CABLE LETTER.

Position of the Rosebery Governmen Very Precarious-Popular Conservative Reaction.

Turkish Press Permissions Valueless -Arbitration Treaty-The Loss of the "Elbe."

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The precarious position in which the government is placed was strikingly illustrated in the House of Commons on Thursday night, when the whips warned the leaders on each side that if a division were then taken the government would certainly be defeated; the Conservatives could rely upon a majority of twe against all the votes that could be mustered Alantic during the past three days. There is a possibility of one of the other overdue strikingly illustrated in the House of Comon the ministerial side, but no vote was taken. The vacillation of the Union leaders has since been explained by themselves as having been based upon an unwillingness to having been based upon an unwillingness to their advantage of the same line left Havre last Saturday seise an ungenerous advantage of their adversaries. This action enabled the Liberal pass directly over the course followed by

PREBLE MAJORITY apon which the government continues exist, but the presence of even this majority eannot, of course, be relied upon. The amendment to the address in reply to the Queen's speech demanding the dis-solution of parliament, which Mr. Redmond Monday cannot certainly make the situation of the Liberals any worse than it is, nor can it well increase the strain which falls largely upon the Liberal whips, who are obliged to keep on the alert to prevent the surprise

DEFEAT OF THE GOVERNMENT. In making preparations for dissolution and consequent appeal to the country the Lib-there is a steamer east off light ship. It is erals are very greatly embarrassed by the probably the one reported of Fire island continued withdrawal of prospective candidates, particularly including men of local distinction. The Liberals' election exchequer is ample; but a number of good men, wealthy and of high repute, who re cently agreed to stand for election are now declining to make the race. The growing belief that there is a popular reaction to wards the Conservative party is the main eause of the defection. The split between the McCarthyites and the Healyites has been widened by the refusal of Mr. Healy to assent to McCarthy's appeal to the people for pecuniary aid until the disposition of the Paris fund has been fully and publicly reported. Mr. Healy knows that his fund has been administed with absolute purity, and also knows that the party is in no need of financial aid in order to enable the full Irish contingent to attend the sittings of parliament, yet he will not give way and there is trouble ahead in the already dissurbed ranks of the National party.

ARMENIAN INVESTIGATION. The permission given by the Porte to members of the press to penetrate any part of Armenia except the province of Bitlis, is already known to be absolutely without value. An English correspondent who recently reached Erzeroum was warned that he had better return as the authorities could not guarantee him protection It is understood that one correspondent who was born and raised in Constantinople

liament will not be consulted in the matter. The power of the Crown to make treatles without the consent of parliament is not without danger; but in this instance it would be put to a purpose which would be truly beneficial, still if a general election is to be held and Lord Saliebury is une ground. Lord Salisbury is so little in sympathy with the matter that when the original resolution was passed by the American congress it was not even presented by parliament. If Lord Rosebery continues in power the treaty is safe. Of course if the final form of the treaty contains and c public money it must be referred to parliament. In the general discussion of the circumstances attending

THE SINKING OF THE ELBE, a leading shipping journal holds that an im-portant point has been overlooked. The Eibe was probably steaming at the rate of 16 miles an hour and there is nothing to show that her steam was shut off at the moment of the Kaal, the Queen's private secretary, testing collision. If her rate of speed had been kept up for a quarter of an hour after the collision she must have run three or four Ashford as Associate Justice of the Supreme miles from the spot where the Crathle struck her. The Crathle was not going in the same direction as the Elbe and consequently at the time of the actual ainking of the Elbe the ships must have been a considerable distance apart. The paper contends that there is no evidence of lax discipline on road which have not been remedied by the

WORK OF THE LOBBY.

