

London Cable Letter

Wm. O'Brien, M.P., in a Financial Plight—The Ameer's Son a Royal Nuisance—The Czar Crueler Than the Sultan—No Love Lost Between the Princess of Wales and Countess Warwick.

London, May 27.—It seems pretty clear that Mr. William O'Brien will soon cease to be a member of Parliament for Cork. He has not paid Mr. Chance's costs, and the Healeys are getting ready to seize his seat as soon as he is formally made a bankrupt. Those are the cold facts. Mr. O'Brien's friends put the matter more picturesquely, but still strictly within the limits of truth. He is, they say, "being sacrificed to the venom and bad feeling of men who should be his best friends. He is being ruined behind the nation's back by the scoundrels who are trying to strangle the national cause."

It is a bad business for Mr. O'Brien. He has in his possession quite a collection of writs from people who have had the bad taste to press him for payment, of course, at the instigation of the malign Healy, and nothing is left for him to do but to go through the bankruptcy court and trust his personal material future to the generosity of Mrs. O'Brien, who, happily, is well endowed with worldly goods.

As for Mr. Chance, he is past praying for because he is not only pressing Mr. O'Brien in this most brutal fashion, but is actually threatening the committee of the national party with writs and seeking to make certain members personally responsible for money spent for public purposes.

A ROYAL NUISANCE.

Prince Nasrulla, the second son of the Ameer of Afghanistan, has duly arrived here as a pledge of his father's love for England, and London society is preparing to make much of him. They will not find the work altogether easy and enjoyable. Nasrulla is a morose and young man, and in all his gaudy, tight-fitting uniform. He has a pair of eyes that are strangely suggestive of a frightened, ill-tempered horse about to kick and bolt. Prince Nasrulla has a strong objection to being hurried. He has already kept Queen Victoria waiting for him at Windsor when she was anxious to start for Scotland, and he will doubtless cause a great deal of trouble in the same way before he returns home. When the young prince arrived in London the other evening the English officers attached to his suite made him look like a fool by telling him in pantomime how he ought to inspect the guard of honor drawn up on the platform to salute him, and he let every body see his irritation. His staff consists of several second-rate princes and a number of big-limbed officers. Each is held personally responsible for the Ameer for the safety and proper treatment of his son, and the responsibility appears to rest on them with crushing weight. Some of them may not understand their sovereign's new-found love for Afghanistan's hereditary enemy. Suspicion is natural to an Afghan, and that feeling may have induced the prince and his staff to keep their hands on the hilts of their swords in and out of season.

Nervous people regard with apprehension this invasion of London by the wild Afghan chiefs and soldiers who form Nasrulla's escort. They are great, muscular fellows, infantry men in red jackets and white trousers, troopers in blue and gray, all carrying and proper treatment of his son, and the responsibility appears to rest on them with crushing weight. Some of them may not understand their sovereign's new-found love for Afghanistan's hereditary enemy. Suspicion is natural to an Afghan, and that feeling may have induced the prince and his staff to keep their hands on the hilts of their swords in and out of season.

RUSSIA'S BRUTALITY.

The universal horror caused by the virtually complete confirmation of the Kurdish atrocities in Armenia has wholly obscured the fact that the Sultan has other Christian subjects who have not been harried and tortured, and that in some respects his Majesty compares very favorably with the Czar of Russia, who has shown with great heartiness in the general outcry as though, in matters of religion, he were the most benign of rulers. The Evangelical Alliance has agents scattered all over the Turkish empire, and a local secretary, who has lived at peace with all men in Constantinople for 40 years. Mr. Arnold, general secretary of the alliance, believes in giving the devil his due. Of all the numerous Protestant clergymen in Armenia, he says, not one has been interfered with during the recent troublous times, presumably because they keep clear of politics. The alliance has always found the Sultan most approachable, and it had only to go to the Government at Constantinople to find them ready to take up its case.

But it is very different in Russia. Religious persecution there rages unchecked. Men are sent into exile and to prison for such crimes as refusing to hang up saints' pictures in their own private rooms. Of the 300,000 Stundists, 2,000 are at present in prison or in Siberia, and the alliance has just sent \$1,000 helping their wives and families to join the exiles.

When, some time ago, Greek Christians in a Turkish town destroyed a Protestant place of worship and maltreated the converts, the alliance brought the facts to the notice of the Sultan, who promptly gave the Protestants a permit to build a new church, and made the Greek community contribute \$750 toward the cost of rebuilding; but they were never able to get in direct communication with the late Czar, and memorials signed by such dignitaries as the Archbishop of Canterbury and leading men in England and America have remained unanswered. It is only fair to place these things on record when there is a disposition to beatify the young Czar and crucify the old Sultan.

WILDE'S PUNISHMENT.

