

THE GUIDE.

Dundalk, July 19, 1877.

THE STEEL RAILS QUESTION.

At the Clinton Pic-Nic Mr. Mackenzie spoke as follows in answer to a Mr. Johnston, Deputy-Reeve of Wawanosh, who said "it had been represented that thousands of millions of dollars had been spent very foolishly when the market was at the highest point ever known," and wanted to know why the Minister of Public Works made that purchase.—
Mr. Mackenzie took his position amid loud cheers. He said there was nothing like bringing those people to the mark with their charges and nailing them on the spot. (Cheers.) He knew that not one of them could open his mouth without putting his foot in it. (Laughter.) He was asked why the Government had bought this great quantity of rails, costing a fabulous amount of money (laughter) when they were not required, and at a time when the market was higher than ever before? That was the question. (Hear, hear.) What would the gentleman who put that question say and what would his friends and sympathizers say—for he was doubtless put forward to represent the views and give expression to the belief of others—what would they say when he told them that these rails were bought for \$54.60 per ton at a time when the Government was receiving six thousand tons of rails purchased by Sir John Macdonald's Government at \$85.60. (Loud cheers.) Here is a man who tells the people with apparent honesty and sincerity that rails at \$54.60 per ton were the highest ever bought while he (Mackenzie) had the documents to show that his leaders paid \$31 per ton higher. (Cheers.) He would ask him to get his Tory leaders to refund the surplus. (Cheers.) We bought by public competition, by tenders, giving the contract to six or seven of the lowest tenders. They bought six thousand tons without tender. (Cheers.) More than that, they gave a commission of 2 1/2 per cent. on the purchase to a brother-in-law of one of the Ministers, and he charged besides \$10,000 more than was paid to the manufacturers. (Loud cheers.) He told them nothing that could not be proved from the records. To make sure of this particular piece of rascality, suit was brought in the English Courts against the brother-in-law for the recovery of the overcharge, and one judgment for \$5,000 had been secured and another for a similar amount was progressing to execution. That any of these people could have the hardihood to mention steel rails, much less to charge others with doing wrong in connection with them, furnished one of the most convincing proofs of the doctrine taught him in his infancy, that man by nature was totally depraved. (Cheers and laughter.) This person says that these steel rails are all lying rusting from Manitoba to Halifax, and that the Government had to buy first to preserve them. That was the first he had heard of that part of the story. (Laughter.) That was a new element in the affair. (Laughter.) When this steel rail snow ball reaches the end of its journey goodness knows what will be attached to its tail. (Cheers and laughter.) The Government bought fifty thousand tons of these rails, of which fifteen thousand were laid. They had no under construction two hundred miles, some of them being very handsome, with the Queen on one side and William III on the other. Recess was then taken, the various lodges going to the different hotels for dinner, where they were generally well treated, although we hear that one of the "hosts" charged fifty cents while the others charged only twenty-five cents. Friend Witters prepared a splendid dinner for all who chose to dine at his hotel, and his large staff of assistants were kept busy for near two hours.

Between two and three o'clock a number of the Orangemen and visitors assembled in front of the Town Hall, to listen to the addresses given by different gentlemen on the occasion. T. Frizell, of Owen Sound occupied the chair, W. J. Whittier, C. M. of Wellington gave a short address, and was followed by Dr. Barr, M. P. P., who made a regular political speech, and was followed by Mr. Scott, ex-M. P. P., John Anderson, Registrar, North Wellington, Rev. Mr. Cobourne, who gave a very eloquent address, Dr. McGregor, of Chatham, J. C. Lain, Deputy Judge of Grey River, Mr. Williams, and John Chisholm, of Owen Sound. We could not help wondering whether it was a political meeting or the Orange Society that was being addressed, while listening to some of the addresses. The town was gayly decorated with flags, evergreen arches, etc., and an immense number of people were present. The procession was reformed and proceeded to the station about five o'clock and the excursionists started for home, being well pleased with the day's proceedings, but some of them were considerably annoyed on the return journey, by one or two who had laid in too heavy a stock of "angle-leg." On the return journey, Conductor Jackson, who was assisting Conductor Lewis to take up the tickets, had a very narrow escape from death. As most of the cars are merely box cars fitted up for the occasion, it is a very awkward piece of business going from one car to another while the train is in motion to take up tickets. Conductor Jackson was just stepping from one car to another, when some one called to him, and by noticing the call missed his hold and fell off the car, but succeeded in climbing up on the next car. With the exception of a cut on the chin he escaped unhurt.