New York, Feb. 9.—Senators and members of the assembly looked like a lot of Kriss Kringles as they filed to their respective chambers at Albany yesterday morning. Scarcely half the members of the lower house were in their seats when Speaker Fish called the members to order. There was soon reached on the calendar the bill depriving Crooker, Meyer & Co, of the real estate auction monopoly in New York city O'Grady, of the committee on oities, in the absence of Mr. Pavey, and after a count of votes requested that the bill be laid aside. Sam Foley, the Tammany leader, cose to protest. The speaker's gavel cut his protest about, and Mr. O'Grady's request was brighted for the court proceeded on the let to the trial of a batch of twenty-two natives. The presence of the court proceeded on the let to the trial of a batch of twenty-two natives. The sam Foley, the Tammany leader, cose to protest. The speaker's gavel out his protest short, and Mr. O'Grady's request was granted. When asked afterwards why the bill was shelved, O'Grady replied: "Simply bill was shelved, O'Grady replied: "Simply bill was shelved, O'Grady replied: "Simply be pronounced after the conclusion of the ex-queen's trial.

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CAUSE AND EFFECT. lected colds cause coughs, throat trou-bron hitle and consumption. The e

"LA GASCOGNE."

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Another day has gone by and no news of the overdue steamship la Gascogne has been received. The arrival of the Teutonic to-day with thrilling stories of tempestuous gales and no news of the French liner increased the apprehension. The French ship is now one week overdue and a dozen vessels have passed over the track she should follow without sighting her. Agent Forget is still confident that nothing more serious than a derangement of her machinery combined with the weather is re-sponsible for the delay. Friends and relawhips to put the screws on so effectually as the la Gascogne. The latter is most the present the her sister ship may come in without seeing her. Agent Forget said to-day: "We are still confident, and believe that

la Gascogne will outride the storm, for she is a staunch vessel. It is not remarkable that a disabled boat should be delayed seven days if such weather prevails. Capt. Cameron, of the Teutonic, reports one of the most severe storms he has ever met pre-vailing since last Monday. The Umbris was delayed four days when her shaft broke. All the other vessels coming in are over twenty-four hours behind time. NEW YORK, Feb. 10, 1:45 a.m. - Nothing en received up to this hour. The Hook marine observer reports at 1:40 that

TRIED FOR THEIR LIVES.

a few hours ago;

Revolutionary Trials Still Proceeding -Liliuokalani's Private Secretary's Damaging Testimony.

S. and British Ministers Intercede for Subjects of Their Respective Countries.

Honolulu, Feb. 2.-The Advertiser of the 31st pointedly animadverted upon the impropriety of foreign representatives interfering in local affairs and embarrassing by their interposition the action of the govern-

Within a few days much resentment has been privately expressed about some alleged interference of this sort which has partially come to light. It is positively ascertained that early in the present affair U.S. Minister Willis and H.B.M. Commissioner Howes ter Willis and H.B.M. Commissioner Howes united in requesting of President Dole that gold bonds should be substituted for 4 per

The trial of the ex Queen is likely to take place early the coming week. The charges and specifications were served upon her on the 31st. An important part of the evid-

extend to the ex Queen the utmost clemency parts of four days. Nowlain testified to having arranged with Ashford for that part of the proposed attack on the 3rd which was to be made from the fish market.

In trial of V. V. Ashford lasted during the two metals and the equal power of every dollar at all times in the market and in the payment of debts.

"Grover Cleveland."

"Executive Mansion Fab 2 1997 oneistent with the public safety.

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Davis testified to having consulted Ashford about getting and landing the arms on

Several witnesses testified to Nowlein's epeated interviews with Ashford. A vigorous defense was made for the accused. Both Ashford and his brother accused. Both Ashford and his business, testified that the interviews with Nowlein that there is no evidence of lax discipline on the Elbe, and argues that the event draws attention to grave defects in the rules of the road which have not been remedied by the benfarence at Washington.

MORE GOLD SECURED.

Arrangements Completed for Obtainment of Sixty Millions in Gold Coin.

President Cleveland's Message Announcing the Completion of the Negotiations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 -The President yesterday sent the following message to con-

gress calling attention to our financial condition and suggesting legislation which I deemed essential to our national welfare and oredit, the anxiety and apprehension then existing in business circles have continued. As a precaution, therefore, against failure of timely legislative action, cautious preparations have been pending to employ to the best possible advantage, in default of better neans, such executive authority as may without additional legislation be exercised for the purpose of reinforcing and maintaining in our treasury an adequate and safe

gold reserve.

