# Old World Topics

Britain Preparing to Coerce the Boers-Eventuality of War Under Actual Consideration.

Politics in Britain-Conservative Defeats in the Bye-Elections-The Savage Rioting in Brussels -Cabinet Crisis Imminent in Germany-Dr. Miquel Displeases the Emperor-Turning Point in Russian Politics.

New York, July 2.—The London cor- bill which the government is rushing respondent of the Tribune says regarding the South Africa crisis: Five hundred troops have been sent to South Africa, and something like an ultimatum has been dispatched to Sir Alfred Milner by mail. This information from inside circles indicates that the government has lost faith already in moral suasion and is preparing to coerce the Boers. Cabling to the Times, on the same subject, Henry Norman says: The Transvaal crisis has undergong no change except that in South Africa political passions are rising and trade is ceasing. The subsidized Boer organ in London and certain members of parliament known to have intimate relations with Pretoria declare today that President Kruger is about to announce concessions which will satisfy British opinion. This may or may not be true, but the fact remains that the only alternative to a change of policy on the part of the government would be the resignation of Secretary Chamberlain and High Commissioner Milner, and this is unthinkable. Moreover, THE EVENTUALITY OF WAR

is undoubtedly under consideration. The number of British troops in South Africa at the present time is about 10,000. It is considered that about 35,- ! 900 more would be sufficient to place the result beyond the slightest doubt. Australia and Canada would doubtless contribute regiments; large companies of volunteers from Johannesburg and Cape Town would doubless offer themselves, and large regiments would be sent from India and Mediterranean stations, and the rest from home. I repeat that the supreme command would be given to Sir Redvers Buller, as Sir Evelyn Wood, in spite of his natural desire to sore a victory, which at the last war he declared to be within his grasp, is compelled by his position as adjutant-general to remain at

STRENGTH OF THE BOERS. The effective strength of the Boers is known to be greatly exaggerated. The quick-firing guns they have purchased have not proved a success in the hands of highly-trained German French artillerymen, and it would be still less so with Boer artillery. The fact is that the spade arrangement, which is supposed to stop a recoil, does not obviate the necessity of relaying he gun after each shot, and this derives the so-called quick-firing field jun of its boasted advantage over the ardinary weapon.

THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE. Rider Haggard, the novelist, who, when in the British service, hoisted with his own hands the British flag beyond the Vaal River, sends a long letter to the Times today, in which he declares that the alternative to either President Kruger's yielding or war, is the recognition of British supremacy in South Africa. "The cards em to be all against us, and I fear seem to be all against and there is nothing to be gained by delay except a combination of adverse forces

against us. POLITICS IN BRITAIN. The London correspondent of the New York Times, referring to politics in Great Britain says: The political situation here may be described as one of suspense, pending the result of the double election at Oldham. Lady Randolph Churchill's son, Winston Churchill, is making a gay and gallant fight in conjunction with his extraordinary colleague, Mawdesley, a Socialist workingman, who has come for-ward as a Tory candidate. Thus, for the government, the double constituency is being contested by a Tory Demccrat and a Tory Socialist. Probably oth will lose. At any rate, the Conservatives themselves think so, for they have made various overtures to the Liberals to secure one seat by sacrifleing the other. If my forecast prove correct, the situation will undergo a marked change, for no government within living memory will have suffer-

ed such a succession of

BYE-ELECTIONS, and I fancy the poised avalanche of Toryism will begin to slip, and the general election draw perceptibly nearer. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's speech at the city Liberal Club last night was, like most of the Liberal utterances, likely inspired by a convic-tion of coming victory. His very guarded remark, that as his previous utterance about the Transvaal had been understood, he would only say that, in his opinion, nothing had occurred to justify either warlike action or military preparation, was received almost in silence, but his attack upon the dole to the clergy in the guise of a remission of rates upon their tithes, and his declaration that the Liberal ideal remained a "free church in a free state," evoked tremendous enthusiasm. Another significant fact is that the club has recently been financially in low water, but that within the past few weeks new members have come forward and subscriptions have been received, placing it in a condition of prosperity. Such

OVERWHELMING DEFEATS IN

straw shows how the wind is blow-SIGNS OF THE TIMES. Leonard Courtney's speech in the house, declaring that the Liberal-Unfonists are still Liberal, and denouncing the policy of the Liberal side ,upon

which he sits, had produced a great ef-The resignation of Whiteley on the ground that the government had been chiefly occupied with distributing public money to landlords and parsons, is another sign of the times, and Presiland, both strongly disapprove of the repair, with little prospect that the

through the House of Commons.

