

ARRIVAL OF THE CAMBRIA. SEVEN DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

PROGRESS OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC.

REPUBLICANS IN A LARGE MAJORITY.

MORE FIGHTING.

Schleswig taken by the Prussians at the point of the bayonet.

The steamship Cambria, Capt. Harrison, arrived at Boston from Liverpool, at 10 1/2 o'clock on Saturday night, after a passage of 14 days, with both London and Liverpool dates to the 28th of April, the day of her sailing.

The news, both commercial and political, is generally interesting and important. The new government security bill, designated the government gagging act, which has received the royal assent, appears calculated rather to increase than allay the political excitement in Ireland; it is calculated to sustain the cause of the Chartists in England and Scotland.

The steamship Hermann, which was to have left Southampton on the 20th ult., was detained for repairs, in consequence of some injury sustained by her, and postponed her departure to the 13th instant, Saturday.

The French election had taken place, and all passed off, as far as heard from, peacefully. The moderate republican candidates were in the ascendant in every arrondissement of Paris.

M. Lamartine and the moderate party head the list, whilst the commissaries of M. Ledru-Rollin are represented as a great discount.

Political affairs on the continent generally continue of an exciting character, and of the highest interest to Americans. In commercial matters there appears to be a general, though gradual improvement, notwithstanding the feverish state of affairs throughout Europe and the political agitation in all parts of Great Britain and Ireland.

In Prussia public attention is absorbed in the Schleswig-Holstein war, and the approaching elections were not expected to pass off peacefully.

In Vienna tranquillity prevailed. Exertions were in progress to reinforce the army in Lombardy, but the various distant provinces of Austria were all in a state of considerable excitement.

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The Provisional Government did not fail to seize this grand opportunity once more, by means of a public proclamation, addressed to the people, the National Guards, and to the army, to enforce its opinions. It declared that order was guaranteed, the security and independence of the national representation secured, and gave the assurance that family and property are sacred, and industry is free. Credit revives. Specie, buried by distrust re-appears. Labor, the property of the operative, is created by government, surrounded by institutions protective of the rights of the poorest, and the warmest fraternity will not be a mere ceremony, it will be the law.

On Sunday the great event of the Elections immediately followed the spectacle of the Thursday previous, and fortunately all the apprehensions entertained of the great disturbances during the progress of this formality, have been falsified. The voters have performed their duty in Paris without any great interruption of the public peace. Indeed the quietness which prevails, and the paucity of actual voters compared with the number of real electors, would argue an indifference of spirit, rather than any vehement degree of patriotism on any way or the other. As the returns would only be complete on Friday in Paris, we shall have scarcely time to form a deliberate opinion of the general result of this election, upon which depends the future happiness of France, and the general peace of the world.

In the meantime great complaints are made of the open bribery and corruption inseparable from universal suffrage. Stringent endeavors have been made by the authorities to prevent an abuse of the elective franchise; but as many voters have each procured with apparent facility, no fewer than seven or eight tickets entitling them to vote as many times as the Provisional Government is charged with using secretly, undue influence through its army, and Louis Blanc and Albert, their poisoned Oris unemployed.

The purity of election is not altogether immaculate or free from suspicion. The Provisional Government continues its most extraordinary system of arbitrary decrees, notwithstanding its first pledge that no system of taxation should be imposed by the Provisional Government. In lieu of this unquestionably obnoxious and mischievous impost, they have imposed a tax on the rent of apartments, &c., and also a tax of one per cent. on all mortgage money, whether on funds or on the land either held in trust or waiting the judgment of the law courts.

In Spain, matters seem fast progressing towards an outbreak, the utter absence of all constitutional government must provoke the people to rebellion, however attached they may be to their present form of govern-

ment. Lord Palmerston has addressed a letter through Mr. Bulwer to the Spanish ministry. It will be seen that his advice gives such umbrage to the Narvaese cabinet, that the Duke of Solomanon sent the letter back to Mr. Bulwer, with strong expressions of rudeness and contempt; and there can be no doubt that every intrigue has been set on foot to remove Mr. Bulwer from his post at Madrid. The advices from Madrid indicate that the month will not expire before a serious outbreak. All business is at a stand.

Portugal, by the last accounts from Lisbon, of the 19th, seems on the eve of some serious movement. Publications have been recently circulated, in which are openly canvassed the abdication of the Queen in favor of her son, a new dynasty, and even a Republic. The latter form of government, after discussing the question in very inflammatory language, is declared to be the best and that the nation desires it.

Denmark and Prussia. A BATTLE—THE DANES DEFEATED.—Altona, Monday, 24th April.—By the noon train from Readburg, intelligence was received of the taking of the town of Schleswig by the troops of the confederation, after an engagement which lasted from three o'clock in the afternoon of Easter Sunday, until eleven o'clock. The fortification called the Dannevirke, on which the Danish artillery were placed, was taken by the Prussians at the point of the bayonet. After the battery had been silenced by the field pieces of the Hanoverians, Schleswig then fell into the hands of the confederation. The conflict was a bloody one, the Danes having a strong position, and doing great execution with their artillery and riflemen before they were carried.

