

The Intelligencer.

The Breadstuffs quotations, especially for wheat, were lower yesterday, which shows that the commercial excitement over the European situation is abating. While this is the case there are no signs on the other side of the water indicative of speedy results. Everything points to a determination on the part of Russia to move forward very cautiously and yet with as much celerity as the season of the year will admit of. As for the Turks their movements are necessarily defensive. How well prepared they will be to receive the Russians when the real collision begins remains to be seen.

Up to this time the results of the campaign in Europe and Asia may be summarized as follows: 1. The Russians have secured the passage of the Danube at or below Galatz. 2. Their main body is concentrated to the west of Galatz, so as to threaten either Wallin or Rostchuk. 3. They have reduced the Turks to the defensive. The Asiatic half of the war is much simpler and easy to understand. On Wednesday the Grand Duke Michael moved to two columns, one on Erzerum, the other on Batoum. Erzerum is in the interior of Armenia, about 120 miles from Kars, and a great depot of the caravan trade. Batoum is an insignificant village on the coast of the Black Sea. The movement on Erzerum was, in all probability, the main movement; that on Batoum a diversion to protect the Russian communications. At Batoum the first hostilities took place, the Russians attacking it and reported repulsed with severe loss. The nature of the country and the strategic lines of Asia Minor will probably restrict the campaign in that quarter to a succession of sieges, with the final object of capturing and holding Erzerum, Trebizond and the province of Armenia. Every step in advance will cost the Russians hard fighting and the result of fortifications. The first week leaves them still in front of Batoum. The Turkish fleet has bombarded the Russian coast villages and towns near Batoum, having killed one man at Fort St. Nicholas. Nothing important bearing on the main line of operations has yet taken place in Asia Minor.

THE PRICE OF BREAD.—The Baltimore American has been interviewing the bread bakers on the subject of the rise in flour and in regard to the programme adopted by them towards their customers. The popular method seems to be to cut down the weight of the loaves one ounce, say from 16 to 15 ounces. This is preferred to a rise in prices. Most customers stand to advance their bread when they don't see it when it staves them blintly in the face in the shape of more money for a loaf. It appears that baking bread for sale is quite a mysterious art. One of the mysteries is to ascertain exactly how many loaves a barrel of flour will furnish. It would seem that 256 loaves is considered a fair yield. This at five cents per loaf would pay \$12.80 for a barrel of flour that in ordinary times costs seven to eight dollars. How to get 256 loaves of bread (16 ounces to the loaf) out of 196 pounds of flour, is one of the secrets known only to the miller. It is a trade that is secret by which the bakers on our rolling mills often get more iron out of a heat than they put in.

THE WOOL SEASON.—The shearing season is upon us and as yet there is no settled opinion as to what is likely to be the ruling price for wool. We have before us a circular from Justice, Bateman & Co., of Philadelphia, issued last week, which lays stress on the great auction sale of one hundred and fifty million pounds of wool that is to take place in the early part of this month at London—a sale that is equal in extent of wool to add to three-fourths of the entire clip of the United States. The result of this sale will be known before the coming spring will be on the market, and it is thought will have an important bearing on the prices for fine wools in this country. Justice, Bateman & Co. consider the result so important to the trade that they propose to issue a special circular as soon as advice are received by cable. In answer to numerous inquiries as to opening prices for new wool, they name 30 cents for average clips of Western wools, and as to Ohio, Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and where the price should be from 32 to 33 cents.

RETRENCHING CITY EXPENSES.—The reports made to Council last night by three Committees, those on Lights, Water Works and Streets and Alleys, foot up nearly \$100,000 proposed expenditures. There are yet to come estimates for some \$71,000 in the shape of Fire Department, Police Department, Salaries, and other minor and unclassified expenditures, which, with the amount to be paid in the way of principal and interest on the city debt, call for a revenue at least \$70,000 more than will be paid this year into the treasury. The Streets and Alleys Committee made a very heroic report, calling for over \$73,000, which amount will probably be cut down about 60 per cent by the revisors to whom, along with the other estimates, it has been sent.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.—The boarding house of Mrs. Noble, on Main street, near 23d, was entered by burglars on Sunday last, and about \$30 worth of provisions and household articles were taken. YESTERDAY afternoon a team belonging to Warren's soap factory ran off at the top of Wheeling Hill. The last wheelbarrow they were going down Market street at a fearful gallop. The grocery keepers of the Third and Fourth wards have agreed to close their places of business from May 1st to September 1st at 8 o'clock P. M., Fridays and Saturdays excepted.

BY TELEGRAPH. A TERRIBLE DISASTER.

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New York, May 1.—An imposing and splendid spectacle was witnessed in St. Patrick's Cathedral to-day, the consecration of Rev. John Lancaster Spaulding, Bishop of the diocese of Peoria, Ill. Long before nine o'clock the street in front of the Cathedral was filled with a large concourse of persons anxiously waiting tickets in hand, the opening of the doors and when these were opened the sacred edifice was rapidly filled under the direction of a corps of ushers and an efficient detail of police. The sanctuary was brilliantly lighted with numerous gas jets and candles. The altar was enriched for the occasion with gold cloth and lace lacinated gold. On each side of the Tabernacle were wrought gold vases filled with flowers. The altar of the Virgin was decorated with flowers and candles, as was also the altar of St. Joseph. Behind the large altar, the Rev. Father Spaulding, in ornate vestments, produced a most agreeable effect. The Archbishop with his double cross, and the plain Pastoral staff of the new Bishop were placed at the right hand side of the high altar.

At half-past 10 the procession issued from the Sanctuary. It was preceded by the Crucifix which was followed by a long line of acolytes, Priests, regular and secular came with them; a number of Bishops in full robes, Rev. Father Spaulding, separating, those from the Cardinal who closed the procession. The Cardinal after being invested with his robes, took his seat on the altar step. The Notary, Rev. Father Beardon, of Chicago, then read the Pope's bull.

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