PAVING-STONE ARGUMENTS. Referring to the rioting in Brussels, of Belgium. The Social Democrats are keries, and many other co-operative industrial institution, out of whose profits they support members of parliament and run newspapers. ciericals, however, have secured all the political power in the country. For example, the opposition in parliament has only eight members for \$99,000 voters, while the ministerialists have 114 and reconstruction of the ministry. The members with 946,000 voters. The electoral law, which has provoked the peo-ple, was designed to assure the Cleri-cals that their preposterous predomin-cals that their preposterous predominance was forever secure. The paving-stones of Brussels, however, have won a victory for the moment, but not be-fore a payments had been the sole purpose of gaining time to fore apartments had been prepared in eventually checkmate the supporters of Austria for the king of the Belgians, whose immense fortune, as is well known, is safe in England. "CLERICALISM THE ENEMY."

Gambetti's historic phrase, "Clericalism is the enemy," was never truer than today. In Belgium it is the root of the disorder. In France it has been allied with Jewbaiting to prolong the Dreyfus crime. In Italy it is openly conspiring against the house of Sa-voy; and in Austria its combination with the anti-Semites has turned parliament into a bear garden and nearly rent the dual empire asunder. The situation of Italy today is appalling. The continual fighting on the floor of the chamber is without parallel in modern history. Parliament is pro-rogued, and the bill which completes the suppression of free speech, free meetings, free press, and the right of political combination is about to become a law by royal decree. In fact, as I pointed out in a previous letter, parliamentarism on the continent of Europe is, at the present time, thoroughly discredited. Meanwhile Germany has suddenly blazed with indignation because the official report of the assurance by the president of the reichstag puts in his mouth without his knowledge words he never uttered, the effect of which is to remove the emperor's speeches wnolly out of the reach of parliamentary discussion. The condition of Germany, too, may be judged by the fact that not only a local official recently been dismissed for having let rooms to a woman known to be a Socialist, but the authorities of Dantzic has now issued a notice practically informing all their employes that they must vote against the Socialist-Democratic candidates on

THE DANGERS TO PEACE. Of the work of the peace conference at The Hague the London correspondent of the New York Times has this to say in his cabled letter today: "The peace conference is now virtually over, and its results are precisely as had been anticipated from the first. It is uncertain whether the word "permanent" will not be struck out by Germany from the title of the arbitration tribunal, which would then be called simply, 'Court de Ar-bitrage International,' even this, of course would be a distinct humanagain, but the probability is small of any big disputes being sabmitted to it.

THE DANGER TO PEACE IN EUROPE.

are three. First, the question of Alsace-Loraine; second, the eastern question, that is, the breaking up of the Turkish, precipitated by disorders in the Balkans; and thirl, the advance of Russia, and in Asia two, namely, the rivalry of Russia and England for predominance in China, and the almost inevitable struggle between Russia and Japan. Would any one of these be submitted by disputants to arbitration. In view of the fact that England will not arbitrate about the Transvaal nor America about an Alaskan boundary; and that only with the greatest difficulty were Chili and Argentina coerce i into referring to arbitration their irontier dispute, the answer must be obviously in the negative.

THE CZAR'S CHIEF INSPIRATION in calling the congress was for arrest of armaments. This has totally broken down, although the delegates have, with natural diplomacy, made the collapse as palatable to the Czar as possible, in view of his undoubted sincerity and lofty aim.

