

Contention Ended

Old Country Topics of Talk--Agreement Between Russia and Britain Regarding China--Distress in the Czar's Famine-Stricken Territory.

England Discusses the Coghlan Incident--Allowances Made for the Captain--Talk of Dissolving the British Parliament--Irish Elections--Chamberlain Accused of Being a Mischief-Maker--Trouble Brewing in South Africa--Killarney Lakes for Sale.

London, May 1.—The announcement that Great Britain and Russia have signed an agreement regarding China which is intended to put an end to the contention over railway and other concessions in that country is the most important news of the day. It is officially confirmed here, and the papers are running it with big headlines. The news comes on top of Mr. George J. Goschen's speech on Wednesday, in the course of which after taking an optimistic view of the political future and with reference to the agreements arrived at with France and Germany, he said: "A friendly understanding with Russia is also on the eve of conclusion."

HOW THEY SETTLED IT.

The present agreement puts an end to the Anglo-Russian struggle in China and is tantamount to a settlement of the question of the spheres of influence of the two countries. Under the agreement Great Britain has undertaken not to press railway or other concessions in North China, while Russia agrees to the British demand that no part of the basin of the Yangtse Kiang shall be alienated. Russia also recognizes explicitly that British commercial interests are supreme in the Yangtse Kiang basin, which is understood to extend a considerable distance north and south of the river, though no attempt has been made to define the region.

RUSSIA WANTS MONEY.

Everything recently has pointed to Russia's desire for a settlement, in order to allow successful exploitation of the Siberian Railway, and also with a view to raising money in Great Britain for the development of the industries of Russia. The activity of Russian bankers and agents of the Russian ministry of finance in London has borne testimony to the financial end that Russia has in view. Strong proof of the anxiety of the Russian Government to tap English capital appeared in the publication in the London Times of a secret memorandum recently submitted to a committee of Russian ministers by M. de Witte, the minister of finance, who frankly states therein that Russia cannot dispense with foreign capital.

HER ONLY SOURCE OF RELIEF.

Referring to Russia's agricultural depression, M. de Witte pointed out that free trade England is the only market in which Russia can find relief. England, he said, is the largest buyer of the agricultural products of the world, yet up to the present time Russia has had hardly any footing in the English market. M. de Witte adduced statistics of English imports of cattle, sheep, wheat and flour, showing that in each case, except in sheep, the United States overwhelmingly headed the imports, while Russia was at the bottom of the list. He therefore urged the fostering of Russian trade with England, and then enlarged upon "the imports of England as a market for placing Russian funds," and the necessity of attracting British capitalists by the stability of the industrial regulations of Russia and otherwise inspiring confidence. The announcement of the Chinese settlement is one of the first fruits of M. de Witte's policy, and it will undoubtedly have an important bearing upon the future relations of the two countries.

UNITED STATES BUSINESS PROSPECTS.

The Statist, in an optimistic article

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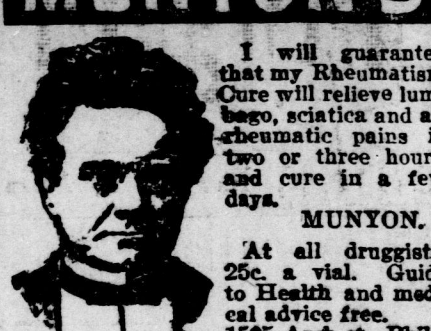
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of parliamentary seats, by which the Irish representatives in the commons will be considerably reduced, and a number of English county members will disappear. A fierce fight will take place over this bill, but it will be passed by the government's overwhelming majority. Thereupon Lord Salisbury will dissolve parliament about the middle of next year. If the Conservatives win the election he will retire, Balfour becoming prime minister. At any rate, whether this programme is carried out or not, the announcement of the redistribution bill may safely be regarded as the signal for the next election.

IRISH ELECTIONS.

