

BY TELEGRAPH.

FOREIGN.

LONDON, 2.—The following appointments are officially confirmed: Marquis of Salisbury, Secretary of State for the Foreign Department; Right Honorable Gathorne Hardy, Secretary of State for India; Hon. Frederick A. Stanley, Secretary of State for War; Sir Henry Selwin Ibbotson, Secretary of the Treasury, in place of Stanley.

The *Times*, in a leading editorial, says: "Government's conviction that the terms extorted from Turkey are inconsistent, alike with the interests of England and Europe, will be sustained by the public opinion of the country."

The opposition to retrocession to Russia of Bessarabia is growing in intensity.

Unless energetic disinfecting is promptly carried out along the military roads in Bulgaria and Roumania, a frightful pestilence is likely to break out.

The semi-official eastern budget prints the following special:

General Ignatieff was informed by the Austrian government that it requires certain alterations to be made in the peace preliminaries, and such alterations must be made with the concurrence of the other Powers. There is no prospect, therefore, of England being isolated, and the action of the Vienna cabinet is calculated to promote the interests of peace.

Count Andrassy has assured M. Bratiano, Roumanian premier, that Russia should, under no circumstances, keep a military road open through Roumania for two years.

So far the Porte has refused all proposals for the Russian occupation of any heights near the Bosphorus. Grand Duke Nicholas has assured the Porte that he will not advance on Constantinople without the Sultan's assent.

The *Times* announces that Mr. Ogle, its Volo correspondent, has been found dead near Macriniza, and there is reason to believe he was assassinated. An Athens telegram reports that Mr. Ogle was murdered by the Turks.

The *House* and *Canopus*, wooden screw men-of-war, at Devonport, have been ordered to be prepared for hospital service in the Mediterranean.

A St. Petersburg correspondent says: Austria's views are regarded there as so exorbitant that the Russian chancellor, to prevent an alliance between Austria and England, is about to make another attempt to come to terms with England. At Vienna hopes are still entertained that the congress will meet.

Bismarck is going to his Lauenburg estate soon, unless detained by the eastern question.

It is stated that Russia is irritated by the rebuff from France. The latter being approached for separate recognition of the treaty of San Stefano replied that she would not participate in a combination against England.

Vienna advises present the Austrian objection as not less fatal to the existence of the treaty than England's.

Latest advices from Constantinople say a strong conviction prevails at the Russian headquarters that an Anglo-Russian war is inevitable. It is reported that Russia has offered to cancel the money indemnity and increase Turkish powers over New Bulgaria as a reward for an alliance, but these offers have not led to any result. The Grand Duke Nicholas had a reception of the diplomatic body on Sunday. The British and French ambassadors sent their cards. The Grand Duke returns to his headquarters at his headquarters at San Stefano on Wednesday.

The *Agence Russe* says journals, notably the new *Times*, favor a direct understanding with England.

There is a slightly better feeling here. It is quite possible another attempt will be made to come to terms with England if Austria's demands are as exorbitant as reported.

There is little doubt that Grand Duke Nicholas has been charged to induce the Turks to conclude an offensive and defensive alliance with Russia in case of an Anglo-Russian war.

The Russians commenced a fresh movement towards Gallipoli. The Russian troops north of the Balkans are being moved nearer the Danube. The Russians are everywhere erecting fortifications.

General Ignatieff has arrived. The *Agence Russe* maintains that his mission has not failed, as he was simply instructed to give and receive friendly explanations relative to the attitude of England.

The *Agence* says Russia cannot do more to facilitate the meeting of the congress. Her means of persuasion cease at the point where the care for her dignity commences.

The *Gazette*, to-night, publishes a proclamation ordering the reserves to assemble on or before April 19th.

The Russians, fearing the Turks will endeavor to remain neutral, M. Onau has made the following demands, which may be regarded as an ultimatum: "The abandonment to the Russians of the fortifications on both sides of the upper Bosphorus and Gallipoli, and Boulair on the Dardanelles. The Turks are also to evacuate Makrikevi and Maslak and place some barracks and hospitals at the disposal of the Russians. Grand Duke Nicholas last night urged these demands upon Reouf Pasha, and they will be submitted to the council. It is said that the Sultan and Vefik Pasha oppose them."

In the House of Commons, to-night, Mr. Lawther confirmed the report of the shooting of the Earl of Leitrim, and said there was reason to suppose that the crime was of an agrarian character.

