Gable Gossip-

African Affairs the Talk of the Hour--A Scandal That May Wreck Salisbury's Ministry.

How the Czar Has Mystifled the French-Proposal to Abolish the Irish Vice-Royalty-The Bicycle Craze Declining-Germany's Cabinet Crisis Con-

London, May 10.—The South African and the general contempt for English THE TALK OF THE HOUR. methods have become so strong that troubles are the talk of the hour. Mr. the Government may be constrained Joseph Chamberlain's announcement to adopt some form of German inthat no committee of inquiry into the terference in South Africa before long. affairs of the British Chartered South Africa Company would be approved until after Dr. Jameson's trial, which cannot be proceeded with until June 11. and that Cecil Rhodes, in the meanwhile, is to be allowed to retain his position as co-administrator of the company's territory, and as a director of that organization, have caused great disappointment among the mass of Englishmen and others who have experienced a feeling of shame and humiliation at the recent developments at Pretoria. Mr. Chamberlain, it is well known, yielded to the pressure brought to bear upon him by friends Britain's alleged rights in the Transof the company, who are influential vaal, but in the meantime they coinsocially and politically, and it seems cide in the opinion that it will be best evident that the Government has decided to shield Cecil Rhodes. Thus, await some aggression on the part of the Boers that will justify the sendlooming darkly in the distance is

A SCANDAL THAT MAY WRECK

A MINISTRY. Mr. Chamberlain's speech generally left the situation untouched. The company, the opponents of which steadily that has been debated in the Minisdemand the revocation of its charter, loses nothing. Mr. Rhodes is not despoiled of his authority, and is not recalled from Rhodesia; and the British ture of money and men. The almost high commissioner in South Africa, Sir Hercules Robinson, Governor of Cape Colony, comes to England, not Boers declare the convention of 1884 to be deprived of his official position, as has been intimated, but only to confer with the members of the Government here regarding President Kuger's refusal to accept Mr. Chamberlain's invitation to visit London to discuss matters pertaining to the

HARCOURT'S ONSLAUGHT.

Sir William Harcourt has been supposed to be a friend of Cecil Rhodes, but not even Mr. Labouchere could have spoken more vigorously of the "Reform" agitation, conducted, wirepulled and financed from the office of the Chartered Company at Cape Town, and backed by the resources of the De Beers and other companies at Johannesburg. This speech was a merciless onslaught upon the methods of stock-jobbing imperialism disclosed by the But Chamberlain made no attempt to break the force will be modified. Dr. Jameson would of Sir William's powerful invective, not now be able to command a cheer contenting himself with lamenting the anywhere in London. The opinion is deplorable results of the Jameson raid, generally expressed that with the men a few days ago, said: "God has and deprecating premature judgment cipher dispatches available as evidence planted discontent in us as a spur, when all the facts were not known. of deliberate and premeditated con- and we must renounce the belief that The cipher dispatches have made it spiracy, he will plead guilty on the a general state of content will ever impracticable for Mr. Chamberlain or issue of fact. Whatever indemnity is arise in the world, either by social any other Minister to defend Rhodes demanded by the Transvaal will have democracry or in any other way. or to deny the pertinence of President to be paid by the Chartered Company Kruger's plea that the charter of the from financial responsibility for the British South Africa Company should raid. The ultimate doom of the Charbe revoked. Rhodes may fight the tered Company is certain. The system Matabeles every day for a week, but victories over savages will not alter the impression abroad that the Jameson expedition was a stock-jobbing raid. Mr. Chamberlain himself has no other resources than what is called a waiting policy, while Kruger has cynically expressed his sympathy for

PUNCH'S PICTURE.

Sir John Tenniel portrays the main political situation with unerring accuracy in Punch. The subject of his cartoon is the fencing bout between York, referring to the increase in the President Kruger and Mr. Chamberlain, with the latter disarmed and looking Italy, Russia, Poland, Ireland and have caused floods in various parts In the background stands Lord Salisbury as a veteran maitre d'armes, with a critical eye and exclaims: "Hum! Joe's style's a trifle too There's something to be said for the old school after all."

