

OUR EUROPEAN LETTER.

(From our own Correspondent.)

VIENNA, April 13, 1879.

As we may well imagine, we are now in all fever swing about the great silver wedding festivities, and we spare no words to give a stranger a correct idea of our style of living things. On the Ring, where a large number of temporary seats and tribunes are being erected, there is as much talk for leveling a beam and driving a nail as we might see at home for putting a whole city under of. The official programme is not out yet, it is to be ready for publication this week. We know this much, however, that, on the day commemorating the Imperial wedding, our Majesties will hear high mass in state at the Cathedral of St. Stephen. They will then drive through the city to the Hofburg, and take their seats upon the throne, under a handsome open pavilion. Tremendous and prolonged firing of guns, and balloons going up in the Prater. Jubilations of every possible description all over the land on the same day. The festivities in Vienna will last five days. The Venuese, of course, could stand it twice as long. The chief entertainment on the anniversary day, will be a grand procession, composed of historical groups in costumes of the XIV., XV. and XVI. centuries, and this will, doubtless, prove one of the grandest sights of the age. The procession, which it is calculated will take up six hours to march past, will be preceded by a Herald-at-arms, followed by twelve giant trumpeters in armor, on horseback. Then will follow the main body of festive groups, in gigantic chariots, and three distinct divisions:—1. The students and pupils of the high schools of Vienna, the gymnasts and sharpshooters in modern appropriate costume. 2. The historical groups followed by 2,000 anniversary students "in licks" (full dress, viz., the maccaron caps, light jacket, leather breeches, top-boots, and long rap-i-e-r-s.) 3. The Alpine sports, men in Tyrolese costume, the fire brigades, the veterans, the philharmonists, and some 10,000 troops of all arms. One hundred of the finest musical bands in the world will be distributed at regular intervals along with the cortege.

I have learned on the sly that 500,000 blons of "extra lager," brewed 12 months ago, have already arrived, and have been flared with special care. Several tons of wur-krou and waggon-loads of sausages of all sizes and denominations, from the cat's-eat and rat's-tail size, to the bulky thing stuffed in bullocks' bladders, have also arrived, and will soon be spreading their fitchy, appetising flavor through all the lanes and ways of the great city. I am sorry to find that not one Canadian or American provision house thought fit to take up my hints two months ago, to send a cargo hither. Another time I shall carefully avoid this reaching in the desert. I am quite disappointed, for I meant to have done a good bit of drumming for my countrymen and cousins in the midst of the forthcoming general charivari.

At the Hotel de France, we shall be jammed with English and Americans, and a glorious sight of the procession we shall get.—The proprietor, Mr. F. Steinenger, one of the most competent managers I ever met, has recently carried out a good sweeping measure in getting rid of a bungling restaurateur, and replacing the latter by a gentleman who is quite a card in the business. Although the hotel, a model of order, cleanliness, and good attendance, is rather a kind of first-class "hotel menbli," and travellers generally took their meals outside, we have now a highly commendable "cuisine," both in the elaborate French and the plain English style.

General Garibaldi arrived in Rome on Saturday afternoon. He was carried from the station to his son's house lying full length on a litter, unable to move from rheumatism. He expressed his pleasure at hearing that his letter, welcoming the Queen of England, had been copied into many journals. The crowd on hearing that the General was ill, preserved a respectful silence, and perfect order was maintained. In the evening King Humbert sent Gen. Medici to salute Garibaldi, in his name, and to inquire after his health. The Syndic of Rome also visited him. Gen. Garibaldi's friends assert that politics have nothing to do with his visit to Rome. He found that his health was not improving at Caperna, and thought the mineral springs near Civita Vecchia might benefit him. There are, however, many who think these reasons too simple to be true. King Humbert, accompanied by Gen. Medici, visited Garibaldi on Tuesday and remained by his bedside more than half an hour. His Majesty, on leaving was cheered by a large crowd which had assembled in the street. The "Capitale" has published a letter written by Garibaldi from Caperna to a Republican paper, in which he says that Italy owes gratitude to the House of Savoy for having contributed to the unity of the country, but it did not accomplish it alone. He complains of the existing distress, says the country was in a more flourishing state under its old tyrants, and declares that Parliament is overthrowing the Cairoli Cabinet, showed that it no longer represents the country. He strongly condemns Signor Depretis, and concludes by stating that the Monarchy is not eternal, and that the dura-

