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FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC.

AUSTRIA AND PIEDMONT.—The *Journal des Débats* states that Austria has peremptorily refused to act upon the reclamations of Piedmont, on the subject of the sequestration of the property of certain Milanese and Venetians who have been naturalised in Piedmont. M. de Revel, the Piedmontese minister at Vienna, was about to leave that city for Turin.

THE PIRATES OF BORNEO.—The following details are extracted from a Sarawak letter just received, by which it appears that the Sakarran Dyaks have broken out afresh, and that a young English gentleman named Lee has fallen:—"I shall now attempt to give you some of the particulars of a most unfortunate occurrence that has befallen us. Rentab had for several months past been collecting a ballah and taunting Brereton. About a fortnight ago he sent word to Gasim and Lingi, and the others who had been friendly with Brereton, that unless they joined him and forced their way to sea, he would attack their houses and take all their property. Brereton, upon this, determined to go up the river and defend their houses. He sent for Lee and the Balows and the Batang Lapurs, and collecting as large a force as he could, proceeded to Bandang's house, which he hastily fortified. Kentab came down with only two boats, was fired into, and ran away. Brereton and Lee rushed to their boats, and, followed by one other Malay boat, and a few Balows in Sampans, pursued the retreating foe. The boats soon scattered, and on the leading boat suddenly turning a sharp point of the river, she was received with a shower of spears, and four huge bankongs lying in wait were upon her before her crew could get at their guns; they fought, however, most gallantly until Lee came up and took off the attention of two of the enemy. Lee shot with his gun two men, right and left, but had no time to reload. Brereton's fire also killed several men, but his boat was soon swamped alongside the gigantic bantong of Rentab, and he and her crew got to the shore without a weapon. Boat, guns, rifles, everything fell into the Dyak hands. While this was going on the Balows, who fought well at first, finding they had no chance in their small boat, and with 27 of their number wounded, gave way in all directions. Lee's men, some killed and many wounded, after vainly urging their leader to fly, jumped overboard, with the exception of four, who gallantly stuck to him till all were wounded. They begged and prayed of him to jump overboard and get ashore. Though desperately wounded the gallant fellow fought on, saying he would never run away, he would die, but never be shamed by turning; and as his last follower jumped overboard Lee was seen to spring, sword in hand, into Rentab's boat, where he was soon despatched, and so we have lost as gallant and noble an English gentleman as ever stepped. If the Dyaks should break out now, the mischief will be terrible, not only to the rapidly rising trade, but to hundreds of unsuspecting people who are fishing and farming on the banks of the rivers, almost to the sea." Mr. Brereton had arrived safely at Sarawak.

Captain John C. Fitzgerald (1841) has been appointed to command the *Winchester*, 50, flag-ship of rear-admiral Sir Fleetwood B. R. Pellew, C.B., commander-in-chief on the East-India station, *vice* Loeb, deceased.