

## LIFE IN OTHER LANDS.

## FOREIGN TOPICS OF THE HOUR.

(Leslie's Weekly.)

## ENGLISH CABINET CHANGES.

No appointment to the English cabinet for many years past has called forth so much adverse criticism from so many different quarters as the selection of the Marquis of Lansdowne for the important post of Secretary of the Foreign Office. It can be found even in the ranks of the ministerial party to speak a good word for the appointment. Prime Minister Salisbury, who made the selection, was thoroughly aware of the state of public feeling regarding Lord Lansdowne and the latter's conduct of the war office, and his action in the case furnishes a striking illustration of his characteristic indifference to public sentiment. Lord Salisbury is himself a man of remarkable powers and a brilliant statesman, but even his staunchest supporters in the English press and elsewhere find it difficult to explain or excuse this preference. Many of the worst military leaders committed during the course of the Boer war, and for which England paid so dearly in blood and treasure, have been attributed to the policy of Lansdowne in the war office, and he was one of the men whom a critical public had marked for retirement at an early date. But now, instead he is elevated to one of the highest offices in the gift of the government.

## WEYLER AND THE CARLISTS.

The appointment of the notorious Weyler to a prominent place in the new Spanish cabinet, and the revival of the Carlist movement in Spain, have no apparent or necessary relation to each other, but both alike are full of ominous meaning in their relation to the internal peace and welfare of that country. Weyler stands for what was worst, most bigoted, non-progressive, and reactionary in the Spanish system of government at home and abroad, for a policy which cost Spain the loss of nearly all her colonial possessions, and from which the well-wishers of that nation in all lands had hoped she had now broken away forever. Weyler's character was fully shown in the cruel, rapacious, and corrupt administration which he gave to the Philippines, and afterward to Cuba, and he is no more fit to hold office now than he was then. It is not surprising that the members of S. or Silveira's cabinet should resign in a body rather than associate with such a man. The whole proceeding has all the appearance of a plot to turn Spain over again to that military element which has been the curse of the country for many years past. The association of Generals Azcarra and Linarez in the new cabinet goes to confirm this view. It was Linarez, it will be remembered, who surrendered Santiago to the Americans, in 1898, and was afterward threatened with court-martial for doing so. He is a weak and unscrupulous man. As for the Carlist uprising, accounts differ. One report has it that the government has already suppressed the rebels and thrown their principal leaders into prison. From another source a report comes that certain provinces near the French border are practically under the control of the Carlists, and that a bitter and prolonged struggle with these revolutionists is imminent.

## COUNT CASTELLANE'S DEBTS.

A new and vivid commentary on the rashness and unwisdom of the American heiress who is induced by the glitter of a high and lordly title to give her hand in marriage to some alien fortune-seeker is furnished in the disclosures of the wild extravagance of Count Boni Castellane and the court proceedings which have been rendered necessary by it. Not the least among the deplorable results of the affair have been the pain and chagrin which these public revelations must have

brought to the many worthy members of the American family related to the count. The facts submitted in the French court showed that the Count Castellane had contracted debts amounting to over \$4,000,000, nearly a third of this sum going for bric-a-brac, another large amount, curiously enough for a certain charitable enterprise. The count apparently has never been taught to observe the principle that a man should be just before he is generous. The selection of Mr. George J. Gould as trustee for his sister, The Countess Castellane, puts a wise, safe, and experienced man in charge of the Castellane finances in the future and effectually secures the young relic of French nobility from any further rioting in borrowed funds.

## RUSSIANISM IN LONDON.

What a mass of savagery exists in the heart of the English metropolis has been revealed from time to time in recent years by the investigations of General Booth and other workers in London slums. Scenes of human woe, misery, and depravity have been passed before the public eye by these investigators such as the outside world has found it hard to believe. London has been agitated recently by an outbreak in another form of the unruly and volcanic elements in her population found in the same dark regions of the city. The new terror goes under the name of "Hooliganism" and consists in the operations of gangs of toughs and desperadoes who go about the alleys, lanes, and back streets after nightfall assaulting and robbing all whom they meet. Several brutal murders have been committed by these villains lately, and the police have seemed almost powerless. So formidable have these criminal organizations become that it is seriously proposed to ask Parliament to allow the London police to arm themselves with revolvers, that they may deal with the ruffians more effectively. It is considered that the only way to suppress the "Hooligans" is to meet them with their own weapons and give them to understand that the police have power to shoot and to kill if they resist.

