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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Mr. Gladstone was received by the Queen at Windsor this afternoon, Feb. 15, when he formally tendered his resignation and that of his colleagues.

Mr. Disraeli has been summoned and the new Government is already partly constructed, and will probably be completed within a week.

All the members of Parliament for Ireland have been elected, and are classified as follows:—Liberals 15, Conservatives 30, Home Rulers, (nearly all of whom may be considered as Liberals) 53.

The *Times* says the final result of the elections may be exactly stated as follows:—Conservatives, 351; Liberals and Home Rulers 302; of these 466 were returned after a contest.

The total number of votes polled in the United Kingdom and Ireland was 2,500,000. This is a considerable falling off from the last general election.

All the parliamentary elections have been held except in Wexford. The House of Commons stands as follows:—Conservatives, 348; Liberals and Home Rulers, 302.

Mr. Gladstone has nominated Viscount Enfield and Messrs. Cardwell, Hammond, and Chichester Fortescue, for peerages.

The *Times* this morning says that we must be prepared for a time to see Mr. Gladstone to decline the guidance of his party, and withdraw from the duties which he has discharged.

The London *Times* of the 20th says the new Ministry has been constructed as follows:—Benjamin Disraeli, First Lord of the Treasury; Baron Cairns, Lord High Chancellor; Earl Derby, Secretary of State for the Foreign Department; Duke of Richmond, Secretary of State for War; Marquis of Salisbury, Secretary of State for India; Earl Carnarvon, Secretary of State for the Colonial Department; George Ward Hunt, Secretary of State for the Home Department; Gathorne Hardy, First Lord of the Admiralty; Sir Stafford Northcote, Chancellor of the Exchequer. The *Times* says Lord Linnox will be Commissioner of Works, and Captain Stanley Under Secretary of State for War; John Charles Hay, Secretary to the Admiralty, and Lord Hamilton, Under Secretary for the Foreign Department.

The *Daily News* correspondent writes that there is still much sickness among the troops of the Ashantee expedition. In the Fusiliers detachment alone, at the date of the letter, there were 200 invalids.

The London *Pull Mail Gazette* publishes the cheering intelligence that the British forces took possession of Coomassie, the capital of Ashantee, on the 29th of January, and would commence their march back to the coast on the 2nd of February.

At a grand banquet given by the Czar in honour of his distinguished visitors, he asserted that Queen Victoria, the Emperors of Austria and Germany, and himself, had the power and the desire to keep the world in peace.

The Sultan of Darfour invaded Egyptian territory near Bahrel Gazal, and captured a number of slaves. The Egyptian Governor, Seebia Bey, gave battle. The fighting lasted six hours, and resulted in the dispersing of the Sultan's army,—ten thousand troops strong,—the capturing of four guns, and the killing of a Vizier and many chiefs.

It is a circumstance worth noting that the native British Regiments who are engaged on the Gold Coast have been found to withstand the climate much better than the West Indian troops, all of whom are colored.

The facility with which the British race becomes acclimatized has long been well marked and recognized by anthropologists; but the contrast afforded in the present instance has not often, if ever been obtainable before, and it is of some scientific value.

Rev Robert Moffatt, the English missionary to South Africa, is still in doubt as to the correctness of the report of Livingstone's death. He thinks it hardly creditable that Livingstone could have reached the place where he is said to have died. He says also that the Doctor's supply of provisions was ample. The Foreign Office also entertains the same doubt.

It is generally believed that Sir Stafford Northcote will be Chancellor of the Exchequer; Chichester Fortescue will become a Peer under the title of Baron Cairnsford.

An extensive cotton mill in Leeds was destroyed by fire yesterday. Loss estimated at £350,000.

Large fires are reported in Dundee and Shields.

The Indian Government telegraphs that it now has amply supplies of grain to meet any demand from the distressed districts.

The locality of Mount Sinal has been discovered; at least we are told so by Dr. Beke, the English traveller, who professes to have found not only the spot whence the law was given, but also some important inscriptions.

In the Reichstag to-day (19th) the Bishop of Metz, who is a member, asked the President for permission to be accompanied by an interpreter during the sittings. His request was refused. A motion was offered by an Alsatian deputy that Alsace and Lorraine be permitted a plebiscite to decide their nationality, has been rejected by an overwhelming majority.

LATER.—In the Reichstag during the debate on the proposition for a plebiscite in Alsace and Lorraine, an Alsatian delegate supported the motion in a violent speech, in the course of which he said Germany had overstepped the principle which should be binding upon civilized nations. He held that the annexation to Germany was illegal. "We are sent here," he said "to proclaim our affection for our French fatherland, and your acts of violence prevents us from regarding you as brethren."

General Augéro telegraphs from Texas that Colonel Buell with cavalry and fifteen Tonka scouts has surprised a camp of Comanches on Double Mountain Fork, on the 5th, killing ten and capturing all the stock, including sixty four horses.

A deputation from the Sandwich Islands is at Washington to arrange for a reciprocity treaty with the United States.

Steve Raymond, alias Chas, Seymour, alias Robert McGuire, arrived here last night in charge of officers, having been captured in London. He was the principal negotiator of an immense amount of the forged bonds of the Buffalo, New York, and Erie Railroad, last September, by which nearly a million dollars were sold in Wall street.

King Lunlilo's occupancy of the throne of the Sandwich Islands, has been brief. He died on the 3rd ult., of some throat complaint.

The Cuban insurgents in the Central Department of the Island are setting fire to farm houses in all directions. The Government troops were victorious in recent engagement, in which the rebels lost heavily.

A heavy engagement has taken place in the Central Department, of which the Havana journals give the following account: "Gen Bascones, with three thousand men and four pieces of artillery, attacked the main force of the insurgents near Naranjo. The latter were five thousand strong, under the Marquis of Santa Lucia, the Cuban commander in chief. The battle lasted seven hours, and resulted in a success for Gen. Bascones. The Spaniards lost fifty killed and a hundred and eighty wounded. The rebels took no prisoners. Their loss is not given.