William T. Stetad telegraphs today that many delegates forebode that the net result of the conference will be to make Social-Democrats more confident than ever. The conference, they will say, has countersigned the fession of its own impotence at the same time that it affirms the urgency of a need for a remedy it is powerless to supply it.

MILITARISM TRIUMPHS. Treating on the same subject, the London correspondent of the Tribune says: "The peace congress at The Hague has fallen so completely into the background that the announcement that the end of its labors is in sight excites general surprise. It is now expected that the sessions will close about the middle of July, and its practical results can be safely forecast. Militarism triumphs; this conference is unable to impose any restrictions upon military armaments; this can only be done by an agreement between the triple and dual alliances; and the German emperor stands in the way and vetoes any scheme of proportional redent Henry Campbell-Bannerman's remark that the Tory party contained many mute inglorious Whiteleys, is iterally true. Even the Guardian and the Spectator, the two papers devoted of the interests of the Church of Engor the interests of the Church of Engor the interests of the Church of Engor that the structure and the sessential form. The arbitration scheme is still under repair, with little prospect that the

German objection to the compulsory clause can be removed, but with a fair chance that a permanent tribunal may be established with artificial advices for the revision of the award after judgment and with increased facilities for offers of mediation and investigation of disputes. The Geneva convention will be applied to naval warfare, and something will be done to introduce more humane principles in the treatment of non-combatant prisoners and spies. The moral effect of the congress will be considerable, although its practical results will be less important than optimists have eximportant than optimists have expected. Russia and England, moreover, have been brought into more friendly relations by the work of the conference.

A POLITICAL BLUNDER. The London correspondent of the New York Tribune says: The government is forcing the clerical tithe bill along, and will probably carry it by heavy majorities at every stage. It is an unpopular measure, and while only one prominent Tory and one conspicu-ous Liberal-Unionist have come out against it, the rank and file consider it a political blunder. The opposition is now in great form, and united under Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's leadership. One example will show how the proposed tithes act works. Under last week, the correspondent of the New oYrk Times says: The extraordinary savage rioting in Brussels will remind the world of the deplorable state popularity of such a measure needs no this bill because I am convinced It stronger there than anywhere else in the world. They own factories and bathe present government.

THE KAISER'S CANAL SCHEME Berlin, July 2.-The canal question overshadowed everything last week, and the final outcome is more doubtful than ever. The air is full of rumors of opponents of the bill continue the polthe canal. On Friday an amendment was voted inserting 2,000,000 marks for preliminary work on the order. This secures the support of the Silesian Centrists and considerably improves the chances of the bill.

TALK OF DISSOLUTION. The talk of dissolution does not im

press the Conservatives, who do not believe the ministers will have the courage to appeal to the country, although Dr. Miquel, the vice-president of the council of ministers, and minister of finance, informed a member of the committee that the failure of the bill would certainly be followed by a dissolution. This threat has been overlooked as if it had not been made. The Liberals and Centrists also doubt that the ministry will go to the length of a dissolution, as it would involve too radical a change in Prussian poli-

DISSATISFIED WITH DR. MIQUEL. The question of Dr. Miquel's retirement from the ministry has again come to the front. The correspondent of the Associated Press learns that the emperor has showed plainly his dissatisfaction with the manner in which Dr. Miguel has conduct when the minister reported the status Dr. Miquel has always been con sidered as particularly solid with the emperor, and this is the first occasion upon which it is known his majesty was displeased with him. This may not mean that the emperor is deter-mined to dismiss Dr. Miquel, but it is recognized that if the bill fails further attempts to pass it with the present ministry will be in vain.

A TURNING POINT. Whatever the result of the present crisis, it is certain it marks a turning point in Prussian politics. The Agrarians have shown such stubbornness in opposition to the progressive classes that a conflict must continue until one or the other permanently gains the supremacy. Even moderate Liberals are more than ever before incensed at the Agrarian reactionary tendencies. It seems that the conflict could not end without leaving a permanent mark on Prussian political history. CRITICISING THE EMPEROR.

