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IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

Close of the Debate on the Afghan War.

The Government Handsomely Sustained.

ADJOURNMENT TILL FEBRUARY.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—In the House of Commons to-day, Sir Stafford Northcote said he had been withdrawn from Cabul, and that the Russian interference in Afghanistan is not any other form.

HER MAJESTY THREATENED.

THE FREAK OF A HARMLESS LUNATIC.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—A man named Madge was seized yesterday charged with having made threats against the life of the Queen. He was a harmless lunatic for several years past.

NEWS FROM ABROAD.

Germany is considering an international code to prevent collisions at sea.

The Spanish Congress has a bill authorizing a loan of 250 million pesetas.

The Boston sugar importers and refiners have adopted a resolution declaring that the duty on sugar should be reduced one half.

At noon on Tuesday, in New York, gold just sold at par, the first time it has touched that figure since the suspension of specie payments in 1862.

The Sunday League Law was rigidly enforced in Richmond, Va., on Sunday, and for the first time in the memory of the oldest inhabitant all the saloons were closed.

By order of Gen. Derosney, Commandant, the American flag on Fort Nagasaki has been at half-mast since the death of the Princess Alice, and will so remain until the funeral.

The damage done by the storm to the Delaware and Hudson canal is variously estimated by the officials at from \$250,000 to \$500,000.

A telegram from Fort Shaw, Montana, reports that two Sioux, who arrived at the camp of the Army on the 12th inst., reported that they had killed a grizzly bear.

The recent Legislature of Georgia passed a bill for the use of half a million per cent bonds. This is the first attempt of a Southern State to float bonds so low a rate of interest.

Mr. Thos. Burt, Radical, was particularly vehement in his opposition to the war on account of the distress which prevailed in England.

A notable feature of the debate was the speech by Mr. Newdegate and Gen. Sir Alex. Gordon, both Conservatives, denouncing the Government's policy.

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DESTITUTION IN ENGLAND.

Widespread Distress Among Working Classes.

SAD PROSPECT FOR THE WINTER.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—In the House of Commons last night Mr. Cross, Home Secretary, answering an enquiry whether it were that we are now face to face with such cases of distress as this generation has never known, said, though much distress undoubtedly prevailed among the labouring poor, the description of it in the question was exaggerated.

Supervision at Edinburgh and the Mayor of London, stating that the ordinary means of relief were at present sufficient to meet all necessities.

At Birmingham a meeting was convened by the Mayor yesterday to consider means to relieve the distress which prevails among the labouring classes and which is increasing daily.

At Stoke-upon-Trent the great distress is enhanced by the severe cold, and the distress committee is unable to keep pace with the demands.

At Burnley a meeting was called by the Mayor yesterday to alleviate the distress.

At Edinburgh a delegation of unemployed labourers waited on the magistrates and asked for employment, and the magistrates authorized the street inspectors to give them work.

At Glasgow the distress is unexampled. The streets are swarming with starving men, women and children.

At Manchester vast numbers who will not appeal to charity, the middle class of the poor, are suffering keenly.

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EASTERN AFFAIRS.

M. Waddington's Address on the French Policy.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—In his speech on Saturday in the French Senate, M. Waddington, French Foreign Minister, said, "I am happy to say that, despite certain handicaps for doing more or less than the Treaty of Berlin requires, the Cabinet have unanimously seen that the execution of the treaty on all sides is the only way of not jeopardizing the peace of Europe."

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THE AFGHAN CAMPAIGN.

Withdrawal of the Russian Mission from Cabul.

THE AMER WILLING TO SUBMIT.

Reported Occupation of Jellalabad.

FRIDAY, DEC. 13.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—A Bombay special says an Afghan official has arrived in Gen. Brown's camp from Jellalabad, and advises the British to advance to Cabul and establish a New Government in consequence of a general rising against the Ameer.

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DEATH OF PRINCESS ALICE.

Mourning at Windsor.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—In consequence of the death of the Grand Duchess, Earl Beaconsfield has requested the postponement of the presentation fixed for to-morrow at the address and cabinet from English residents on the Pacific coast of the United States.

At Bristol there are large numbers of unemployed men and women.

Wigan advises say considerable distress exists among the better class of mechanics and workmen.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

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Cuban advances state that a confederation in the case files badly damaged eleven districts. The planters contradict a report that the negroes set fire to the cane, and the negroes were then induced to extinguish the conflagration.

Within the last thirty days it is reported that three thousand slaves have been freed from the island since the restoration of peace. All this class are pledged to emancipate their own slaves and to promote general emancipation.

The barque Zingarella arrived at Boston on Sunday from Goree, west coast of Africa, having been compelled to return without landing all her cargo, owing to the prevalence of yellow fever on that coast.

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