

Letter from John Mitchel.

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THE FORCE OF LOGIC.

Lord John Russell, the Liberal Foreign Secretary of England, is not the only person who lays down clear premises, but repudiates the plain conclusion.

The Grand Duchy of Posen, formerly a part of Poland, but allotted to Prussia by the partition of that country.

Touching that King of Italy, and his possible but problematical kingdom, I observe that the Paris Moniteur of yesterday, in its bulletin, uses these calculated expressions—that the Kingdom of Naples is still much disturbed.

That they should take who have the power, And those should keep who can!

This affair of Posen is interesting to us, not only as a parallel case with our own, but also, and far more, as a new proof and illustration of that wondrous uprising of the Nationalities for assertion of their existence against Treaties of Vienna and Holy Alliances.

PEACE OR WAR.

Everybody "has confidence in a continuance of the blessings of peace;" but every power in Europe, without exception, is making great exertions to be ready for war by the first of March exactly.

The "unification" of Italy, as I have several times surmised, is meeting, and likely still to meet, very serious difficulties. The French fleet, indeed, has weighed anchor at Gaeta, and sailed away.

The attack from the sea is practicable only by the roadstead, and by the left-hand entrance. That attack may not, perhaps, have so serious results as are generally believed.

As to the prospects of war and peace, however, not one of all these impending quarrels, in Italy, in Denmark, or in Hungary, touches the English so nearly and so keenly as the affair of Syria; to which I must again ask the attention of your readers.

SYRIA.

Six thousand French troops are still in Beyrout and the Lebanon. The severities which have been exercised against the murdering Druses by Fuad Pacha, under the pressure of French influence, have still more exasperated that savage people, but also all the Mussulman populations; and, if French protection be withdrawn, all the Maronites and other Christians must either emigrate or fall in indiscriminate massacre.

is the gnawing, devouring anxiety of commercial England at this day. Freedom of Italy, independence of Denmark, emancipation of black men, general philanthropy, and progress, and Christianity—all are nothing to this England does not forget, and she knows France does not forget, that a great part of Hindostan was French before it was English.

At this very point, then—on this matter of French occupation of Syria, French influence in Turkey, and French canal through Suez (which three affairs are all one affair), it is believed by many prudent persons that the Emperor will make a stand, and call a halt, in his course of conciliation and deference to the English.

Yet, it is a matter of vital consequence to England, and with another war, to get the French out of Syria and Egypt once more, as, by tremendous exertions, she did once before.

THE ENEMY IN SICILY.

M. Jourdan, a writer in the Sicile, and usually a strong partisan of the English alliance, and laudator of British institutions, has written a highly indignant article on the constant and generally underhand and treacherous methods pursued by the English in endeavoring to undermine and counteract French influence, and to raise up a hatred against the French name in all parts of the world.

THE AFFAIR DE LASTEYRIE.

A sharp altercation has been going on since the publication of the foolish article, from which I sent you some extracts upon Irish affairs, De Lasteurie had charged a certain ecclesiastic, writing in the Correspondent (l'Abbe Perraud), with apologizing for assassination in Ireland; because, he said, that extermination provoked acts of vengeance.

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It appears, then, that Mr. O'Brien is a person upon whom De Lasteurie, for his part, sets very little value. We are of a different opinion in Ireland; where his authority, on a matter of fact, or his opinion on a matter of right and justice, would be really held in some estimation.

I am glad to tell you, however, that M. de Lasteurie is much censured. He has gone beyond what even the "liberal" school deem necessary in favor of England; and this is easily accounted for from his family connections with Irish aristocracy.

Is it not curious that, even still, all this controversy going on here in France does not draw out the English oracles. Neither about Irish freedom of the press, Irish packed juries, nor Irish exterminations, will they utter one word in reply to, or notice of, any French review, magazine, or newspaper.

J. M.

ROCK'S HUE AND CRY.

THE BLACK LIST.

CALLAGHAN, PAT, Callan, County Kilkeny.—Five feet six in height, stout and squarely built—27 years of age, supposed to be in New Zealand.

CAROLAN, Ballynahinch, County Down.—Five feet seven in height, sixty years of age, blue eyes, gray hair, and long thin features. Supposed to be prowling round Belfast.

DONOGHUE, DANIEL, Skibbereen, County Cork.—Five feet nine in height and well proportioned; twenty-four years of age, straight light brown hair, and scanty beard of the same color on the chin only.

SULLIVAN, DANIEL, "Goula," Bonane, Kenmare, Co. Kerry.—Five feet eight inches in height, and slightly stooped, twenty-five years of age, black hair and slightly curled, regular prepossessing features with the exception of a low wrinkled forehead, and large bushy brown whiskers. Supposed to be in Australia.

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MURCH, THE HATTER.

A rhymed muse, who knows not song, Nor does he essay to flatter, Your aid invokes to help along In praise of Murch the hatter.
And though my lines, in pith and point, Be sure to flag; no matter, The words cannot the theme disjoint, So famed is Murch the hatter.

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