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THE ATTY.-GEN'S DEFENCE

MR. RICHARD WEBSTER'S MEMORIAL SPEECH.

His Honor vindicated but Criticism Not Stopped—Mr. Chamberlain's Speech An Answer that the Government Has Sided on Two Important Irish Questions.

New York, March 21.—Mr. Smalley called The Tribune from London: The Attorney-General of England has been on the whole for some little time past the best abused man in England. The charges against him may be summarized: The Attorney-General stands in seeing as private counsel for the Times while the chief law officer of the Crown; stands in his general conduct of the case before the Commission; stands justly in relation to Piggott's letter as a witness, knowing him to be unworthy of belief; stands in vouching for the genuineness of the letter and in advising the appointment of a Commission on the strength of that belief. The Attorney-General has dealt with the other matters in a speech which will be memorable. He showed that he had, as every Attorney-General has always had, his own private counsel; that he had not thought fit to accept a brief. He denied a suitably having ever vouched for the genuineness of the letter. There was, he said, the shadow of a foundation for the suggestion that the Government had acted on his opinion or advice in proposing or constituting the Commission. He was charged with having adopted in court tactics of secretiveness and duplicity in the issue of witnesses. "I acted," replied Mr. Richard, "under the direction of the House and with their full knowledge and approval; and this charge is a charge against the court, not against me."

He then charged with putting Piggott in the box, knowing him to be unworthy of credit. There was nothing, he replied, in a letter to suggest that Piggott did not believe the letters to be genuine.

Lastly came the Times' withdrawal of its letters and its apology. "I framed it," said Mr. Richard. "If I were to do it again should draw it as nearly as possible in the same terms. I went to the extreme verge of my duty. If I erred, I erred in saying too much, not too little. I doubt whether this point Sir Richard carried the House will carry the public with him. He has expressed a professional opinion on his side. I should purely and entirely as a lawyer refer to the conduct of a case in court, not to public opinion outside. Whatever may be thought on this one point, there can be doubt as to the speech as a whole. It is worthy of the great days of the Bar, and an imaginative and oratorical effort, worthy of the House of Commons. It does not show all criticism on Sir Richard's handling of the case before the Commission, nor was it meant to. But his speech, in relation to all these points, which touched his honor whether professional or personal."

An Amazing Misstatement.
London, March 21.—The Times, editor for the Times, writes to call attention to an amazing and important misstatement in reference to Piggott which was made in the Attorney-General's speech in the House of Commons. He says that he had written to Mr. Webster as having been placed in Sir Charles Russell's hands five days before Piggott's appearance in the witness box. The Times, so Piggott's answer to the letter from Mr. Seames, a solicitor. The Times, so Piggott's answer to the letter from Mr. Seames, a solicitor. Piggott admitted that he feared to undergo cross-examination. It was withheld by the Times. The Times, so Piggott's answer to the letter from Mr. Seames, a solicitor. Piggott admitted that he feared to undergo cross-examination. It was withheld by the Times.

Proposed Irish Legislation.
London, March 21.—The Birmingham Post, the organ of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain announces upon authority that the Government has decided to deal with the Irish question early in the parliamentary session of 1898. The measure to be so done that they will admit of no modification as the result of discussion in the House of Commons. The bill will be followed at the opening of the session of 1898 by a measure of Irish local government, the details of which are not yet known. It is expected that the measure will be introduced in the House of Commons in the early part of the session.

The Paris Election.
London, March 21.—The election in the division of Leamington, so fill vacancy in the House of Commons caused the death of Richard Peacock (Gladstonian) resulted in the return of Wm. Mathew (Conservative) who received 2155 votes against 4509 for Ernest Hatch (Conservative Liberalism). As the last election took place received 4992 votes and Lord De W. (Conservative) 4182.

The Statute View of the Paris Crisis.
London, March 21.—On the Stock Exchange the past week's success was followed by a reaction. The small rise in the price of the Paris loan was restricted. The small rise in the price of the Paris loan was restricted. The small rise in the price of the Paris loan was restricted. The small rise in the price of the Paris loan was restricted. The small rise in the price of the Paris loan was restricted.

The Paris Crisis Recovering its Feet.
Paris, March 21.—The Paris crisis was firm throughout on the recovery of credit shares and in sympathy with prices elsewhere.

Mr. Gladstone Goes to Scotland.
London, March 21.—Mr. Gladstone is expected to leave for Scotland tonight.

A Hero of Buxton.
Paris, March 21.—M. de Lonlay, General Richard fought a duel to-day. He was slightly wounded. M. de Lonlay had attacked M. de Lonlay in a newspaper article charging him with being a work of M. Duquoin.