"In the judgment of those especially charged with this responsibility the business situation is so critical and the legislative situation so unpromising, with the omission thus far on the part of congress to of the treasury in the premises, as to enjoin immediate executive action with the facilities now at hand. Therefore, in pursuance f section 3,700 of the revised at letails of an arrangement have this day been concluded with parties abundantly able to fulfil their undertaking whereby bonds of the United States, authorized under the act of July 14, 1875, payable in coin thirty years after their date, with interest at the rate of 4 per cent. from date, with interest at 4 per cent. per annum, to amount to little less than \$62 400,000, are to be issued for the purchase of gold coin amount. ing to a sum slightly in excess of \$65,000,000 to be delivered to the treasury of the United tates, which sum, added to the gold now held in our reserve, will so restore such reserve as to make it amount to something more than \$100,000,000 Such premium is more than \$100,000,000 Such premium is to be allowed to the government upon the bonds as to fix the rate of interest upon the amount of gold realized at 12 per cent, per annum. At least half of the gold to be sun.

The Angel of Mercy flew over the Church, And whispered, "I know thy sin."

The Church looked back with a sigh longed annum. At least half of the gold to be sun. to be allowed to the government upon the amount of gold realized at 12 per cent. per annum. At least half of the gold to be sup-

"The privilege is especially reserved to the government to substitute at par within ten days from this date, in lieu of 4 per able in gold and bearing only 3 per cent. in-terest, if the issue of the same shall in the neantime be authorized by congress. The arrangements thus completed, which, after careful inquiry appear in the present cir-cumstances and considering all the objects desired to be the best attainable, develop such a difference in the estimation of in-terest between bonds made payable in coin and those specifically payable in gold, in favor of the latter, as is represented by 2 of l per cent. annual interest. In the agreement just concluded the annual saving of

It is understood that one correspondent, who was born and raised in Constantinople, has succeeded in evading the government spies and has gone to Armenia to join the commission of ir quiry and throw himself upon its protection. Mr. William R. Creamer, M.P., secretary of the International Arbitration League, who has just returned from the United States, said in an interview to day: "I am confident that was replied that the government have as yet made in any quarter as to the redemption of gold bonds should be substituted for 4 per cent. bonds under the privilege reserved would be \$539,159, amounting in thirty years, or at maturity of the coin bonds to \$11,74.770.

"Of course, there never should be doubt in any quarter as to the redemption of gold bonds of the government would be \$539,159, amounting in thirty years, or at maturity of the coin bonds of the government which are made no answer to this request.

On inquiry whether it was intended to permit any capital sentences to be executed, it was replied that the government had arrived at no decision in the matter. It is now the general belief that there will be no capital punishment. The heated outcry for such executions which prevailed here at first has subsided.

The stell of the ax Oneen is likely to take posing of our bonds for gold are not subject. interest to the government if 3 per cent, gold bonds should be substituted for 4 per cent, bonds under the privilege reserved would be \$539,159, amounting in thirty years, or at maturity of the coin bonds to \$16,174,770.

"Of course, there never should be doubt in any quarter as to the redemption of gold bonds of the government which are made payable in coin, therefore the discrimination, in the judgment of investors, between our bond obligations payable in coin and those specially made payable in gold is very significant. It is hardly necessary to suggest that, whatever may be our views on the subject, the sentiments or preference of those with whom we must negotiate in disposing of our bonds for gold are not subject to our dictation. I have only to add that in my opinion the transaction herein intimated for the information of congress promises head.

And "go to Heaven at last,"
"The Father is merciful, great and good,
Tender and true and kind;

Do yeu think he would take one child to Heaven.

And leave the rest behind?

So thill her house with gay divines,
Gifted and great and learned.

World,

"Far more than you ought to do:
If the poor need shelter and food and clothes,
Why need it trouble you?

