

NEWS ITEMS

THE RINDERPEST has appeared among the cattle in Lincolnshire.

It is reported that Earl Russell is preparing a review of the proceedings and award of the Geneva board of arbitrations.

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE in several leading cities in England have adopted resolutions congratulating Her Majesty's Government on the happy termination of the Alabama arbitration, and the copies of the resolution have been forwarded to the United States.

It is said that efforts are being made which have not yet assumed any official form, to require the Messrs Laird, the constructors of the privateer *Alabama*, to pay a portion of the sum awarded to the United States by the Geneva tribunal.

At last the days of wasp-like waists seem to be coming to an end. The *New York Mail*, which may be considered an authority on such matters, declares that the regulation size of a lady's waist now is twenty-three inches. The doctors and the undertakers will doubtless suffer, but poor humanity will be greatly benefited by the abolition of the absurd and deadly habit.

THE IRISH HARVEST.—The harvest news that comes from Ireland is anything but satisfactory. Rains sadly interfered with the gathering of the wheat. Fields were cut, but continuous wet weather prevented their being stacked, and complaints are rife that much of the grain has been damaged. To add to these misfortunes the potato rot had spread extensively, and altogether the appearances are that laboring classes must endure serious privations. The rise in the price of fuel and food, keenly felt by families with fixed incomes, has caused a slackness in trade. It is now beyond question that large importations will be required to make good the deficiency in the wheat crops throughout Great Britain and Ireland, and of course the drain of gold to pay the foreigners will tell in the money market. It was believed a month since that an abundant harvest would be secured in Ireland, but those hopes have been blighted by the incessant and heavy rains.

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