

DAILY EXPRESS

THE ADVANTAGE OF BEING PREPARED.

Previous to 1866 the relations between Austria and Hungary were precisely similar to those at present existing between England and Ireland. Hungary, like Ireland, had her parliament stolen from her, her rights denied, and she was ready-made in the Austrian interest to be a satellite to the Austrian capital. She petitioned for her rights, but petitioning is a weak and disconcerting way to late. She rose in armed revolution in '48, and with such strength and stern resolve that, were it not for the armies of Russia who cooperated with the enemy, she would have achieved her independence in a month. But, nothing daunted by the revolutionary collapse, the Hungarians set to work earnestly to prepare for coming contingencies. The Austro-French war of '66 came, and the Hungarians were ready. They demanded back their Parliament in unmistakable terms, and Austria, caught in the crisis, yielded to their demand without delay. Making their submission a stepping stone to a more complete independence, the Hungarians waited, prepared for the next favorable opportunity. Austria, now, owing to the troubled state of affairs in the East, may at any moment be dragged into a quarrel. In view of what the Hungarians are becoming once more troublesome, and refuse to accept any compromise of their demands. Had the Hungarians been wasting their energies in fractional bickerings and occasional rancor they would be yet in a state of servitude. How many happy opportunities has Ireland let pass for the want of adequate preparation? Any nation in a straits that is not sufficiently prudent and resolute to take advantage of every available circumstance is not deserving of freedom. Irish Whisk.

AN ARKANSAS FATHER'S ADVICE TO HIS SON.

Bob, you are leaving home for strange parts. You are going to three months of the summer and you are alone. The odds are against you. Bob, remember that the industry and perseverance are the winning cards, as they are the "borders." Book learning and all that sort of thing will do for you, but like small trumps you must have the bowers to back them, or they will do you no good. If luck is again your pretty strong, don't care and look like a sick chicken on a rainy day, but hold up your head and make believe you are a fish of trumps, then they don't play so hard against you. I've lived and traveled around some, and I've found out that as soon as folks thought you held a weak hand they'd all back against you strong. So, when you sorter weak, keep on a bold front, but play cautions—be satisfied with a pint. (Many's the hand I've seen encher because they played for too much. Keep your eye well shinned. Bob, don't let 'em nig you; recollect the game lies as much with your head as with the hands. Be temperate; never get drunk; for then, no matter how you play it, both bowers and the cards won't save you, for then's certain to be a scandal or something wrong. And another thing, Bob [this was spoken in a low tone], don't go to much on women; queens is kinder poor cards, the more you have of them the worse for you; you might have three and nary trump. I don't say discard 'em all; you get hold of one that is a trump, it's all your good, and it's to be one out of four. And, above all, Bob, be honest; never take a man's trick who don't belong to you nor 'em cards or rig, for then you can't look your man in the face, and when that's the case there's no fun in the game; it's regular "cut throat." So now, Bob, farewell. Remember what I tell you, and you will be sure to win; if you don't it saves you right to be "dejected."

BENJAMIN DISRAELI.

The people of England, even the "bankers, merchants, and others," are beginning to be quite tired of Mr. Disraeli. His ingratiating tricks of last year in bringing out bills of one kind or another, and withdrawing them again, his fountaining in the Egyptian canal, for it is now admitted that the four million sterling, and the one hundred and fifty thousand pounds paid to the Rothschilds and others as commissions, are so much of the people's money pocketed into the pockets of these things don't conduce to good humor. And now comes his Chancellor of Exchequer, though collecting this year a million and a half more than he collected last year, yet admits that he is behind hand, and must impose an advance on the income tax to make up the difference. Then there is the new title that he would force upon the people, which is most hateful to the people. The comic papers represent her Majesty

...the crown of a queen the other the crown of an empress and nearly falling to the ground. The people of all this that the Disraeli government is to be a failure. It is likely, they say, that the queen may refuse this new title. If so, there will be, of course, a resignation of the title, and the queen will have to be content with the title of queen. If we could have Ireland in a good attitude to profit by opportunities, something substantial might be gained for the people in home-made laws and home-owned land. But we are still as far from a definite demand as ever.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE PENSIONERS UNION.

The public have been made aware of the organization of a pensioners union in this city, the objects of which are to unite the pensioners throughout the country for beneficial and protective purposes. The committee appointed by said union, consists of Messrs. Reeves, Brooks, Rand, Corey, MacNulty, Berger, Dillon, Brower, Glenn and Downing, met at the Executive Mansion yesterday morning and were personally introduced to the President by Mr. MacNulty, who briefly stated the objects of their visit, viz: That in view of the proposed reduction of the force of the several executive departments the President use his influence for the retention of ex-soldiers, especially those disabled in the civil service. The President said he always favored such a policy, and would do anything in his power to carry out the wishes of the committee, but added that he did not have much influence with the present House of Representatives. It was suggested by the chairman (Mr. MacNulty) that he use his influence with the several heads of departments in furtherance of the objects of the committee; to which the President replied as before, that he would do what he could in that direction.—Washington Chronicle.