ME. THOS. McCAULEY Sr., the lessee of the Dundalk Grist Mill has been seriously ill for several weeks past, but we are glad to hear that he is recovering, and hope to see him at his post again in the mill before very long. Mr. McCauley has lived for many years in this neighborhood, and takes a deep interest in its advancement.

bered the famous cartoon in Grip in which Sir John was seen seated in the judge's bench, another Sir John was standing up as a counsel appealing to the judge, and a third Sir John, with demure and humble look, occupying the place of the prisoner in the dock. (Laughter.) This was a very fair representation of the nature of the tribunal which had been nominated to hear the charges made by Mr. Huntington. (Hear, hear.) We do not move in these circles. If we are wrong, or any wrong is charged against us, we are willing to be judged fairly and openly. (Cheers.) The only motion ever brought before the house in regard to these steel rails was one that declared that the purchase had been prematurely made, and it was defeated by the largest majority the government received during the session of 1876. (Cheers.) It was now doing duty as a stalking horse throughout the country. He would submit the matter to the honest Conservatives and ask them if they in their inner consciousness were prepared to convict either himself or his administration of wrongdoing in connection with the purchase of the rails. (Cheers.) Notwithstanding all this and all that had been said against the Tory leaders it appeared to be the aim of the Tory leaders to drag every public man down to their own level by misrepresentation and slander. He was proud to know that there was such a thing as honest-mindedness in public life. (Cheers.) The only question that he had against the Tories, had been set afloat by an impudent journalist, who dared to make charges of a direct personal nature affecting his official honesty. He had dealt with that person through the law courts, and he would do the same about the steel rails slander if it was placed in a similar light. (Cheers.)

On Wednesday evening extensive preparations were made by the Orangemen of this village for the excursion next morning to Orangeville. A nice evergreen arch was erected across the Railway, and a flat car "fitted up" for the occasion, and three other cars kept on the "siding" in readiness. Early next morning the various lodges of this village and neighborhood were marshalled so as to be ready when the train came along. The Union Jack was unfurled to the breeze at the station, and when the excursion train of twelve cars came from Owen Sound, a large number of excursionists got aboard, the cars were hitched to, and away the train, under the guidance of Conductor Lewis, started off for Shelburne. Over two hundred tickets were sold at this station—the largest number along the line, except at Shelburne, where over three hundred more were "taken up" including several lodges. At the junction the train from Teeswater was just coming in as the one from Owen Sound arrived, which also carried several lodges, the excursionists cheering each other. Arriving at the station the brethren from a distance were received by the Orangemen of Orangeville, who were marching in the procession headed by a brass band. After being marshalled in, the procession marched to the Town, having two brass bands, with a file and drum band to every lodge, and were met on the way by several lodges from Garraux and Amaranth. The procession then marched up Broadway, along First-street, up First Avenue, and back again on Broadway near the Public School buildings, then down Broadway to the Town Hall. The procession numbered near one thousand Orangemen, carrying twenty-seven banners, some of them being very handsome, with the Queen on one side and William III on the other. Recess was then taken, the various lodges going to the different hotels for dinner, where they were generally well treated, although we hear that one of the "hosts" charged fifty cents while the others charged only twenty-five cents. Friend Witters prepared a splendid dinner for all who chose to dine at his hotel, and his large staff of assistants were kept busy for near two hours.

SCHOOL PIC-NIC IN PROGRESS.—On Saturday July 7th, a good picnic was held in connection with School Section No. 5, Proton. A very large number of both parents and children were present, the weather being all that could be desired. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. C. Shaw and others, and a number of the scholars acquitted themselves very creditably in several recitations. The affair passed off very pleasantly, and the behaviour and talent displayed by the children reflects credit upon the teacher, Mr. C. Abbott.

