

GATHERING ON THE DANUBE

Subotica to Varas, 48, and to Rostoch, 60 miles; Galatz to Bucharest, 120 miles; Bucharest to Krajova, 103, and to Widin, 48 miles; Bucharest to Rostoch, 42 miles; Galatz to Bolgrad, 56; to Tulcha, 48, and to Silistria, 90 miles; Silistria to Rostoch, 66 miles; Rostoch to Silistria, 32 miles.

Movements of the Belligerent Armies Before the Conflict.

THE MILITARY SITUATION.

How Roumania's Troops Are Disposed For Her Defence.

A HOME GUARD

The Russian Army and Its Base of Operations.

THE DOBRUDSCHA.

Lines of Defence on Which Turkey Can Resist Invasion.

DISTANCES BETWEEN POINTS

The forced march that brought the Russian advanced guard and leading corps to Galatz, Ibrail and Botosch...

To guard against any surprise the Roumanian divisions which held the frontier previous to the Russian advance have been withdrawn, and now cover Krajova on the right and Bucharest on the left of their line of defence.

THE BULGARIAN ARMY. This force, which is being constantly strengthened from Jassy, Kisteneff and Bender, is intended for active operations in Bulgaria.

THE DOBRUDSCHA. This territory begins at and is bounded on the north by the Sulina or middle one of the three channels through which the Danube discharges into the Black Sea.

As Adrianople covers the road to the Turkish capital, and must fall before Constantinople is threatened, all distances to points on the Danube and the western and northwestern territories must be measured from Adrianople.

INTERVIEW WITH THE AMERICAN EX-CONSUL AT BUCHAREST—WHAT HE SAW IN ROMANIA—WHY THE MUSCOVITE ASSAILS THE MOHAMMEDAN—RUSSIA WANTS CONSTANTINOPLE FOR HER METROPOLIS.

WASHINGTON, April 23, 1877. People will doubtless remember the name of Mr. Benjamin F. Peixoto, our Consul in Roumania, whose humane and liberal views on the oppressed people of that country a year or two ago made him quite conspicuous at the time.

Mr. Peixoto resided for over five years as our representative in Roumania at the court of Prince Charles of Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen, where he acquired an intimate and thorough knowledge of the Eastern question. He happens to be in Washington just now.

Perhaps few men, especially Americans, are better qualified to speak upon the subject of the terrible war now bursting upon the shores of the "morning land" of the East. During his residence in Europe Mr. Peixoto was thrown in contact with many of the leading statesmen of Russia, Turkey, Austria, Germany, France and England, and his keen powers of observation enabled him to acquire a knowledge of the present, but never absent "policy" which has inspired, actuated, governed and controlled the minds of monarchs and ministers since the fatal battle of Sedowa in the summer of 1866, which lost Austria her proud place in the Southern German Confederation, and as Mr. Peixoto says, "virtually changed the map of Europe."

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Captain Novosilsky, executive officer, and wished them good day.

Shortly after ten o'clock Russian officials from the shore who were to take part in the ceremonies, commenced to arrive.

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AMUSEMENTS.

SIGNOR OPERI'S BENEFIT. Booth's Theatre was well filled last night on the occasion of the testimonial benefit tendered to Signor Operi, the well known chief of Booth's orchestra.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC NOTES. The Soldene English Opera Company are at the Arch Street Theatre, Philadelphia, this week.

JOHN RYAN FOUND IN THE KUTLER IN BEDFORD STREET WITH HIS SKULL FRACTURED. The quiet Ninth ward adds its quota to the list of bloody mysteries no numerous nowadays.

WAS HE MURDERED? A chapter from the Gospel was then read, and the "Te Deum" was chanted with fine effect.

DISHONEST CARTMEN. On the 17th of March Charles E. Baker, accompanied by a truckman named John Broderick, went to the Hudson River Railroad freight depot, in Light street, and presented an order, signed by William Warren, of Monroe county, for three cases of goods.

TARGET SHOOTING. A target tournament for the benefit of Mr. J. S. Conlin, whose shooting gallery was burned out in March last, was tendered here by his friends, and was held at Zettler's gallery.

FIENDISH OUTRAGE IN JERSEY. There is now undergoing treatment at St. Michael's Hospital, Newark, a young woman who, it is alleged, is the victim of a series of outrages at the hands of a gang of young ruffians in East Newark.

STABBED IN THE KNEE. During an altercation at the residence of Christopher Kelly, No. 101 McKibben street, Williamsburg, yesterday afternoon, Kelly was cut in the left knee by John McCloskey, of No. 5 Troutman street.

THE TURKO-RUSSIAN COMMISSION.

The sending abroad of a commission from the United States to observe the movements of the Turkish army is agitating the minds of army and navy officers generally throughout the country at this time, and the announcement of the commission is looked for daily.