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CABLE NEWS.

Plague in the Orient, Cholera in Europe—French Advances on the Congo.

The Count of Paris—Spanish Commercial Relations—The Dutch in East Asia.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—General Booth will bid good-bye to the London Salvation Army on September 10th and will sail for New York to make a tour of the United States and Canada.

BERLIN, Aug. 31.—The health authorities of Myslowitz Prussian Silesia report 160 new cases of cholera and 18 deaths. The first case of cholera was reported in Stettin to-day.

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 31.—The Lombok natives are fortifying Mataram, the capital of the island, and are also strengthening the forces of men holding the place. Two Englishmen have been arrested at Ampanam.

PARIS, Aug. 31.—It is announced that by the latest agreement between France and the Congo State all the ports on the right bank of the Mooma river were conveyed to France. They will be under the administration of the French Congo.

LONDON, Sept. 1.—At midnight the Count of Paris was conscious and able to converse with his family. He was very weak, however, and often could speak only with great difficulty. The Duc d'Aumale, his uncle; the Duchess de Chartres, his sister-in-law; the Princess Waldmar of Denmark, his niece, and other members of the family are at Stowe.

HONGKONG, Aug. 31.—This city has been officially declared free from plague. The decree was promulgated on Monday last.

MADRID, Aug. 31.—Premier Sagasta will convoke the Cortes in November, and will endeavor at once to secure some semblance of order in Spain's commercial relations with other powers, most notably Germany. He expects to reconstruct the cabinet before the opening of the session.

COPPENHAGEN, Aug. 31.—The elections to the Landsthag have resulted in a large Conservative majority.

PARIS, Aug. 31.—A dispatch from Ha Noi, the capital of Tonquin, says that last Monday night Chinese attacked the house of M. Chaillet, collector of customs at Monkai, killed him and kidnapped his wife and daughter. Troops were sent out in pursuit of the Chinese, but failed to overtake them.

LONDON, Sept. 1.—The Field says this morning: "We understand that Lord Dunraven and the yachtsmen associated with him are desirous that the next contest for the America's cup be sailed off Newport instead of New York, in order to avoid excursion steamers. Another point to be asked for is that the challenger should not be required to name the yacht till the close of the English races, so that in case of two or more being built the best can be selected. This is in accord with the proposed Victoria cup arrangement, as long as the dimensions, sailing length, etc., are adhered to. Another point for decision relates to the length of the load line and the measurement with the crew aboard. It is thought that the eighty-foot load line should not be exceeded."

CANADIAN NEWS.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

AYR, Aug. 31.—Burglars blew open a safe at the Canadian Pacific station and secured $40. They fired at the watchman, who returned the fire.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—Charles Hyman, ex-M P., left yesterday to join Mr. Laurier and party at Winnipeg on Monday, when he will speak at a demonstration there. Mr. Hyman will accompany Mr. Laurier to the Pacific coast.

WINDSOR, Aug 31.—Edward Ryan, painter, formerly of Toronto, and W. Weaver, who claims to come from Glencoe, were arrested here charged with manufacturing counterfeit money in their room. In their quarters were found moulds, melting pots, etc.

CHATHAM, Aug. 31.—Anxiety is felt here for the safety of D. M. Prittie, barrister, and Geo. F. Rispin, of this place, and Arthur Northwood, modern language master of the Ottawa college, who left about three weeks ago on a canoe trip on Georgian bay. Nothing has been heard of them since the 20th inst.

QUEBEC, Aug. 31.—H.M.S. Magicienne and H.M S Canada sailed to-day. They have been dispatched to the scene of the trouble at Bluefields, Nicaragua.

MONTREAL MATTERS.

MONTREAL, Aug. 31.—The depression, which resulted in a very serious falling off in the earnings of the Canadian Pacific Railway for the past six months, was never noticeable in the local traffic, which has been remarkably good throughout the spring and summer. It was the freight and long distance travelling that told the sad story.

It is understood the Government has decided to make the channel in Lake St. Louis, starting at Lachine wharf, of a depth of sixteen feet with a width in proportion until deep water is reached This will enable steamers for points along the lake to avoid the great circuit now necessary. The estimated cost of the work is $300,000

Three French warships are expected next week. The French residents met to-day to arrange a reception for them.