Local and Other Items.
Another lot of those fine large 60c Parasols to hand, at D. Davidson's, Dundalk.
Good kiln dried Corn Meal for sale by Mr. E. Brown, at the Toronto House, Dundalk. Price very low.
Nepenthe Bitters, a real cure for Liver complaint, Indigestion, and Dyspepsia at the Medical Hall, Dundalk.
We were a little premature last week in saying that Mr. Grey had finished the road work in his beat. He has some work to finish yet.
A TRIAL of mowing machines took place last week, on the farm of Mr. Thos. Lauder, Gleneg. The "Meadow Lark" manufactured by A. & A. Cochran, of Durham, took first prize.
MESSRS. Merriam's dry house, Flesher-ton, was burnt down recently. Loss about \$100. The cabinet factory and dwelling of E. J. Merriam had a narrow escape but through the exertions of the neighbors was saved.
FIRE IN OSPREY.—A short time since an unoccupied house on Lot 41, third Range, South Durham Road, belonging to Mr. Thomas Tansley, of Amaranth, was burned down. Supposed to be the work of an incendiary.
A BRANCH Bible Society has been started in this village, the depository being at Mr. H. Graham's store. This will be a very great convenience to Sabbath Schools, and others, to obtain well bound Bibles and Testaments at the very lowest price.
FIRE.—Cossit's Agricultural Works in Guelph were totally destroyed by fire on the morning of the 10th inst. The loss is estimated at \$12,000; insurance, \$5,000. The cause of the fire is unknown. A number of men have been thrown out of employment.
It is the intention of the Presbyterian Congregation of this village to build a frame church 50x30 feet. The tender for plastering has been let to Mr. J. Hanbury. The wood work is not yet let. The Elders elected by the congregation will be ordained next Sabbath.
FALL FAIR.—It has been decided by the Directors of the Melancthon Agricultural Society to hold their Annual Exhibition in Shelburne, on Thursday and Friday, October 4th and 5th, 1877. As extra excursions have been made this year, it is expected that the show will be a success.—Free Press.
MAGISTRATE'S COURT.—On Saturday last, Thos. and Richard Hall, of Proton, were brought before John McDowell and Henry Graham, Esqs., J.P.s., at Dundalk, charged with assault and battery. Defendants were fined \$5 each and costs, amounting altogether to \$19.60.
We learn that there will be let by public competition on the boundary line between Wellington and Grey, opposite the Township of Proton, the sum of \$400 in the erection of bridges, etc., on the first Tuesday in August. Specifications of the bridges may be seen at the office of Mr. J. J. Middleton, Dundalk.
BASE BALL MATCH.—On Friday last, the "Alerts" of Flesher-ton, came to this village to try their skill against the "Albions" of Dundalk. The day was fine, and a good number of the residents were present to see the game. The Alerts came off victorious by 2, the runs made being 48 to 46. The following are the runs made each inning:—
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Albions..... 1 2 6 10 10 6 7 4 10—46
RAILWAY ACCIDENT.—A Mr. McLeod was crossing the track with a team about a mile below Thornbury, on Friday last, when the mail train going north ran into the team, killing both horses and smashing the wagon. Mr. McLeod was carried a distance of sixty feet from the place where he was struck, but miraculously escaped with a few flesh wounds. Another man who was in the wagon jumped out before the collision occurred and escaped unharmed.
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Flesherton.
(From our own Correspondent.)
To have seen the enthusiastic celebration of the immortal battle of the Boynes, by the Orangemen of the vicinity, in this village on Thursday last, July 12th, would have caused one to think that it was but an occurrence of a few years instead of nearly two centuries ago. From early morning, gaily dressed young men, and more gaily attired young ladies, began to assemble, until at noon, between 600 and 800 persons irrespective of the Orangemen had gathered. Shortly after eleven o'clock all the lodges had in an appearance and a line of march was formed in the following order:—No. 244 Lodge, Orange Valley Lodge No. 500, Markdale Lodge, Meaford Road Lodge, Flesher-ton Station Lodge, Pricville Lodge, and Eugenia Lodge, representing a total number of about 200 Orangemen.
After parading the principle streets, with banners flying, and file and drum bands playing the procession halted in Flesher-ton park, where a very interesting address was delivered to them by Rev. Wm. Johnson. At the conclusion of the address, farewell was taken of the members of Eugenia Lodge, who returned home, the remaining lodges separating for dinner, which was served respectively by Mr. Geo. Wilson, and Mr. Alex. Thompson, each supplying to about an equal number. Dinner being over marching and counter-marching was again in order and a gay scene ensued for a time. At about four o'clock the visiting lodges returned home, and a curtain was drawn before the scene for a twelve month at least. We are happy to say that the utmost good order prevailed throughout, and not a single quarrel or fight occurred to mar the day's harmony and pleasure.
A "pic-nic party" consisting of the young ladies and gentlemen of this village visited Eugenia Falls on Tuesday afternoon last, and spent a most agreeable and pleasant p.m. This waterfall is second to no spot in the Dominion as a resort for days pleasure, the scenery at the present grand beyond description, and the conveniences most excellent. The party manifestly enjoyed themselves very much and returned home in the evening looking and feeling happy after a season of pleasant intercourse and recreation among the rocks and groves at Eugenia.