As a result of interviews and conversations in the lobbies of the House of Commons, it has been found that the Nationalists are united in the opinion that the late elections in Ireland are favorable to home rule. The party is divided, however, upon the wisdom of a war to the end against the Unionists at the polls. John Dillon, who is still in fact leader of the Nationalists, says: "The Irish local government elections were fought on strictly political lines. Nationally against Unionism, with the result that in the three southern provinces the Unionists have been practically obliterated, and in Ulster the Nationalists have a substantial majority of 28 out of 33. The city councils are entirely in the hands of the Nationalists, and will be used as weapons to forward the National cause. In response to appeals from Michael Davitt, William O'Brien, and myself, the Nationalists in the elections sank all differences among themselves and united against the Unionists, and whatever may be the course adopted by Irish members of parliament, I have no doubt a united Irish national party will result within the next few months. But what I attach the most importance to is that the united action of the Nationalists throughout Ireland at the local elections has made possible the construction of the united party in Ireland, and with the assistance of our people in the United States the home rule movement will be irresistible."

COL. SAUNDERSON'S VIEW.

Col. Sanderson, as representing the Unionist view in Ireland, says: "In our opinion home rule has not been assisted in the minutest tithe by the recent elections. We don't care a straw for misfortune at the polls. We care mainly where we were. But we are still deeply interested in the game. So long as Ireland hadn't equality with England, Scotland and Wales in the rights of local government, she had reason for complaint. But payment has now been made for the ground for complaint. You ask me if the elections will promote home rule by showing the Unionists the hopelessness of continuing the struggle, as 'tis called. If our fate is so decisive at the local elections, what have we that it will be better in a contest under home rule? We have found in recent events a complete answer to home rule, which, as we've always affirmed, would mean mob rule."

Gerald Balfour said: "I imply Ireland has lost the opportunity for real union. I had hoped that the elections would be fought on the merits of local government alone. I am disappointed by the angry party spirit imported into every contest. The result doesn't make for unity or home rule."

SOUTH AFRICAN TROUBLE.

Trouble is again brewing in South Africa, and brewing at such a pace that it may boil over before many weeks. It would not be South Africa if the really simple issue, namely, a grant of equal citizen rights for British as well as Dutch subjects in the Transvaal were not overruled by intrigue and underground politics on both sides. The honest rustic Boer is used as the dummy horse of the scheming office-holding Hollander imported into Pretoria. On the other hand, the equally honest and modestly-used Uitlander of Johannesburg is led by the great men in the South African world, who, having in this month's elections failed to secure political power in Cape Colony, are alarmed at the prospect of Dutch predominance over their territories. British and Boer alike. The immediate cause of the week's commotion is the receipt by the cabinet council of a monster petition of 21,000 British subjects in the Transvaal, appealing to the Queen to use her rights to secure a redress of the Uitlanders' grievances, and especially to get for them such a franchise as the Dutch possess in Cape Colony. Mr. Chamberlain is heart and soul with the petitioners. He would, if he had his way, send 10,000 British soldiers to Cape Colony tomorrow, certain that this would, without shedding a drop of blood, give the Uitlanders what they

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seek. But Lord Salisbury's fixed determination is to avoid war almost at any cost. Chamberlain has made an appeal to Lord Salisbury to give the fullest practical support to the Uitlanders, but Lord Salisbury blocks the way.

Chamberlain will probably deliver one more ultimatum to President Kruger, more caustic and emphatic than any that has gone before, and many British redcoats will soon be on the way to the Cape on emergency service. Tales current in London that the South African garrisons have already been increased this year, are quite mistaken. For four years the number has been, and still is, 9,000. It is for Lord Salisbury's sanction to increase these 9,000 that the South African crisis awaits—before breaking. All things considered, South Africa is giving the ministers sleepless nights just now.

NOTES.

Miss Anne Fitzgibbon, daughter of the Right Hon. Gerald Fitzgibbon, lord chief justice of appeal in Ireland, was married in St. Stephen's Church, Dublin, today, to John Stewart Gladstone, nephew of the late Right Hon. Wm. Ewart Gladstone.

The first-class cruiser Drake, the first keel-plate of which was laid at the Pembroke dockyard the other day, will be, according to experts, the heaviest and most powerful cruiser afloat, and this is only one of four of the same class not yet on the stocks for the British navy.

Lord Charles Beresford came forth this week as a warm advocate of automobile cars. He attributed the congestion of London streets to the use of horses, and said: "While I was in New York I was supplied with a motor car, which had the appearance of a cab and the manners of a kangaroo, but it always got me safely to my destination."

