

RHODES' BREEZY OPTIMISM

Look Well With the Crowd at Cannon Street Hotel.

He Claims to Have Secured the \$15,000,000 He Came For.

The Queen's Return to Windsor—Possible Subjects of Her Majesty's Birthday Honors—Agitation Against Sunday Newspapers.

(Special Cable Letter to The London Advertiser.)

London, May 6.—The personality of Mr. Cecil Rhodes has been a towering figure this week. His welcome at the meeting of the Chartered British South Africa Company at the Cannon Street Hotel on Tuesday was one of blind enthusiasm. Mr. Rhodes carried his audience away with his breezy optimism, which served as a glided coating for the unpleasant fact that the negotiations with the government for aid for his Cape-to-Cairo Railway had failed, and that the company needed another \$15,000,000. The audience, among whom were a number of fashionable ladies, cheered him wildly. At the conclusion of his speech Mr. Rhodes was obliged to address an overflow meeting outside the hall. Such an enormous crowd surrounded him, enthusiastically cheering him, that policemen were required to escort him back to the offices of the Chartered Company. The after-effect of Mr. Rhodes' speech was less favorable, however, and shares of the British South Africa Company suffered a decline.

BELIEVES IN OPEN MARKETS.

Mr. Rhodes' reference to the Carnegie Company's tender of railway iron for the Rhodesian road, and his explanation of its rejection, has attracted considerable attention. The correspondent of the Associated Press interviewed Mr. Rhodes upon that subject. Mr. Rhodes said: "My policy has been to support home industries wherever it can be done, from a business point of view, but there is no need for Americans to be discouraged. We positively will go into open markets in the future. I personally believe in open markets to be the best in every interest. I can see no reason why the American iron and steel industry should not watch us even more closely than in the past, for Rhodesia is going forward without government support, and we want to attract enterprising Anglo-Saxons, and let them see the ENORMOUS SCOPE

before them. The government's caution in supporting us is no new thing. Take Madagascar, for example. No man has done so much for that island as General Gallieni, and yet even now he is obliged to go upon his knees, and supplicate the French Government to follow even our limited example, and open up the country. The German emperor, who is a man of immense intelligence, sees clearly the ultimate value of present support in similar cases. I believe that Americans are quicker to see business possibilities than the average Englishman, who is cautious, conservative and insular as a rule; but once the Briton sees clearly, then no amount of capital is enough to sink. You can say that Americans are as welcome in Rhodesia as brothers. Three years will see us on the crest of an enormous wave of prosperity."

POSSIBILITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Regarding the opening up of the Philippines, Mr. Rhodes said: "If my observation is correct, the Americans will be quick to see the great possibilities of trade in that direction, and will not stand waiting, but will rush with capital to develop the industries of the islands. It is impossible to believe that the American Government, with such facts and possibilities beyond a shadow of doubt, will hesitate a moment, as the British Government has done regarding Rhodesia."

Mr. Rhodes concluded the interview by the statement that the whole of the \$15,000,000 for railways in Rhodesia has already been secured.

THE QUEEN'S RETURN.

Queen Victoria returned from her stay at Cimiez to Windsor on Friday. Her Majesty was delayed one day at Cherbourg by rough weather on the English Channel. It is expected that the birthday honors will include a peerage for the British ambassador to the United States, Sir Julian Pauncefote, in recognition of the part he has taken in the promotion of an Anglo-American understanding. This distinction will come very apropos in view of Sir Julian Pauncefote's selection as the British representative at the peace conference. The Queen's birthday will also be the occasion for an act of grace towards the prisoners of O'Hanlon and Fitzharris, the three men sentenced to penal servitude for life for complicity in the murder of Sir Frederick Cavendish, chief secretary for Ireland, and Mr. T. H. Burke, the permanent under secretary for Ireland, in Phoenix Park, Dublin, on May 6, 1882. The case of these men has been considered by the cabinet, and it is understood that the prisoners will be liberated on the Queen's 80th birthday.

The Queen has overcome her dislike for electric light, which has now been introduced in all the royal palaces. The Prince of Wales has just taken an opposite step, and has abolished electricity and reinstated gas for lighting at Sandringham.

According to several papers the Earl of Cadogan has decided to resign the Lord Lieutenantcy of Ireland, owing to

ill health. The earl, however, has been induced to postpone the tender of his resignation until after the Duke of York's promised visit to Ireland. The Earl of Dunraven, it is said, will be designated as successor to the Earl of Cadogan.