Amaranth.
(From our own Correspondent.)
GRAND TEMPERANCE PIC-NIC.
The British Templars of Amaranth and vicinity held their annual Pic-Nic in the grove Lot 8, Con. 2, of Amaranth on July 6th, and were well represented by the various Lodges. The Laurel choir sang some beautiful, lively and interesting songs. Speeches were delivered by Messrs. Thos. West, Joseph Stoddard, Rev. M. S. Grey, Rev. Mr. Paul, of Laurel. A very interesting afternoon was spent. The meeting broke up at an early hour, the audience leaving for their respective homes well delighted with the day's proceedings.
PRIMITIVE METHODIST FIELD MEETING.
The Primitive Methodist Society held their yearly religious field meeting in the grove, Lot 18, Con. 2, on Sabbath, July 8. Service commenced in the morning at half past ten, and in the afternoon at two o'clock. Service was conducted by Bros. Atkinson, J. J. Johnston, Thomas West, Rev. Mr. Paul, Pastor, and was attended by a large congregation. The society is in a flourishing condition, having one stationed minister, six local preachers, and about one hundred and forty members.

Earthquake and Flood in Ecuador.
PANAMA, July 7.—According to news received by the steamship *Oroya*, Ecuador has again been the scene of volcanic eruptions and of destructive floods, causing, it is feared, much loss of life and destruction of property. Great quantities of volcanic ash have for days together fallen in showers along the coast. It is estimated that on each square kilometre of space 313 kilograms of ashes have been deposited. The eruption is believed to be at Cotopaxi. The following official particulars have been received:—On the morning of June 29th a frightful noise was heard in Latagaga which was followed immediately by a tremendous flood, which, taking the course of the rivers Cutuchi, San Felipe, and Yonayaca, and passing, washed the city to the chapel known as El Salto. The volume of mud and water was so great as to completely cover the Hacienda Villa, including the distillery in front of Latagaga. The flood, in its course, carried with it many cattle, and what was more sad, many bodies. The bridge of Bolivar, in Pansalco, those of wood of Culapenque and Patate, and that of masonry of Ayoque, were all destroyed. All of the haciendas situated on both sides of the river suffered enormously, and the desolation is terrible and complete.
SERIOUS CASE.—A serious case of stabbing occurred on Thursday on the road between Glenora and Banda. It appears a young man, named John Johnston, was endeavoring to get home a comrade of his, named Andrew Hamilton, who was in a state of intoxication, when the latter turned on Johnston and with a pocket knife severely wounded him in the right side of the abdomen and inflicted four wounds on the left. He was taken to the hospital in a very precarious condition. It is understood that his depositions were taken before a magistrate. He Milton was shortly after arrested and brought before John Clemensen, J.P., at Banda, and committed for trial. He was taken in charge of a constable and lodged in Barrie jail to await his trial at the Assizes.
SUDDEN DEATH BY POISONING.—We regret to learn that Mr. Jas. Bell, living near Cargill's saw mill, in Nassagaweya, came to a sudden death on Thursday last. He had on the previous day fallen off a load of hay, and injured one of his fingers, which the doctor found it necessary to amputate. He gave Mr. Bell a bottle of carbolic acid to dilute it with rain water, with instructions any water of this kind at his house he sent to neighbors for use. In the meantime he wished to take some food, which was in a bottle similar to that in which the carbolic acid was, and in mistake took the latter and drank some of the contents. The deadly poison acted at once, and the unfortunate man was dead in a few minutes. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn their sad and sudden bereavement.—*Guelph Mercury.*
As Mr. F. F. Teeple is about to leave Dundalk, all parties indebted to him must pay up before the 1st of August next, or costs will be incurred.
A LARGE and influential meeting of representatives from the different municipalities was held at Warkenton, July 5th, for the purpose of organizing for the Dunkin Bill campaign in Bruce. Rev. Mr. Christopher, of Kincairdine, was elected chairman, and Mr. McLay, County Registrar, Secretary of the Convention. The by-law, which is to be submitted on the 18th of Sept., will be strongly opposed, but from the interest taken in the movement by Mr. McLay and many other gentlemen like him who are not total abstainers, the prospects of success are largely in favor of the by-law.—*Exchange.*
The *Exchange Guardian* says:—Our esteemed and venerable citizen, Dr. Benj. Workman, had a visit last week from three of his brothers, Dr. Jos. Workman, known to fame as the Superintendent for twenty-three years of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum at Toronto; Thomas Workman, M.P., Montreal; and Alex. Workman, merchant, of Ottawa. It is very rarely indeed that any one family presents such an array of genius as does this one, every one of whom has attained to eminence in the department of life which he has chosen. The united ages of the four brothers who were here were 299 years.
By the Ontario Act of 1876, relating to Insurance, every mutual company taking cash premiums is required to make a deposit in Dominion or Provincial securities in proportion to the business done, in three equal annual instalments. This Act came into force in July last year, and the 1st instalment was the date appointed for payment of the first instalment. The *Montreal Times* understands that the most of the companies have complied with the Act.

