

Worse Than Useless.

The Veto Power of the Lords Must be Abolished.

Rosebery Will Probably Announce the Government's Policy on the 27th Inst.

Chamberlain's Chimerical Scheme to Benefit Workingmen.

Gladstone Not Ready to Indorse the Imperial Customs Federation Scheme.

Germany Said to Have Rejected a Proposal to Intercede Between China and Japan—Victory for the Norway Radicals.

Six Drowned.

ANTWERP, Oct. 13.—The French ship Alice was sunk in the River Scheldt this morning by coming in collision with the Swedish ship Bader. Six of the Alice's crew were drowned. The collision was due to a dense fog.

Wheat Prices.

LONDON, Oct. 14.—English wheat continues of a poor quality and the price is again lower. The price for the foreign supply is little changed, but the price is against the seller on spot. The Russian product is offered without success, rates being too high at present.

The Czar's Health.

LONDON, Oct. 14.—The London Chronicle prints a dispatch from Rome saying that the Pope has received the assurance of the Russian Minister to the Vatican that reports of the critical state of the Czar's health are very much exaggerated and that the malady from which he suffers, while serious, is not incurable.

Ellen Terry Recovering.

LONDON, Oct. 14.—Ellen Terry, who has been suffering from nervous exhaustion, writes that she is almost entirely recovered. The complete rest she has taken at Tower Cottage, Winchester, has justified the physicians' orders, and Miss Terry is now enabled to give several hours a day to the study of her next role, Guinevere, in "King Arthur."

Zola and the Pope.

ROME, Oct. 14.—The *Moniteur de Rome* says the Pope will positively refuse to see M. Emile Zola on the occasion of the novelist's visit here.

A congress of eminent Catholic thinkers will meet in this city in the course of the coming winter to study the application of an encyclical upon social subjects.

Aggressive Venezuelans.

Venezuelan forces are reported to have crossed the Yucay Valley territory and occupied the Cuyuni region, driving off the British police. The terrified settlers and miners are impatiently awaiting assistance. Georgetown, the capital and principal town of British Guiana, is greatly agitated over this sudden move on the part of the Venezuelans. The Venezuelan consul at Georgetown denies that it is the act of his Government.

Gladstone Declines to Indorse It.

LONDON, Oct. 14.—Mr. Gladstone has written to the Statist with reference to the prize of £1,000 offered by that paper for the best scheme for an imperial customs federation. In his letter the ex-Premier says he does not feel qualified to take part in the proceedings now contemplated until he can see a better prospect of obtaining a practical result and until he is satisfied that a mode can be found offering such a union without involving any concession to the principle of protection.

Captured by the Kafirs.

LONDON, Oct. 14.—A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Johannesburg says the Kaffir natives have captured a party of the town of Laurens Maritzburg, on Delagoa Bay. The Portuguese authorities, according to the dispatch, suppress all newspaper messages. The same dispatch announces the safe arrival at Pretoria of Lord Cecil Rhodes, Premier of Cape Colony, and Major Jameson, the administrator of the British South Africa Company, who have been en route for that place for some time and concerning whose safety much anxiety was felt.

Universal Suffrage in Belgium.

BRUSSELS, Oct. 14.—Belgium's first Parliamentary election with universal suffrage was held today. Excited crowds have surrounded the city hall since 3 o'clock, but at nightfall had learned little of the result. It was known then that the Clericals had made gains in many districts and that the Liberals had suffered heavily on a count of strong support given to the Socialist candidate. No disturbances reported.

The figures for Brussels, as far as completed at 10 o'clock, were: Liberals, 18,600; Catholics, 18,550; Socialists, 12,500. They indicate that a second ballot will be necessary.

BRUSSELS, Oct. 15.—At present it appears that the Liberals have been crushed between the Clericals and Socialists. It is known they have lost 31 seats in the Chamber of Deputies and these have been chiefly gained by the Socialists. The Catholics have lost seven seats, five of which were captured by the Liberals and two by the Socialists. As numerous re-ballots may alter the position, it is impossible in the meantime to state exactly the ultimate composition of the Chamber.

Radical Victory in Norway.

CHRISTIANIA, Oct. 13.—The selection of delegates who in turn choose the parliamentary representatives of the people was held in Christiania on Friday, and resulted in a victory for the Radicals who elected 8,325 delegates. The Conservatives and Unionist delegates chosen number 7,960 and Socialists 521. The Radicals demand a separate Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Norway as the first step in the direction of home rule in that country. The contest was a heated one, and it is expected will have a decided influence upon those which follow.

The elections of members for the

Storting thus far held show a gain for Conservatives of 10 seats and for Radicals of 8.

"Soul of My Soul."

