LONDON DAY BY DAY

Her Majesty the Queen held an investiture of the Distinguished Service Order at Osborne on Tuesday. The recipients of the decorations were Surgeon-Major A. E. Hayes, for services rendered as senior medical officer at the action of Toski, in the Soudan; and Lieutenant E. A. W. Lendy, 2nd West India Regiment, who performed gallant deeds at Foulah Town and its vicinity, West Coast of Africa, in breaking up a combination of slave dealers and rescuing upwards of 250 slaves.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught, who have been staying at Buckingham Palace since their arrival in London from Osborne, left town yesterday morning, and travelled by a South-Western train to Sunningdale Station, whence they drove to Bagshot Mansion. Their Royal Highnesses returned to the metropolis in the evening.

The Duchess of Albany visited yesterday afternoon the Albert Chapel at Windsor Castle, where the remains of the late Prince Leopold are buried. Her Royal Highness filled the cross near the tomb with red and white roses, and another rose was placed in one of the hands of the recumbent statue that lies upon the marble sarcophagus.

Princess Christian has promised her patronage to the second Amateur Art Exhibition of Decorative Art Work, arranged for November next by the Artists' Guild, Campden Hill. The Princess has shown her active interest in the competitions by offering a prize for embroidery in silk on silk, and will write the name of the successful competitor in the book, Lady Marion Alford's "Needlework as Art," and also the names of the winners of the first three certificates for embroidery. Prizes for needlework, wood-carving, painting, repoussé and bent-iron work, are offered by Mrs. Bartle Frere, the Hon. Caroline Jervis, Mrs. Jopling, and other ladies.

Princess Malcom Khan arrived at Birmingham yesterday, where she went to visit her sister, Madame Adhémar de Savalan-Khan, who has come from Constantinople to obtain medical advice in England. The Princess will probably return to London to-day or to-morrow.

The Duke of Abercorn has left Baron's Court to pay a series of visits in Scotland.

The Duke and Duchess of Bedford have arrived at Endsleigh, Devon, from Cowes.

Lord Edward Cavendish, speaking at the luncheon of the Buxton Horse Show yesterday, made reference to the health of his father, the Duke of Devonshire, who has passed his eighty-second year. He said he wished it had been in his power to tell them, as he had in former years, that his father was in strong and vigorous health. However, he was thankful to say that during the past few days the Duke had somewhat improved, and that with care he might be spared to them for some years to come.

THE IMPERIAL MEETING.

[REUTER'S AGENCY.]

JAMBURG, Aug. 20.

The Czar and the Emperor William, who, after yesterday's manœuvres, returned to Narva, were again on the field at an early hour this morning to witness the continuance of the operations.

Hostilities commenced to-day by the western or invading force, which yesterday, after forcing the defenders to fall back, crossed the River Luga and occupied this place, following up their advantage and attacking the eastern corps. The latter made a vigorous defence, but, after a series of brilliant operations between here and Weimaren, were forced to give way before a determined onslaught along the whole line by the invaders, and retreated beyond Weimaren pursued by the enemy's cavalry.

At the conclusion of the manœuvres the two Emperors, and the Grand Dukes and Princes accompanying them, lunched on the field, returning subsequently to Narva.

To-morrow will be a day of repose.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 20.

The attention of all who are gathered at Narva—official personages, Court functionaries, and newspaper correspondents—appears to be almost wholly directed to military matters to the exclusion of all political affairs.

The manœuvres, which have been carried out with the greatest spirit, have excited keen interest, and the general impression appears to be that—up to the present time, at any rate—Narva is the scene merely of a series of brilliant military spectacles rather than of any great political event.

SITUATION IN THE ARGENTINE.

ANOTHER REVOLUTION PROBABLE.

[REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BUENOS AYRES, Aug. 19.

The premium on gold has advanced to 165 per cent.

BUENOS AYRES, Aug. 20.

The troops were under arms all last night, and grave fears are entertained of the outbreak of another revolution, owing to the War Minister having struck off the Army List the names of all officers who joined the recent rebellion.

The Governor of Cordova has resigned, and the Provincial Bank of Cordova has been closed.

PARIS, Aug. 20.

A telegram from Monte Video, dated six o'clock yesterday evening, states that the premium on gold had declined to 36, and that the shares of the National Bank had risen to 27.

WAR IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

[REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.

The State Department announces that Guatemala and Salvador accept the mediation of the United States.

The basis of peace will be arranged to-night.

THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

[REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, Aug. 20.

The official *Reichsanzeiger* this afternoon publishes the text of the address presented by the inhabitants of Heligoland to the Emperor William on the occasion of his Majesty's visit. It is as follows:

The inhabitants of Heligoland, approaching your Majesty with all reverence, beg leave to offer their homage. Our former august and gracious Sovereign, having by an agreement inspired by the spirit of peace placed us under the rule of the Sovereign of the Empire with which by descent, language, and customs we feel already united, we joyfully look forward to the new period which has opened for us with the transfer just solemnly pronounced by your Majesty. The assurances given by your Majesty fill our hearts with profound gratitude, and a feeling of unalterable confidence that, under your Majesty's august government, we shall fulfil our vow to prove obedient subjects.

THE ALLEGED CASE OF ASIATIC CHOLERA.

The Local Government Board yesterday evening issued the following: "The circumstances as to the alleged case of Asiatic cholera in the Poplar Hospital have been investigated by Mr. W. H. Power, of the Medical Department of the ...

PARIS DAY BY DAY.

[BY SPECIAL WIRE.]

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

PARIS, Wednesday Night.

During these summer days, when the asphalte of the Boulevards becomes pliant under the feet of *flâneurs*, it is pleasant and wholesome to wander along the Quays, where there is always to be found a fresh breeze from the river. The Quai d'Orsay, being the cleanest and most select part of the Seine embankments, is to be preferred for a lounge, and it will be a better place still if M. Rouvier's plan for the demolition of the Cour des Comptes be carried out. This building has loomed mournfully over the river for nearly twenty years as a ruined and blackened memorial of the excesses of the Commune. For a long time there has been much hesitation about its destruction, and, owing either to "red-tapeism," or to frequent changes of Ministers, the desolate walls and shattered windows of the Audit Office were allowed to stand. The English or American tourist, perhaps, might regret the demolition of this historical landmark and undoubted curiosity of Modern Paris, but residents would have reason to rejoice at the removal of what was rather an eye-sore. As soon as the Cour des Comptes has gone the way of old Philibert Delorme's Palace of the Tuileries, the Government will offer the site for sale, and in place of the ruins no doubt there will arise handsome and palatial buildings. It has been proposed likewise to reconstruct and re-embellish the Audit Office, but this would cost a considerable amount of money, and would be less easy to ...