THE VICEROY OF INDIA.

Lord Curzon, of Kedleston, gave it to be understood, when he accepted the viceroyalty of India, that he did so because he thought that the climate would improve his health. Private advice, however, intimates that the contrary has been the effect, and that Lord Curzon has been suffering from ill health ever since his arrival in India. According to today's papers, the viceroyalty, in contrast to the ways of former viceroys. The publication mentioned says that the present practice in Simla and Calcutta is all on lines of the most rigid etiquette. In formal gatherings the hosts always enter last, and only when dinner is announced do they go in first together, through a long lane formed by the guests and an obsequious suite. They sit facing, and commonly address each other, according to today's "Your Excellency." Old hands, it is added, are inclined to sneaker at all this, which is a bad imitation of Windsor or other royal residences. "But," concludes today's sarcastically, "it must be very pleasing to pretty Miss Leiter and her sisters, all Republican born."

"A TRUCE OF GOD."

The agitation against Sunday newspapers has had a splendid end this week. The Earl of Rosebery, in the course of a public speech, took up the matter on Tuesday and declared strongly against the system, appealing for "a truce of God" between the Mail and the Telegraph, whose proprietors were sitting on either side of him at the time. His lordship intimated that each was desirous of ceasing the publication of his Sunday paper if the other would agree to do likewise. The evidence points strongly to the fact that neither Sunday papers has been the success anticipated, and other newspapers are jubilant at the position in which the two rivals find themselves, both being willing but ashamed to withdraw. Mr. Harmsworth, proprietor of the Mail, has written a letter, saying he hopes the proprietors of the Daily Telegraph will accept Lord Rosebery's proposition, and agree to a truce. Mr. Harmsworth adds that the Sunday newspaper development is quite as unnecessary in England today as it was in the United States 35 years ago, when it commenced there. One by one the most conservative newspapers of the United States were forced into the Sunday market. Mr. Harmsworth concludes by saying that the present is a golden opportunity to stop the increase of Sunday newspapers. Mr. Harmsworth evidently has had enough of Sunday journalism.

WANT TO SEE THE CUP RACE.

There are signs of awakening enthusiasm on this side of the Atlantic regarding the forthcoming America's cup races. The owners of quite a number of steam yachts on the Clyde have intimated their intention to attend, and it is certain to be the largest muster of British yachts ever witnessed at any contest. A striking proof of the interest that is exciting all classes is the fact that a squad of workmen at a Greenock shipyard have opened a fund, toward which they will subscribe weekly, to enable them to see the races.

WEIGHT OF EUROPE'S SOVEREIGNS.

Vanity Fair has compiled an exhibit of the weights of European queens. Queen Victoria weighs 171 pounds; Queen Margherita of Italy, 176 pounds; Queen Regent Christina of Spain, 147 pounds; Queen Marchionetta of Belgium, 143 pounds; Queen Marie Amelie of Portugal, 123 pounds; Empress Alexandra of Russia, 120 pounds. The late Empress Elizabeth of Austria was under 100 pounds.

THE CZAR RELENTS.

An interesting event in connection with the Russian Easter event was the czar's reinstatement of the Grand Duke Michael Michailovitch as staff-captain in the Caucasus Rifles. The grand duke fell into disgrace with the late Czar Alexander III, owing to his morganatic marriage in 1891 with the beautiful Countess Von Merenberg, granddaughter of the celebrated author, Pushkin. The czar deprived him of all military honors and exiled him. His present appointment means early and rapid promotion.

SOCIETY FUNCTIONS.

There has been a decided improvement in the social aspect of the season this week. The drawing-rooms on the 10th and 16th of the month will bring many notable people to town. The Queen herself is to hold the second of these drawing-rooms, and consequently there will be a great rush for it, and it promises to be an affair of the most brilliant character.

Mrs. Choate, wife of the American ambassador, has returned from Paris and begun Thursday receptions.

Mr. William Waldorf Astor is making great preparations for his social campaign. He has engaged Paderewski, the pianist, and several operatic stars for his evening parties. The grand daughter of the celebrated author, Pushkin, the czar deprived him of all military honors and exiled him. His present appointment means early and rapid promotion.

Much interest is taken in society and artistic circles in the exhibition of international art, in which Mr. James McNeil Whistler is the prime mover, which opens next week. All fashionable London has been invited to Monday's private view. There is a special curiosity to see Mr. Whistler's exhibition, as it was such a success last year, and as the Academy and New Gallery exhibitions, which have now been open a week, are pronounced worse than usual.