PRESS OPINIONS. The Liberal press advocates the

adoption of immediate measures to satisfy Afrikander sentiment by abolishing the British South Africa Company and the placing of Rhodesia unern Rhodesia." It is necessary, therefore, that representative South Afri- the presidential campaign. can Dutchmen be consulted before anything is done. It will be a good consequence of Dr. Jameson's raid if out of it there arises a South African

Influential weekly papers here, like the Spectator, National Observer and Saturday Review, protest against the Government's leaning toward the Chartered Company after the latter's complicity in the Jameson raid has been established beyond the possibility of a doubt. The Saturday Review publishes six pages devoted to exposing the plot against the Transvaal, and, as further evidence of the guilt of Cecil Rhodes, declares that President Kruger has proofs that Dr. Jameson, under Rhodes' orders, intended to march upon Pretoria after the capture of Jonannesburg should have overturned the

A GERMAN VIEW. says: The temper which the dominant party in England displayed in the last has excited intense indignation throughout Germany. The debate in the British Parliament on the Transprobably as keen interest as was popularly manifested in England, and the press and the public as well were astounded upon reading the speech delivered by Mr. Chamberlain, wherein the Colonial Secretary minimized the outrage upon international law which had been committed by Rhodes, and suggested that the English Government had found reasons justifying it in defending Rhodes, Sir Hercules Robinson, Governor of Cape Colony, and the others who were direct or indirect accomplices in the attack made upon the Transvaal. The attitude of the German

the popular sympathy with the Boers

THE BOERS' DEMANDS. The Boers demand the entire independence of their territory, and they mean to obtain it. Mr. Chamberlain's declaration that Great Britain does not desire to interfere with the international affairs of the South African Republic is mere verbal fencing, and will in no wise ward off the Boer novement for absolute freedom from British control, international or external. A section of the Ministers, including Mr. Chamberlain, whose amour propre has been hurt, in that the Boer President has outwitted him in diplomacy, desires that active measures should be taken to assert Great for the Government to lie low and ing of an ultimatum involving war.

POSSIBILITY OF WAR. The Ministry has not closed its eyes to the fact that war is a possible outcome of the negotiations. A question terial circle is whether the retention of South Africa is worth a war that would involve an immense expendiunanimous feeling inside and outside the Cabinet is for war, should the abrogated, and unite with the Orange Ministers. Some idea of the Free State and the Cape Afrikanders in defiance of Great Britain. In high military circles the difficulty of holding the vast territory of South Africa be better for me to fetch the old against a general Afrikander rising is man back again." By the "old man" fully recognized, and the War Office his Majesty referred to Prince Bishas been urging the Government to ac- marck. quire Delagoa Bay as the African The Emperor is greatly disgusted base from the Portuguese, or Portuguese at the defeat of the school reform gal's consent for the landing of Brit- law in the Diet, due to Dr. von Bosse's ish troops there. British Ministers re- want of skill, and at the rejection of pudiate the idea of a war, but the the chambers of commerce bill, which Transvaal Government continues its was a hard slap at Dr. von Boettipreparations for such a contingency.

A CABINET MEETING. Saturday was chiefly concerned with spirators of Cape Town and the Rand of enlarging the British Empire and

powerful corporations affronts the moral instincts of Englishmen. It is well described by the Economist as "chartered libertinism." WARNINGS.

multiplying imperial responsibilities by

a long article warning Germans against emigrating to the United States, and giving extracts from the annual report of the German Society of New number of ignorant immigrants from Austria, with whom, the report adds, of the country. The Elbe is fourteen not compete because they are used to a higher standard of living. In addition, German immigrants with capital are cautioned against investing in land, the title to which, it is said, is often fraudulent or doubtful. Clerks, teachers, officers, scientists and female teachers especially are advised not to striking oil, which will be put upon go to America, no matter how under the market within the next two sirable the conditions are at their

The London Statist advises English der the control of the Government of investors to leave American securities Cape Colony. "Ultimately," says the speaker, "the Afrikanders must govthe financial uncertainties attending

MYSTIFYING.

Considering the difficult relations exor, rather, between the Foreign Offices employed. of the two countries, people are much mystified by the statement that the Czar has accepted an invitation from the British Ambassador to a banquet during the coronation festivities. is contrary to Russian etiquette for the Czar to dine out when in the Empire, and the late Czar would never have tion, knowledge of this presumably inflexible rule which prevented the French traffic on the road owing to the horse ambassador from suggesting the idea fair, and several trains were due to this does not prevent the French now from regarding with amazed peril, rushed to his assistance, and disgust the fact that this extraordinary exception is to be made in favor of the British. What it means is, most probably, that the young Czarina has succeeded in getting her husband to accept the invitation of Sir Nicholas O'Cennor as an offset to Prince Lo-British House of Commons on Friday banoff's vigorous anti-British foreign Her own sympathies are fervently on the side of an Anglo-German combination, and it is safe to suspect vaal situation was awaited here with in this episode the assertion of her per-

THE IRISH VICEROYALTY. A conference has been held by Irish ment has been drawn, and will be Unionist Peers and members of the signed by the proper officers to-House of Commons, at which it was only, and provides for wages at the decided to sound the Government on rate of 32 cents an hour. The old

THE QUEEN'S CONDITION. Members of the court circle deny Work was in full swing Saturday at that the feebleness of the Queen the new court house buildings, with

condition justifies the hope that she will be able to perform her state duties for a dozen years to come. The health of the Earl of Cadogan, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, is bad, and he, for that reason, desires to resign his office.