Miscellaneous.
The Murphy Movement has begun in Whitley.
Twenty-two steamers belonging to Collingwood sail from that port.
The Dunkin Act is to be submitted in Bothwell county on the 24th inst.
Further discoveries of silver have been made at Pigeon River Lake Superior.
The population of Chatham, as shown by the return of the assessors, is now 6,907.
Upwards of 300 persons have taken the pledge under the Murphy movement in Whitley.
Chief Joseph's band has been defeated by Gen. Howard near the south fork of the Clearwater, U.S.
There are 30,000 Chapter Masons in the Dominion. The Grand Chapter will meet in London on the 8th of August.
At Elizabeth, N.J., yesterday, an Orangeman stabbed an Irishman during a quarrel on the subject of the Montreal riot.
Pathmasters should take notice that they are liable to a fine of \$20 on failing to cut down the Canada thistle in their division.
Reports from Kingston indicate that incendiaries are making dastardly attempts to destroy property in and around that city.
Great damage has been done by a tornado to trees, fences, buildings, and crops in Dutchess and Columbia counties, New York.
Very good copper ore has been secured at Jarvis Inlet, British Columbia, and it is said there is any amount of the same kind there.
Collingwood Council intends to do something towards preventing the west ward from being flooded by the freshets every spring.
Grasshoppers are ravaging the crops in Perth and vicinity. Salt and coal oil are being used to destroy the pests, with alleged excellent results.
A sharp shock of earthquake was distinctly felt in the parish of Beauport, Quebec, on Tuesday morning and lasted about three seconds.
The Warden and County Treasurer of Perth visited Toronto recently, and disposed of the county debentures at 101 net cash, which is a capital sale.
The Pickering, Reach, Seagov, and Port Perry by-law, granting \$90,000 to the Toronto and Ottawa Railway, was carried on Friday by a majority of 273.
A revolution in favour of the restoration of ex-President Guzman, of Santo Domingo has broken out at Puerto Plata and extends throughout the interior of the country.
Twelve is now charged with having robbed his associates of a million dollars by pretending to have made disbursements in order to carry his charter through the Legislature.
The Masonic Grand Lodge meets on the 12th September in St. Catharines. The month of meeting has been changed, owing to the absence of the M. W. the G. M., bro. J. K. Kerr, in England.
Two defeats are said to have been sustained by the Spanish troops in the Cincos Villas district of Cuba. At Havana great discontent exists among the people, and business failures are numerous.
On Monday, 9th inst., a young child of Mr. Louis Kohler, residing near Erbsville, accidentally upset a cup of hot coffee, and scalded itself about the throat and chest so severely that it fell into convulsions and died in a couple of hours.
Five improved farms in the neighbourhood of High Bluff, Manitoba, were sold on one day recently, the prices ranging from \$600 to \$3,000. Several fine farms have recently been sold also at Portage la Prairie and in other neighbourhoods.
The number of the Sioux who have migrated to the North-west is estimated at 4,200 souls, including 1,800 warriors. The recent outrage at Wood End occurred two miles south of the boundary, but it is not thought to have been a very important affair.
A case of homicide has occurred in London Township, the victim being one Bodfield, who died two hours after being badly beaten by a comrade named Willis. The coroner's jury returned a verdict inculpating the latter, who has been arrested and committed for trial.
Mr. Richard Wilson, of lots 20 and 21, in the 10th concession of McDougall, has found gold on his farm. After a careful test it has been found very rich, and steps are being taken for working the same. The Wilson mine is situated on the Northern Road, five miles north Parry Sound.
A great tidal wave visited the Marquesas on the 10th of May. The greatest height attained by the rise of water was fourteen feet, and rain fell copiously for twelve days, none having previously fallen for four years. A number of houses, bridges, and warehouses were washed away.
Mr. A. Hughton, who has been in the Manitoulin Island for the past seven years, lately paid a visit to his friends in Orangeville. He reports that the crops are looking much better there than they are around Orangeville, and that the frost did not trouble them. The prospects for an abundant harvest are good.
The Hopkins' Hall, at Whitley, was opened last week. The *Chronicle* says:—The size of the building is 110 x 44, and 50 feet in height. The hall is a magnificent apartment, running the entire length of the building, with a gallery 25 feet deep; height of the ceiling, 23 feet, and capable of seating one thousand people.
Freight traffic on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad is at a standstill in consequence of the strike of the firemen. A west-bound freight train in charge of a body of troops was fired on by the strikers near Martinsburg, W. Va., when the military returned the fire and wounded one of the rioters. The engineers have been notified that any one of them who attempts to take a train towards the west will be shot, and the wildest excitement prevails in the town. Seventy trains are stopped at Martinsburg.

