

slans that any advance towards Batoum will be forcibly resisted.

It is now stated that the steamer *Idaho* sunk in 15 minutes after striking the rocks. She lies in 19 fathoms of water, midway between Coningberg and Brandies Rocks. Her top gallant masts are visible at low water. The passengers speak highly of the conduct of Captain Holmes and his crew, and have drawn up a testimonial to that effect to be presented to the owners.

The following is the text of the invitation to the congress: The undersigned ambassador of the Emperor of Germany has the honor, by order of his government, to convey to his excellency, the Marquis of Salisbury, Secretary of State for the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and the Empress of India, the following communication: In conformity with an initiative taken by the Austro-Hungarian cabinet, the government of his majesty, the Emperor, has the honor to propose to the powers who are signatories of the treaties of 1856 and 1871, to meet in congress at Berlin, to discuss there the stipulations of the preliminary treaty of San Stefano, concluded between Russia and Turkey. The government of his majesty, in giving his invitation to the government of her Britannic majesty, understands that in accepting it her Britannic majesty consents to admit of a free discussion of the whole of the contents of the treaty of San Stefano, and that it is ready to participate therein. In the event of the acceptance of all the powers invited, the government of his majesty proposes to fix the meeting of the congress for June 13th. The undersigned, in bringing the above to the knowledge of his excellency, has the honor to ask him to be good enough to acquaint him as soon as possible with the reply of the British government.

The following is Lord Salisbury's reply to the foregoing:

The undersigned, Her Majesty's principal Secretary of State for foreign affairs, has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of His Excellency's communication inviting Her Majesty's government to take part in a congress at Berlin, for the discussion of the stipulations of the preliminary treaty concluded at San Stefano between Russia and Turkey. The undersigned, taking His Excellency's verbal intimation that the invitation had been sent in the same terms to the other powers who are signatories of the treaty of Paris, and understanding that those powers assent to the invitation on the terms stated in His Excellency's note, has the honor to inform His Excellency that the government of Her Majesty will be ready to take part in a congress at the date mentioned.

The *Times* prints a diagram giving the first intelligible explanation of the ironclad disaster. It shows that the *Grosser Kurfurst* and *Koenig Wilhelm* were steaming along in parallel lines, close together. The *Wilhelm* was on the left hand, or to seaward, and slightly ahead. Two merchantmen, standing across their course from right to left, both the ironclads ported their helms and passed astern of the merchantmen. The order was then signalled to starboard helm, which the *Grosser Kurfurst* obeyed, resuming her former course, while the *Koenig Wilhelm* continued to port her helm, this brought the vessels directly in contact.

CONSTANTINOPLE, 3.—Lafuet Pasha will be one of the Turkish representatives at the Berlin congress. It is thought the other will be a Christian.

The Russians have offered to occupy the heights commanding Varna and leave the town in possession of the Turks.

BERLIN, 3.—An official bulletin issued from the palace this evening, says: The condition of the Emperor is satisfactory. In reference to the report that Dr. Nobel, the assailant of the Emperor having accomplices, the *North German Gazette* says that when his mother visited him in prison he denied receiving anything for the deed, and answered negatively when asked if the lot to commit the crime fell upon him.

LONDON, 4.—A correspondent at St. Petersburg says: The attempt to arrange a mutual withdrawal from the neighborhood of Constantinople has been abandoned.

A Vienna dispatch says: Negotiations on this subject will shortly be resumed.

Officials bulletins, issued from the Royal Palace at Berlin, up to

midnight, in reference to the condition of the Emperor, are satisfactory. Some of the shot in his arm have not yet been extracted. The doctors have decided to leave them to work their way out for fear of causing inflammation.

The statements made relative to Dr. Nobel's confessions are contradictory.

A St. Petersburg dispatch says: Lord Beaconsfield's appointment as representative to the congress causes satisfaction here. There is some fear that the situation at Constantinople will necessitate collective action as proposed by the Berlin memorandum.

The House of Commons has adjourned over Derby day. The vote was 225 to 95.

BERLIN, 4.—It seems that after the shooting of the Emperor on Sunday, when the enraged populace broke into Nobel's apartment, he fired twice at them, severely wounding Holtz, an inn-keeper. The crowd seeing him bleeding, supposed he was the assassin, and fell upon him, and he was so roughly handled before the people discovered their mistake, that his life is despaired of. After the second shot Nobel shot himself. He was instantly seized, and placed in the prison van. As the driver passed rapidly through the archway at the entrance to the house, his head struck the arch with such violence that his neck was dislocated, dying almost instantly.

The examination of Nobel can not be continued on account of his precarious condition.

Dr. Nobel admitted earnest sympathy with the ultramontanes and socialists, and had accomplices and though he had no reason to spare them, would mention no names just then. The office of shooting the Emperor devolved upon him by the drawing of lots, and he believed it would be to the public interest were the head of the State to be removed. The town continues in a state of the greatest excitement and affliction. The crime will produce grave consequences.

ROME, 4.—The Pope has sent a dispatch to the Emperor of Germany, expressing his regret at the atrocious attempt on his life.

SHORT AND SHARP.

A careless printer made a dancing master's card read: I offer my respectful thanks to all who have honored me with their patronage.

It appears that Jonah would have left the whale several days before he did but that he had no umbrella.

In Japan a man may procure a divorce from his wife on the ground that she talks too much, and the amount of domestic bliss there is in that country surpasses the wildest flights of imagination.

"A nice saddle of mutton today!" "No, I would as lief eat dirt," replied the captain. "Well," said the Hoosier, "it's according to how a man has been raised. Now I would rather eat mutton."

A dear old lady presented her son, on his departure for sea, with a Bible. On opening it during a gale, it fell from his hands, and out dropped a fine tooth-comb and the admonitory book-mark, "Search daily."

If a spider breaks his thread twenty times, twenty times will he mend it. Make up your minds to do a good thing, and you will do it. Fear not, if troubles come upon you; keep up your spirits, though the day be a dark and gloomy one.

A Sunday school teacher was telling her scholars the other Sunday, about a boy who stole a hundred dollars, when she was interrupted by one of her auditors with the query, "And how de dickens did he get such a bully chance?"

"Ah," said a conceited young parson, "I have this afternoon been preaching to a congregation of asses." "Then that was the reason you always called them *beloved brethren*," replied a strong minded lady.

A little four-year old, being told by a young man in the village to get off his knee, that he was too heavy to hold in that way, made quite a sensation among the parties present by hissing back, "Too heavy, hey? Sister Kate weighs 100 pounds more than I, and you held her on your knee over two hours last Sunday night."

Mr. Moody advised his hearers to "eschew tobacco in all forms." An illiterate young man says that he has faithfully tried to do so, but it made him so sick that he would rather not be saved if the only way way is to chew tobacco.

"Where is Mr. F.?" inquired an old lady. "Oh, in some part of Australia, I believe," replied her companion. "Well, dear me!" exclaimed the delighted old soul; "I'm so glad he's in Australia, for he can bring me home an ostrich feather!"

Don't be satisfied with one good deed or one victory, but string them together like so many pearls, one after another. A soldier came to Sir Charles Napier saying, "Sir Charles we have taken a stand ard." He thought his share of the work all done, but Sir Charles expressed his approbation of what had been accomplished, and then quietly added, "Now go and take another."

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