SALISBURY'S HEALTH. Rumors of Lord Salisbury's illhealth are about again, and a circumstantial story is going about that the Duke of Devonshire is going to take the Foreign Office, but it is impossible to say what likelihood there is that the report is true.

SPECULATION IN BICYCLE

SHARES. The speculation in bicycle company shares continues here, in spite of the fact that a decline in the riding craze has been noticed among the leaders of the fashion who were the first to give up their horses for the wheel. In this city, at Manchester and in Dublin, all sorts of companies connected with bicycling have been floated and their shares snapped up. These shares fluctuate 10 shillings or 15 shillings in a few minutes. The Dunlop Pneumatic Tire Company was floated on Monday, with a capital of £4,000,000. The Earls of Delaware and Albemarle and the Duke of Somerset are of the board of

THE ORGAN-GRINDER VISCOUNT. The title of Baron Poulett was created in 1627, when Sir John Poulett, knight, an earnest Royalist, was created Baron Poulett of Hinton St. George, county of Somerset, and the earldom was created in 1706. The family estate of Hinton St. George Park, covering about a thousand acres of ground, and many treasures, including a £10,000 Van Dyck, are offered for sale at \$3,000,000. It is believed that the proceedings are taken in order to prevent the organ grinder viscount from inheriting the heirloom. Enormous sums were realized at the sale of jewels and plate at Christies on Thursday last, including \$40,000 for a Burmah ruby, \$55,000 for a black pearl which formerly belonged to ex-Queen Isabella and a collection of snuff boxes on Tuesday brought £15,-

GERMANY'S CABINET CRISIS. Berlin, May 10.—The Cabient crisis still continues. The unbroken series of parliamentary failures which the various Ministers are meeting with in the Reichstag, as well as in the Diet, have shown the Emperor that the Cabinet will not be able to accomplish any legislation of importance, owing to its total lack of influence over the delegates, and the want of cohesion and solidarity among the tion may be formed when it is known that the Emperor during the past week said to a confidant: "It would week said to a confidant:

cher and Baron von Herlepsch. Howover, it is probable that the members of the present Cabinet will hold their The Cabinet Council meeting held on posts until the fall, as the sessions of the Diet and Reichstag are drawing to a close, and the Emperor has a South African affairs, but there is no well-filled programme for the sumreason to believe that a waiting policy mer, which will keep him from Ber-

> Prince Bismarck, speaking to the members of a delegation from Bre-That is impossible. We should become nothing but idle dogs who would lie under the palm trees and do nothing but eat the dates which fell into their mouths." BARON WISSMAN.

Baron Wissman, the explorer, is Africa, with his health shattered by climatic fevers, and it is probable he will not return to his post. His recent The Berlin Reichsanzeiger publishes marriage has made him a very wealthy man. He will reside in a fine house in the Grunewald.

FLOODS IN GERMANY. Germany. This is due to the heavy | true of the United States, that a man rains of the past six weeks, which the educated German mechanics can- feet above its normal level at Dres-

den, and great damage is feared. An American syndicate has been boring for oil for several months past near Wietze and Steinfoerde, Hanand has finally succeeded in weeks. Experts say that the whole

district is rich in petroleum. ANTIDOTE FOR DIPHTHERIA. The official report of the Urban Hospital of Berlin shows that the new diphtheria treatment has had a favorable effect. In fact, there has not been a case in which injurious consequences have been recorded. The best results were obtained by strongisting between England and Russia, er initial injections than those at first

THE BLIND DUKE'S NARROW

ESCAPE. The blind Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz had a narrow escape on Wednesday. He was being led over the railroad at Neubrandenburg stawhen his foot caught in the dreamed of such a thing. It is the rails, and he was unable to extricate it. There was at the time a heavy behalf of his own country, but arrive. The engineer of a locomotive on another line saw the Grand Duke's at length succeeded in extricating him, while the station master ran along the line, waving his cap and stopping two approaching trains in the nick of time.

IN LABOR CIRCLES.

The Toronto Bricklayers' and Builders' Trouble Settled.

Toronto, May 11 .- The dispute between the Bricklayers' Union and the builders has been settled. An agreeday. The agreement is for one year the proposition to abolish the Viceroyalty in Ireland. A majority favored the proposed change.