The adjournment of the reichstag has been followed by a lively press discussion in regard to mentioning in debate the emperor's utterances and the emperor's relations to the reichstag. Count Von Ballestrem, the president, introduced an innovation of the old rule that the words of the monarch are subject to discussion, by admitting such discussion where the words were printed in the official Reichsanzelger. Near the close of the anti-strike bill discussion, Herr Brefeld, the Prussian minister of commerce, sharply criticised the president for permitting a reference to the words of the emperor. The president replied with sharpness and directness.

#### PRICE PUZZLED THEM

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year-old fillies, Admiration and May Hempstead. It was the east against the west and the east won, for Admiration came home in a gallop, first by two lengths. The time, 1:40%, by no means what had been expected, but they fairly flew in the first part, and when they came to the stretch, May Hempstead had nothing left to finish with, and the strong wind in her face was too much for the big filly. Summary: One mile, special-Admiration, 107

(Clawson), 4 to 5, won by two lengths; May Hempstead, 107 (Turner), even, second; time, 1:401/s. Other winners were Cesarion, Decanter, Killashandra, Thomas Cat Cat. Rheinstrom and Waring. WINNERS ON OTHER TRACKS.

At St. Louis, Mo.-Streamer, Imp. Mint Sauce, Duke of Baden, Barber, Meadowthorpe (Mound City selling stake, \$1,500), Lady Callahan and Bonnivard. At Harlem, Chicago—Kamsin, Graz-iella, Mullah, Al Fresco, Monk, Way-

man and Pauline J. CRICKET. MATCH IN ENGLAND ABANDON-

ED. Leeds, England, July 2 .- The third test cricket match between the Australians and the all-England eleven, which began here Thursday, has been abandoned on account of rain. Australians, Thursday, were all out in their first inning for 172 runs, and were all out in their second inning Friday for 224 runs. The all-England players were all out in their first inning for

ASYLUM DEFEATS ST. J. A. C. At the Asylum cricket grounds Saturday, the Asylum cricket club defeat-

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IMPORTERS,

208, 210, 210½ and 212 DUNDAS STREET.

ed the St. John's A. C. cricket team by The Asylum cricket club will play the Aylmer cricket club today at Aylmer. D. A. C. HAD A BATTING STREAK. Detroit, July 2.—The match played by the D. A. C. and Sarnia cricketers yesterday h a most unusual result, the first inning of each club being a tie at 56 runs. The local men then took their second turn at bat and kept the leather bounding for about two hours. the total being 175 runs for three wickets; one retired hurt, viz., F. G. Bamford, who strained his knee in turning on a sharp run, and had to leave the field with 25 to his credit. Jenner just failed to get the century, being bowled at 98, and Mr. Grylls carried his bat for 47. The hitting of these three men was simply furious. Bam-

ford and Jenner both put the ball over the fence. Score: First Inning—D. A. C.—
T, Jenner, b Pardee..... Fred Bamford, c Smith, b Pardee .... 10 

H. Macbeth, c and b Pardee ..... T. M. Morton, not out..... Extras ..... First Inning-Sarnia-T. W. Nisbet, c Grylls, b Fred Bam-

J. J. Madden, b F. G. Bamford.... M. S. McCarthy, b Fred Bamford .... Dr. Hayes, b Fred Bamford...... 2 E. C. Smith, b F. G. Bamford...... 10 T. B. Pardee, b Fred Bamford...... 1 F. Kittermaster, b F. G. Bamford... C. S. Freeman, b F. G. Bamford... G. A. Geddes, b F. G. Bamford..... Extras .....

F. G. Bamford, retired...... 25 H. J. M. Grylls, not out...... 47 Extras .....

Fred Bamford, N. C. Duffus, W. A. Kittermaster, T. M. Morton, M. Me-Gregor, B. W. Yates and H. Macbeth did not bat.