THE TWIN "RAGS."

In an address recently delivered before a Greenback club at Milwaukee, Wis., Mr. E. P. Allis, a prominent business man and manufacturer of that city laid stress on a logical point. He argued, and contrast the mania with sneers and stale jokes, such as allusions to "rag money." When they talk of greenback (said Mr. Allis) which carries with it the pledge of your property and mine, as well as of other citizens of the country, covering as it does every gold mine of the West, as well as every accumulation of the East, and bearing upon its face the sacred seal of America, when they speak of this as a rag, I say, I am led to think of something else that equally deserves the epithet. What is it? It is a nation, flapping lazily in peace, and snapping furiously in the torments of war! It is nothing but a rag of cotton wool—but those painted wars and stripes change it from matter of spirit, raise it from earth to Heaven. It is no longer form and weakness, but sentiment and power; 45,000,000 of the people bare their heads in love for it and all humanity raise their hats in respect for it. What that rag is to us politically, the greenback ought, and will be, commercially. Long live the twin rags, and while one ever waves over us, may the other ever float among us.

DANGEROUS SOMNAMBULISM.

The Lynchburg Virginian of Thursday, says: "As the north-bound passenger train on the Virginia Midland Road due here at 6 a. m. was approaching Charlottesville last night a young man who had been sleeping soundly in his seat was seen suddenly to leap up and rush to the door of the car, and spring to the ground. Captain Peyton rang the bell, but as the train was rushing along at the rate of thirty miles an hour it had gone a considerable distance before it was brought to a standstill. It was started back, and the young man was met, running at full speed, and making the most hideous screams to 'stop them cars.' He was taken abroad, and an examination developed the fact that his injuries amounted to nothing worse than a skinned nose and a slight abrasion upon his hip, caused by a pistol in his pocket, which, strange to say, had not been discharged by the far. The young man's explanation was that he dreamed there was a collision, and he jumped off to save himself."

THE RIO GRANDE LINE.

Our colleague the Herald del Brazo says the situation of the Revolutionists on the frontier is precarious, because, "according to information brought by a person recently arrived from the towns of the North, those who are compelled from necessity to the left bank of the Rio Grande, encounter a sure death. American justice pursues them so soon as they tread that territory, and whosoever falls into the hands of the authorities has a bad end."

...of persons who it appears have been subject to Deak's rascals. The general public is entitled to know that the military authorities in thus acting, only comply with the superior orders.

"Department of War—Adjutant General's Office, March 10th 1876.—To the General commanding the Department of Texas.—San Antonio.—The present acting Minister of War orders that you prevent any revolutionary movement on our side, any military expedition in aid of the rebels, or any violation of neutrality, by arresting, disarming and returning to the other side any troops that may pass from Mexico. Acknowledge receipt.—E. D. Towne, Adjutant General."

The above has been copied by the Federalists, with the remark that "the silence of the American government up to this time has been very strange. We should think that the statement that persons are taking refuge on the right side of the Rio Grande meet with a sure death ought to be considered a stranger still. The order does not account for the three bodies, (if indeed they are not a myth) nor can anybody be imposed on by the assurance that Mexican soldiers are strung up whenever caught in Texas. The whole has manufactured a very scare-crow for the ignorant of that locality, but we protest against its use by the enlightened editors of the Federalists in this city, where there are no soldiers to scare—or at least none but old fellows that will immediately desert the stamp—two Republics City of Mexico."

"PUT IN PERKINS."

Talking of an organ reminds me of an old church near by, whose members, in times past, had conscientious scruples about this instrument, although they had music concerning the use of a band of music in sacred service. In the convention to which I refer the trombone was played by that famous performer, Mr. Perkins, a distinguished many miles around for his "long power." On one occasion the conductor was de-living his choir on a piece of music which he fondly hoped would win great credit for himself and choir on the following Sunday. "Up" occurred in the piece, which would have produced an exquisite effect if it had been rendered with that delicacy the leader endeavored to suggest and enforce in the usual manner. But instead thereof the trombone of Perkins blew a blast that would have taken the walls clean off their foundation. Consternation and dismay were depicted on the countenance of the horror-stricken conductor. "Mr. Perkins," said he, in a very stern voice, "you have raised me! What do you mean by playing in that outrageous manner?" "Why, sir," replied Mr. Perkins, meekly, "I played according to the marks in my book." "Let me see your book, sir," said the conductor. "There, sir, is not this strain marked double?" "Certainly," said Perkins. "And pray, sir, what do you understand by pp?" "As I understood, and understand it, in this case, double p means 'put in Perkins'—and I did it." "You did!" repeated the conductor, his disgust giving way to the humor of the thing, and he ordered a recess for half an hour.

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