tion of the House of Savoy will be in proportion, as it merits the affection of the people by dismissing flatterers and calling to its councils men of ability and capable of telling it the truth. The General's health is said to have improved since his arrival in Rome. Prince Bismarck's answer to the Danish inquiry as to the intentions of Prussia in regard to North Sleswick is called by a German paper "the funeral oration" of the "deceased" question. Perhaps, however, though there seems little chance of a European post-mortem examination and inquest, the reptile press is going just a little too far in concluding that a total absorption of Denmark would be accepted with indifference. Yet what do Prince Bismarck's papers mean when they say that affinity of race, commercial and political interests, position, and so forth, indicate the necessity of Denmark leaning towards Germany, and that the smaller country must necessarily amalgamate with the stronger. That the German Chancellor desires to draw Denmark into the Empire is a well known fact; the German schoolmasters and patriotic maps have for a long time been teaching German boys that Denmark and Holland are natural appendages of Germany. Quite in accord with this state of things is the significant hint given by the Prussian press that the Danes, in complaining of the annexation of Danish-speaking parts of the Duchies, seem altogether to forget that "Denmark is only a branch of the German national tree."

AGGUST.

MELANCHOLY AND FATAL ACCIDENT.

On Wednesday, 30th ult., a son of Mr. J. Gray, of Scott, aged 14 years, was engaged in driving a roller. He had asked his brother to let him know when it was noon. In the course of time his brother returned to him and said it was time to unhitch for dinner. Being anxious to finish rolling the field before dinner he commenced to drive his horses very fast. His brother got on the roller beside the driver, and immediately in passing over a larger stone than common, and owing to the quick speed at which the horses were going, the roller tipped up and pitched the driver off. By sad mishap his leg and arm caught in the roller and prevented it from revolving for a distance of about 50 yards; over which space the unfortunate youth was mercilessly dragged.—During this time the lad's arm, leg and head became jammed between the whiffletrees upon which his body had been projected. The roller was a double one and unprotected by a platform. As the whiffletrees were placed above the roller they, after a little, allowed the body to be dragged through, then down to the roller. When the horses stopped, the brother was unable to extricate the body, and had to run to the barn for assistance. When he and another brother got to the roller, and by means of a wrench, disentangled the body, it was found, sad to relate, that an arm, a leg and the neck were broken. Life was extinct, and the lately joyous youth had become lifeless clay. Truly "in the midst of life we are in death." Great sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents, by the whole neighborhood.—*Uxbridge Journal.*

GRAND PEDESTRIAN TOURNAMENT.

The walking fever which has seized the country generally, is assuming a brilliant course in Peterborough. Instead of a comparatively local affair, this, from its large prizes, will ensure the entrance of a comparatively local affair, this, from its large prizes will ensure the entrance of competitors from a distance as well as local champions. As a natural result, keen competition and a lively popular interest will render this trial of endurance and skill very attractive and entertaining. The track, which is outside the Drill-shed, will be prepared with great care and comfort for the participants. In the evening torches will afford a light upon the scene and during both afternoon and evening a first class band will discourse music for the enjoyment of the spectators and the inspiration of the walkists. Extensive excursions on the Grand Trunk and Midland Railways, and upon the Cobourg Peterboro and Marmora railroad, in connection with Calcutt's steamers and on the steamers of the Northern Lakes will bring a large number of spectators to town who will cause no doubt quite a commotion in our usually quiet community. A particular feature of this tournament will be the contest open to ladies only. The duration of this part of the contest to be six hours, and the prize \$25 cash. This will be held within the Drill shed on a fine track. The prizes—1st prize is \$100 cash and a Provincial Gold Medal; 2nd prize, \$50 cash; 3rd prize, \$25 cash.—*Peterborough Times*

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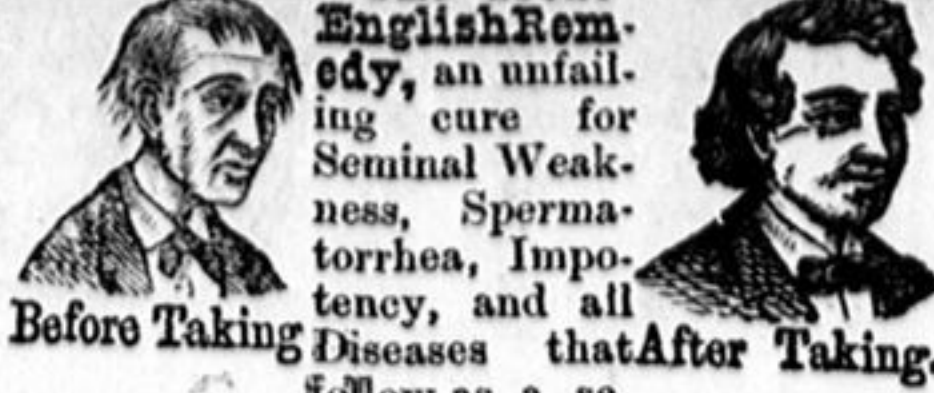
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