THE WORLD OF LONDON.

A MATTER WHICH PROFOUNDLY DISTURBS TWO NATIONS.

Mr. Balfour on the Mandeville Case—Mr. Chamberlain's Alleged Betrayal of Mr. Forster—The Parnell Defence Fund—Affairs in Egypt and Thibet.

LONDON, Sept. 30.—The discussion on the Emperor Frederick's diary is followed with the keenest interest here, as having important bearings on the future relations between the English and German Courts. When it was supposed that the Empress Frederick had a hand in the revelations, great anxiety prevailed. Relations between the Queen and the Emperor William are very strained, the Kaiser having practically refused to meet the Prince of Wales at Vienna, and the Queen having hinted that she is not burning to receive the Kaiser as a guest at present in England. The Kaiser's relations with his mother had greatly improved when this new trouble arose, and he had ceased to tender his Imperial authority in the form of threats. But had the Empress been unable to disavow responsibility for the publication of the diary, the scenes at court would have resembled those of mediæval times. Happily the Empress Frederick was able to disavow responsibility, and she is angry with The Deutsche Rundschau.

The Queen is also disturbed. Prince Bismarck is somewhat vindictive toward the English Court, as is shown by the publication of the late Emperor William's secret counsel not to tell too much to the Crown Prince lest he betray Germany to the English Court, which is said to be French in sympathy. The allegation was absolutely unfounded. Prince Bismarck forgets that the Queen is German by descent, German by marriage, and German by all the associations she draws round her. The unity of Germany was an old dream of the Prince Consort. The only foundation for Prince Bismarck's allegations is that the Queen was anxious, in order to prevent future wars, that Germany should deal tenderly with France in 1871. Prince Bismarck's state paper is likely still further to strain the relations between the courts and between grandmother and grandson.

Notwithstanding all declarations, official, officious and otherwise, the diary is authentic, even to the charge against Napoleon of proposing war against England. The ex-Empress Eugenie is very angry about this last aspersion. She knows nothing, probably, of what Napolean did at Wilhelmshoe, but she is having a statement prepared in refutation of what she regards as a calumny. The prosecution of the Deutsche Rundschau is certain of success. The object is not to punish the editor and publisher, but to prevent further disclosures of the same kind. Prince Bismarck being very determined to repress the tendency of German Liberals to use the Emperor Frederick's memory as a means of working on public opinion against the conservative regime.

There are extraordinary rumors that Princess Maud of Wales is betrothed to Grand Duke Nicholas. Princess Maud is not yet nineteen, and Grand Duke Nicholas has turned twenty. The pair have had an opportunity of knowing each other well. They enjoyed the measles together at Copenhagen last year. But the fact that they are first cousins is likely to restrain the Prince of Wales in the project. The story is a simple fable, but the Empress Dagmar and the Princess of Wales rather favor such a match.

Political Matters.

Balfour speaks to-morrow at Glasgow.

The Mr. Mandeville's case fails, repudiating the responsibility of the authorities for his death and the reasons for believing that Dr. Ridgway's suicide was due to the Nationalists. But the intervention of the Cabinet prevents a new Mandeville case from arising. Mr. Balfour has been instructed by his colleagues to release any political prisoner showing signs of weak health.

The quarrel raised by Mr. Gladstone over Mr. Forster's reputation has taken an unexpected turn and begins to center round Mr. Chamberlain. It is roundly asserted that Mr. Forster in 1882 confided to Mr. Chamberlain his determination to resign if Mr. Parnell, before his release from Kilmainham, gave no public declaration binding him in honor before the world to disapprove and resist outrages. Mr. Chamberlain then worked for a private declaration through Captain O'Shea and thus abused Mr. Forster's confidence to secure his overthrow. Mr. Chamberlain has not yet replied. Mr. Gladstone's summing up of the entire matter is likely to appear in The Nineteenth Century next month. He was unaware of the correspondence with Mr. Chamberlain, and was frankly surprised at Mr. Forster's resignation. He will have to acknowledge his ignorance so far, but will plead that Mr. Forster never emphasized to him the necessity for a public letter, and that Mr. Chamberlain kept the key secret in his own breast. When Captain O'Shea saw Mr. Forster and learned from him that he considered Mr. Parnell's private letter, known as the Kilmainhan Treaty, insufficient, he telegraphed to Mr. Chamberlain that the Chief Secretary was playing false.

