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to the exigencies of our port, and the lamentable loss of life attending the stranding of the Sea Snake in the great gale of September 1869, is attributed by authorities upon the point to the cumbersome and unwieldy nature of the national life-boats provided by the port authorities.

by Count Bismarck. It is understood that Russia will willingly to friendly representations and a conference, as proposed by Prussia. St. Petersburg, November 28.—According to reliable information from Constantinople, the Sultan and the Grand Vizier take a very moderate view of the situation, not regarding Turkish interests as endangered by the note of Prince Gortschakoff.

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THE FORTIFICATIONS. The fortifications and the preparations for attacking the enemy are said to be daily becoming more formidable. Continental skirmishes annoy the Prussians near Bagneux. On the 14th, a Prussian force, taking advantage of some undulating ground, endeavoured to surprise a body of French troops near Fort Issy.

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Mr. VINTCENT has been allowed by the Electors to walk over the course unopposed for the vacant seat in the Legislative Council. This is scarcely as it should be, as showing the apathy displayed on the part of the voters, and the injustice to gentlemen who have been tried servants of the public, and who have done their utmost to discharge their parliamentary duties with credit to themselves and advantage to their constituents.

To the return of Mr. Vincent we have no particular reason to demur, but our present purpose is that of dealing with a matter of more moment, as one affecting not only the constituencies but candidates—and that is, the glaring defect in our existing electoral system. Had there been a constitutional change of Mr. de Wet's return, that gentleman would doubtless have promptly responded to the call of his requisitionists, amongst whom he might have calculated on influential and true friends; but unfortunately such is the state of the franchise that it admits of almost any kind of voter.

MURDER.—Early on Friday morning (says the Richmond Era) the resident magistrate (S. V. Cloete, Esq.), accompanied by Dr. Botha, district surgeon, left town for the purpose of instituting enquiries respecting the reported murder of a coloured boy by some person or persons unknown at Klipkral, the farm of Mr. J. S. Theboom.

DIAMONDS.—The largest diamond, says the Richmond Era, was brought into town on Friday last, in company with five smaller ones. The large diamond, which has been named "The Glory of Richmond," is irregularly in shape, of tolerably good water, but has a small black spot at one end, (which, however, will probably be removed in cutting), and is of 34 carats weight.

A FORTUNATE DIGGER.—We have just had the pleasure (says the Cradock Express) of inspecting a parcel of diamonds, valued variously at from £800 to £1,500, the property of Mr. Nicholas Venter, of this district, by whom they were found. The story of Mr. Venter's diamond experiences forms an almost unexampled instance of good fortune.

WRECK OF THE STEAMER "WESTENHOPE."—The steamer Westenhope, from Algoa Bay to Port Natal with a number of passengers for the Diamond Fields, went ashore at Seal Rock, near Bird Island. She has become a total wreck. The Captain and passengers have all arrived safe in Port Elizabeth.

LATER NEWS FROM THE SEAT OF WAR. Conference on the Russian Question. Sorties from Paris Repulsed. Amiens and Thionville have been taken. Army of the Loire Defeated.

LIFE BOAT FOR ALGOA BAY.—The Telegraph remarks:—"We have been promised for publication a list of subscribers to a fund for procuring an Alga Bay with a more efficient life-boat than those already at our service. It has long been felt that in some respects these are unsuited

LATER TELEGRAMS.

The following telegrams from Port Elizabeth have been received in town. French accounts.—Tours, 29th November.—It is officially stated that several inaccuracies are contained in the Prussian dispatch, dated Versailles, November 27. It is incorrect that the French evacuated Ladon and Mezieres in the forest of Orleans, the French line on the 25th being forty-five kilometres behind these points.

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