo the necessity of its coming to an arrangement with, or submitting to, the legal authority of H. E. President Oribe—and ultimately to withdraw with his squadron."

### ENGLAND.

#### QUEEN'S SPEECH ON THE PROLOGUE OF PARLIAMENT.

##### My Lords and Gentlemen,

I am happy to be able to release you from the duties of a laborious and protracted session. The Act for the Prevention of Crime and Outrage in Ireland, which received my assent at the commencement of the session, was attended by the most beneficial effects. The open display of arms intended for criminal purposes was checked; the course of justice was no longer interrupted; and several atrocious murderers, who had spread terror through the country, were apprehended, tried, and convicted.

The distress in Ireland, consequent upon successive failures in the production of food, has been mitigated by the application of the law for the relief of the poor, and by the amount of charitable contributions raised in other parts of the United Kingdom.

On the other hand, organized confederacies took advantage of the existing pressure to excite my suffering subjects to rebellion. Hopes of plunder and confiscation were held out to tempt the distressed, while the most visionary prospects were exhibited to the ambitious. In this conjuncture I applied to your loyalty and wisdom for increased powers; and, strengthened by your prompt concurrence, my Government was enabled to defeat in a few days machinations which had been prepared during many months. The energy and decision shown by the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland in this emergency deserve my warmest approbation.

In the midst of these difficulties you have continued your labours for the improvement of the laws; the Act for Facilitating the Sale of Encumbered Estates will, I trust, gradually remove an evil of great magnitude in the social state of Ireland.

The system of perpetual entails of land established in Scotland produced very serious evils both to heirs of entail and to the community, and I have had great satisfaction in seeing it amended upon principles which have long been found to operate beneficially in this part of the United Kingdom.

I have given my cordial assent to the measures which have in view the improvement of

the public health, and I entertain an earnest hope that a foundation has been laid for continual advances in this beneficent work.

##### Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I have to thank you for the readiness with which you have granted the supplies necessary for the public service.

I shall avail myself of every opportunity which the exigencies of the state may allow for enforcing economy.

##### My Lords and Gentlemen,

I have renewed in a formal manner my diplomatic relations with the Government of France. The good understanding between the two countries has continued without the slightest interruption.

Events of deep importance have disturbed the internal tranquility of many of the states of Europe, both in the north and in the south. These events have led to hostilities between neighbouring countries.

I am employing my good offices, in concert with other friendly Powers, to bring to an amicable settlement these differences; and I trust that our efforts may be successful.

I am rejoiced to think that an increasing sense of the value of peace encourages the hope that the nations of Europe may continue in the enjoyment of its blessing. Amidst these convulsions I have had the satisfaction of being able to preserve peace for my own dominions, and to maintain our domestic tranquillity. The strength of our institutions has been tried, and has not been found wanting. I have studied to preserve the people committed to my charge in the enjoyment of that temperate freedom which they so justly value. My people, on their side, feel too sensibly the advantages of order and security to allow the promoters of pillage and confusion any chance of success in their wicked designs.

I acknowledge with grateful feelings the many marks of loyalty and attachment which I have received from all classes of my people. It is my earnest hope that by cultivating respect to the law, and obedience to the precepts of religion, the liberties of this nation may, by the blessing of Almighty God, be perpetuated.

Then the LORD CHANCELLOR, by Her Majesty's command, said—

##### My Lords and Gentlemen,

It is Her Majesty's Royal will and pleasure that this Parliament be prorogued to Thursday, the 2d day of November next, to be then here holden; and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Thursday, the 2d of November next.

### IRELAND

An unexpected movement took place in the southern districts of Ireland.

On the night of the 12th September the people in Waterford rose. The rebels began by intercepting the mails, which they subsequently allowed to proceed. They also attempted to set fire to the Granney bridge on the river Suir for the purpose of preventing the marching of troops. They had an encounter with the police at Portlaw, and it is stated that the latter were beaten and obliged to retire, leaving two killed on the field of action. The news of this advantage produced an electric effect; great numbers of the peasantry were preparing to take part in the movement. At Ballinacorney the drums were already beating to arms in order to march upon Carrick-on-Suir, when the arrival of troops obliged the rebels to abandon the project. The letters from Cork confirm this news. It is added that the insurgents had actually set fire to the Waterford and Granney bridges.

—A letter from Dublin of the 16th of September says that this fresh outbreak was greatly exaggerated by the papers; that it was prompted by hunger, and that the object was to attack the castles of the aristocracy. One of the first threatened was that of the Marquis of Waterford at Curraghmore, but the attack was not attempted in consequence of the timely precautions taken by the Marquis, who had fortified himself with 8 pieces of artillery.

### THE ITALIAN QUESTION.

It is difficult to calculate correctly the state in which things are as regards the Italian question.

Amidst the thousand conjectures that are formed we will give our readers all that we think can throw some light on this great problem of the moment.

The *Presse*, which, from its private connections, has a semi-official character, publishes the following article which presents the state of things under a serious aspect.

"A difference has just arisen between the imperial cabinet of Austria on the one hand and France and England on the other, in regard to the non-fulfilment of certain clauses of the armistice entered into at Milan on the 9th of August. According to the 2nd and 4th articles of that convention, the city of Venice was comprised amongst the number of places which should be delivered up to the Austrians three days after the ratification of the armistice by the King of Sardinia. The armistice being ratified on the 10th, Venice should have been evacuated at farthest on the 13th of August.

"It would be useless to state here the many steps taken by Marshal Radetzky in order to obtain from Charles Albert that the Sardinian squadron and troops stationed at Venice should comply with the stipulations of the armistice. At the request of Mr. Abercromby, the British Minister at Turin, Charles Albert finally gave Marshal Radetzky a letter patent ordering Admiral Albini and General Della Marmora to evacuate Venice.