IMPORTANT SURVEY.

OTTAWA, Aug. 31.—A telegram has been received conveying the news of the safe arrival at Gaspe, Que., of A. P. Low and party, after one of the most extensive explorations ever made on behalf of the Dominion Government. Mr. Low and party have been nearly a year and a half travelling through a hitherto unknown tract of country in Labrador. As far as learned the party escaped without serious mishaps. They are expected here to morrow.

COUNT OF PARIS.

LONDON, Sept. 1.—The Count of Paris condition was unchanged at 11 o'clock this evening.

War News From Peru.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—President Cacares of Peru telegraphs the Herald as follows from Locumba, Peru: "Yesterday at 3 o'clock p.m. the forces of Pacheco Cespedes were beaten and dispersed at Miraite oy Col Guerva, after several discharges which they received filing through the pass of Tiscapana. They are being pursued. Arms of various patterns have been taken."

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 31.—(Special)—Many rumors have been current the last two days regarding the revival of the Hudson Bay railway scheme. It is understood that Messrs. Mann & Holt, the old contractors, still have a claim of $150,000 or $160,000 against the road which can only be realized on if the road is reorganized and pushed forward. These gentlemen are here with Mr. Mackenzie, of Toronto, and have been holding informal interviews with the local government regarding the road.

A young Englishman named Wellington arrived this morning, having driven all the way from Calgary in a light covered wagon. The time occupied was one month and three days.

The weekly report of the Northern Pacific agents throughout the province to General Agent Swinford is better this week than ever before and indicates that the crops are turning out better than expected, while the weather has been all that could be desired. Grain is a much larger yield than had been estimated.

The C.P R. has reduced rates on produce on their Edmonton branch.

A woman accomplice of the robbers along the North shore of Lake Superior has been sentenced to three years' imprisonment. She was caught by the police of this city.

REAL FIGHTING.

Japanese Warships Bombarding Chinese Forts—The Conflict in Progress.

Anxiety as to the Situation—Important Engagement in Progress.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—A dispatch to the Central News from Shanghai says: A Chee Foo dispatch states that the Japanese warships, conveying a number of transports, landed troops at Liau Tie Shan on August 30th. These troops were marched at once upon Port Arthur, the Japanese warships in the meantime bombarding the forts at that place. The object of the Japanese is to destroy the docks and forts at Port Arthur in order to prevent disabled Chinese vessels from sheltering there for repairs. The fight is still in progress.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 31.—The British gunboat Red Hot has sailed from Chee Foo for Port Arthur. Junks arriving at Chee Foo from New Chang report that a number of Japs are floating in the water at the mouth of the Tatung river. Several hundred flower boats, moored in the Canton river, were set on fire and burned. Those on board were unable to escape and a thousand were burned to death.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—Regarding the China-Japan trouble Naoryman Hasiguchi, the Japanese consul, says: "We are becoming very anxious over the situation, as we know from movements of the troops and squadrons during the month that an important battle has probably been fought by this time." Relative to the cable dispatch that Japan had bought 200,000 needle rifles in Vienna, the consul said he thought the story had little or no foundation. Of the war dispatches from Shanghai, he said that little reliance could be put upon them.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 31.—Russia will send to East Asiatic waters the warships Emperor Nicholas I, armor clad, 8,000 tons, 24 guns, and the Paniat Azova, armor clad, 6,000 tons, 33 guns. Both are comparatively new and are reckoned among the most powerful vessels of the Russian navy.

SAMOA'S SITUATION.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—The Daily New's correspondent in Berlin says "the last mail from Samoa brings a petition to the Emperor for annexation. Amongst the sixty-two signers are two Englishmen and one American. The German warship Falke had been at Berkuknanio. The officers visited the forts, and the rebels cordially received them. Young Tumasese, son of Germany's former protege, has joined the rebels. The confusion of the government troops is constantly growing.

