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Topics of Talk In Old London.

Public Interest Centers in Gladstone's Condition.

No Hope for Amendment of the Veteran's Ailment.

Irish Landlords Offer Little Opposition to the Local Government Bill.

O. B. Naval Officer "Shadowed" for a Forger—The "Johnnies" Latest Pad—Experiment With Carrier Pigeons.

[Special London Cable Letter to The Advertiser.]

London, March 26.—Next to the probabilities of war, the public is most keenly interested in the condition of Mr. Gladstone, though not permitted to know how ill he is. Perhaps it should be said that he is not so much ill as that his powers are failing and that he is apparently sinking under the weight of years and vital exhaustion. The best informed people admit that amendment of his ailment is impossible, and that his physicians only hope to alleviate the pain he is suffering. The *Lancet* says, on the subject of the surgical advice called for: "This can scarcely be interpreted otherwise than that there is serious cause for the symptoms for which he has suffered for nine months. At his great age, the gravity of any surgical ailment and the exhaustion, in consequence, is prolonged. The severe neuralgia is in itself an unfavorable factor and his vitality, however, is wonderful and his mental health is good." An examination of the patient by the use of the Roentgen rays disclosed inflamed cartilage, but there was no sign of cancer.

Although inquiries for press paragraphs are strictly kept from Mr. Gladstone, it is said he has bid farewell to several old friends and knows his end is approaching. Referring to his illness, Mr. Gladstone said to the *Observer*: "A final lesson—a final trial." The old statesman has been sensibly happier at Bournemouth.

IRISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.

It appears after all that there is little heart in the Irish landlords' opposition to the Local Government Bill. The majority of them cordially dislike many of the provisions of the measure; but in regard to the advisability of open hostility to allow making a vigorous dent of passing the bill before constituency. The measure has undoubtedly among the Irish leaders, who have been described by Mr. Augustine Birrell (an old home ruler) as "men who sit scowling at one another like third-rate tragedians." The Liberals are inclined to take a serious view of the exaggerated eulogy which Mr. Timothy M. Healy indulged in during the second reading of the bill, which they consider as done with the object of discrediting the leadership of Mr. John Dillon, and to convince his countrymen that he is as equally dependent of Liberal support as Mr. John Redmond.

THE PRINCE OF WALES WHEELING.

The Prince of Wales is energetically learning bicycle riding at the Riviera, accompanied by an instructor and an equerry.

A curious effect on hard cycling is reported from France. Out of the last

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batch of conscripts no fewer than eight widely known cyclists were rejected as being physically incapable of military duty. Diseases of the heart were the chief reasons for their rejection. This causes profound astonishment all classes thinking them at least fit to be accepted as military cyclists.

DOGGED BY DETECTIVES.

Ensign Chandler, of the United States cruiser *San Francisco*, had an amusing experience on his way to Gravesend. He was in Madrid, when the *San Francisco* was obliged to go from Paris, and from there to Dover, where he was recognized by two Scotland Yard detectives as answering the description of a man wanted for forgery. They shadowed the ensign to Gravesend, and were only convinced of their error when reaching the ship. Mr. Chandler supposed he was being watched by the British Government.

A LONG-STANDING GRIEVANCE.

The president of the board of trade, Mr. Charles T. Ritchie, has appointed a committee, comprised of representatives of the board of trade, and the three great marine underwriting corporations, under the chairmanship of Sir Francis B. Baring, president of the probate and admiralty division of the high court of justice, to consider the long-standing grievance of the North Atlantic ports against the Chesapeake winter in which British ships during the winter are allowed to load beyond the North Atlantic winter headline. The committee met this week to organize.

A LADY GUARDIAN.

Lady Castlerose headed the list of the newly-elected Killarney poor law guardians. She was nominated by her father-in-law, the Earl of Kenmore. Her appearance in this role has aroused the greatest interest in Ireland's titled classes and poor who hope that members of the aristocracy take up of the distressed will follow.

THE "JOHNNIES" LATEST PAD.

The recent bitter winter weather has produced a new fashion, the smartest of which is the "Johnnies" pad. It is a cape over their overcoats, causing much amusement and chaffing.

INTERESTING EXPERIMENT.

The French line steamer *La Bretagne*, which sails from Havre today, takes one hundred carrier pigeons with the view of testing the possibility of escape in case of accident. The experiment is successful, all steamers of the French Line will hereafter carry pigeons. The experiment is viewed with great interest, though skeptically.

ARRESTED FOR FLIRTING.

Two youths charged with violating a State Statute.

Chattanooga, Tenn., March 26.—Henry Selkirk and George Eldridge, aged respectively 16 and 18 years, were arrested for violating the new statute "Johnny" law, which prohibits young men from flirting with schoolgirls. Selkirk and Eldridge were tried, but released after a severe reprimand for their action in ogling the young ladies.

TOTTENHAM COURT ROAD is a quiet London, England, street, but it has an interesting reputation for an anarchist club meets there whose members were badly frightened the other night the club holds its meetings had bought a plum pudding, which he forgetfully left on the doorstep upon entering.

A foreign anarchist came along, noticed the suspicious looking vessel, and rushed upstairs to warn his friends. There was no doubt of it. Some vile slave of the powers that be had placed a bomb to destroy the friends of freedom. A heavy-footed London cop was commissioned to remove the dangerous object. His language is said to have been more expressive than a classical when he discovered the true nature of the package, especially as the wife of the owner of the "bomb" appeared to claim it for her dinner.

A BRILLIANT ADVOCATE.

The late Sir Frank Lockwood, one of the most brilliant advocates of the English bar, was famed alike for his wit and his professional acumen. An instance of his ready wit came to hand during one of his autumn visits to Scotland.