LONDON, Oct. 14.—Sunday's demonstration in Dublin over Parnell's grave attracted more than usual attention here, largely owing to the frantic "Soul of My Soul" inscription upon a huge floral cross sent by Mrs. Parwell, and given a principal place on the leading car in the street procession. There was a good deal of doubt among the Parnellite managers about the prudence of displaying this, and although it was finally decided to do so they agree upon the desirability of checking this lady off from further manifestations of the sort. Her present claim of a share in the proceeds of the Parnellian fund is extremely embarrassing to them, and there are other reasons not financial for their wishing that she were at the bottom of the sea.

A Social Purity Campaign.

LONDON, Oct. 14.—The most notable thing in connection with the past theatrical week has been the action of the licensing committee of the county council in refusing a "drinking auditorium" license to the Empire Theatre and requiring the closing of its promenades. It is an incident of the attack upon the music halls license by the Social Purity League and the vigilance committee, etc. This year the evidence against the Palace Theatre is mainly that two anonymous Americans have protested to have been awfully shocked at the ballet, which caused the Pall Mall Gazette to remark: "This reveals Americans in London in quite a new light."

"A High Old Tory Dodge."

LONDON, Oct. 14.—The bill prepared by Mr. Joseph Chamberlain for introduction at the coming session of Parliament is approved by the Unionists, but is looked upon with suspicion by the Radical workingmen for whose benefit it is designed. It is looked upon as a high old Tory dodge, which will result in the solving of the questions of the abolishing of the veto power of the House of Lords, the disestablishment of the church and various land reform. The scheme proposed in Mr. Chamberlain's measure of giving to every working man a house of his own, proposes that the workman shall apply one-fifth of the money for the purchase, the state advancing the other four-fifths at such a rate of interest as it is supposed will enable him tomorrow to pay off the debt incurred in five years. The Economist characterizes the proposal as a sheer illustration of the beguiling of men into the fallacious idea that the state will endow them with houses of their own, without the least additional expense to themselves. An analysis of the plan proves that Mr. Chamberlain has omitted from his calculations the payment of rates, the cost of keeping the house in repair, the ground rent, charges, the cost of insurance, the loss of interest on the capital invested by the workmen, and the possibility of the loss of this capital in the event of the vicissitudes of trade compelling the investor to change his place of residence.

The genuine Socialist Laborists have evolved another sort of programme, which has been formulated by Tom Mann for the behoof of the independent labor party. It provides, among other things, for the furnishing of remunerative work to the unemployed; for taxation to the extinction of all unearned incomes; for the collective ownership of property, and for the control of production, distribution and exchange. These subjects are made the basis of the chief planks in the party's platform. In the meantime, however, the independent labor party cannot boast of its solidarity.

The Drag-Weight on Reform.

LONDON, Oct. 14.—The successive declarations made last week by the Right Hon. George Shaw-Lefevre, President of the Local Government Board, the Right Hon. Herbert Gladstone, First Commissioner of Works, Sir John T. Hilbert, M.P., and Sir George O. Trevelyan, Secretary for Scotland, that the Government had definitely decided to deal with the question of abolishing the veto power of the House of Lords has prepared the public mind for a statement from Lord Rosebery on the subject upon the occasion of his making a speech at Bradford on Oct. 27. Expected interest in this matter has become so keen that the Premier will not dare to omit from his address an explicit pronouncement of the Government's policy. In his recent declaration Mr. Herbert Gladstone said the time was near at hand when the Government would publicly announce its intention in regard to the House of Lords, and expressed this opinion that the Minister's statement would undoubtedly meet with the entire concurrence of the rank and file of the Liberal party. Sir John T. Hilbert, though not a member of the Cabinet, has a close confidence of Lord Rosebery. His forecast of the course to be adopted by the Ministry in dealing with the House of Lords question is that the first action will be taken through a resolution introduced in the House of the Commons immediately upon the reconvening of Parliament, affirming the principle of limiting the veto power of the Peers and next through a bill to be introduced later, in which the same principle shall be embodied. The great advantage of this plan lies in the fact that the resolution could be carried after a debate of a more than a week's duration, while the consideration of the bill would be apt to take up the time of the entire session, and might then be rejected. With the resolution thus passed the Government could

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well afford to allow the bill to drag along until the dissolution of Parliament.

Germany Declines to Interfere.

LONDON, Oct. 14.—The Morning Post has this dispatch from its Berlin correspondent: Germany has rejected England's proposal to join the powers and intervene between China and Japan, desiring herself to be the prime mover in any settlement, and because of the chivalrous regard for the Czar's condition.

St. Petersburg reports that the military authorities of the Amoor Province have been ordered to hold troops ready in view of the fact that the situation in China may require Russia's intervention.

The Central News is informed that Japan has rejected as inadequate China's proposals of peace. The report was that China had offered to acknowledge Corea's independence and to pay a war indemnity in case hostilities should be suspended forthwith.

