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## Foreign intelligence.

### THE CONVENTION BETWEEN FRANCE AND ENGLAND.

The following is the text of the convention between the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the Emperor of the French relative to the title to be given to the Ottoman Empire.—The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the Emperor of the French decided upon lending their support to the Sultan of the Ottoman Empire, in the war which he is waging against the aggressions of Russia and Greece, and moreover, upon understanding their sincere and persevering efforts for the maintenance of peace, to promote a belligerent armistice to be concluded, without their active intervention, would have menaced the existence of the equilibrium of Europe and the interests of the Ottoman Empire, and in consequence resolved to conclude a Convention calculated to determine the object of their alliance as well as the means to be employed in common for carrying it out, and for this purpose have named for their Plenipotentiaries:

Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, the Right Honourable George William Frederick Earl of Clarendon, &c., Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and Her Britannic Majesty;

And His Majesty the Emperor of the French, the Sieur Alexandre Colonne Comte Walewski, &c., His Ambassador at the Court of Her Britannic Majesty;

Who, having reciprocally communicated their full powers, which were found in good and due form, have agreed to and signed the following articles:

ARTICLE 1.—The High Contracting Parties engage to use their best efforts to procure the re-establishment of peace between Russia and the Sultan, Porte on the one hand, and the Emperor of the French on the other, and to guarantee Europe against the return of unfortunate complications which have so unhappily troubled the general peace.

ARTICLE 2.—The integrity of the Ottoman Empire having been violated by the occupation of the province of Moldavia and Wallachia, and by other movements of the Russian troops, their Majesties the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and the Emperor of the French have concerted between them, and will concert on the most proper measures for securing the territory of the Sultan from foreign invasion, and for attaining the object specified in Article 1, and for the purpose to remain to maintain, according to the necessities of the war, understood by a common agreement, land and sea forces sufficient to make head against it, of which the subsequent arrangements shall determine, if the opportunity offers, the quantity, the number and the destination.

ARTICLE 3.—Whatever event may arise consequent upon the execution of the present Convention, the High Contracting Parties undertake to receive no overture nor proposition tending to the conclusion of a truce, and to enter into no arrangement with the Imperial Court of Russia, without having previously deliberated upon it in common.

ARTICLE 4.—Animated by the desire of promoting the most proper measures for having no interested object in view, the High Contracting Parties declare beforehand that they will derive no advantage from the events which may arise.

ARTICLE 5.—Their Majesties the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and the Emperor of the French will eagerly receive into their alliance, to co-operate towards the attainment of the objects of the other Powers of Europe who are willing to enter into it.

ARTICLE 6.—The present Convention shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be signed at London, on the twentieth day of August, in faith of which the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed it, and affixed to the seal of their Governments, and on the 10th of April, in the year of grace one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

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RUSSIA AND AUSTRIA.—On Friday an offensive and defensive alliance between Austria and Prussia was concluded, and the Emperor of Austria on the one side and Baron Hess and Count Thun on the other, but we are still in ignorance as to the real character of the treaty.

VENICE.—Sunday Evening, April 23.—The Imperial brig arrived yesterday. She

entered the city in state today. The solemnisation of the Imperial nuptials takes place tomorrow. Great and general enthusiasm is manifested upon this occasion. The Emperor has granted an amnesty to 350 political prisoners, of whom 245 receive a full pardon, the sentences of the others are commuted into various terms of imprisonment. All criminal suits in Galicia for treason are quashed. All similar suits for offence against His Majesty throughout the empire are quashed. The date of siege in Lombardy and the Venetian territory will be raised entirely after the 1st of May. The Emperor has also ordered 200,000 florins to be distributed among the poor of the various provinces, a strictly economical program against any movement in Montenegro, and the export of arms from Austria to Montenegro is strictly prohibited.

DENMARK AND SWEDEN.—While the Courts in these countries grow daily more unpopular, the Danes and Swedes continue to take interest in the proceedings of our fleet. In Denmark the unconstitutional Ministry is reinstated in office; and, according to the telegraph, Bishop Monrad and other conspicuous leaders of the Opposition have been dismissed. The Morning Chronicle's Copenhagen correspondent writes that the Swedish Government has positively entered into a treaty with Russia, by which such an obsolete enactment forbidding more than four ships at once to enter a harbour has been repealed, and also extended to Norway. The matter is, however, taken up by the Swedish Parliament. The port bill has been laid before the assembly of chambers, which is merely a pretext for harassing British merchants in the Baltic, by means of a restriction on the import of iron.