"An unforeseen difficulty then appeared. At the same time that the Austrian government received on the 7th September from Admiral Albini the official assurance that all the squadron and troops would evacuate the city, an officer under a flag of truce arrived at Trieste sent by the same Admiral to declare that the Sardinian squadron could not abandon the waters of Venice, save after receiving from the Austrian government the formal promise that the Austrian troops would commit no act of hostility against that city.

"The declaration of the Sardinian admiral coincided with the protest of the representatives of France and England at Vienna in the event of Austria ordering hostilities to be continued after the departure of the Sardinian squadron. In a verbal note dated 7th September and addressed collectively by Lord Ponsonby and M. Lacour to Baron Wessenberg, the Austrian minister of foreign affairs, these representatives declared that from the simple fact of Austria's having accepted the Anglo-French mediation, Austria had tacitly deprived herself of the right to re-commence hostilities against Venice, the special end of the mediation being to put an end to the war by the employment of conciliatory means.

"The reply of the Austrian cabinet was not long of being given. If we are correctly informed it is resumed in the following words: "The notification of the armistice of Milan was a *fait accompli* at the period when Charles Albert and the court of Austria accepted the Anglo-French mediation. Consequently, the acceptance of the mediation cannot, in law, have a retroactive effect on the stipulations of the armistice. The imperial government admits the basis of the *status quo* as the basis of the negotiation with the mediating powers; but it can admit no other *status quo* than that stipulated by the armistice, and the consequences of this act must be to place the belligerent parties in the territorial situation they occupied at the beginning of the war.

"This promised, Austria considers herself authorized to impose on Venice the stipulations of the Armistice, stipulations from which Charles Albert has already derived great advantages, particularly so by the delivery of the park of artillery and the free passage of his troops.

"For these reasons Austria protests against the difficulties which the mediating powers wish to oppose to the execution of the Milan armistice, and reserves to itself, in what relates to Venice all its liberty of action, since the acceptance of the Anglo-French mediation can no way destroy prior rights resulting from said armistice."

"The counter-protest of Austria appears so much the more serious from the facts that the Milan armistice expires on the 21st inst. and that Charles Albert and Radetzky prepare themselves for a renewal of hostilities with renewed vigour, if, after that date, Prince Schwartzberg, delegated *ad hoc* by the commander-in-chief of the Austrian army, should not stipulate with the Sardinian government the prolongation of the armistice.

"In this state of things the French government invited the English government to join it for the purpose of hastening the negotiations. But in consequence of the prorogation of parliament the British ministers are fasting and Lord Palmerston roasts in his magnificent seat of Broadland after the fatigues of a tempestuous session. Notwithstanding, informed of the wishes of the French government, he promised to come to London on the 13th in order to come to an understanding with M. de Boumont in regard to the means to be adopted to cause the great difficulties to disappear which the Anglo-French mediation immediately met with in the beginning."

"Questions were put in the national assembly of Vienna in regard to Italy. The Austrian ministry officially declared that it had accepted purely and simply the principle of mediation without any ulterior engagement. It also gave it to be understood that, in its opinion, Lombardy should be constituted into an independent Kingdom under the sovereignty of Austria.

"The *Messenger* states that a cabinet courier would leave Paris on the 16th for the head quarters of the King Charles Albert, to notify him of the resolution taken by the French government to disband the army of the Alps, if H. S. M., by a non-renewal of the armistice, should refuse the consequences of the mediation which he has accepted.

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The policy pursued by the Government of the United States with regard to territorial aggrandizement is particularly deserving of attention. Prussia, in her vital struggles through the middle of the last century, was not more desperately bent upon consolidation and enlargement than is America at present, and a state which still retains in its original possession sufficient unoccupied land to maintain double the amount of its population is impressing into its service all the expedients of annexation, conquest, and purchase, with as much determination as extremity as if it were actually grasping in those extremities of political existence which necessitated the seizure of Silesia and almost palliated the first partition of Poland. This policy may, perhaps, to some extent, the manifestation of that high national purpose occasionally proclaimed by American statesmen, of reducing the uttermost parts of the continent under their rule upon the faith and sanction of scriptural donations; or it may be simply the natural development of ambition and activity in a thriving, uncontrolled, and unquiet people. But with either or both of these motives we have no doubt there is compounded, on the part of forecasting statesmen, a strong desire to multiply and extend as far as possible those outlets for discontent and restlessness which are the very lungs of the American body politic, and to postpone to the remotest practicable period that moment when the rushing stream of expansive population must at length be checked, and with a sudden and terrible recoil. What emigration is, or ought to be, to Great Britain, migration is to the United States. Their colonies are in their western provinces. All opinions concur in stating that the facilities afforded by the wilderness of the far-west to the spirit of adventure or change have proved the salvation of the Government, and have been the chief means of preserving intact for seventy years a constitution of which, by the side of more recent innovations of democracy, seems to wear not a few of the features of a steady and consolidated monarchy.

The efforts of the American Government to perpetuate the existence and secure the free action of this political safety-valve have been incommensurate, in success not less than in spirit, with the necessities of the case. Taken with the previously vacant territories of the United States proper, we may say that the annexation of Texas, the acquisition from Mexico, and the awards in Oregon, have placed at the disposal of the authorities at Washington a tract of land at least twice as spacious as the whole presently inhabited portion of their possessions. In fact, taking the whole breadth of the continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific, between the 50th and 30th parallels, as representing the present dominions of the United States of America, it would be substantially correct to say that the whole space west of the Missouri, or in other words, two-thirds of the entire territory, is yet unattended, and lies in reserve for the caprices