Lilian Plavett, the American prima donna, was the star of the London May musical festival this week. Mme. Plavett recently sang in Rome before the King and Queen of Italy, and was presented with a large and costly brooch by the queen, in the center of which is the letter "M" set in large diamonds and rubies.

BURGULARY AT ZURICH. Zurich, May 6.—Thursday night burglar broke into the postoffice of this place, pried open the safe and carried off \$10 or \$15 in postage stamps and small change. They also entered D. S. Faust's general store and took several suits of clothes and some jewelry. Three suspicious-looking characters, supposed to be the gang, were in town yesterday, all dressed in dark clothes, one carrying his arm in a sling. The other two sold small wire articles.

Many a so-called fireproof building has furnished indisputable proof of a fire.

Bed-Bugs—the housewife's horror—driven out of the house by Persiate Bed-Bug Exterminator. It is a liquid—much more effective, searching and cleaner than a powder. Moistens all cracks and crevices in parts infested, and the pest is done away with. At all druggists.

THE BUDGET DEBATE ENDED

Sir Charles Tupper and Mr. Paterson Hold the Floor.

Sir Charles Wants More Iron Protection—Mr. Paterson Refutes a Personal Charge.

Ottawa, May 6.—The budget debate came to a conclusion somewhat suddenly a few minutes before midnight, when the finance minister rose and stated that the motion to go into committee on ways and means having served its purpose, he would withdraw it and move that the house go into committee of supply on some future day. There were only three or four members of the opposition in the house at the time, and although it was reported that a number of them desired to speak, no one moved the adjournment of the debate.

Sir Charles Tupper resumed the debate in the afternoon and spoke for two and a half hours, during which he devoted considerable attention to the political history of the Dominion from ante-Confederation days forward.

Referring to the large increase in importation of iron goods, Sir Charles expressed the opinion that the time had come when the government should take action toward the greater development of iron production in Canada. He referred to the natural advantage of this country, and especially of Nova Scotia, for the production of iron, claiming that it could be made as cheaply here as in the United States. He was certain that Nova Scotia could be made one of the greatest iron and steel producing countries in the world. It had been a great pleasure to him to hear the statement made a few weeks ago at the meeting of the British Empire League by Mr. Bertram in regard to the practicability of building steel ships in Canada. These views commended themselves to his mind, and Sir Charles stated that if proper encouragement were given to the iron and steel industry Canada would once more become as important a steel ship-building country as it formerly was for wooden ships. Sir Charles declared that Sir Wilfrid Laurier had not kept his promises in respect of tariff changes, and that Sir Richard Cartwright had "fallen down" on the last Atlantic line question. The increase in the traffic of the Intercolonial Railway, Sir Charles declared, resulted in connection with the Drummond County Railway, but the cost of the purchase had been exorbitant. He asserted that he must be considered by the government to be an idiot if he was charged with anything so monstrous as to allege that he had ever proposed that the parallel line with the Intercolonial should be built.

Sir Charles made the characteristic reply to Mr. Mulock's excellent showing regarding the Yukon postal service by stating that the mails had been carried by the mounted police, and demanded to be told if these police had been paid how much of a betterment he would have been able to show.

AN OLD STORY NOW.

Hon. Wm. Paterson, who followed Sir Charles Tupper, ridiculed the baronet's dealing with matters of ancient history and fighting once more the battles of Nova Scotia's politics. Sir Charles, he found, had barely deigned to touch upon the subject matter of the finance minister's budget speech, and that in the merest cursory fashion. Mr. Paterson said that he felt it his duty to defend himself against Mr. Foster's slanderous charges against himself in connection with the alleged manipulation of the duties on raw materials used in his own factory, and the increase in duties upon his manufactured products, candies and biscuits, from the ex-finance minister's acknowledgment of the latter's error. He was also able to cite one more important fact to demonstrate how great has been the advance made commercially by Manitoba and the Northwest

in the last two years. Messrs. Rufus Pope and C. B. Heyd closed the debate, and the resolution to go into supply was carried.

LOTTERIES FROM NEAR-BY PLACES.

PETROLIA.

Petrolia, May 5.—J. H. Fairbank comprising teapot, sugar bowl and Chas. Jenkins, who went to Ottawa in the interest of the men, have returned home.