The Unionist leaders have decided on what lines they will conduct the agitation in reply to Mr. Gladstone's endeavor to make the debate run on the incidents of Coercion. They practically decline the issue, leaving Mr. Balfour to deal with each story put forward by the Gladstonians. Their endeavor will be to bring the question back to the original constitutional differences. In this way the autumnal campaign will prevent the combatants from actually engaging. The arguments of the Unionists will for the most part go unanswered, and the stories told by the Gladstonians will go uncorrected. Meanwhile Mr. Gladstone, for the present, declines to support Home Rule movements in Scotland and Wales, believing in initial stages of development.

The Parnell Indemnity Fund has reached $25,000, and there will be no difficulty in raising it to $50,000. But if the Special Commission takes a long time, the cost of the defence of the Irish leader will fall not far short of $100,000. Few American subscriptions are yet acknowledged. The Nationalists, nevertheless, expect a large contribution.

In Africa and Asia.

Turkey signs the Suez Canal convention. This neutralizes that waterway, and slightly, but perceptibly, increases the English hold on Egypt. There is, however, a cloud on the horizon. Suakim demands a larger garrison, disturbing Egyptian finance; and, if the Soudanese grow troublesome at Wady Halfa, and the financial balance be overthrown, the International Commission comes into play, to the exclusion of the solo English interest. The situation at Suakim is disquieting, but not immediately dangerous.

Strenuous attempt has been made by the forward Anglo-Indian party to induce the Government not to leave Thibet until the Thibetans have agreed to trade with India. Had this policy been accepted, the English expedition would have had to go to Chassa, and complications with China would have been threatened. The original object of the expedition having been attained, orders have been given for Colonel Graham to return to British territory, and the forward party is defeated.

No steps whatever are being taken in London for a Congo expedition. So far as the English committee is concerned, it is paralyzed. The German expedition is making progress, and the result is likely to be that the Congo will become German. Fainter and fainter grow hopes of Mr. Stanley, and the fear now is that the white man on the Bahr el Ghazel is not he. G. W. SMALLEY.

CLEARED UP; OR HER LAST LETTER.

For miles around old Phil Kingsley was known as a surly and disagreeable character, and in twenty years no one had ever visited him but the village doctor and the minister, and they confessed that they were glad to cut their calls short. He was spoken of by everyone as "a man without a heart."

One day as he sat brooding on his porch the garden gate opened. A scowl darkened on his face as he saw a woman with a baby in her arms walk slowly up the path.

"John," he called loudly to his only attendant, "send these people away and then let the dog loose."

John hurried forward, but the woman did not seem to heed him. She moved on until she sank exhausted at the feet of old Phil.

"Water," she whispered, hoarsely. John caught the baby from her relaxing arms.

"Let her lie," he said, "she's right spent," and he hurried away to get a glass of wine.

Returning quickly he found the poor woman had fainted. The baby had crawled up to old Phil's feet and raised her eyes wonderingly to the stern, hard face. He turned to push the little one off, but his hands were caught in a warm tiny clasp. The old man's eyes met the child's timorous glance.

"The same kind; false, cruel as the grave, for all that," he said, in a hard tone. Yet his eyes softened a little and his hand was not snatched from the baby's clasp.

"Master, she may be dying or dead! Help me here!" John said, a doubtful look on his face.

Old Phil gently put the baby aside. His face grew somewhat softened as he stooped and drew off the bonnet from the fallen head. The hair fell in long, heavy tresses about the pale face.

"Master," said John, "this looks as if we had gone back well-nigh a score and a half of years."

Old Phil answered not, but lifted the slight form, and bore it under the shade of the porch, as John hurried for pillows.

It was long ere the closed eyes opened. During which time old Phil's thoughts had flown back to a time when one as fair and young and wonderfully like this strange woman had rested in his arms.

"Nellie, was driven to such spells, either from overjoy, sorrow or excitement of any kind; I used to know just what to do then." There was a look in old Phil's eyes then that John had not seen for many weary years. An angel perhaps was knocking at the long-closed door. Would it open? Was the key to be found at last?

Still with the past old Phil remained.

"The last time I saw her, she lay fainting in his arms. Oh! curse him! Curse"—

"Hush! master, she's coming to." The master's face had grown hard and dark again.

The woman's gaze was fixed earnestly, eagerly on old Phil's face. "Ask him to come!" she whispered to John, who was bending over her.