Turoo-Russian War.
In Asia Minor the Russian retreat continues. The last battalions of the army before Kars have withdrawn from their encampments, and Mukhtar Pasha, with his main army, occupies a strong position eight miles to the south of the city. It is not expected that the Russians will be able to gain any more successes in this quarter this year, and their unfavourable situation is still further aggravated by a general rising of the Albanian tribes in their rear. The country has suffered severely by the war, and a famine is expected in the districts of Alashkirt, Kara Kilissa, and Beyazid.
A Shumla despatch says:—Fifty thousand wagon-loads of Turks, old men, women, and children, are on the road from Eski Djuma and Osman Bazar to Shumla. Horrible massacres have been committed by the Russians and Bulgarians at Tirnova, Galabova, and Ithiana. From all directions fugitives in large numbers are coming in, who agree in stating that in the districts occupied by the Russians most horrible cruelties are perpetrated on the Mohammedan population by Cossacks and Bulgarians. Mohammedan children and old men are slaughtered, and women violated and carried off. Official despatches substantially corroborate these statements. The greatest panic exists among the Mohammedan civic population, who are fleeing as fast as they can. Up to Saturday no engagement of importance had been fought. The Russian advance guard is on the banks of the River Lom. Horse patrols have been pushed forward to within three hours of Rasgrad and Yotova Railway station. Railway communications between Rasgrad and Tehernavoda have been cut. The Cossacks are swarming all over the country east of Terpenak.
An official despatch announces that Eyoub Pasha has attacked the Russians under the Grand Duke Nicholas north of Tirnova, and defeated them with a loss of 12,000, and the Grand Duke is surrounded. Two Turkish monitors have destroyed the bridge at Sistova. One monitor was subsequently sunk by torpedoes.
The Porte officially declares that Russians have burned alive inhabitants of Jonis, near Tirnova, who had taken refuge in a mosque.
It is officially announced at St. Petersburg that the advance guard of the Russian army passed the Balkans on the evening of the 13th inst. without firing a shot. Gen. Gourko on the afternoon of the 14th inst. surprised 300 Nizams, who fled towards the village of Kanar. The Russians lost one killed and five wounded.
A telegram from Constantinople confirms the report that the Russians, who number fifteen, not eighteen battalions, have crossed the mountains through the Tivarditza Pass. This passage is supposed to be a feat to withdraw the Turks from the Shipka Pass. An Adriatic telegram, while denying that the Russians have occupied Eski Zaglora or Kozanlik, says they are waiting for reinforcements before advancing further. Some skirmishes have occurred.
LATEST.