The punishment Oscar Wilde is sentenced to undergo is the severest known to the law. It practically means a continuous period of solitary confinement for the two years' term of his sentence. Regular "jail birds" always prefer five years of penal servitude to two years

imprisonment, owing to the easier conditions of the former. Wilde will not be permitted to see any visitor for three months, but by exceptionally good conduct he can secure a slight reduction of his sentence.

DANCED INTO A FORTUNE.

The total sum realized by the sale of the art treasures of the late Mrs. Lyne Stephens (formerly a well-known French dancer) was \$141,000 (\$705,000). Lyne Stephens, a wealthy member of Parliament, fell in love with her and induced her to retire from the stage and become his wife. In later years she became renowned for her charitable actions, giving large sums of money to various institutions. The prices which the art treasures brought were in many cases far in excess of their value.

PRINCESS DID NOT MEAN COUNTRESS.

Very many people in London are talking of a singular episode connected with the last drawing-room at Buckingham Palace, although no mention of it has appeared in print.

On the morning of the function the statement was made in the official court circular in Marlborough House section that the Princess of Wales was too ill to attend the ceremony. The afternoon papers all had "identically the same paragraph" on authority "the Princess was not ill, but would attend a dinner party given by the Queen at Windsor that evening. And she was there among the guests."

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until one was dead with five bullets in his body and the other dying with an ugly wound just above the heart. The congregation became panic-stricken. Scores of ladies fainted and several were badly trampled in the stampede.

The entire thing was done so quickly that no one thought of interfering. Riley was 30 years old. Montgomery is 29 and married.

Late Canadian News.

A Toronto Expressman Fatally Injured by a Street Car.

At noon on Friday Hugh Strong's cheese factory, about six miles north of Brighton, was totally destroyed by fire, with the exception of 90 cheese. Insured for \$200.

Michael Rogers, an elderly expressman, one of the best known in his line in Toronto, was run down by an electric car Saturday morning and died in a few hours.

At Owen Sound on Saturday John Spencer, a blacksmith, charged with starting the fire which caused nearly \$5,000 damage there recently, was on Saturday committed for trial, bail being refused.

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Seismic Shakings.

Twenty-Six Earthquake Shocks Shatter a Turkish Town.

Fifty People Killed and 150 Seriously Injured.

Prince Nasrulla and His Retinue Welcome Guests in England.

Speculation Regarding Dissolution of the British Parliament—Oscar Wilde's Case.

THE UNIONISTS.

London, May 26.—The Unionist leaders have decided to postpone a decisive trial of the strength of the Government until Whitsuntide. The latest calculation is that the elections will take place in the third week in July.

STEAMER SUNK.

Southampton, May 26.—The steamer Arundo arrived here today with her bow damaged. She reports that she was in collision in the English Channel with the steamer Monton, injuring her so badly that she sank. Two of the Monton's crew were drowned.

THE ARMENIAN TROUBLE.

London, May 26.—The Graphic will tomorrow publish a dispatch from Constantinople saying it is understood that a majority of the Sultan's advisers have urged his acceptance of the scheme for Armenian reforms submitted by the powers, but that the grand vizier opposes the plan.

THE ITALIAN ELECTIONS.

Rome, May 26.—Advices from the provinces show that great excitement over the results of the elections prevails everywhere. Today passed without disorder, excepting an affray in the streets in which three persons were wounded. The returns thus far received show that all the members of the Cabinet have been re-elected. Signor Crispi has been returned.

IN BETTER SHAPE.

The New York Tribune's cable says: The Government's position is better at the end of the week than it was at the beginning, in spite of the Unionist victory at Warwick Leamington, where Mr. Alfred Littleton, the veteran cricketer, has bowled out his Liberal opponent, Sir Wm. Harcourt is showing himself to be a worthy successor of the old Parliamentary hand.

DILLON DICTATES.

Liverpool, May 26.—Speaking in this city today John Dillon, the well-known Irish leader, said that the Irish Parliamentary party had made unceasing efforts to secure the release of the Irish political prisoners. He declared that Irishmen should not vote for the Liberal candidates at the next general election unless home rule was placed at the forefront of their programme.

TWENTY-SIX SHOCKS!

Constantinople, May 26.—A series of earthquakes today virtually razed the town of Paranythia, European Turkey. Fifty persons were killed and 150 seriously injured. The inhabitants are panic-stricken and will pass the night in open spaces. The total number of shocks was 26. The Greek Church, which was built 300 years ago, was moved several yards, but is still standing.

A "HOLY WAR."

London, May 26.—In the course of his sermon, delivered in the City Temple today, Rev. Joseph Parker, D.D., said that he had not attended the meetings in London to protest against the Armenian outrages for the reason that these meetings would not come to anything. It was time for action, he declared, and the only action to be taken was a war against Turkey. Such a war would be the most holy, humane and righteous one the world had ever known.