POLITICS IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

ST. JOHNS, Nfld.—Aug. 31—P. T. McGrath, editor of the St. Johns' Herald, the organ of the Goodridge government of Newfoundland, was assaulted and considerably injured to-day by a Whiteway heeler, named Rice, because of a criticism published in his paper. Mr. McGrath was walking on the street, when he was attacked without warning, and but for the intervention of onlookers he would probably have been seriously hurt, as Rice is a very powerful man, while McGrath is a slight, weak man. McGrath was also beaten last year by a son of Sir Robert Thorburn.

GERMANS IN THE U.S.

LONDON, Sept. 1.—The Standard's Berlin correspondent tells of a recent interview between Professor Burmeister, of the Baltimore academy of music, and prince Bismarck, at Varzin. Bismarck spoke of his great interest for the welfare of Germans in America. Professor Burmeister replied that the German Americans were most deeply interested in the Prince's welfare, and recognized him as the most popular German in the world. Bismarck replied: "I am glad to think that the Germans keep vivid their memory of the Fatherland."

TORONTO TOPICS.

TORONTO, Aug. 31.—(Special)—Mrs. Jane Lyon Mackenzie, eldest sister of Hon. George Brown, is dead. She had been a resident of New York city for the past fifty years and her body will be taken there for burial.

Miss E. Mary Imandt and Miss Bessie Maxwell, representing the Dundee, Scotland, Courier, on a trip around the world, to investigate the labor question, have reached here.

THE YDWARF NIAGARA.

QUEBEC, Sept. 1.—Low and Eaton have returned here after a 16 months exploration of northern Labrador. They ascended the Hamilton river to Grand Falls on the ice. The river falls 800 feet in length and six miles in width—a clear steep fall of more than 300 feet. The stream above us is as large as the Ottawa. Below the falls it narrows to a canyon of only 30 or 40 feet wide with steep walls on either side, hundreds of feet high. These falls dwarf Niagara.

AT BLUEFIELDS.

Prisoners Transported by the Nicaraguan Authorities to Greytown—An American's Statement.

A Most Unsatisfactory Condition of Things—Life and Liberty in Danger.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Aug. 31.—The steamship Rovér, arrived from Bluefields tonight and brings the first news of the transportation of American and English prisoners to Greytown, whence they were sent to Managua. It also brought up a big batch of official reports from the Marblehead and Columbia to the Navy department. The first mate of the Rover, Edward Thompson, gave the following news from there. He said: "The English man-of-war left Bluefields the day before the transportation, leaving the Columbia alone to protect the prisoners and prevent their transportation. At the present time, when the policy of the American foreign office is known nothing could have suited the English better than to see American sailors rescue the prisoners, English and American both, and possibly bombard the town, and in such a way accomplish two purposes, that is, the liberation of the English subjects in the hands of the Spaniards and the collapse of the American canal scheme in Central America. This may be considered the truest explanatiod of why the English captain left Bluefields at the most critical time, while pretending to be on the lookout to intercept the prisoners should an attempt be made to take them to Greytown, when he could have accomplished the same purpose much easier in Bluefields waters."

From Mr. Thompson's statements there is not the slightest doubt left that everybody on board the Columbia, as well as all on board the steamer Rover, knew the exact hour when the prisoners were put on board the steamer Yulu. When the Spaniards passed, signals were exchanged with the American man-of-war. All who could be there were on board witnessing, with fury in their hearts, the Yulu passing with the prisoners towards Greytown. Mr. Thompson says that several hours before the Yulu left for Greytown Captain Sumner was informed of the intentions of the Spaniards and could have acted in the matter if he had wished to do so, but probably having instructions from our foreign office he could do nothing. It is the opinion in Nicaragua that the Nicaragua canal company's concession is, to a certain extent, responsible for the failure of the American government to display a firmer foreign policy.

The present situation in Bluefields is as deplorable as ever. Indians and Jamaican negroes are daily arrested and nobody is certain of his life and property, expecting every hour to be imprisoned on some frivolous charge. It is the present opinion in Bluefields that the property of all foreigners who may have been banished from Nicaragua, or who have left on their own account, will be confiscated by the government. At the time the Rover left Bluefields the Columbia had left for Port Limon and the Marblehead had just arrived. The steamer Yulu came back from Greytown next evening after leaving Bluefields, bringing news that Captain Stuart, of the English man-of-war, had arrived at Greytown and visited the prisoners at the Greytown prison.