THE OUTERN'S CONDITION

Tate was 36 cents, though, as a matter of fact, the full rate has not been
generally paid. It is probable the
Builders' Exchange will now make an agreement with the laborers. Government toward Britain is now was the reason for her not holding the last drawing-room. The real cause of her absence, they say, was the death direct influence in South Africa, but of Prince Henry of Battenberg. Her some time through overwork and before I had taken one bottle of places. The pay roll amounted to her absence, they say, was the death have been had there been no strike.

The Leading Conservative in Halifax Joins Laurier.

A Manly Speech on Renouncing His Former Party,

He Found That the High Tax Policy Has Bred Corruption and Robbery.

Halifax, N. S., May 11.-A striking feature of the big Liberal demonstration the other night was the presence of a large number of gentlemen whose sympathies had hitherto been with the Conservative party. Indeed, the chairman of the meeting was no less a person than Mr. J. A. Chipman, one of our leading merchants and manufacturers, and a gentleman who has hitherto been not only a member of the Conservative party, but one of its leading workers. For many years Mr. Chipman has fought for the Conservative party, and in every contest his voice has been heard and his best endeavors used in behalf of that party. On Thursday night he not only countenanced the meeting by his presence but acted in the capacity of chairman and delivered a speech setting forth his reasons for joining the Liberal forces, which was eloquent and convincing, and which was received with great applause.

In assuming the responsibilities of presiding at the unanimous call of the meeting, Mr. Chipman said it was in cumbent upon him to make some personal observations before calling on the speakers of the evening. "As you are aware," said Mr. Chipman, "I have been a life-long Conservative, and although my friend the Senator is pleased to refer to this occasion as the baptism of my conversion, I may say tha I am not the convert of a night, but that I have for years past revolved this question in my mind; the policy and the statesmanship by which we are governed. During the past ten years I have revolved the question in my mind: Are we on the road to pros-perity or are we going backward? On all previous elections I gave a full support to the Conservative party. At the last election I was somewhat retiring However, on that occasion I took un my old interest in the party, but not with the same hopefulness as on pre vious occasions. I had compared the present policy of Canada with the policy of Great Britain and also that of the United States. While I could see no limit to the prosperity of the great mother country under her sys tem, I detected signs of decay in the institutions across the border under 'protective' system.

"The last occasion on which I spoke

in the interests of the Conservative

party was at a meeting at Jeddore, and the Hon, Mr. Fielding, who was present, may recall the remark I made on that occasion. I then said that unless there were remedial measures applied to the firscal policy of the Gov-ernment, it would be the last time I would speak in their defense. I watched with no small degree of anxiety the developments of that policy, and when Mr. Foster brought down his reform tariff I said: 'Now is the opportunity of the Conservative Government,' the Conservative leader having in 1878 started out with the pronounced utterance that the National Policy was to give an incidental protection to infant industries. When he had finished went to the exponents of that tariff in this city, when I soon learned that the combines had their hands so firmly upon it as to make reform impossible (Applause.) It was then I felt I could no longer follow in the tracks of the Conservative party. Of course, there are little things to be met in making now on his way home from East a break of this kind. I had to meet the name of 'the third party,' and found it somewhat difficult to sever entirely from the party I had been attached to for so many years. But I felt with a number of sober-minded Conservatives that that policy was leading to a policy of corruption, that it was robbing the masses to enrich The rivers are rising throughout the few. It is true of Canada as it is who forsakes his party is a marked This is unlike Great Britain, where, when a Government does not do right, the people turn them out. Here, however, a man seems to be under an obligation to adhere to party-to support it in its corruption. I might have remained in the retired position of a man who would sit still and watch the battle, but the affairs of the last session of Parliament finished what had been begun. When I saw the great autocrat of the people, almost a resur-rection from the dead, spring upon the platform, seize the coercion bill and undertake by fair means or foul to force it upon the people of Manitoba, I decided not to sit still. He tried to force this measure on the people in the face of and against the protesta tions of the greatest patriot Canada ever saw, the Hon. Wilfrid Laurier. (Cheers.) Mr. Laurier distinguished himself for the honorable and able manner in which he handled this great question. He was a French Roman Catholic, who would do all and seek to do all that was in reason for his own people. But when he said, 'You cannot by coercion remedy the grievance, but must use conciliation,' I say the Hon. Wilfrid Laurier stands today the noblest patriot Canada ever saw. When I read that great spech of his the blood in my frame tingled from the soles of my feet to the crown of my head in admiration of that great man. They will say, and they do say, he is not honest. No man could face Parliament and the country with that speech and be false. I have nothi to say against those I am leaving, bu I will say that one of the greatest blessings that could befall Canada and the Conservative party would be to stains which had adhered to their garments during the past eighteen years. many Conservatives There are throughout the Province who will poll a silent vote for the patriotism of the Hon. Wilfrid Laurier." (Cheers.)

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