ITALY.—The Sardinian Minister of Marine, Count Alfonso La Marmora, has submitted to the Emperor of Austria, and to the maritime counsils and captains of ports, announcing to them, that having been obliged to furnish arms to the Emperor of France and England, in order to render the State of war a little detrimental to commerce as possible, the Government is resolved in a spirit of fair reciprocity to enforce the strict neutrality in the ports, and especially forbids the fitting out of privateers under the Russian flag, the furnishing them with provisions and ammunition, and not receiving them into a Sardinian port with their prizes. Prince Lucien Bonaparte has visited Bologna, Ancona, and Rome, and has everywhere met with great attention from the authorities.

ROME, April 10.—The Herald learns that a convention had been concluded between Mr. Buchanan and Lord Aberdeen, by which England admits of the approaching European war the doctrine that the flag covers both ship and cargo; also renouncing the right of search for the imprisonment of seamen, so far as American vessels are concerned, and conceding the right of search for blockade, in return the United States is obliged to strict neutrality and non-interference in the commerce of the British and French fleets in the Baltic, (should they approach sufficiently to be considered as belligerent), by means of Taylor's sub-marine apparatus, and Colt's sub-marine battery. The plan, we are assured, is a simple one, and requires sufficient power to sink a man-of-war, to be carried under the water by a man occupying a sub-marine apparatus, and attached to a torpedo to the bottom of the ship, and returns to the shore, when, by means of an electric wire, the battery is exploded, and the vessel blown up. It is said that this Sub-marine Apparatus and Battery Company are to receive £100,000 sterling if they succeed in selling out the allied squadron, and they are otherwise to receive a stipulated sum for every hostile vessel destroyed.

THE AMERICAN POST OFFICE SYSTEM.—According to the annual report of the American Postmaster-General, there are 1,200 offices in the United States, 2,888 Post Offices. The aggregate length of the mail routes is 1,000,000 miles, and the number is 33d. During the year the mails are conveyed over 13,000,000 miles on railways,

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the mileage of which is 64, and over nearly 7,000,000 miles in ocean-boats, the mileage of which is 44d. In California the mails traverse annually nearly 600,000 miles, the cost of which is £20,000. The American Postmaster-General complains to the Government of a want of sufficient power over railway companies to fix the price for conveying mails, and the hours of arrival and departure. He is averse to the reference of such questions to a jury, and has acted unfavourably to the Government there. The local mail service in California is marked by two peculiarities:—very high prices, and great difficulty in giving the mail the facilities required. The cost of the mail service in California greatly exceeds the receipts. The transport of mails across the Isthmus of Panama alone costs the American Government 14d for every pound weight of mailable matter. The Postmaster-General recommends that an Assistant Postmaster-General should be appointed for the supervision of the American mail service in the Pacific, and that a despatcher office should be established in California. The annual postal expenditure in the United States is £2,000,000, and the income is about £1,100,000. The cost of the American ocean steam-ship lines is about £240,000 a year, and the revenue derived from them about £180,000 a year. The number of letters conveyed between the United States and Europe during the last year by the British and American mail steamers was 4,600,000; the number of newspapers, 1,350,000.

WEST COAST INVESTIGATION.—The trade between this country and the Merchants of the Argentine Provinces is so great, and of such yearly increasing importance, that we think it not only the interest of the Government, but also the duty of the authorities, to foster and encourage it in every possible manner. One of the first requisites for development of the trade is a regular and secure means of carrying on of inland trade, is the providing of good, substantial, and safe means for the transportation of goods, merchandise, and produce. We have heard something of a proposed or projected Railway connecting the Argentine Provinces with the Republic and this State, crossing the Andes, and joining the Santiago and Valparaiso railways, and the present undertaking is giving a complete communication between the Countries, and the transportation of goods to the Pacific Ocean. However grand, and sublime, we may admit this conception to be; however noble, and howsoever magnificent an idea realized; and however practicable the projected undertaking may be, we cannot but say that, in our opinion, we cannot shut our eyes to the extreme improbability of our living to see the day, and even if we could, we should not feel ourselves justified in keeping silence regarding the state of the existing roads, and of their inadequacy to meet the requirements of the times. Of the state of the road between here and Santiago, it is sufficient to say that, during the rains, for three days all communication between here and that city was entirely suspended, and that neither the post, nor other messenger, or carrier could travel on that road, or cross the streams by which it was intersected.