John did as she wished. His master drew near, closer, as the soft pleading eyes were raised to his.

His features were working convulsively then, as he bent down and he asked:

"Who are you, child?"

"Mother said you would surely know me," the woman answered, putting her hand in his.

"Yes, yes, you are Nellie's child—and"—his voice was choked and husky as he asked—"and where is she?"

"Gone. Years ago when I was a child scarce ten years old, she said some time I might find you. She wished me to. I've a little note she wrote you a few days before she passed away. Never once was I married very young. I was an orphan, with none but distant relatives to care for me. Father was killed in the war before mother went to Heaven. Often I've wanted to find you, but I could not leave my husband. I knew we should have to but a short time to be together in this world. Mother told me if I should ever need a friend I must come to you. Others said you would drive me off; but I minded them not. Mother always told me true."

Again the beautiful eyes were looking into his, waiting their answer. The key was in the lock, and turning, turning. The door yielding, flew wide open, and old Phil's arms were extended, and the weary head of Nellie's child was pillowed on the old man's bosom.

"Glory be to God!" John fervently exclaimed. "The wrath is turned aside."

"Nellie's child and mine now!" the old man said. "What are you called, dear?"

"Nelly, too, and baby is little Nell"—

"I'm glad 'tis so," he answered, taking a time-worn letter from Nellie's hand.

The eyes of Uncle Philip, as Nellie called him, were turned away and shaded by his hand, as he read:

"DEAR PHILIP: I could not tell you then, for father's sake, why I gave you up and gave my hand to my Nellie's father. My heart is broken, Philip. Father was old, his name, his honor I could save. He entreated me to marry the man whose money would relieve him. Love my child for her sake for me. I await your coming in that land where all is love."

"Why, Flinders, my boy, you look all played out. What's the matter with you?"

"Oh, the cyclone kept me up nearly all night, tramping about the house."

"Cyclone! Why, there wasn't a breath of wind last night."

"Well, I should groan—our baby's stomach was full of it."

Clergyman—Now, which of these were the minor prophets?

Small Boy (with an air of magnanimous abstention)—Well, sir, I really don't care to make any invidious distinctions.

Miss Susan Winter, of Wheatlands, Montana, has sued a local editor for defamation of character. She is engaged to a young man named Spring, and the editor in alluding to the fact quoted the remark about winter lingering in the lap of spring.

First Boy—I guess your folks ain't as rich as ours. My father and mother go driving every day.

Second Boy—My father drives every day, too.

First Boy—I don't believe it! What does he drive?

Second Boy—Nails.

A Memory.

Soon the winter will be coming.
And the icy winds will blow,
And the landscape round about us
Will be mantled deep in snow.

Then our ears will be frost bitten,
And we'll want to shed the gore
Of that fiend of freezing weather
Who will never shut the door.

Then will thoughts go flying backward
To those days gone by so swift,
When the harvest winds went whispering
Through the whiskers of the wheat.
—Puck.

The Dude's Return.

The Dude who late at ocean beach,
His wardrobe loud displayed,
Has gone away and left no trace,
Except a bill unpaid.

Where is the dude, the gorgeous dude,
Who lately trod the sand?
You'll find him in a dry-goods house,
With scissors in his hand.

You'll see him snipping ponjee silk,
And hear him shouting "Cash!"
You'll see him when the lunch-hour comes,
Eating a corn-beef hash.

Sold His Wife for $50.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—Amos Snyder, a baker, of North Berzen, N. J., suspected his hired man, Wilkins, of paying marked attention to his wife, accused his wife of being unfaithful to him, and a quarrel was the result. While Snyder was away from home in New York his wife drove away from his house in a buggy in the direction of Guttenburg. When Snyder returned home he searched for his wife without success. On going to his bakery he discovered that the safe in his office had been opened, and that $900 in cash had been extracted therefrom. Snyder swore out a warrant for the arrest of the eloping couple. When confronted by them in the court room he offered to withdraw the complaint if his money was returned to him. His wife thereupon handed him over the cash which she had taken from the safe. Snyder then startled the court by offering to sell his wife to Wilkins for $50. Wilkins promptly accepted the offer and counted out $50 in bills to Snyder, which the latter pocketed with a serene smile and left the court room. Wilkins and Mrs. Snyder went away together and were last seen boarding a train for Pennsylvania.

BRINGING THEM UP SHORT.