THE OTHER SIDE.

CHICAGO, Sept 1.—Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt has been unpopular socially for a long time. Two summers ago, at Newport, comment on a flirtation between Mrs. Vanderbilt and O. H. P. Belmont was very general and unfavorable, and only the immense wealth of the family kept condemnation down. They were continually together, and he was one of the few visitors admitted to the marble house. Their intimacy was so notable, the general talk was that a divorce would surely be procured.

After Mr. Vanderbilt's return to Newport gossip increased, and as far as could be judged outward harmony prevailed, and when Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt left Newport in early autumn they drove to New York on a brake with four horses. Mr. Belmont was one of the party, and continued on with them to Oakdale, their Long Island country seat. Mr. Vanderbilt was in England seeing to the construction of his new yacht during the following winter. Mrs. Vanderbilt remained at the Fifth avenue residence and Mr. Belmont continued his attentions.

Early in the season of 1893 Mrs. Vanderbilt returned to Newport and opened her marble house and matters were much the same as usual until the arrival of Mr. Vanderbilt. After that there was a visit to Chicago, with Mr. Belmont on hand as usual, and then came the projected trip on the Valiant, which ended, as everyone said it would, disastrously. Mr. Belmont was, it is believed, persuaded with great difficulty to go. He is not a man of means. It was the talk of that time that W. S. Hoyt, who was urged to be of the party, declined when he ascertained that Mr. Belmont was going along General gossip at Newport now is that W. K. Vanderbilt wants to be free and marry the Duchess of Manchester.

TRUCULENT INDIANS.

BOISE CITY, Idaho, Aug. 31.—Word reached here that serious trouble is brewing in Owyhee county, with some marauding Indians from the Fort Hall reservation. District Attorney C. M. Hayes received notice from Johnson, the game warden of the county, that Indians to the number a hundred or more were camping in the vicinity of Bruneau and were killing deer and game of all kinds in a most wanton manner. Johnson was instructed to go at once to the scene of action and warn the Indians to desist. The agent at Fort Hall was also notified by Secretary of State Curtis, and is now en route for Owyhee. When Johnston saw the Indians they acted in such a threatening manner that he left hastily. He reported that the Indians killed a Chinaman yesterday, and the settlers are becoming alarmed. Secretary Curtis, in the absence of Governor McConnell, is making an investigation of the matter.

THE TURF.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Aug. 31.—C. J. Hamlin's wonderful pacer, "Robert J," achieved imperial honors here to-day, dethroning Nancy Hanks and smashing her 2 04 record. He was sent against his record of 2 04¼ at the Fort Wayne driving club and finished the mile in 2 03¾, the greatest record in the history of light harness racing. This crowns him king of the turf.

THE FATHERLAND

Dr. Miquel's Financial Policy—Proposal to Convert Imperial and Prussian Bonds.

Sunday as a Day of Rest—Effects of the New United States Tariff.

BERLIN, Sept. 1.—Among the present plans of Dr. Miquel, minister of finance, is one of an operation to convert the Imperial three and one-half per cent. bonds and the Prussian four per cent. consols into three per cents. This proposal has commanded the attention of bankers and investors, from whom the initiative in the matter must come, at least nominally, as the government will not make any direct demand for the change. Herr von Kardorff will introduce a bill in the reichsrath to provide that the new three per cents. be protected against further conversion, and Dr. Arendt will father a similar measure in the landtag. Councillor Melbhardt, a member of the reichsrath, said yesterday of the proposed operation: "The Imperial government might perhaps hesitate to execute the conversion in view of the slight decrease of revenue from the income tax, but, after all, it must accommodate itself to the necessities of the money market. The present abundance of money is due to the depression of business in America. This depression is felt with special keenness in England and Germany. Soon the abundance of money will revive enterprise and things will right themselves. The increase of German exports to America under the new tariff will not affect the fullness of the money market, particularly as we shall also have heavier imports of American goods, but the revival of trade will be followed by a stronger tendency to invest in American securities."

The U. S. consul says that under the new tariff the exports from the Berlin district to America are likely to be doubled. The change of rates has given an especially strong impulse to the export trade in paper, glassware, porcelain, furniture and draperies.