The Irish land court will shortly offer the most admired portion of the Lake of Killarney for sale. The Muckross estate has already been sold to the tenants, and the mansion, deer park, etc., will be offered with the lakes. The sum mentioned as likely to be the price is £230,000. It is feared that the purchase may exclude the public from the lakes. An amusing and authenticated incident occurred on the day of Lord Rosebery's daughter's wedding. The Prince of Wales's carriage was blocked by a crowd. Two East End coterie girls peered into the window, and one cried: "Ow, you do look nice, Hedward." The prince uncovered and laughed heartily.

Catarrh of the Stomach.

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Catarrh of the stomach has long been considered the next thing to incurable. The usual symptoms are a full or bloating sensation after eating, accompanied with sour or watery risings, a formation of gas causing a pressure on the heart and lungs, and difficult breathing, headaches, fickle appetite, nervousness and a general played out languid feeling.

There is often a foul taste in the mouth, coated tongue, and if the interior of the stomach could be seen it would show a silmy, inflamed condition. The cure for this common and obstinate trouble is found in a treatment which causes the food to be readily, thoroughly digested before it has time to ferment and irritate the delicate mucous surface of the stomach. To secure prompt and healthy digestion is the one necessary thing to do, and when normal digestion is secured the catarrhal conditions will have disappeared.

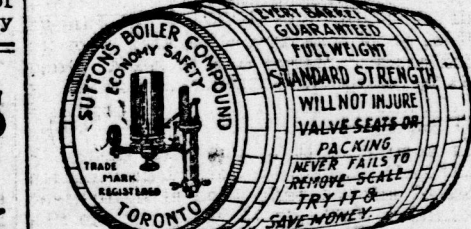
According to Dr. Harrison, the safest and most effective treatment to use after a meal is a tablet, composed of Diastase, Aseptic, Pepsin, a little Nux, Golden Seal and fruit acids. These tablets can now be found at all drug stores under the name of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, and are being a patent medicine can be used with perfect safety and assurance that healthy appetite will follow their use after meals.

Mr. N. J. Booher, of 2,710 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill., says: "Catarrh is a local condition resulting from a neglected cold in the head, whereby the lining membrane of the nose becomes inflamed and the poisonous discharge, passing backward toward the throat, reaches the stomach, thus producing catarrh of the stomach. Medical authorities prescribed for me for three years for catarrh of the stomach without cure, but today I am the happiest of men after using only one box of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. I cannot find appropriate words to express my good feeling. I have flesh, appetite and sound rest from this cure. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets is the safest as well as the simplest and most convenient remedy for any form of indigestion, catarrh of the stomach, heartburn and bloating after meals. Send for little book, mailed free, on stomach troubles by addressing F. A. Stuart & Co., Marshall, Mich. The tablets can be found at all drug stores. 33c zxy

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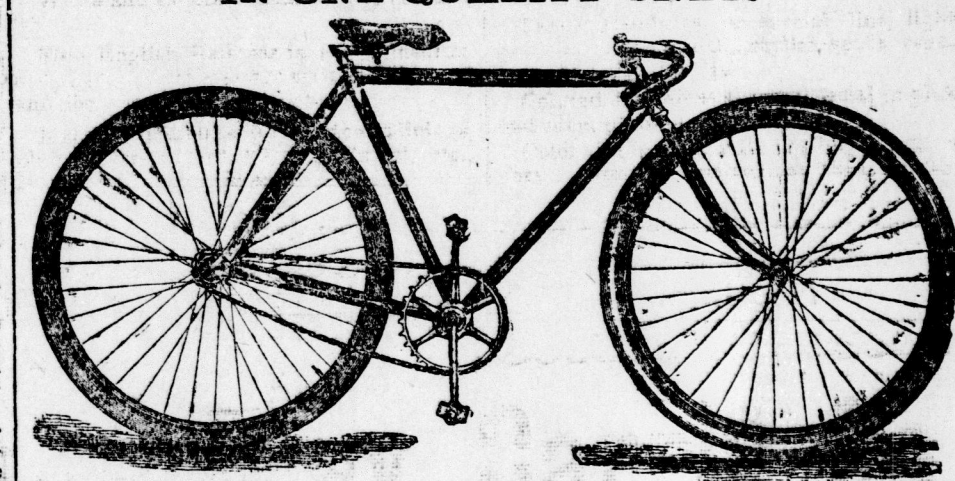
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