

that his majesty the king of Prussia wished to take an active part in the war; all the legal authorities are enjoined by this rescript to make known to the people that the military preparations of Prussia have no other object in view, but the maintenance of the strictest neutrality; that the measures hitherto taken are only intended to secure its guarantee, and that no other construction should be put upon them.

It is doubtful in the same flight that we are to look upon the occupation of Hanover by Prussian troops. The wish of the whole north of Germany will be accomplished, if by the negotiations begun between the coast of Berlin and the cabinets of Paris and Petersburg, this electorate be again comprised in the limits of the Prussian neutrality. People begin to flatter themselves that it will be so; and it is thought that his majesty has taken possession of Hanover only to keep from the Russians and Swedes the pretext that called them to it. The French are shut up in Hanover, and it is thought that the Russians will not advance beyond Lauenburg.

November 3.

The Russian and Swedish army which is now crossing the country of Mecklenburg is only twenty thousand men strong; but it is asserted that it will be reinforced by some more Russian and Swedish regiments. One of the first that was embarked at Riga, met with a very great loss: eleven vessels, laden with cossacks and horses, having lost not a single man was saved. The Hanoverian legion, about eight thousand men strong, has also found it was destined to have passed through the South of Prussia; but in consequence of the new arrangement that had been taken, it is arrived in the electorate of Hanover. A great number of muskets and other arms have been lent for the election of Hanover to those who were to be again formed into regiments. All the officers who have remained in the country have received orders to repair to the different places where they have been assigned to command.

As to the disposition of Prussia, it is well known that she will maintain her system of neutrality: all the insurrections which were lately made at Berlin to divert her from it, have proved fruitless.

November 10.

They write from Berlin that the Prussian government shortly intends to put in circulation to the amount of 20,000,000 of crowns, in paper currency. This financial operation is judged to be necessary, in the present circumstances.

Letters from Dresden announce that 15,000 Saxons troops have received orders to hold themselves in readiness to march.

RATSBOR, November 4.

The Counter which arrived to Berlin the answer of the emperor Napoleon to the note of that cabinet, is already returned through this town, with a reply to the same, from the King of Prussia. It is rumored that the Emperor of Russia has made proposals of peace.

RATSBOR, November 8.

Baron Haugwitz, Prussian minister of state and cabinet is expected every moment. It is asserted with confidence that he is on his way to the headquarters of the emperor of the French, with proposals for peace.

November 9.

The diet of the empire has at length resumed its functions: yesterday it held an extraordinary sitting, in which the baron Altoni, the directorial minister, communicated in the name of the elector, arch-chancellor, the following declaration:

"H. E. H. the electoral arch-chancellor conceives himself obliged to fix the general attention on the present situation of the Germanic empire. The military forces from the south, the east and the west of Europe are at this moment assembled in Germany. A contest has taken place of which the annals of Europe present but few examples. Every wise and prudent German must desire that the Germanic constitution be preserved in the midst of this storm. It cannot, however, be concealed but that these disquieting questions have arisen in many minds: what will become of our country, Germany, in such an agitation? Are the treaties and national pacts, institutions of the diet, tribunals of the empire, the Germanic constitution, the golden bull, the treaty of Westphalia, the capitulation of Leipsic, as well as so many rescripts and decisions of the empire, which have been for so many ages the work of the wisdom of our ancestors, and under the protection of which the German nation has distinguished itself in so glorious a manner, at brilliant and often happy epochs, to be annihilated? Is the name of Germany, the name of the German nation, the name of a people who formerly triumphed over the colossus of Rome, and who by their fidelity, courage, industry, and useful inventions have rendered such great services to humanity, to be extinguished? Such an idea is truly afflicting to every well-wisher to his country."

"H. E. H. the arch-chancellor desires and hopes, animated as he is by pure patriotism, that such a misfortune may be averted, by universal efforts towards the maintenance of the unity of the Germanic constitution, by a general determination to observe the laws of the empire, by the unanimous intervention of all Germans to obtain an honorable and durable peace."

Marshal Duroc dined on the 7th with the elector arch-chancellor, after which he set off for the head-quarters of the grand army.

VIENNA, October 27.

H. M. the emperor is once more sent off for the army. The Archduke Ferdinand is returned to Bohemia to take the command of an army and the Archduke Palatine is gone to Hungary to organise the Hungarian levy.

It is still said that the Archduke Charles will take the chief command of the army in Germany and will be replaced in that of Italy by the Archduke John. All the battalions of reserve are repairing by forced marches to join the grand army. The first column of the second Russian army lately passed through Brunn in Moravia.

HANOVER, November 1.

The greater part of the electorate is occupied by the Prussian troops; those which were at

Lenzen have crossed the Elbe and will arrive in a few days at Fullersleben, Memersen and Gehrden. Yesterday a large train of artillery passed through Hanover, on its way from Hildesheim to Wunstorf. The Prussian general Larisch is here. Lodgings are prepared at the principal inn for H. S. H. the Duke of Brunswick, but we learn that this Prince is to remain for some days longer at Berlin. Lieutenant General Kleist is expected here to-morrow.

The royal and electoral regency have appointed the college of deputation to give the necessary orders concerning the march and maintenance of the Prussian troops.

A great quantity of bread has been sent off from hence for the French troops at Hanover, within these few days past. General Barbot has also laid on heavy requisitions on all the bailiwicks adjoining that fortress. All the houses in the neighborhood of Hanover have been levelled to the ground and the trees and hedge burnt.

Since the Prussians have entered this country, we have grounds for hoping that the Russians will not favour us with their company, and it is thought that his majesty has taken possession of Hanover only to keep from the Russians and Swedes the pretext that called them to it. The French are shut up in Hanover, and it is thought that the Russians will not advance beyond Lauenburg.

Ulm, November 3.

Yesterday some thousands of cavalry soldiers arrived from France and were quartered here in our neighborhood. This morning they continued their march for Bavaria. We expect in the course of today a battalion of the Bavarian Palatine regiment of Jagers from Dillingen. Two other Bavarian Palatine regiments on their way hither have received orders to direct their march to Solingen.

Marshal Ney, who is at his headquarters, had just repaired to Landshut, quitted that Town on the 31st. It is now decided that his corps is to act across the river on the side of Scherneck and Koenigswinter. He has received orders to force those passes, push forward to Ingolstadt, and after cards unites with the army of Marshal Massena.

Congress.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THURSDAY, January 9.

Mr. Gregg, from the committee appointed on so much of the President's message as relates to a navigation improvement, having obtained leave, submitted a bill in addition to an act entitled an act supplementary to the act providing for a naval place eastward, and for other purposes; was duly referred to a committee of the whole House on Tuesday.

This bill repeals the second and fourth sections of the act recited in the bill — authorising the President to keep in actual service in time of peace so many of the frigates and other public armed vessels, as the judgment of the nature of the service may require, and to cause the same to be laid up in ordinary in convenient ports — directs the public armed vessels in actual service in time of peace to be officered and manned as the President shall direct, provided that the ships shall not exceed thirteen captains, nine masters commanding, seventy-two lieutenants, and one hundred and fifty midshipmen, who are to receive no more than half their monthly pay while in actual service for actual service, and provided that the whole number of able seamen, or every seaman, and boy, shall not exceed one hundred and twenty-five: the President being at liberty to appoint for the vessels in actual service, not many more than half their monthly pay while in actual service for actual service, and 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