It is a custom with Scottish territorial magnates to be known by the names of their estates. Thus Mr. and Mrs. Cameron, of Lochiel, the immediate predecessors of Mr. and Mrs. Lockwood, at a social function, were announced as Lochiel and Mrs. Cameron. The witty Lockwood promptly gave in his own name and his wife's as 26 Lennox Garden and Mrs. Lockwood.

Touching a remark as to the extraordinary dullness of certain men who have occupied the judicial bench, Sir Frank Lockwood related in the following words an instance within his own experience.

A man had stolen a spade, and was tried before a stupid but well-meaning and thoroughly conscientious magistrate. He carefully looked up "Archibald's Criminal Law" to find a precedent on which he could convict and punish the man.

"I can't find anything under the word 'spade,'" said he, "although I see that a man was convicted and severely punished for stealing a shovel." Then, looking at the culprit severely over his spectacles, he added: "You have had a very narrow escape, but you may go now."

An Ominous Situation.

Communications Between Madrid and Washington.

Firm Protest From Spain Against President McKinley's Policy.

British Newspaper Comment on the Forecasts of the "Maine" Report.

Momentous Election to Take Place in Spain on Sunday—New York Stock Market Affected.

PROTEST ON SPAIN'S PART.

London, March 26.—The Madrid correspondent of the standard says: The important communications have been passed between Washington and Madrid during the last few days. The Spanish Government with the direct of policy President McKinley is about to adopt and which has been met with conciliatory but firm protest representations on the part of Spain.

A MODEL DOCUMENT.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* this afternoon says: The report on the loss of the *Maine* promises to be a model of what such a document should be. The bust to impute motives, not to find excuses, but to set forth the facts as they are. They have done so, and the President will be able to pursue much the same line of business-like reticence.

BRITISH PRESS COMMENTS.

London, March 26.—The *Times* does not comment on the Spanish report of the report of the *Maine* court of inquiry, apparently without the official announcement of the Spanish Government. The *Morning Post* says: The gravity of the Cuban question is enormously increased by the American report; against the Spanish Government is incurred, the reserve hitherto maintained by the British press is abandoned, and Spain will be charged by the American papers with treachery and malice, while the American people will be excited to fever point.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY'S POLICY COMMENTED.

The *Daily Chronicle*, after expressing a doubt whether the Spanish inquiry has been conducted as carefully as the American, the report of whose commission it says, "in its money with all the probabilities of the case, proceeds to review the principal aspects of the question. The patient of the Washington Government, says the *Daily Chronicle*, "and the have been beyond all question, the people of the United States have been deceived before now, not on account of financial and commercial interests, but because of the intemperate and because of the open secret of this open secret close to the borders of the great republic. But it is evident that the time for action has arrived."

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President McKinley must take such steps as to challenge in the most direct way Spain's right to murder her revolted colonies any longer. She attempted to resist the provisioning of starving Cubans from American ports, war there will and must be quite apart from any treachery to the American cause. Despite all rumors of the question, that Spain will have no allies, and the result will be the liberation of Cuba."

SPAIN RESPONSIBLE.

The *Daily Telegraph* says: Supposing the American report to be substantiated there can be no question that Spain is primarily responsible, as any country would be, if a similar catastrophe occurred along its coast line. If the Spanish authorities were ignorant of the position of the submarine mines, their ignorance is culpable. If they were aware and omitted to warn their guests, their position is still less defensible. The report adds fuel to the flame. If the task of diplomats and statesmen was arduous before, it is ten times more difficult now."

THE SPANISH REPLY.

New York, March 26.—A dispatch to the *Herald* from Madrid says: "At a late hour your correspondent finds that the Spanish reply to the United States will not be anything like what the sanguine optimists expected, and will outlook, consequently, is decidedly serious."

EFFECTS ON THE STOCK MARKET.

The stock market presented a lively appearance at the opening, owing to the liquidation of large holdings, based on the grave aspect of the Cuban Spanish situation. The announcement by a high government official regarding

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the old voters' list of 1885. Dr. Rutherford, of Macdonald, supported the repeal of the act, and the proposed act. Mr. Moore, of Stanstead, was the last speaker at the start.

The opposition to the extension of the Yukon railway was renewed by Dr. Sprout, by the expiration of the hour set apart for private bills the discussion was brought to an end.

IN THE SENATE.

The debate on the Yukon railway bill was resumed in the senate in the afternoon by Senator Dever. He criticised the position of the government for a railway into the Yukon without suggesting a way to the construction of the bill.

As a representative from support any proposition for the expenditure of a single dollar of the exchequer for the construction of this or any other Yukon railway.

Senators Borden and McCallum spoke against the measure.

SCHOONER LOST.

Halifax, N. S., March 26.—The schooner *T. W. McKay*, Parrsboro, for St. John's, N. B., laden with coal, foundered in the Bay of Fundy, ten miles off Isle Haute, on Wednesday night. The crew reached Isle Haute after a hard experience. The vessel was 97 tons, owned by Capt. V. B. Roberts.

TORONTO GIRL SHOT.

Vancouver, B. C., March 26.—Miss Maude Robinson, a Toronto young lady, was accidentally shot in the leg by John Skene, at Revelstoke. The bullet entered at the ankle and inflicted such a dangerous wound that the foot had to be amputated, and her recovery is doubtful.

SUICIDE AT PETERBORO.

Peterboro, Ont., March 26.—A sad case of suicide is reported from Young's Point village. Mrs. Reid had been ill for a long time. Her husband awakened about 5 o'clock on Wednesday morning, and was surprised to find she was gone. He at once went to the house and found her dead. The cause of death was a gunshot wound in the head. The woman had made away with herself.

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