Prince Yamashina, nephew of the Emperor of Japan, visited the Krupps, in Essen, on Wednesday, and yesterday he sent them a heavy order for guns. He says that Japan has ample funds in her treasury, and does not need foreign money. She is able to carry on the war to its conclusion, and demonstrate the rottenness of the Chinese empire, without borrowing a copper from anybody. The Prince and his suite will be entertained by the Krupps for several days.

The annual Catholic congress which sat in Cologne this week adopted with increased emphasis the former resolutions in favor of observing Sunday strictly as a day of rest, the organization of trades unions according to the principles of Christian social order, and making state insurance compulsory for all workingmen.

The directors of the Reichsbank issued yesterday a warning against the so called reconciliation thalers, which show the Emperor's head on one side and Bismarck's on the other. These coins, say the directors, are in no respect coins of the realm. They were uttered by a private concern for private profit, and are not accepted by the banks.

FLOODS IN TEXAS.

SAN ANTONIO, Sept. 1.—The Southern Pacific railway has succeeded in rebuilding the telegraph wires between this city and Uvalde, and other points in the district swept by the terrible flood and restored communication. The number of cases of drowning is not yet known, and it will probably be several days before the complete results will have been received, as there are a number of small settlements and towns in the flooded district several miles distant from railroad and telegraphic communication that cannot be reached by overland owing to the high waters. The town of Batesville, was caught in the deluge and many buildings were swept away. At D'hains two children were drowned, and at Uvalde three Mexican families and six other persons met their death in the raging waters. Nothing has yet been heard from the settlement of 75 families below Uvalde, which was believed to have been swept away, all communication being still cut off. The current of water from the Sabinal, the Leona and Saco rivers is now being emptied into the Rio Grande. The Rio Grande is now out of its banks and is flooding the valley between Eagle Pass and Rio Grande city. The loss to crops and live stock is very great and cannot be estimated at this time.

INTERSTATE FAIR.

TACOMA, Wn., Sept. 1.—(Special)—Messrs. A. C. Flumerfelt, J. Davies, H. E. Connon, T. B. Hall and F. Elworthy, of Victoria, arrived here to-day to visit the Interstate fair. They were shown throughout the fair by the officials and to-night they gave a dinner at the Tacoma to the Fair officials. It has been decided to make September 22 Victoria day. On that day the round trip rate from Victoria to the fair, including admission, will be $2, and the Victoria gentlemen here promise an excursion of at least 1,000. All express themselves as delighted with the fair. Mr. Flumerfelt said to-night: "It goes far beyond my expectations. The Northwest has not yet begun to appreciate how big and how entertaining this fair is." Mr. Donaldson, the special collector of customs sent by the U.S. government to the Interstate Fair, says that any persons at Victoria desiring to make an exhibit here need pay no duty, as the buildings are bonded warehouses. Packages may be broken and duty paid only on those goods which are sold.

U. S. AND SPAIN.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Aug 31.—The State department has received no dispatches from Minister Hannis Taylor, at Madrid, confirming the cablegram announcing that the Spanish government had, by royal decree, abrogated the reciprocity arrangements with this country by which special rates were accorded on American imports to Cuba and Porto Rico, and no doubt is entertained that such action has been taken, and that all exports from America will hereafter have to pay the same duty in Cuba and Porto Rico ports that has been exacted on articles from other countries. Officials of the state department are not at all surprised at Spain's action, or at the failure to give this country notice, as the reciprocal relations were merely the result of a diplomatic arrangement, no formal treaty being involved.

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W. C. T. U.

At the recently closed convention of representatives of Women's Christian Temperance Unions, the resolutions recommended by the committees were, in effect, adopted as follows:

To endorse the action taken by Bishop Waterson and Apostolic Delegate Satolli.

To recommend to local unions the plan of organizing all the W.C.T.U. members enjoying the municipal franchise into a committee of franchise, to secure a larger expression of opinion on the part of unfranchised women at the polls. That it is the duty of every woman whose name appears on the voters' list to attend the polls on election and deposit her ballot in favor of prohibition.

That the clergy be requested to set apart the Sunday next proceeding election day for the preaching of sermons upon the responsibility attached to the exercise of the franchise, and that they endeavor to instil into political contests a greater extent of Christian principles.