City Solicitor Biggar Does Some Plain Speaking in Court.

For some time past the Wilson-Jarvis appeal case has been the subject of most unfair comments in the editorial columns of The Evening Telegram and Globe. In Friday's issue of the first named newspaper there appeared an article personally attacking Judge Morgan because other pressing duties compelled him to refuse taking up the case at the present sessions. The article was written out of the face of it with a view of prejudicing the public while the matter was still sub judice, and drew inferences which have yet to be borne out by facts.

On Saturday morning City Solicitor Biggar, who has been specially deputed by the Police Commissioners to defend the legality of the conviction of the Rev. W. F. Wilson, appeared in the Court of General Sessions, and requested permission to speak. He said that certain articles had appeared in The Evening Telegram and Globe referring to the Wilson-Jarvis case which were calculated to import feeling into it and defeat the ends of justice. He quoted from both papers, and asked the Court to take notice of them.

His Honor Judge McDougall, in reply, stated that all the business it was possible to accomplish had been got through with at the present session of the Court. As a Police Commissioner he did not care himself to hear the Wilson-Jarvis case, and he had got the consent of Judge Morgan to proceed with it on Thursday last. However, Mr. Biggelow, who represents the Rev. Mr. Wilson, was not free to take up the case until Saturday. It was therefore too late to have it heard that sessions, as it would not be fair to the jurors, who had already been detained much longer than usual. As for the attacks made by The Evening Telegram and Globe, they were the efforts of youthful reporters imported from the country, and therefore too susceptible to the influence of interested parties. Another trouble was that the articles were not submitted to proper editorial supervision.

Mr. Biggar requested His Honor to warn the newspapers that in making such comments they were being guilty of contempt of Court.

His Honor expressed his determination, should these papers continue in this unfair course, to proceed against them for contempt of Court.

Saturday's Evening Telegram, it may be added, contained a direct personal attack on City Solicitor Biggar for his connection with the Jarvis-Wilson case.

A BOON TO THE EAST END.

The New Eastern Branch Library and Its Facilities.

The building which will be opened in a few days as the new Eastern Branch Library is a handsome structure and is a valuable acquisition to the rapidly increasing East-end of the city. It stands on Bolton-avenue and is really an addition to the splendid pile erected by Mr. Poulton on the corner of Queen-street and Bolton-avenue, and now occupied by the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and part of which is used as the Masonic Hall.

The new building is of red brick with stone dressing. The basement will contain the hot-air heating apparatus, cellars and store-rooms, etc. The ground floor will be the reading room, the length of which is 50 feet, width 30 feet, splendidly lighted, lofty and well ventilated. On the first floor is a large room which can be used for meetings or as an addition to the reading accommodation, also rooms for the caretaker and officers. Mr. Poulton has had every attention paid to the sanitation and ventilation of the building. The contractors are Messrs. Bryce Brothers, King-street east, who have executed the work in their usual first-class style.

It is hardly possible that the reading room can be opened before next week. It will be a great boon to the East end. A large number of papers will be on file, and books can be obtained every day by readers. All the reader has to do is give his order to the Librarian, and the Library Delivery van will bring it on its next round.

THE TRADE SITUATION.

The Dominion Has Entered on a Period of Prosperity.

From The Merchant.

The feeling of confidence, the result of good crops, which originated on the farm, has in turn affected both the country and city merchant. During the past few weeks it has been slowly but surely maturing, and the result has been a "boom" in commercial circles. In this city business has been exceptionally good, many houses reporting trade much better than any like period in its history. In dry goods and groceries this state of affairs is especially noticeable. This happy condition of things is not by any means confined to the city of Toronto, but is to be observed everywhere throughout the country.

From general information there is little doubt that the Dominion has entered upon a period of prosperity. While in Ontario the crops have not been enormously large, yet they have been of a good average character, and in not a few localities better than has been known for many years. This, further enhanced by the better price for grain, has given entire satisfaction to our farming population; this is a result we have been unable to chronicle for some time. With the attention the farmers are now paying to stock-raising and production of the dairy, in addition to their ordinary farm work, the outlook seems most auspicious for this sturdy portion of our population.

While during the year the volume of general business may not have been so large as in previous years, yet, being more conservative, the trade done has been safer and therefore more satisfactory. The weak and insolvent houses have been pretty well weeded out; and with a continuance of this policy, we do not anticipate anything but prosperity in financial and commercial circles for some time to come.

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