The London Times' correspondent in Berlin says Germany has formally intimated that she is not prepared to join in any measure to circumscribe the political results of the Chinese-Japanese war, as the independence of Corea does not concern her. France and Russia share these views, hence Great Britain's initiative is generally regarded as premature, to say the least.

The Standard's Paris correspondent says: England did not issue a circular to France about the intervention in the east. Merely verbal communications passed and no definite proposal was made.

STARTLING STATEMENTS

In Regard to a Buffalo Murder Mystery.

A Woman Confesses to Having Done the Dreadful Deed.

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 14.—"Clarence Robinson did not do it. It was I who committed the murder. I killed Montgomery Gibbs." Such was the startling statement made by a woman in the matron's room of the central police station yesterday morning. The woman's name was Sarah Robinson, wife of Clarence Robinson, alias James Stone, the convicted burglar, who so eloquently pleaded his own case in the criminal court the other day, and who on Saturday was found guilty of burglary.

On the night of April 28 Montgomery Gibbs, a prominent young lawyer of Buffalo, was found dying on Delaware avenue, Buffalo, with an ugly bullet hole in his head. He died without regaining consciousness. Gibbs was a single man, and all sorts of theories were advanced. The most promising clue was the marks of a woman's shoe on the sidewalk near where the body had been found. The footprints were such as to indicate that the woman whose shoes had made them was in the act of running.

The second chapter of the story begins in a traveling minstrel show of which Clarence and Sarah Robinson were the managers and proprietors. Early last spring at Jamestown, N. Y., the combination went to pieces. That was just two weeks before the Buffalo murder. From Jamestown the pair went to Buffalo "strapped" financially. They remained there a short time and later it developed that Robinson wanted to come to Cleveland with his wife and in order to do so he was compelled to pawn his watch and overcoat. For some reason or other it was suspected that he knew something of the murder of Gibbs, and when he came to Cleveland he was questioned closely. He claimed that on the night of the murder he was sick in bed in Buffalo and his wife was with him.

Early in the summer there was a number of daylight burglaries committed here in the east end. Evidence pointed to the guilt of Robinson, and he was arrested and has been in the county jail ever since awaiting trial.

A week ago reports of daylight robberies in the East End came to police headquarters again, all committed in private residences. Among the list of the homes was one in which Mrs. Robinson had been engaged as servant. She insisted that she was innocent. On Friday the woman was again questioned, and this time about the Buffalo murder. She finally broke down and said: "Neither I nor my husband committed the Buffalo murder, but I can tell you who did. And another question elicited the information that an acquaintance of hers named Flannigan, now in the county jail under a two-years sentence for burglary, was guilty of the Buffalo murder."

Yesterday morning Deputy Chief Cusack, of Buffalo, arrived in the city. Mrs. Robinson had an understanding with the police officers that she would be at a certain place in town at a certain hour. The hour arrived, but Mrs. Robinson was not at hand. Two policemen called for her then and took her to the police station, when she denied her previous statements.

Clarence Robinson was then brought to the central. He did not know that his wife was in the building, and the wife was ignorant of her husband's presence. Robinson was questioned about his wife's allegations concerning Flannigan, and finally Cusack charged Robinson directly with the murder. Robinson claimed that he was sick on the night of the tragedy and his wife was with him.

The party then went to where Sarah Robinson was confined. Cusack said to her he was confident that Robinson was the one who committed the murder. At that the woman broke down, cried like a child and made the confession as given.

BUFAALO, Oct. 14.—Mrs. Sarah Robinson, the woman brought here last night from Cleveland charged with the murder of Montgomery Gibbs, made a statement to the police today. According to her story she and her husband set out that night to hold up someone. They selected a dark block on Delaware avenue and walked up and down laying in wait for the first well dressed man who came along. Gibbs was the man. When Robinson demanded his valuables Gibbs struck at him, and Robinson fired two shots, one of which inflicted the fatal wound in the temple. Chief Detective Cusack believes that he has a sure case.

Steamers Arrived.

At	From
Oct. 13.	At
Memphis	Father Point..... Bristol
Paris	New York..... Southampton
Oct. 14.	At
La Champagne	New York..... Havre
Kron Prinz Wil.	New York..... Bremen
Saarndam	New York..... Rotterdam
Wittekind	London..... New York

A Cleveland dispatch says: Grace Vaughan, formerly a popular member of the Seabrook & Spencer Opera Company, has become insane.

A YOUNG COUPLE'S TROUBLES.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas James in Court—They Could Not Agree.

