

ENGLAND'S OBLIGATIONS.

GREAT BRITAIN'S TREATIES OF GUARANTY—HER OBLIGATIONS TO THE REST OF THE WORLD.

The present moment offers a fitting opportunity for taking stock, as it were, of our international liabilities. In 1859, during the Franco-Austrian war, an impression got abroad among us that we were in some way bound by the European settlement of 1815 to secure to Austria the continued possession of her Italian provinces. Under these circumstances the House of Commons addressed the Crown for "copies of such parts of all treaties and conventions now existing and still obligatory which the Government of this country is engaged expressly, or by construction and inference, separately or in conjunction with any other power, to interfere by force of arms, or by armed demonstration, or by the contribution of any military contingent or pecuniary subsidy, to attack or defend any Government or nation with reference to its internal arrangements or foreign relations, or any other contingency whatsoever." Since the return to this address was presented we have concluded the Luxembourg Treaty of 1867, and the duplicate treaties with France and Prussia for the further protection of Belgium, made at the commencement of the pending war, and terminable on the restoration of peace. With these three exceptions, the treaties of guaranty, or by the contribution of any military contingent or pecuniary subsidy, to attack or defend any Government or nation with reference to its internal arrangements or foreign relations, or any other contingency whatsoever.

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NEWS SUMMARY.

City Affairs. The Pennsylvania Railroad train due here at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon was delayed five hours by the breaking of an axle.

Of the German Hospital, the following-named gentlemen have been elected officers:—President, John D. Lankenshaw; Vice-President, M. Richards Muckle; Secretary, Louis J. Ladner; Treasurer, William Grosholz; Solicitor, Frederick Hoyer; Directors, Caspar Benker, John F. Ballier, John Bower, George Doll, Mayer Gans, William J. Horstmann, J. Thoburnson, Joseph Kinke, G. Ludy, J. David Rentscher, Joseph M. Reichard, Jacob Schandner, Louis Schneider, Frederick Zeiss, M. Eicholtz, F. Pitzner, F. Schneider, Peter Schevorn, Charles Vazin.

Domestic Affairs. The storm of yesterday caused a general interruption of travel.

The income tax was yesterday repealed by the United States Senate.

The Massachusetts Radical Peace Society held its annual meeting yesterday at Boston.

The silver mines of Utah proving extremely rich, are rapidly being disposed of to Eastern capitalists.

The trial of Congressman R. B. Butler of Tennessee, for forgery, was commenced in the Criminal Court, at Washington, yesterday.

Foreign Affairs. Large quantities of grain are being purchased in Prince Edward's Island, to be shipped to the starving people of France.

The Portuguese Government has submitted to the Chambers a project for a new financial measure based upon a renewal of the tobacco monopoly.

The terms of capitulation are being drawn by Favre and Bismarck, the Prussians demanding of the French the delivery of Alsace and Lorraine, with Champagne to be held as a pledge for the payment of the war debt.

An official despatch from Versailles of the 24th inst. says the French loss in the sortie of the 19th was six thousand killed, wounded, and missing, while the German loss was only six hundred and fifty-five.

At the interview between Favre and Bismarck, on Tuesday, the latter insisted that the surrender of the French should be signed by the whole Provisional Government, when Favre replied that it would be impossible to bind the Bordeaux Government, the surrender being a military one.

Both branches of the legislative department held their regular meeting yesterday.

Selected Branch—President Cretton in the chair. Mr. Alexander presented an ordinance dedicating the parcel bounded in the Twenty-sixth ward, for the use of a public square and appropriating a portion of the iron railing to be removed from Penn Square, for enclosing the ground. Referred.

Mr. Craig introduced a communication from the Fire Commissioners, asking a repeal of the supplementary ordinance to the bill creating the Philadelphia Fire Department, which the Commissioners were absent last week.

The Commissioners say that the supplementary ordinance presents serious embarrassments to the progress of the organization of the department. They can take no step of importance without the delay of calling the Committee of Fire and Trusts together. An efficient organization will be prevented.

The communication was referred to the Committee on the subject.

Hodgdon introduced an ordinance for the government and protection of the Department for supplying the city with water. Referred to the Committee on Water.

