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War in France

FRENCH forces have once again pressed the attack in France with a huge force of the Napoleum enhanced shock troops. The British forces held the line valiantly but the French forces did break through in certain points, most notably where Irish forces were stationed. Questions have been raised in the Houses of Parliament over the reliability of the Irish forces and calls to disband the Irish regiments have been made.

Rumours of a route of British forces are mere speculation put about by a group of protestors who are calling for an end to hostilities with France and a surrender of all captured territories. Violent scuffles broke out when these protestors staged a rally before the Houses of Parliament and were met by a group of valiant patriots from the local areas in London who showed them the true fervour of a God fearing Englishman.

Police broke up the fracas and several protestors were arrested for disturbance of the peace.

Foul play suspected in crash

DISASTER has struck the new Edwardium powered lightning train service from London to Edinburgh when it crashed near Halifax in North Yorkshire killing all passengers. Locals claimed to have heard a large explosion before hearing the screech of brakes, followed by the sound of the train leaving the rails.



Scotland Yard and the Royal Society have been despatched to investigate though early reports suggest foul play as it is believed that the tracks were damaged in the initial explosion which occurred in front of the train.

Prisons emptied to support the Army

UNDER the auspices of the British War Regulations the Army has emptied all prisons on the Eastern coast of England and drafted the inmates to various undisclosed regiments to bolster the forces facing Napoleon. Both Horse Guards and Parliament has robustly refuted allegations of large sums of money changing hands for the training and allocation of the new recruits. Brigadier Sir Arthur Fortesque responded to the Gazette's enquiry saying "This sort of thing may go on in the Indian Subcontinent, but it does certainly not take place in England I will have you know, and I will horse-whip any scaly who dares make such a claim."

Crown Office, Sept 1, 1840

MEMBER returned to serve in the present Parliament. County of Waterford

The Honourable Robert Shapland Carew, of Woodstown, in the said county, in the room of John Power Esq. who has accepted the Chiltern Hundreds.

War Office, Sept 3, 1840

86th Regiment of Foot, Lieutenant James McIntyre to be Captain without purchase, vice Maclean promoted in the 3d West India Regiment.

Lieutenant Edward Hickey, from 1st West India Regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice McIntyre.

At the Court of Buckingham Palace, Sept 5, 1840

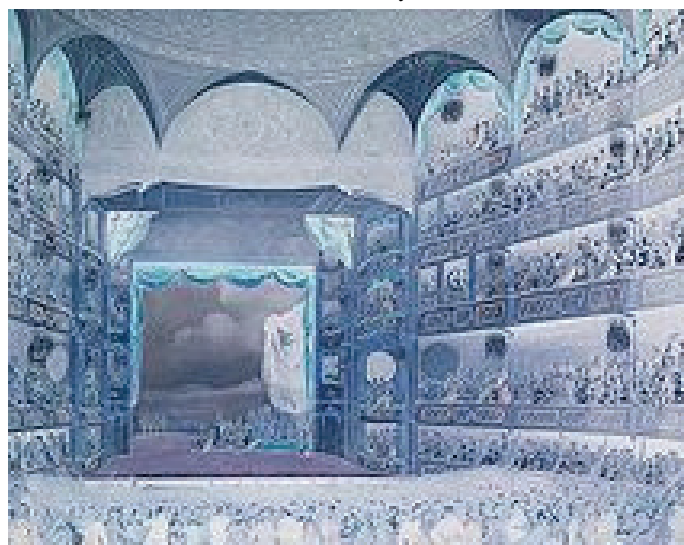
The KING'S most excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas by certain Act of Parliament made in the session of Parliament holden on the seventy ninth year of the reign of His Majesty King George III, the official name for the mineral *Verdens Pyrolusite*, commonly called Napoleum, shall now be called by the most patriotic name of Edwardium in honour of his Majesty's late youngest son.

All future references to the mineral, except in the context of French military forces, shall now use this designation.

Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, Sept 7, 1840

A SHOCKING new play has opened in Drury Lane depicting the music and rituals of the tribes from beyond the edge of the world. Purportedly the show includes naked dancing girls and the line of waiting patrons now extends beyond the end of Russell St. Captain, the Lord, Sebastian Salisbury, recently returned from the New Continent, said he couldn't recall seeing many naked tribes women on the island but he would certainly take in the new show to check its authenticity.



Royal Society, Sept 7, 1840

Members of the Royal Society are close to completing an investigation requested by Parliament in to the arms and munitions supplied to the Army. Low levels of casualties amongst the Enemy has raised questions over the quality of the equipment provided to our soldiers.

Initially the ease with which Napoleon's forces shrugged off bullets was put down to new armour worn by the French shock troops but testing of captured armour showed that this would not account for the low levels of injury amongst regular soldiers.

An urgent report is to be presented to Parliament shortly. Speaking after presenting the intial findings to a select committee of MPs, Professor William Hale said "Whilst not wanting to report our findings before Parliament has had a chance to consider the report, there does appear to be shortcomings in the procurement and provision of arms to our brave soldiers. It is highly recommended that substantial funding is made available to secure a plentiful supply of high quality shot and powder to help in our fight against the foreign aggressors.

Buckingham Palace, Sept 22, 1840

We are pleased to report on the seventy ninth anniversary of the coronation of King George III that his Majesty remains in good health attended to by his physician's. At the grand age of 102 it is reported that his Majesty is the oldest person alive, a testament to his vigour and the advances in medical research by the Royal Society.

Preparations are underway for next year's celebration of the eightieth anniversary of his Majesty's succession to the throne and we expect that a public appearance will be made by both his majesty along with his sons George, the Prince Regent, and William along with his majesty's great-niece Victoria. Prince William has recently retired from the public eye to Sandringham, blaming the pressures of modern life and his poor health. We wish his Highness a swift recovery.

Horse Guards, Sept 15, 1840

Discussions of a new alliance with the Prussians have faltered following some heated debates at Horse Guards between the General Staff and representatives of the Prussian Army. Facing a war on two fronts, with France and the Czech tribes, Prussia has withdrawn within its boundaries and have commenced building a large series of fortifications along its borders.

The Prussians have so far refused to provide the British Army with any of the golem suits they have developed, an addition to the British Arsenal that would help with the War in Europe against the French.