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The Evening Telegram
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OUR latest advises from Britian，per S．S
Assyrian，on Monday，are to the 5 th instant Assyrian，on Mo
and ss follows ：－
The belief is revived that we are on the eve of a reconstruction of the Cabinet．A positive appeared one of many，but looking at the noble lord，whose health is now excellent，he offers a
prompt refutation of the story．The Standard prompt refutation of the story．
appears to have got it into its head that Mr ． Arthur Balfour is to be removed from the Irish office．Sometime ago men diseussed the pos－ sibility of Mr．Smith being obliged，for physica
consideration，to relinquish the leadership consideration，to relinquish the leadership of
the House of Commons，and it seemed to be agreed that Mr．Balfour must succeed him．
But Mr．Smith＇s friends say there will be no change in this direction，while the friends of the Government generally are so well pleased
with the Chief Secretary that Mr．Balfour＇ with the Chief Secretary that Mr．Balfour
removal would be regarded as equivalent an act of administrative suicide on Lord Salis
bury＇s part．The Standard appears to hav thought no harm would result from a word o warning of the kind，but its portentious atte
ances have been taken up at the clubs． must be confessed that this dreary hiatu
causes rumours of every kind to be excep－ Cionally welcome where political conversation
just now drifts feebly and sluggishly；but the probabilities are that the Ministry will meet
Parliament in February in regard to its main departments precisely as it stands to－day．The inning out of Lord Cross，Lord Stanley of
Preston，and Lord John Manners would create vacancies it is true，but it is not easy to perceive
at the moment what advantage would be gained y their remoral．
People have given up talking about Lor Hartington＇s entrance into the Cabinet or th
possibility of bringing in Mr．Finlay，an broadening the coalition still further by means
of Sir Henry James．Lord Salisbury is per of Sir Henry James．Lord Salisbary is per
sonally adverse to changes which are no actually called for by the drift of circumstances，
the voice of his own following，or the demands the voice of his own following，or the demands
of the Liberal Unionists for a substantial share in the pleasures and rewards of the Gov
ernment．So far as the Liberal Unionist leaders are concerned the situation need under－
go no alteration whatever，and so far as party ressure urges it the Cabinet may meet Parli ment unchanged．It cannot be said that in It is true that for a while before the prorogation dissatisfaction with Mr．Henry Matthews，buct time and political justice fought for the Home Secretary，so that he has now the pleasure of frenzy of the summer．If Lord Salisbury really has in his pocket a sketch of a reconstructe Ministry，he will not，I am assured，be foun o provide for any heroic evictions or sens tional importations
Mr．Michael Davitt＇s letter on Mr．O＇Connor Power＇s ostracism is certainly in favour of
making friends with the Mammon of unright making friends with the Mammon of unright－
eousness．Mr．Davitt was attacked by United Ireland for having suggested that Irishmen in England should abstain from the＂politica blackguardism＂of breaking up Mr．O＇Conno Power＇s meeting．In his present letter Mr Davilt denounces United Ireland，and hold arty which is now plasing the Home Rat game there should be what he calls＂bound to punitive suffering．＂This punitive sufferin would condemn the repentant patriot to penalty of an＂everlasting atonement，＂and Mr．Davitt contends that he knows his country men better than does the writer in United Ireland．The quarrel is a petty one for such allies，and eapecially over such a subject，bu am afraid，for Mr．O＇Connor Power＇s sake， that Mr．M．Davitt＇s championship will not wi im Mr．Parnell＇s pardon．
Mr．Spargeor has derived much benefit fro his visit to Mentone，more，I hear，than usual．
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gotten by visitors to thaake has not been for sequence seems fatal to the season，which should have been in full swing for several porarily given Cannes，Nice，and other town overlying the earthquake current a wide berth． There is consequently tribulation throughout the Alpes Maritimes．The English managers and proprietors of local hotels are writing home in despair，and the few English visitors who
have had the courage to rise above the prevail－ have had the courage to rise above the prevail－
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the lack of gaiety，and the absence of the lack of gaiety，and the absence of
higher priests and priestesses of Englis） fashion．If this should not turn out for the earthquake that did no one good．At ho Brighton is enjoying a period of exception Brighton is enjoying a period of exceptiona
prosperity，the town is crowded，and coroneted coaches pass one continuously on the King＇ Road．It is very bad weather indeed that
makes Brighton insufferable，and，as a rule，a south－west gale，by bringing up a tremendon sea makes the beach a thing of beauty，and a positively enjoyable variation to the current of
languor．
The Prince of Wales，at any rate，is not de terred by the calamity in which he played the part of Stoic from visiting the Riviera．His
Royal Highness goes to Cannes before January

Mr．Henry Matthews，whose health is again a source of profit to paragraphists，is not ill in
the conventional sense of the word．The Home Secretary is in the grip of an cld foe， lnmbago
well．
Truth，opposing the project to signalise the
silver wedding of the Princess presentation of jewellery，says ：－＂Her Royal Highness possesses trinkets enough to stock
large shop．＂Mr．Laboachere，who has self had a giat of presentations in the shape of
children＇s tofs，evidently writes upon the dall edge of sated appetite．In his opinion the
anthors of the Royal proposal are＂sill

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the artist，was a candidate for the new post keeper of the Royal Academy．The office is
worth $£ 800$ per annum，and Mr．Frith＇s failure to obtain it is embittered by the fact that his

Exploration in the Alaska Regions

Assistant Director of the Geological Sarvey，
who headed the party sent by the Dominion Government to explore the country adjacen Coria．Two of the party will winter in the
district，however，and stablishment of the international boundar The expedition has collected much geological
geographical，and general information abou he country，which is far from being the Arctic point from which Dr．Dawson turned back was at the junction of the Lewis and Pelly rivers， in this locality differed little from that on the banks of the Fraser．A stretch of open，grassy The exists along the stream＇s tributary wamps，such as are to be met with in the xpedition．Dr．Dawson＇s conclusion is that the whole conntry，from Cassiar to the vicinity
of Forty－one Mile Creek，on the Yukon river－ which is near the eastern boundary of Alask －yields more or less gold in placer deposit． This would constitute a gold－bearing regio fally 500 miles in length，and of indefinit A PEELER＇S AFFECTIONS BLIGHTED． I have just heard particulars of a curiou onnection with which proceedings have alread begun，says a London Ietter to The Dubli reeman＇s Journal．The plaintiff is a con able in the mounted force of the royal Irio a high colonial offieial．How or wher the aet I am not in a position to say but the allant peeler seems to have made a complete onquest of the young lady＇s heart，and they were to have been married not very long ago Some meddlesome relation，however，interfer－ ed，and the young affections of the confiding constable were suddenly blighted by the in elligence that all was off between them．H wants material compensation for the

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