That the convention counsel all the W. C. T. U. women to refuse their support and influence to such candidates for Legislative and municipal honors or other official positions as are not of Christian as well as temperance principles.

That each local Union be urged to secure if possible the election of school trustees favorable to temperance instruction and that the Education Department be memorialized to assist in obtaining from the Legislature an amendment to the School Actrendering temperance instruction compulsory to all public schools.

That as much injury results from young children roaming the streets after 9 p.m. and that there is wisdom in having around them every safeguard, the local unions urge upon the municipal councils the necessity of introducing curfew by-laws.

To emphasize the importance of bringing the male prostitutes of our communities who persist in their life of shame into as great public disrepute as their associates have ever been, and that a reformed woman should have the same chance as a reformed man, and that both should have an equal status in society after their reformation.

That owing to the increased number of Young Peoples' Societies throughout the cities of the province, a committee from the Y.W.C.T.U. meet and co-operate with the local unions of Epworth Leagues and Christian Endeavor at their quarterly meetings for the purpose of interesting such societies and gaining their assistance in temperance work.

THE NEW TARIFF.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 1.—The tariff law is making itself felt on the water front. The British ship Shandon arrived a few days ago from Calcutta with a cargo of grain sacks. Captain Harries tried to get his freight ashore before the new law went into effect, but he was too late. Sacks are now 2 cents lower than they were a week ago. The indications for business are good and things are on the move now where they were not mentioned in business circles a month ago. The British vessels Conishead, Endora, Australasia, Talus and Stockbridge and the German ship Marie Hackfeld have all been chartered during the week to load for Europe and half a dozen others will go to South America and Hawaii. In consequence the outlook along the front is much more hopeful, but just at present business is dull, as everybody is waiting for his neighbor to make a move. The price of sugar has advanced one quarter of a cent a pound, and so a number of regular island traders have been pulled out of Oakland creek and put on the Hawaiian run. The barks S. C. Allen and Andrew Welch, the barkentine W. H. Dimond and the schooner Aloha are all loading up for Honolulu, and will bring back loads of sugar. Their owners expect to keep them running for at least two months, and the surplus stock now on the islands will be rushed into San Francisco.

CHINESE REVOLUTIONISTS.

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—A special from Omaha, Neb., says: A local paper is authority for the statement that a convention of wealthy Chinese from different portions of the United States was held in Omaha on Wednesday night, in which a revolutionary society was formed for the purpose of interfering in the affairs of China and if possible overthrowing the present reigning dynasty of that country. The paper prints an extended report of the meeting, declaring that it had a reporter present. The ritual and oath of the society have not been completed. Ning Fee, of Denver; Toy Ye, of Kansas City; Lee Lung, of Omaha; Tee Gong, of St. Paul; Woo Foo, of Minneapolis; Ah See, of Sioux City; and Ah Han, of Dubuque were elected delegates to a convention said to be arranged for Chicago next month.

BURNED TO DEATH.

HALIFAX, Sept. 1.—Kingston, Jamaica, advices say: "The community was startled by a rumor that Sir Adam Ellis, chief justice of the colony, had been burned to death. The intelligence proved to be true. His honor, who had been in delicate health for some time past, rose early on the morning of August 16, and while standing at his toilet table his night dress became accidentally ignited. Before he succeeded in putting out the flames he was burned about the upper part of the body. His shouts awakened his servant, who with his valet was soon on the spot. His honor, who had lapsed into unconsciousness shortly after the terrible event, passed away in that state. He died a few hours later.

THE SUGAR SCHEDULE.

BERLIN, Aug. 31.—Baron Marshal von Bieberstein, minister of foreign affairs, had a long conference this afternoon with U.S. Ambassador Runyan in regard to Germany's grievances growing out of the sugar schedule in the American tariff law.

CABLE LETTER.

Only One Minister Subscribes to Irish Parliamentary Fund—Significant Comments.

Rosebery's Peculiar Position—The Prospect Not Pleasant—Open Revolt Threatened.

