

NEWS OF THE WEEK

The News from All Parts of the World.

ABBAD.

Sir Lionel Sackville West, British Minister at Washington, informs the Home Government that he is in receipt of communications from Canada showing a favorable prospect for resumption of negotiations at Washington, looking to a renewal of the fisheries treaty on the basis approved by the Dominion Government. The Minister expresses his belief that the project will be favorably considered, and finally accepted, in the near future.

The Vienna press reports that the Austrian Emperor has been ordered to march to the front, and that the occupation of 100,000 men has been ordered to be billeted in them. The Neue Freie Presse plainly hints that the best thing Austria can do is to submit to Russia's wishes in order to avoid a conflict.

The New York Herald, commenting on the fact that the year 1886 has been distinguished for remarkable uprising of organized labor, says: "It is now clear that the year will end without evidence that the organized workers have gained anything on the whole, excepting surprising efforts. They have gained nothing and have lost much in time and wages. The workmen who have gone on strikes have caused unnecessary misery to thousands of people."

Gov. Oglesby, of Illinois, has declared most positively that he will not accept the seat in the Senate made vacant by Gen. Logan's death. Congressman Cannon has gone to Illinois to look after his chances for the Senate. Representative Fayson will remain in Washington, as the subject of a bill pending in Congress which he says he must attend to.

The Senatorial canvass in Tennessee is growing hot. Gov. H. H. Sargent, Gov. Albert Marks and ex-Congressman John F. House are in the lead, but there is a strong undercurrent setting toward James B. Porter, Assistant Secretary of State of the United States. Gov. Robinson, of Massachusetts, has written a letter to the Rev. Charles Smith, of Andover, in which he declares he will not be a candidate for United States Senator from Massachusetts to succeed Senator Hoar.

Gen. William W. Loring (Loring Pasha) died in New York. When a boy he fought for the independence of Texas. He was also in the Seminole war as a Captain in the United States Army. In the Mexican war he was made Colonel of the First Mounted Rifles. He held this rank until the breaking out of the rebellion, when he resigned his command and joined the Confederates. He was made a Major-General, and was distinguished for bravery in the Vicksburg campaign.

ABOUT THE BAYONET.

Its Value as a Prodder in Modern Warfare.

BY CAPT. CHARLES ROBINSON, 5TH U. S. C. H. A., CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Some time ago I published a short article in THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE concerning the saber and bayonet. Several comrades have done the same, and the expression so far is not one of admiration, or even respect, especially for the bayonet. Gen. John B. Turchin urges the claims of the bayonet as a means of offense and defense, and deprecates the momentary use of the bayonet. Gen. John B. Turchin urges the claims of the bayonet as a means of offense and defense, and deprecates the momentary use of the bayonet.

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ON THE ACTUAL POWER OF THE MEANS WHICH PRODUCE IT.

It depends on those who are affected by it, and on the power. Tradition and education have power to impress us greatly, but with man as intelligent as the rank and file in the late war, it is finally eliminated.

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There is a moral force also in Quaker guns who will deny it. When they are supposed to be the Simon pure article? The Indian produces a "moral impression" by many pains and many blood-curdling whoops. In our boyhood days we read that Chinese soldiers strive to make a "moral impression" on their enemies by hideous music and warlike instruments, whose sole efficacy depends on their capacity to make a noise.

In all these cases it can hardly be doubted that the "moral impression" produced is genuine. A principle so deeply imprinted in our nature is one that cannot be ignored. We cannot among intelligent troops rely upon primitive and barbarous means of making a "moral impression" on our enemies. We must use the force of our arms, and not the force of our words.

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