The Danes had from ten thousand to twelve thousand men; the force of the Confederation was the greatest, but was not all engaged. Four Prussian regiments of the Guard and line formed the bulk of the attacking army. The loss of the Prussians, so far as can be gathered from the unauthenticated accounts, is about three hundred men killed and wounded, principally of the 2d and 30th regiments. Up to Monday morning, one hundred and fifteen wounded had been brought into the Readburg hospital. The loss of the Danes is not yet known, but probably, having fought comparatively under cover, it is not great.

The Schleswig Territory has been the scene of another action by the Free Corps, the bands of Prussia and other volunteers, which have crossed the river, came into collision with the Danes on the highway, between Kiel and Ekenforde, in the wood of Schnell Marker, on the morning of the 21st inst., and after a battle of five hours' duration, the Free Corps were driven back with the loss of 20 killed and 50 wounded, but to what extent the Danes suffered, as our advices reach us from Hamburg, is not known correctly, about 800 men, were engaged in the action, supported by a small body of cavalry and a couple of field pieces.

The regular troops of the Confederation, Prussia and Hanoverian, do not appear to have been engaged in this affair, which appears to have been provoked by the rash, undisciplined courage of the raw volunteers from various parts of Germany, who accordingly have suffered a defeat. The Danes, as expected, have exercised their rights as belligerents—have laid an embargo on all Prussian, Mecklenburg and Hanoverian ships, in the port of Copenhagen. The vessels of Hamburg and Lubeck are only respected as long as they abstain from joining any attack on Denmark.

Authentic rumors have been circulated in London, of an adjustment of dispute, and the Germans complain of the barbarous mode of warfare adopted by the Danes, in stopping commerce, but they forget their own unjustifiable commencement of the affair. Chevalier Bunson the Envoy in London, and Mr. Orin Lehman, who represents his Danish Majesty, have exchanged a not over civil correspondence. The disposition of Russia on the quarrel remains a profound mystery.

FROM BADEN.—We have the most deplorable accounts from Baden, the insurgents had intimated that they wished to capitulate to the force sent against them, but would treat with none but the General in command, unless General Gager advanced from Schliengen, which the insurgents had evacuated to Gaudern, which they occupied, and the General stepped from the ranks to parley with the rebels, the chivalrous warrior exhorted the rebels to obey the voice of the law they refused to listen to his counsels, and as he retired he was treacherously shot at, and mortally wounded by three balls.

The troops, exasperated to see their chief thus slaughtered, fell upon the insurgents, and completely routed them, leaving a great number of dead upon the field. The troops kept up the pursuit, and encountered another party, headed by Struve, which they also attacked and routed; when night came on and put a stop to the engagement. The troops, which were of Baden and Hesse Cassel, had not one man killed, but twenty were wounded.

The rebels suffered greatly. The Provisional Government of France will now disperse the armed bands.

Lombardy and Austria. Confidential policies still continue of an exciting character. In Lombardy the scene of war has not materially changed during the week. The army of Charles Albert, after having been repulse before Preschera, which up to the last accounts has not been taken, continues to maintain the position, on the banks of the Mincio—the King's head quarters having been at Volta. From all accounts we judge that the main body of troops continued on the river. There is evidently a pause in the courage of Charles Albert.

On the 19th the attempt was made to surprise the advanced post of the latter fortress; the king advanced to the ditches, but the garrison kept itself vigorously within the walls, and four men of the besiegers were killed.—On the following day, the Bulletin goes on to say, the head quarters will be changed to Volta, probably to commence a new attempt on the Mincio.

By the official accounts of Radetsky, through Vienna, on the 15th his position was unaltered, and he seemed little to apprehend any success of the Piedmontese against Pes-

chera. On the 18th skirmishes had taken place, in which the Austrians were victorious, and had taken possession of Treviso, Valvasane and Codroipo. Reinforcements were coming from the pass towards Udina, and the steamers of the Austrian allies were armed and placed at the disposal of Count Nugent.

The fortunes of Charles Albert appeared to have received a check which only an effort of great courage can repair. Inactivity will be almost as fatal to his army as a defeat.—It is a critical moment for his family in Sicily. The House of Commons met on the 13th, after some preliminary discussion whether it would be expedient to call to the Throne an Italian Prince of the families of Tuscany or Saxony; it was at length finally decided amidst the most enthusiastic applause, that Ferdinand Bourbon and his dynasty had forever fallen from the throne of Sicily, and that Sicily shall govern herself.

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The people, of all classes and conditions, soldiers and civilian threw themselves in the arms of the consul embraced him, and kissing the "star-spangled banner," pressed it to their hearts, while many, with moistened eyes, reaching their hands through the dense crowd merely to touch it, could just but articulate, "Viva il console!—viva gli Stati Uniti!—viva la gran repubblica!!!" Had I not been an eye-witness of this touching scene, never could I have imagined so thrilling a proof of the great respect and almost adoration with which our nation is regarded by this generous and noble-hearted people. In the evening, the theatre of the Fenice was brilliantly illuminated a giorno, and filled to overflowing, but only with Italian beauty and fashion for by this time all the Austrian society had vanished, like the baseless fabric of a dream. Our nation was again destined to receive, there, a continuation of the same spontaneous and fervent ovations; for no sooner had Mr. Sparks and his lady entered their box, than they were greeted with the most enthusiastic and prolonged applause, with repeated cries of "Long live the American Republic!!!"

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