WHEEL. C. W. A. CHAMPIONSHIPS AT GUELPH. Guelph, June 30 .- The second provin-

cial championship C. W. A. bicycle meet opened quietly today at the Petrie Athletic Park. The Bell piano handicap brought out 50 competitors, and had to be run in heats, leaving the final for tomorrow. There were several bad smashes in the bunch in one of the heats, and one wheel was knocked to pieces. Ralph C. Ripley, of Toronto, who was thrown at the finish of the Bell lap, had his side badly scraped, his shirt being burned off him by the friction against the boards. No one, however, was seriously hurt. The following is the summary of events:

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One mile, novice, amateur — First
hest-1 Alex. McKeand, Hamilton; 2
W. C. Leppard, Stratford. Time, 2:14.
Second heat-1 G. L. Moore, Toronto;
2 J. W. Dalton, Hamilton. Time, 2:10. Third heat - 1 Leonard Hewer, Guelph; 2 John W. Butterfield, Hamilon, Time, 2:18%.
Fourth heat—1 Bert Dennison, Tor-

onto; 2 F. G. Campbell, Toronto. Time, Fifth heat — 1 W. R. Mitchell, Guelph; 2 Albert Yeats, Brantford. Time, 2:26%. Semi-finals-1 J. W. Dalton, Hamil-

ton; 2 Leonard Hewer, Guelph; 3 W. Vennel, Toronto, 2:16½. Second heat of semi-finals—1 J. W. Butterfield, Hamilton; 2 Albert Yeats, Brantford; 3 Bert Denison, Toronto. Time, 2:16%. Two-mile handicap, amateur-1, Bell

piano, \$350; 2, suite furniture, \$50; 3, parlor table, \$15; 4, carvers, \$10; 5, Woodyatt lawn mower, \$5. First heat—1 Alf W. Sherett, scratch; 2 E. A. Mitchell, Guelph, 50 yards. Second heat-1 W. Vennels, Toronto. 175 yards; 2 Charles Smith, Brantford,

125 yards. Time, 4:38.
Third heat—1 G. L. Moore, Toronto, 200 yards; 2 J. P. Morgan, Hamilton, 125 yards. Time, 4:35. Fourth heat—1 C. F. Campbell, Toronto, 175 yards; 2 Norman H. Sheffer, Toronto, 160 yards. Time, 4:35.
The final to be run tomorrow.

Two-mile lap race, professional-Harley Davidson, 22 points; Alfred Boake, Toronto, 17 points; Fred Dunbar, Stratford, 11 points; J. Marshall, To-ronto, 5 points; Chris. Greatrix, 5 points; E. Cooper, Brantford, 1 point. Team pursuit race, limit 10 miles, amateur, two men in team, prize Bell piano-1 J. Smith and L. Mitchell, Queen City, Toronto; 2 J. E. Sherrett and N. H. Sheffer, Royal Canadians, Toronto. Distance, 6 miles and 2 laps.

Time, 14:44.

Firal—1 W. Vennels; 2 Leonard
Hewer; 3 Bert Denison. Time, 2:14.

Half-mile, championship, amateur, C.
W. A. medal—First heat—1 Alf. W.
Showett Brantford: 2 Harold Ryan, Sherrett, Brantford; 2 Harold Ryan, Guelph; 3 Ralph E. Axton, Brantford, Time. 1:101/5. Second heat-1 Lawrence, Smith,

Brantford; 2 James H. Barnett, Toronto; 3 Alex. Murray, Hamilton. Time, 1:03%. Final-1 A. W. Sherett; 2 Ralph Axton. Time, 1:11%.
One-mile championship, professional,

C. W. A. Medal—First heat—E Cooper, Brantford. Cooper made the pace, and having gained a lap, his three com-petitors were disqualified. Time, petitors 2:24%. Second heat-1 Angus McLeod, Toronto; 2 R. O. Blaney, Brantford. Time, 2:13.

