

## CURRENT FOREIGN TOPICS.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—Later advices do not confirm the report of the capture of Lima by the Chilian forces.

Sir Donald Stewart has been definitely appointed to the supreme command of the troops in India.

A dispatch from Belgrade to Reuter's Telegram Company says: "News has been received here that Ali Pasha, of Gusinje, has arrived at Skoplia with 700 men, and has been proclaimed Prince of Albania."

The *St. James Gazette* this evening says: "A malicious attempt was made to set fire to the London Custom-house on Saturday by igniting a quantity of waste paper, but no damage was done."

PALERMO, Jan. 10.—Fifteen persons have been seriously injured by the fall of a staircase in a church during rejoicings on the occasion of the visit of the King and Queen to the city.

BERLIN, Jan. 10.—A Christian Liberal Club has been formed here and is organizing a workmen's demonstration against the anti-Jewish agitation among the poorer classes.

A fire has occurred in the building occupied by the head-quarters staff here. A great mass of military information collected by Gen. Count von Moltke narrowly escaped destruction.

PARIS, Jan. 10.—A letter from Algiers, semi-officially published here, relative to recent alleged abortive attempts to induce the Porte to revive its long dormant authority in Tunis, says: "France would not admit of a rival influence in Tunis. Her interests in Algeria oblige her to exercise an effective protectorate." It is to be observed that the above declaration is interesting in view of the attempts of Italy to obtain influence in Tunis. The writer of the letter proceeds to state that the alleged Italian intrigues in Tunis are merely the acts of certain meddlesome private individuals.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says an official telegram announces that Gen. Skobelev has completely invested Geok-Tepe.

Another dispatch from St. Petersburg says: "Gen. Skobelev reports that Geok-Tepe is invested, except on the northern side, by 8,000 men, with 58 guns."

DUBLIN, Jan. 10.—A terrible outbreak of fever is reported at Tanderagee, County Armagh. One hundred and nine persons are prostrated, and many deaths occur daily.