LONDON, Sept. 1—Mr. Gladstone through Baron Tweedmouth, sent the Irish parliamentary fund recently a check for £100 and expressed his wishes for the success of the Irish cause. Baron Tweedmouth also sent £100 to the fund. The Evening Herald, Parnellite, commenting on the donations, says: "This is the price of their treachery to Ireland. Neither Keogh nor Sadlier would have sold himself so cheaply."

THIS CONTRIBUTION,

following the speech of Mr. Dillon on Wednesday, when he stated to the government that the Irish parliamentary party would be obliged to reconsider their position unless the ministry promptly and plainly declared their policy in regard to the House of Lords is among the current political topics. By everybody who discusses them, these acts are understood to have been intended as a timely reminder to Lord Rosebery to fulfil the promise which he gave upon assuming the Premiership that the Ministry would maintain the continuity of Mr. Gladstone's policy in regard to Ireland, the key-note which was sounded in Mr. Gladstone's last speech in the House of Commons. In this memorable speech, the ex-premier denounced the House of Lords and advised the people to insist upon the abolition of the veto power of the upper body as the only serious hindrance to the granting of a full measure of Home Rule for Ireland. But Lord Rosebery's first session of Parliament has been finished without a sign of the Government's intention to push

THEIR PART OF THE PROGRAMME

and it is notable that Mr. Gladstone's mediator in the £100 contribution, Lord Tweedmouth, is the only member of the cabinet who advises the Government party to make an anti-lords campaign before the country.

Lord Rosebery has gone to Dunrobin, Scotland, to join the Duke of Sutherland in a shooting party, which consists almost entirely of peers. Lord Rosebery still encourages his followers to regard him as a man of mystery. He suddenly vanished when Parliament adjourned and upon the occasion of the recent adjournment he quietly disappeared, allowing the papers to publish the statement that he had gone to Switzerland to recuperate, though nobody was aware that his health was in the slightest degree impaired. It appears that he really went to Versailles, but he reappeared in London two days later and started immediately for Dunrobin, breaking his journey at Culloden for the purpose of taking his two little sons to visit the graves of the Highlanders who fell fighting for Prince Charlie. The personal friends of the Premier find him in high spirits, but he flatly declines to discuss or listen to anything in the shape of politics. He only laughs when he hears his followers threaten disaffection, and every way he appears to regard himself as thoroughly

MASTER OF THE SITUATION.

The other members of the cabinet are not so merry at the prospects which confront them. They are able to see plainly that it is the intention of the Labor and Irish parties to go into open revolt during the autumn, and in the meantime it is equally certain that Mr. Labouchere's section of the Radicals will carry out their intention of running Parliamentary candidates, whose first pledge will be to refuse to serve under a Premier who is a Peer. The Labor party, with a view of showing that they do not intend to serve the Liberal party through thick and thin as heretofore, are arranging to run Tom Mann, the Labor agitator, against Liberal Commoner Fenwick as candidate for secretary of the Trades' Union Congress.

During the coming week the Queen intends to celebrate the birth of the son of the Duke and Duchess of York by a great family gathering at Balmoral at which, besides the immediate relations of the royal family, Prince Henry of Prussia will represent the Emperor of Germany and the Czarovitch will be present on behalf of the Czar. The family gathering will last several days and will be replete with appropriate festivities.

CAPITAL NOTES.

(From our own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Sept. 1.—An order-in-council has been passed disallowing the ordinance of the Territorial Assembly of the Northwest last session respecting municipal assessments and the collection of rates on all real estate. It revokes so much of the charter of the corporations or companies organized under the Dominion as exempts such corporations or companies from taxation. In this respect it is trenching on the Dominion prerogative, and the law is ultra vires of the Assembly, hence its disallowance.

Proclamation is made of the Territories Act so that action will lie for the recovery of debts incurred in the purchase of intoxicating liquor. It will not, however, allow the recovery of bar-room debts.

The Minister of Justice is not likely to grant a new trial to MacWhirrell, the Port Credit murderer.

ARBITRATION TREATY.

ANTWERP, Aug. 31.—The International Peace Congress have passed resolutions in favor of a permanent arbitration treaty among the European powers.

The earlier symptoms of dyspepsia, heartburn and occasional headaches, should not be neglected. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla to be cured.