Mrs. G. C. Clarke and little daughter, of Detroit, are in town visiting at the residence of H. J. Dawson.

McDonald Bros. intend starting a large sale of ready-made clothing, goods' furnishings, etc., on Saturday, previous to having their store renovated. The store will be thoroughly overhauled and improved, and they purpose reducing the stock by this sale, to make room.

T. W. Vantuyt left on Thursday evening for London on a business trip. Mr. Vantuyt has sold a good many of his bicycles this year.

Dr. Cotter received word on Wednesday that his mother, at Strathroy, had suffered a stroke of paralysis the night before. Mrs. Cotter had only recently removed from here. Her many friends will regret to hear of her illness, and hope for a speedy recovery.

R. Lawyer, of Toronto is in town, on his regular monthly business trip.

John Fraser, M.P., is home from Ottawa for a few days.

Miss Gleeson, daughter of William Gleeson, of this place, left on Tuesday to enter the Sacred Heart Convent at London.

Wm. Stevenson arrived in town Monday night from Australia. Mr. Stevenson is well-known here, having been in the boiler-making trade for years, and his many friends are pleased to see him back again and enjoying such good health.

Miss Violetta McCallum, of London, is enjoying a visit with her friend, Miss Maggie Murray. Miss McCallum's many friends will be pleased to see her in town again.

Miss Janie McKenzie is home for a few days' visit from the Harper Hospital, Detroit, where she is training for a nurse.

Wm. West, of the London Floral Company, spent Sunday at her home in London.

Under the auspices of the C. W. A. of Christ Church, a delightful entertainment was given on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Selections from Tennyson were given by a number of ladies and gentlemen, and Mr. G. G. Moncrieff read an admirable paper on the life of Tennyson.

NILESTOWN.

Nilestown, May 6.—Many friends of the family will deeply regret to learn of the death this (Saturday) morning of James Gordon, only son of John Jackson, Nilestown, after an illness of but a couple of weeks. Being a particularly bright boy, and the only son, the parents' loss is very severe. The funeral takes place to Union cemetery, Dorchester, on Sunday, at 2:30, and services will be held at the house at 2.

LAMBETH

Progressive Methodists Decide to Build a New Church—Over \$2,000 Raised at Once.

Lambeth, May 6.—A second meeting of the trustees, members and congregation of the Methodist Church was held in the church on Thursday night to consider the advisability of building a new church next year. After the opening exercises the chairman, Rev. J. S. Fisher, laid the question fairly be-

fore the people, and a motion soon carried unanimously, "That we build a new church where the old Sunday school room now stands."

A subscription list was then started, which soon amounted to \$2,000.

Mrs. (Rev.) Quance, of Belmont, has returned home after visiting her sons, on Hillsdale Farm, North Lambeth.

Miss Nellie Revell, of Komoka, is visiting her cousin, Miss Allie Stenhoff. Members of the I. O. F. are making arrangements for their annual church services on May 23.

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WHISPERINGS OF THE WIRES

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lef of Spaniards held prisoners by the Filipinos.

The Philadelphia Ledger denies that a marriage has been contemplated between Mrs. George W. Childs and Gen. Joseph Wheeler.

Nearly the whole male population of Wallace, Idaho, has been arrested by United States troops in connection with the recent riots.

Gov. Roosevelt of New York says he would like to sign a whipping-post law so wife-killers and beaters might be properly punished.

A cable says that the claim of Aguinado against the bank of Hong Kong for \$200,000 has been settled and the money paid over.

Mrs. Phoebe Featherstone, of Paris, Ont., while suffering from melancholia and nervous prostration produced by grip, took carbolic acid.

John D. Rockefeller is said to be about to gobble up the Clarks Leaf Railroad, to be operated in connection with his system of lake steamers.

A Belleville, Ont., dispatch says: The Deloro gold mine have shipped 368 ounces of gold, and the Belmont mine 228 ounces within the past week.

P. W. Quinn, who has been with the Molsons Bank at Exeter for the past year, has resigned. His position has been filled by Mr. H. F. Heming, of Norwich.

The Canadian customs authorities have decided to admit free of duty tools brought into the country by Americans who come to work on contracts, the tools to be taken back when the work is finished.

The Portuguese bark Industria, which sailed from Philadelphia Jan. 15, for Lisbon, with 136,680 gallons of refined oil, is missing, and is believed to have foundered at sea, with all hands lost, twelve in number.

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