The following is the *Globe* summary:—The position of affairs in and around the Balkans is assuming a critical aspect for the Turks, and in the region of the Quadrilateral the latter also appear to be sorely pressed. Twenty-two thousand Russians have crossed the Balkans, and their forces dot the country for miles on either side of this mountainous barrier. From present indications the Russians appear to have three points of attack on Rumelia, viz., the Shipka pass to the west of their advance line, Cheuga pass to the east, and the defile south of Dumirkapu in the centre. By the two latter they are marching upon Aidos and Yaniboli, and it is even probable that they have succeeded in forcing a passage from Dumirkapu to Islamdji and Yeni Zaglora. The Shipka pass is deemed, as well as the Turkish force holding it. In front a fierce struggle is going on at Drenova, and General Gourko has succeeded in passing to the rear, and now threatens Kozanlik. A great battle is reported to have been fought twelve miles from Yeni Zaglora, in which the Russians were defeated and driven back into the Balkan fastnesses. In Bulgaria, between the Balkans and the Danube, the Russians occupy the road from Bela to Terzak, and are gradually closing up around Bistchuk. They also threaten Rasgrad, half-way between Bistchuk and Shumla, and are capturing it under the Quadrilateral, the centre of Nikopol, which is now in ashes, has proved a most important advantage to them, as they are now able to secure their base of supplies, and to hasten the transportation of troops, as well as supplies, by unimpeded crossings of the Danube over new bridges to be constructed in that vicinity. While they pursue their advance southward the line of the river in the rear will be guarded by the Bosmanian army, who, it has been decided, will take no active part in the campaign. In the west the Russians are also marching upon Wulin, and their advance guard, when last heard from, was at Lom Palanka, thirty miles by road from that place. In the east the Turks have abandoned the Tehernavoda and Kustendji line of defence; Medjidie and Madia have fallen into the hands of the Russians, and the latter are now south of Silistria, which will be blockaded by cutting the Quadrilateral in two and protecting communications with the Danube.
The disastrous news from the Balkans has had such an effect upon the Sultan that he is now reported to incline favourably towards peace, and even to have given Wamuk Pasha, at Shumla, instructions looking to negotiations for a termination of hostilities. The Sofias are clamorous for the proclamation of a holy war, but this the Porte has deferred until the Russians threaten Adrianople, an event which, from present appearances, is by no means distant.
From Asia comes the important intelligence that all the tribes of the Caucasus have risen in revolt against Russia, and have captured all the important outposts. Melikoff, the Russian General in command near Kars, is entreaching himself at Barukdara and awaiting an attack. Should he be defeated the Turks will press on to Tiflis and Alexandropol on Russian territory. The capture of Ilayazid by the Turks is now beyond a doubt.

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