## HUNTING FOR A MONSTER.

The interesting exhibits in the Museum of Natural History, at South Kensington, London, for a number of years past has been the partial remains of a gigantic creature resembling a sloth, and some other fossils, all of which were dug up in a cave in a lonely and desolate region on the southwest coast of Patagonia. It was in November, 1867, that Dr. Moreno, director of the La Plata Museum, was engaged in surveying the boundary line between Patagonia and Chili. His work took him to Last Hope Inlet, which opens into the Pacific, and at a spot known as Consuelo Cove he saw hanging on a tree one of the pieces of the skeleton of a mylodon. Dr. Nordenskjöld, the well known naturalist, visited the cave some time afterward and found some claws and also took away a portion of the skin. It remained for Dr. Rudolph Hauthal, geologist of La Plata Museum, to make later on a thorough search of the cave with marvelous results. After clearing away the surface layer of ashes and ordinary bones, and a layer of tiles containing llama bones, he came upon a stratum three feet thick composed mainly of brownish dust and mylodon droppings. Buried in this layer were the skull now at South Kensington, some bones and hair, a few large pieces of bone-studded hide (partly burnt), the skull of a man, and two awls made from the leg of a dog. The bones also of an extinct form of horse and an extinct species of cat as big as a modern Bengal tiger were found. Some things found

in the cave at this time raised the question whether the mylodon might not still be among living creatures. So much interest has gathered round this question that an expedition has been sent out by Mr. C. Arthur Pearson to South America, and it is now nearing the region which holds the answer to it. It is a region little if ever frequented by Indians on account of the lack of ordinary game. It is uninhabited, unexplored district of considerable extent. Mr. Hesketh Pritchard, leader of the expedition, with Mr. J. B. Scrivenor as second in command, intends to strike straight across from Santa Cruz to the lakes and explore all the country which surrounds them. He carries a sectional boat for use on the lakes. The party consists of four whites and a number of bearers. The results of this expedition will be awaited with great interest by the scientific world.

## ANOTHER FLYING MACHINE.

If the vexed problem of aerial navigation is not solved very soon it will not be because any lack of costly, elaborate, and persistent efforts to devise machines that shall sail the air successfully. We have lately published in these columns an account of the wonderful air-ship invented by Count Zeppelin and its successful flight at Lake Geneva.

A ship of the air of quite another pattern has been attracting the attention of scientists at Paris. It is the invention of M. Santos-Dumont, a French aeronaut. The peculiarity of his balloon is its smallness compared with the Zeppelin air-ship. The inventor, who is a hardy and strongly built man of thirty years, carries out his experiments alone. He dispenses also with a car, that may be said indeed, to ride a stick, like a witch. In the experiment made near Paris it was proved that this machine had the power to travel at a speed of three miles an hour against a four mile wind. These experiments were tried more than twenty times on the banks of the Seine. The steering apparatus, which had been set out of order, needed some alterations, and in its absence the operations were conducted with help of attendants, who, with a couple of guide ropes, placed the balloon in the direction of the wind with its head against it. The apparatus was then started, the attendants then let go the ropes, and the balloon progressed regularly for half a minute, when the attendants again seized the guide ropes, and M. Santos, stopping the machinery, descended. A few experts who were permitted to witness these operations declared themselves satisfied with the result.

## MANILA THE LAND OF MONEY.

"It is disappointing, unnerving, and disheartening," writes a correspondent of LESLIE'S WEEKLY, at Manila, under date of Sept. 25th, that Americans back in the United States remain persistently in ignorance of the possibilities of the Philippine possessions. But Mr. Hanchcock, who prescribed unbounded opportunities for the individual acquisitions of wealth in our far-off possessions. But Mr. Hanchcock strongly insisted that intending investors in the Philippines should have not only capital enough for the proper establishing of a business, but also a reserve fund to expend while studying the situation on the ground, and enough expenses during the almost insupportable climatic illness during the few weeks of residence there. The price of return transportation to the United States should also be taken. Despite these warnings, however, it is a fact that healthy Americans of good habits thrive in Philippines, and if they are sufficiently clever business people they need beyond the limits of ordinary possibilities in this country. Dr. J. C. Leonard's Liniment cures gargets.

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All this is confirmative of the view presented our readers a year ago by our then correspondent in the Philippines, Mr. H. Irving Hanchcock, who prescribed unbounded opportunities for the individual acquisitions of wealth in our far-off possessions. But Mr. Hanchcock strongly insisted that intending investors in the Philippines should have not only capital enough for the proper establishing of a business, but also a reserve fund to expend while studying the situation on the ground, and enough expenses during the almost insupportable climatic illness during the few weeks of residence there. The price of return transportation to the United States should also be taken. Despite these warnings, however, it is a fact that healthy Americans of good habits thrive in Philippines, and if they are sufficiently clever business people they need beyond the limits of ordinary possibilities in this country. Dr. J. C. Leonard's Liniment cures gargets.

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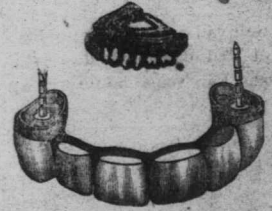
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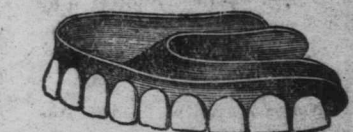
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