Go take your money and buy rich robes,
And howes and earriages fine.
And if you their love would win,
You must do as they do, and walk in the ways
The Church held tightly the strings of her purse. ment if made will aid our efforts to secu

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

Winniped, Feb. 9.—(Special)—A fire at Morden this morning swept away two hotels and a number of stores. The following are the losses: H. B Brown, Morden house, \$8,000, insurance \$4,500; G. W. McLaren, drugs, \$10,000, insurance \$4,000; Kitgour, dry-goods, \$10,000, insurance \$8,000; Lemon, \$3,000, insurance \$1,000; Witson & Co, real estate, \$3,000, insurance \$1,000; Messor, \$2 000, insurance \$1,000; W. F Doll, \$2 000, insurance unknown; Herman Co., liquors, \$14,000, insurance \$5,400; Kennedy, \$3,000, insurance \$1,000. A number of smaller losses also occurred.

In the Dominion Gazette notice of incor

"GOD AND MAMMON." The Church and the World.

The Church and the World walked far apart On the changing shores of Time, The World was singing a giddy song, And the Charch a hymn sublime,

Come, give me your hand," cried the merry World,

"And walk with me this way";
But the good Church hid her snowy hand,
And solemnly answered "Nay,
I will not give you my hand at all,
And I will not wask with you;
Your way is the way of endless death,
Your words are all untrue."

"Nay, walk with me but a little space," said the World with kindly air;
"The road I waik is a pleasant road and the sun shines always there; Your path is thorny and rough and rude, And mine is broad and plain; My road is paved wi h flowers and gems, And yours with tears and pain; The sky above me is always blue, No want, no toil I know; The sky above you is always dark, Your lot is a lot of woe.

My path, you see, is a broad, fair path,
And my gate is high and wide;
There is recome mough for you and for me
To travel side by side."
Half shyly the 'hur h approached the World,
And gave him her hand of snow:
The old World grasped it and walked along.
Saying in accents low,
"Your dress is too simple to suit my taste,
I wils give you pears to wear,
Rich velvet and silk for your graceful form,
And diamonds to deck your hair."
The Church looked down on her plain white

robes,
And then at the dazzling World,
and bushed as she saw his hand some lip
With a smile contemptuous curied With a smile contemptuous curied
"I will change my draws for a costlier one,"
Said the Church with a smile of grace;
Then her pure garments crifted away,
And the World gave in their place
Besutiful sain, and shining silks,
And coses and gems and pearls;
And over her forehead her bright hair fell
Crisped in a thousand curis.

Your house is too plain," said the proud old World,
"171 build you one like mine;
Carpets of Brussels and curtains of lace,
And furniture ever so fine."
30 he built her a costly and beautiful house;
Splendid it was to behold;
Her sons and her heavital doughters deale

Splendid it was to behold;
Her sons and her beautiful daughters dwelt there,
Gleaming in purple and gold;
And fairs and shows in the halls were held.
And the World and his children were there.
And laughter and music and feasts were heard in the place that was meant "for prayer"
She had cushioned pews for the rich and the great

great
To sit in their pomp and pride,
While the poor folks clad in their shabby suits,
Sat meekly down ontside.

annum. At least half of the gold to be supplied is to be supplied from abroad, which is a very importent and favorable feature of the transaction

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Your preachers are all to old and plain," said the gay old World wi h a eneer; They frighten my children with dreadful tales.

Tales.
Which I like not for them to hear;
They talk of b imstone, and fire and pain,
And the horrors of endless night;
They talk of a place that should not be
Mentioned in ears polite;
I will send you some of the better stamp,
Brilliant and gay and fast,
Who will tell them that people may live And "go to Heaven at last."

purse,
And gracefully lowered her head.
And simpered, "I've given too much away;
1'll do, sir, as you have said."