THE WILDE CASE.

London, May 26.—The Marquis of Queensberry has applied to the treasury to recoup him the \$10,000 expended in the Wilde case. The treasury offered him \$500. The marquis, in reply, says that unless he is reimbursed he will raise the question in Parliament.

The jury in the Wilde case occupied two hours in consideration of the case. After their verdict had been rendered Sir Edward Clarke, on behalf of Wilde and counsel for Alfred Taylor, made application for a postponement of sentence. The judge peremptorily refused to grant the application.

"DISTINGUISHED" VISITORS.

London, May 26.—Sirdir Nasrullah Khan, the second son of the Ameer of Afghanistan, who is now visiting England, will remain at Dorchester House, whether he went immediately upon arrival in London, for six weeks. His visit will cost the Government \$33,000, inclusive of the damage that will result from the habits of the 90 natives in his suite. The experience met with in the visit of his father to England and debared him from being lodged in a royal palace, as it was found necessary to cleanse and disinfect the palace the Amier and his suite occupied after they returned to Afghanistan.

The unique collection of works by the old masters in Chester House has been covered up to protect them from the distinguished visitors, and British officers are in charge of the temporary residence of the Prince of Afghanistan to keep it as far as possible from being damaged. The Prince of Wales visited the prince at 9 o'clock today. The officials will be glad when the sojourn in England of the Amier's representative is ended and he returns home.

CRISPI VICTORIOUS.

London, May 27.—A dispatch from Rome says the latest returns show the election of 321 adherents of Crispi and 187 members of the Opposition.

ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

Southampton, May 27.—The mayor and the members of the corporation of Southampton paid a visit today to the United States training ship Alliance, where they were entertained at lunch. A salute of thirteen guns was fired in honor of the visitors, and the ship's band played British and American national anthems.

KINGSMILL'S

Blouse Silks.

At 25c—16 different colorings, 22 inch China Silks.
At 35c—38 different colorings, 22 inch Bengelines.
At 45c—12 different effects in Pin Check Surahs.
At 50c—38 different colorings, 23 inch China Silks.
At 55c—12 different effects in Dainty Stripes, 24 inch wide.

Wool Dress Goods.

Dress Goods lead in merchandise and mark the advance in a great business like ours. To reach our high standard requires a knowledge of goods, and all the producing processes from the sheep's back to the perfect and beautiful fabric. Our buying has covered the world's greatest markets for the newest and best. Our Dress Goods' Counters are overflowing with a stock unrivalled in the Dominion; the largest, the rarest, the most varied. This season's styles of dress goods are largely new. Novelties are in greatest varieties of weaves; all show the talent and artistic taste of the designer.

A FEW SPECIALS

42 inch All Wool French Debeige, 18c, worth 25c.
44 inch All Wool Cloth Suitings, 35c, worth 50c.
46 inch All Wool French Serge Suitings, 38c, worth 50c.
45 inch All Wool French Crepon, special value at 56c, all colors.

Dress Cottons.

A triumphal May for them, far outstripping even warm April. So many and so lovely cotton beauties were never before arrayed upon one counter in this vicinity. Looms never yielded, nor dyers' art never pictured their superiors. Some of the daintiest of the dainty are said to be here in vastly greater variety than any other house in London, at prices within the reach of all.

Ginghams, Pique, Chambrays, Crinkles, Babbles, Tuffed Chambrays, Printed Organdies, French Satens, Printed Drills, American Ducks, Printed Marseilles, Dress Linens,

Laces.

Do you want anything in this line? If so, we have it. We must have, for here is an almost limitless stock. Over 7,000 yards in one lot, and nearly 9,000 in another. Can't you grasp the range of prices, patterns and quality this affords all buyers.

Valenciennes, cream and white, 2c, 3c, 5c, 6c, 8c, 10c, 12 1/2c.
Oriental Laces, cream and white, 8c, 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c to 40c.
Irish Point, cream and white, 12 1/2c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c to 60c.
Cream Silk, 20c, 30c, 40c to 75c.
Real Torchon Lace, 3c, 5c, 7c, 9c, 10c to 40c.

Black Maltese Lace, 25c, 38c, 50c, 60c, 75c to \$1.10.
Black Chantilly Lace, 10c, 15c, 18c, 20c to \$1.40.
Black Spanish Lace, 10c, 15c, 18c, 20c to \$1.75.
Black Soutache Lace, 15c, 18c, 20c, 25c to \$1.75.
Black Spanish Flouncing, 42 inch, \$1 to \$2.25.
Black Chantilly Flouncing, 42 inch, \$1 to \$3.50.

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