Final-1 Angus McLeod; 2 R. O. Blaney; 3 E. Cooper. Time, 2:04%. Five-mile championship, amateur, C. W. A. medal, six starters—1 W. Shereft; 2 Ralph E. Axton; 3 E. A. Mitchell. Guelph. Time. 12:40%.
Two-mile tandem championship, professional, two C. W. A. medals—1 Alf. Boake, Toronto, and Angus Mc-Leod; 2 Fred Dunbar, Stratford, and Chris. Greatrix. Toronto; 3 Harley Davidson and H. F. Carman, Morris-

burg. Time, 4:521/5. OBEYED THE LAW. Albion, Mich., July 1.-The unpopular new bicycle ordinance, compelling the use of lamps and bells, went into effect today, and tonight a crowd wheelmen gathered and burlesqued the ordinance by parading Main street, with all sorts of old gongs, sleigh bells, cow-bells and hand lanterns. Its strict enforcement seems likely to be diffi-

THE RACES AT TECUMSEH PARK. Every preparation is being completed for the big band concert and bicycle races at Tecumseh Park next Friday evening. The musical programme, which will be rendered by the Seventh Battalion Band (40 strong), promises brought into England in 1553 by to be one of the best of the season. Flemish woman

The programme of races will surprise many who are of the opinion that there are no fast men in London. have been training very hard for this meet, and are bound to show our citizens some good racing when the op-portunity affords. If the weather proves favorable no doubt an immerise audience will be present.

SPOKES.

Paper-chasing on wheels is to be feature of the programmes of severa clubs this summer. Over 200 members of the British

Houses of Parliament ride wheels. A well-known Dublin doctor has made a wager to make a trip from Dublin to Galway (133 miles) in twelve hours on a motor car.

Conan Doyle looks upon the bicycle in an optimistic light. He says: "When the spirits are low, when the day appears dark, when work becomes monotonous, when hope forsakes one, just mount a bicycle and go out for a long

TOM COOPER WON. New York, July 1.-The cycle race meet at Ambrose Park, Brooklyn, this afternoon, attracted 3,500 spectators. Arthur A. Zimmerman, the old champion, was the star of the afternoon. His appearance on the track was the signal for great applause, which was renewed when he covered the quarter mile in 27% seconds. Zimmerman also started from the scratch mark in the half-mile handicap called after him, but failed to get a place. Charles M. Murphy, who yesterday rode a mile after a locomotive in 57% seconds, did a half-mile exhibition today in oneminute four and two-fifth seconds. In the "Zimmy" handicap McFarland, on scratch, finished ahead of Tom Cooper, also scratch, but was disqualified on the ground of being paced, and Cooper was given the race. Summary: Champion mile, open, professional— Won by Owen S. Kimble, Louisville; E. A. McFarland, San Jose, California, second; O. L. Stevens, Ottumwa, Ia., third; time 2:02.

Quarter-mile, exhibition, by Arthur Zimmerman; time, 27% seconds. Half-mile exhibition, by Chas. M. Murphy; time, 1 minute 4% seconds. "Zimmy" handicap, half-mile-Won by Tom Cooper, Detroit; W. I. Huffstetter, Orlando, Fla., 70 yards, second; H. E. Kiser, Dayton, Ohio, third; time,

PEDESTRIANISM. WORLD'S RECORD FOR 320 YARDS SHATTERED.

New York, July 2 .-- At the state Lie W. meet at Patchogue Saturday, A. W. meet at Patendary, broke Michael J. Donovan, of Albany, broke the world's record for walking 320 The record was 1:08%, made by F. P. Murray in London, Aug. 4, 1884. Donovan covered the distance in 58% seconds, and fell exhausted at the

AQUATIC DRAW FOR FIRST HEATS. Henley, England, July 1.-In the draw for the first heats of the grand challenge cup today the Argonauts were pitted against the Delft students. In the stewards' cup the Argonauts in the first heat will pull against Trinity College, Cambridge. In the first heats of the diamond sculls, Bright, of Toronto, will compete against Howell (American), Trinity Hell, Cambridge, and Thompson, of Toronto, will race against Ash, of the Thames Rowing Club. Goldman, of Toronto, drew a

art of starching linen was

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