So the poor were turned from the door in scorn
And she heard not the orphan's cry;
And she drew her beautiful robes aside,
As the widows went weeping by.
The sons of the World and the sons of the
Church
Walked closely hand and heart,
And only the Master that knoweth all
Could tell the two apart.
Then the Church sat down at her ease, and
said:

Then the Church sat down at her ease, and said:

"I am rich and in goods increased;
I have need of nothing, have nought to do But to laugh and dance and feast."

The sly World heard her, and laughed in his sleeve,
And mocsingly said aside,

"The Church is fallen, the beautiful Church,
And her shame is her boast and pride!"

The Angel drew near to the mercy seat. And covered their heads with shame; And a voice came down through the hush o And a voice came down through the hush
hasven
From Him who sat on the throne,
"I know thy works and how thou hast said,
I am rich, and hast not known
That hou art raked and poor, and blind,
And wre ched before My face;
Therefore from My presence I cast thee out,
And blot thy name from its place!"

CANADIAN NEWS.

cial te the Colonier.) MARKHAM, Feb. 8 - This morning J. R. looper's home at Mount Joy was burned, The loss is \$1,500.

TORONTO, Feb. 8. - Lord Aberdeen has agreed to write the preface to J. Castell Hopkins' "Life of Sir John S. D. Thomp-

TORONTO, Feb. 8.—Mary Lovett, an aged woman, and an inmate of the York Industrial Home, was standing before a fire in that building this morning when her clothes became ignited and she was fatally burned. WINNIPEG, Feb. 8.—The date of the Brandon Liberal convention to nominate a candidate for the Commons has been hanged to February 21.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 8.—Archbishop Langevin of St. Boniface has received official notice from Rome of his appointment to the See of

decident and servicences of the court will probably be pronounced after the conclusion of the ex-queen's trial.

PACIFIC CABLE.

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SEATTLE, Feb. 8—The Renton coal mine which has been shut down for the past eight years, will soon be reopened and worked as term on a strike of the day by a vote of 38 to 25, that the company. The mine was appointment to the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill for the construction and maintenance of a telegraph cable between United States and the Hawalian Islands was in order under the rules and immediate and then passed the bill.

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ured and scalded and will possibly die. Fireman Resson of the same train was seriously hurt. The road is still blocked.

HAMILTON, Feb. 8.-Martin Malone, barrister, has not been at his office since Friday last and his friends are anxious as to his whereabouts. No reason is assigned for

CHARLOTTETOWN, Feb. 8 — Donald Matheson, aged 80, living near Emerald Junction, was accidentally choked to death with a piece of meat while eating his dinner.

LOSS OF THE "ELRE! BERLIN, Feb. 9.—The reichstag devoted

Winnipeg, Feb. 8.—Many curiers who intend to participate in the Winnipeg bonspiel will be pleased to learn that Lieut.

Governor Schultz has donated a nice cup as consolation prize.

BERLIN, Feb. 9.—The reichstag devoted an hour to-day to discussing Baron Stumms' interpellation as to measures to lessen the number of disasters upon the high seas. The Chancellor in answering the interpellation. might overtake any vessel, no matter how fully manned she might be, or how able and well disciplined her seamen. He took advantage of this occasion, he said, to declare his belief, based on all yet known of the country of the count the Elbe disaster, that the officers and crew did their duty until the last moment. The accusations made by certain newspapers, he said, were without a shadow of justifica-

DOWATIONS ome from Jan the following Hart, Mrs. Sp Flett and three

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THERE WAS feature of the Strawberry Those attendir were quite a much to the pl dance not onl bus augured w

THE ladies' of Orphans' Hom Sanuary from Ward & Co., Y.M.CA, Mr. King's Daught school and the also invitations ed by the RE to one given b

THE council o Association met of some routin consisting of Morkill, Langle to arrange the meeting; and the and Messrs. Wi were appointed range at Goldst

IN THE Supre Mau v. membe Mining and De tiff claims \$400 fo exists and that t was adjourned and Mr. Robert ter, Mr. Luxto

TRIUMPH lod their weekly m hall, Esquimalt two candidates the following ensuing quarter Miss Isbester; Mr. Kimmings Chap., Mr. Co tinel, Mr. Byu

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