But it is of the road across the Cordilleras that we have much to say. We are informed that there are at this time no less than 4000 bales of merchandise in the hands of the Government, and detained in consequence of the total impossibility of crossing the Andes, in the present state of the roads. The owners of these goods are about to employ (or have by this time employed) 1000 peons, and 1000 mules, and to attempt to cross the Andes and open up the road. When the roads shall have been opened by these means, the journey, and transit, will be very dangerous, as at this season storms come on so suddenly, are so overwhelming in their nature, and are so destructive, that the roads are so easily stopped up, and obscured, with snow, that it is difficult for the loaded traveller, and the mule (or refuge horse) to be so far apart (3 leagues) that the mule can see the horse, and the mule is in danger of being buried in the snow, swept away by the catarract, or precipitated over precipitous declivities. It is not possible which no human aid can reach them. Now of course no Government can be held responsible for the safety of the goods, in the early setting in of winter, or the works of nature; but when a class of people are willing to contribute to the public good, and trade with us, it is our interest as well as our duty to provide them with such roads as the nature of the country will permit, to give them these other facilities for the safe

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transport of themselves and their merchandise, as lay in our power. It is complained that in the crossing of streams their goods are frequently injured by the water.—To remedy this it would be more reasonable than for Government to build suitable and substantial bridges? It is complained that there are not sufficient Cañales on the road, and that in 3 leagues (the distance between each Cañal) on such roads, a man may perish of cold, or fatigue, or be buried in a snow storm. It is further complained that there are no guide posts or other aids by which the traveller might be guided, when he is in the right track. Besides these, it is also complained that there are rough, and uneven roads, and that the carriage and mule expense might be made comparatively easy. What would be a more legitimate application of the Government funds than to build extra Cañales, supply guide posts, and smooth down the rough and dangerous paths alluded to?—As a matter of common humanity; as an act of justice to our own citizens and merchants, and as a question of self interest, we would urge upon the Government the propriety of immediately settling about the roads, and by one ordering the construction of such necessary bridges, Cañales and sign posts, and by another ordering the repair of the roads, or alterations, of the roads, as an enquiry may be found to be requisite, or advised.

We refrain at present from making any animadversions on the negligence of the public authorities, in relation to the matters to which we have above referred, in the hope and expectation that when grievances of so important a nature are pointed out to the public press, representing we believe the feelings of the community, those authorities will do their duty, and redress of such flagrant public wrongs.

PERU.—The yellow fever in Lima was reported as on the decline, and the statistics for the month of June indicated a considerable falling off in its mortality.

The Southern Provinces had pronounced in favour of the Republic, and the Government, San Roman, Colonel La Puerta, and other officials who had been recently banished, have returned to Peru, and have been met by deep rooted hatred and ancient rivalries between these persons and General Castilla. It was feared that it might be attempted to get up a caudillo revolution.

General Castilla was in Cuzco, employed in organizing forces, and some of his officers were similarly engaged in the rest of the insurrectionary Provinces. All the Judicial and civil authorities in Peru have been replaced by Castilla and his partisans.

In the North the President Echagüe has raised a large army perfectly equipped, and armed; but destitute of valour, activity, or hope of triumph. A new paragon system has been established, and other measures taken as precautions against the propagandists of the Republic.

BOZIVA.—The war with Peru had been concluded. The President Bolívar, is at peace; but has ordered some auxiliary forces to be sent to assist the Government of Peru.

From COIPIAO and COQUIMBO we have nothing new. The Mines still continue very prosperous.

(Valparaiso Echo.)

## SPRIT OF THE PRESS.

[From the Spectator.]

THOSE who anticipated a "blowing blow" at Russia, in the Baltic, would do well to read the first paper in *Fraser's Magazine* for May, which is devoted to a description of the geographical geography of that troubled sea. The paper, indeed, is much more than an ordinary geographical description. It is written by one who has an intimate and detailed knowledge of the ground—who has been able to survey it, too, from the heights of the Caucasus, and from the most advantageous position accessible to an Englishman in Russia—who possesses an authentic and complete collection of maps and papers; it is thoroughly practical in its purpose, and graphic in its language.

An English fleet, if sent to sea, will not encounter its only trials at the intricate and treacherous straits of the Bosphorus, the land in venturing to the South Sea, and in shallow waters—the necessity for taking the ground is so shallow, and the water so shallow, that it is not possible to avoid a very a fretsake of the obstructive, and dangerous rocks, and the cliffs of Holstein, the sandy shores of Prussia, the