The non-support case of Margaret James, of the Hamilton road, against her husband, Thomas James, was heard before Squire Lacey this morning. Abusive language on the defendant's part was alleged. The parties are both young, and their matrimonial experiences have lasted but three months. They were married in July, according to the statements of the plaintiff, they lived on a small farm on the Hamilton road, just east of the city limits. The property was owned by the defendant, and about five weeks after the wedding James complained of illness, said he was going to live with his father, and wanted Mrs. James to go and stay with her parents for a short time. She agreed to this, and soon afterwards James wanted her to take one-third of the place and call it square, as they could not agree. Mrs. James refused the offer, and on Sept. 28 the husband wanted her to sign off her claim on the place, saying that he was going to purchase another farm, and that if they could not get along on the old place they could elsewhere. Mrs. James said she made one of the mistakes of her life—she signed the deed—and after that they lived together two and a half days. Later James drove his wife from the city on a party at her father's place, but he never returned. On another occasion James took his wife for a drive, and when returning to Mrs. James' father's he bade her good-bye, saying he was going away on the midnight train and would see her no more. He didn't keep his word. They went for another drive—the last one—and James told his wife she could go to the city, now that he had got what he wanted. The complainant never received any money for her support during their separation, and didn't see any of the proceeds from the sale of the farm.

Mrs. James was examined by the prisoner's counsel, and acknowledged that the husband had never refused to support her. She refused an offer to go and live with her husband—she had no confidence in him. He might run away at any time and leave her.

Mr. Judd held that the magistrate had no jurisdiction in the case, as James had made the threats in the city. The crown attorney's opinion will be taken in the matter.

THE WALTZ KING HONORED.

Johann Strauss' Jubilee—Magnificent Testimonial from Americans.

VIENNA, Oct. 16.—The celebration of the Strauss jubilee was continued today by a grand reception, at which the composer received a number of deputations and an immense number of individual callers. Among the presents was a magnificent wreath of sterling silver presented by Mr. Rudolph Aussen on behalf of the American committee. The wreath has 50 leaves on each of which is engraved the name of one of Strauss' compositions. This magnificent offering excited the admiration of all present. In his presentation speech Mr. Aussen dwelt upon the value of Strauss' music to the masses, its brightness, its melody, its dancing tempo, etc. He said that no composer, dead or alive, had so many hundreds of thousands of ardent devotees in America as danced to the entrancing strains of the waltz king. Herr Strauss replied modestly. The applause lasted several minutes. The composer received a telegram from James Gordon Bennett, of the New York Herald, announcing that thirteen theaters in New York would play today Strauss' "Waltz American."

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

Bill Nye, the humorist, is very ill in Chicago.

Rev. A. J. Fidler (Anglican), of Whitby, has resigned. His salary was \$2,000 in arrears, but he offered to accept \$500. His health is failing.

The New South Wales Government, to encourage trade, has decided not to change the duty on commercial samples from the United States and Canada.

Scientific camera artists on the top of Mount Hamilton have made the finest negatives of the moon ever registered on sensitive plates. They have been able to see lunar objects one-tenth of a mile in diameter in certain conditions.

Blaze in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—Fire in the four-story building, No. 17 Lake street this morning caused a loss of \$35,000, distributed as follows: Richards & Co., chemical supply works, \$50,000; Detroit Lead Works, \$25,000; Oliver H. Hicks & Co., paper, \$10,000. The fire was caused by an explosion of chemicals.

A Terrible Tragedy.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Oct. 15.—A horrible triple murder and suicide occurred here this morning. Mrs. Thos. Harrigan, aged 30, took her three children, aged 5 years, 3 years and 6 months, and huddled them close to her in the hay mound and set fire to the hay. The mother and children were burned to death and the charred bodies of all four were found in the ruins. The little ones had perished in their mother's arms. Mrs. Harrigan is believed to have been insane.

THE TURF.

Mr. William Bernard, proprietor of the Barnard House, this city, is the owner of a very fine team of dapple gray mares. They have long been admired by all lovers of good, stylish horseflesh. They stand 16 hands high, are 5 and 6 years old, and were sired by Capt. Smith, son of Gen. Stanton. They trot close to 3 minutes together, and have more than once been prize winners. They have carried off first prize at Stratford and Leicester, and were winners at the late Western Fair among a large number of competitors in their class.

A BLOW AT THE TURF.

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—The announcement made that the directors of the Washington Park Club of Chicago had voted to discontinue racing and sell their property will fall like a bombshell in the turf world, for Washington Park is the prop and mainstay of the turf in the west. The racing and breeding industry of the entire country is threatened, and the next few weeks will be full of anxiety to men who have their all invested in stock farms.

AQUATIC.

WORLD'S CHAMPION FEMALE SCULLER. ST. LOUIS, Oct. 14.—Miss Rose Mosenheim, of this city, today won the female sculling championship of the world by defeating Miss Tilley Ashley, of Hartford, Conn. She finished four lengths in advance in 12:22.

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