The following is the sentence verbatim in Lord Salisbury's circular to the Powers in which he objects to the treaty of San Stefano as a whole. The combined effect of the treaty in addition to the result upon the Greek population and upon the balance of the maritime powers which have been already pointed out, is to depress almost to the point of the entire subjection the political independence of the government of Constantinople. The formal jurisdiction of that government extends over geographical positions which must, under all circumstances, be of the deepest interest to Great Britain. It is in the power of the Ottoman government to close or to open the straits which form the natural highway of nations between the Aegean Sea and the Euxine. Its dominion is recognized at the head of the Persian Gulf on the shores of the Levant and in the immediate neighborhood of the Suez Canal. It cannot be otherwise than a matter of extreme solicitude to this country that the government to which this jurisdiction belongs should be closely pressed by political outposts of a greatly superior power, that its independent action and even existence is almost impossible. These results arise not so much from the language of any single article in the treaty as from the operation of the instrument as a whole. A discussion limited to articles selected by one power in the Congress would be an illusory remedy for the dangers to English interests and to the permanent peace of Europe, which would result from the state of things which the treaty proposes to establish.

MONTREAL, 2.—The demand for horses for England is increasing, several carloads being taken over the grand trunk R.R. daily, destined for Europe. They are intended for military service, and branded with the letter "S." Large shipments of cattle are also being forwarded from the lower provinces, the country east and west is being searched for suitable horses for war purposes.

PESTH, 2.—The Hungarian government will shortly lay a bill before the district to provide for raising the 60,000,000 florins recently authorized by delegations for the purposes of mobilization.

LONDON, 3.—The Earl of Leitrim was shot opposite the cottage from which he had recently ejected a widow. Eighty nine of his tenants were under notice to quit. His body was found in a ditch. The left side of his head is battered in and it is thought he was also shot in the head, but the fatal shot was through the heart. The left arm is broken and the right completely shattered. The driver and clerk were shot in the head. The ground where the murder was committed showed traces of a hard struggle. A fowling piece and part of another gun were found near the spot. Three or four men were seen loitering in the neighborhood before the murder.

It is announced, in an official form, that Sir Charles Adderley will be elevated to the peerage, and Viscount Sandon will succeed him as president of the board of trade. Government has bought another

large steamer at Belfast for the transportation service.

A correspondent at San Stefano recounts an interview with the Grand Duke Nicholas, who said he had reason to know that the Sultan would gladly see his territory freed of Russians and English. If the English fleet left, the Russians would begin immediately to embark. The Grand Duke still hopes war might be avoided through the peaceful disposition of the Czar and the good sense of the English.

The Oxford crew arrived at Putney, to-day. The University race is appointed for 9 a. m. on the 13th.

The *Standard* announces officially, that it has been decided immediately to recall the Duke of Edinburgh from the Mediterranean. It is probable that four ships of the channel squadron will go to Piræus.

A St. Petersburg dispatch and advices from Berlin and Vienna mention that there is some indication that Russia might desire to renew the negotiations for a congress, taking the treaty of Paris as a basis of discussion.

The trustees of the champion belt have decided that O'Leary is entitled to take it to America. Any body challenging him must go to America unless O'Leary agrees to compete in England. The prizes in the late pedestrian match have been distributed. O'Leary received \$3,750; Vaughan, \$1,300; Brown, \$525. The other combatants were the recipients of smaller sums.

ST. PETERSBURG, 3.—It is admitted that Austria is not at all disposed to state clearly the price of her neutrality, recognizing the fact that a war between Russia and England would enable her to dictate her own terms.

VIENNA, 3.—A dispatch from Count Von Brest, the Austrian ambassador at London, received here, states that Lord Beaconsfield and Salisbury earnestly desire the maintenance of peace, but if Russia's attitude should render war a necessity, it will be carried on until resistance is crushed.

News from St. Petersburg as to the result of Gen. Ignatieff's mission here, which will, to a great extent, settle the question of peace or war, is hourly expected.

Lord Salisbury's circular has increased a friendly disposition here towards England. Germany is doing everything possible to revive the congress scheme.

It is understood the Austrian embassy has received a dispatch to the effect that Austria must support England's demand for a full discussion of the provisions of the treaty with a view to some important modifications.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg reports that there is great excitement over the news of the probable alliance between England and Turkey. Everything has assumed a warlike aspect. It is reported that the Russians are advancing on Gallipoli.

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