Mr. Farrell, from the Committee on Schools, presented a resolution of request to the Legislature to repeal the act relating to appropriations for school purposes. Referred.

Mr. Park introduced an ordinance appropriating \$475 for repairs to the office of the Receiver of Taxes.

Mr. Downing introduced an ordinance appropriating \$600.00 to purchase ground and for the erection of school-houses. Referred.

Mr. Allen, from the Twentieth ward, on leave introduced an ordinance regulating the minimum width of streets. Referred.

Mr. Leacock introduced a resolution to open Pascal street. Referred.

Various petitions for gas lamps, &c., were introduced. Also, resolutions to pave Sycamore street, in the Twenty-seventh ward, and other streets.

On motion of Mr. Calhoun, Council proceeded to elect two Trustees for the Gas Works. His neighbor Robert H. Bosty and Nathan Hillis. The gentlemen were elected by acclamation.

Mr. Walker, from the Committee on Finance, reported on a resolution of appropriation to defray the special election in the Seventeenth Legislative district. Passed.

Also, an ordinance appropriating \$102 to pay for stationery furnished to the Supreme Court. Passed.

Also, a resolution of instruction to the City Solicitor, to inform Councils if the law requires them to furnish stationery to the Supreme Court. Agreed to.

Also, a resolution substituting certain sureties on official bonds. Agreed to.

Mr. Wagoner, from the Committee on Highways, presented a report, accompanied by an ordinance, authorizing the trustees of the Pennsylvania University to open certain streets running through their property in the Twenty-seventh ward, at no expense to the city. Passed.

Also, a resolution opening Warren street, in the Twenty-fourth ward. Agreed to.

Also, a resolution authorizing the paving of Ludlow street, in the Twenty-seventh ward. Agreed to.

Mr. Glenn, from the Committee of Police, presented a communication from the Philadelphia Fire Department, referring to a petition, and asked to be referred to the Committee on City Property. Agreed to.

Also, an ordinance authorizing an assistant clerk to the Mayor, to employ a messenger through the office of the City Property.

The ordinance decreases the police force one member. Agreed to.

Also, an ordinance authorizing the purchase of a fire proof safe for the Police Department, and appropriating \$500 therefor.

Mr. Barclay, from the Finance Committee of last Council had considered this matter. An iron safe was in the Mayor's office, of no use to him, which he had ordered to be sold.

After further discussion the matter was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Dingee introduced a resolution authorizing the grading of certain streets. Referred.

Select Committee bills being in order, the Chamber proceeded to consider an ordinance appropriating \$400 for erecting a school-house in the Twentieth ward, and providing an iron safe. After some discussion the bill was passed.

Also, a resolution requesting the State Legislature to take an act relating to the appropriations of City Councils for school purposes.

Mr. Hall, for information, had the act referred to read.

Mr. Walker stated that the law now made the appropriations for one year, the same as for the preceding year. Councils failed to make the appropriations with a specified year.

The matter was referred to the Committee on Legislation.

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Cabin, \$75 and \$65; Steerage, \$25. Excursion tickets, good for one year, liberally reduced. Persons sending for their friends can obtain tickets (Steerage) for \$25. Tickets to and from Liverpool and Glasgow by this favorite route at the same low currency rates.

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RETURNING, leave RICHMOND MONDAYS and THURSDAYS, and NORFOLK TUESDAYS and SATURDAYS.

No bills of Lading signed after 12 o'clock on sailing day.

THROUGH RATES to all points in North and South Carolina, via Seaboard Air Line Railroad, connecting at Portsmouth, and to Lynchburg, Va., Tennessee, and the West, via Virginia and Tennessee Air Line and Richmond and Danville Railroad. Freight HANDED BUT ONCE and taken at LOWER RATES THAN ANY OTHER LINE.

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Passengers forwarded to Antwerp, Rotterdam, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, etc., at reduced rates. Tickets can be bought here at moderate rates by persons wishing to send for their friends.

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The contractor, who must be a manufacturer of iron, will include in his proposals the cost of taking down and delivering on board the vessel, and the cost of the underlaid for shipment of the same. Proposals will state the time of completing the structures. The right to reject any proposals that may be deemed disadvantageous to the Government is reserved.

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