

TRIBUTE TO LORD SALISBURY

Who is the Greatest Statesman
Britian Has Ever Had.

With Palmerston and is Still
at the Head of the British Cabinet
The Queen's Advisor.

The change in the British cabinet by which Lord Lansdowne becomes the head of the British foreign office do not signify anything of consequence, for Lord Salisbury will really remain the controlling force in Britain's foreign relations, since he retains the premiership. Lord Salisbury has quietly removed Lord Lansdowne from the war office, where he can do no good, to the foreign office, where, under Salisbury's eye in all important affairs, he can do no harm. Lansdowne is not to blame for the inefficiency of the British military system, any more than he is to blame for the military ignorance displayed by the troops in their home maneuvers, for which their officers were sharply rebuked by Lord Wolsely. Lansdowne, under the eye of Salisbury, ought to make a respectable head of the foreign office. He is 55 years old; has been secretary for India; governor general of Canada, governor general of India, and since 1895 secretary of war. He is a man of fair talents, industrious, and absolutely honest in the administration of official duty. He is a far better man in the foreign office than Mr. Chamberlain, who has too much ability and too much ambition to be as the mere effigy of Salisbury. A new foreign secretary was necessary, for Lord Salisbury is nearly 71 years old, his health is poor, and he naturally desires to delegate the ordinary routine work of the foreign office to a faithful, well trained, industrious subordinate. Lansdowne is of high aristocratic connections, for the first marquise of Lansdowne was Lord Shelburne, who, under George III, labored for recognition of the United States, and it was Lord Lansdowne's father whose friendship procured Macaulay a seat in Parliament.

Lord Salisbury's ministry includes his brilliant nephew, Arthur James Balfour, first lord of the treasury and leader of the house of commons; and it includes another nephew, Gerald Balfour, who is under-secretary for Ireland. Mr. Goschen, an able man of business, has resigned as first lord of the admiralty. Mr. George Wyndham, the brilliant political secretary of the war office, is another devoted adherent of the great prime minister, who as long as he lives will be the real brains of the ministry of which he is the head. His responsibility is greater than in the extreme old ago of Victoria than it ever was before, and he is wise in turning over the mere drudgery of the foreign office to a laborious subordinate, while he remains clothed with the right of decision and really retains control of British foreign policy. Lord Salisbury took the position of foreign secretary first in 1878, under Lord Beaconsfield's premiership, but he finally became so dissatisfied with the Russophile policy of Disraeli that he resigned.

Lord Salisbury is among the very best statesmen who have governed England since the accession of Victoria. There is nothing of the jingo about him, as there was about Disraeli. There is nothing of the political philanthropist about him, when stern statesmanship is wanted, as there was about Gladstone, whose humanitarianism was responsible for the Boer war, since it gave Paul Kruger's oligarchy a long lease of life when it should have been broken up. Salisbury is more like Palmerston than any other of the great ministers of Victoria's reign. He loves peace and labors for peace with honor with all the world when he can get it, and when he cannot get it he does not flinch from war. The greatest act of Salisbury's career was his consent to arbitrate the Venezuela question at the peremptory demand of President Cleveland. His action in the matter of our war with Spain, when Great Britain not only declined to interfere in Spain's behalf, but declined to approve of intervention on the part of France, was a master stroke of progressive diplomacy and statesmanship, for it was a complete reversal of the British policy of 1873-74, when President Grant earnestly desired to interfere in behalf of Cuba.

Lord Salisbury has been fortunate in his opportunities, but take him all and all, he is the ablest statesman, measured by his foreign policy, that has ruled England since the accession of Queen Victoria, unless we except

Palmerston, whom he strongly resembles in not being either a jingo statesman, like Disraeli, nor a Quaker politician, like Gladstone. Sir Robert Peel as a domestic reformer, as the pioneer architect of England's free-trade policy in his repeal of the corn laws, was a greater statesman than either Palmerston or Salisbury, but as architects and executives of a foreign policy that has enabled England to hold her own with honor and safety before the world, Palmerston and Salisbury are England's ablest statesmen since the death of George Canning.—Oregonian.

New Russian Warships.

New York, Nov. 6.—Russia is to place orders with American shipbuilders for five new battle ships during the next year. Secrecy seems to be the order with those in a position to give information, but the bare fact that in prosecuting her naval construction program Russia will favor American builders comes from an authentic source, according to Joseph Spencer Kennard, one of the commissioners from this country to the Paris exposition, who has arrived here on the steamer Touraine.

Contracts for five battle ships will involve more than \$20,000,000, and the fact that Russia contemplates placing these orders here is regarded as a recognition of the merits of the American built Variag, which, designed to make a speed of 23 knots, showed herself capable in her speed trials of maintaining a speed of 24.6 knots. Now being pushed to completion by the Cramps, who built the Variag, is the battle ship Retvizan, the first battle ship built here for a foreign country. She was launched October 23. Beyond the information that the order was to be placed here, Mr. Kennard said that he could say nothing, and that he could not with propriety make known the name of his informant.

Waldimir Teplow, the Russian consul general, also returned on the Touraine, after an absence of four months in Russia. He left St. Petersburg October 20. When seen at his home last night, Mr. Teplow said he could not confirm the report of the prospective placing of orders for battle ships in this country, but he said that there was such enthusiasm in Russia over the Variag and the Retvizan, that it is likely that the next warships built for Russia will be laid in American shipyards.

"All Russians," he said, "are perfectly satisfied with the Variag and the Retvizan. They are fine ships. We think the American builders are among the best in the world. Some builders show a sample ship, and obtain an order for one like it, but the finished product likely does not correspond with the sample. But this is not so with American builders. They make us a ship just like the model."

Germany's New Lease.

The news that Germany has obtained from Turkey the lease of a small island in the Red sea, known as Uroan, which is not marked on most English maps, but which is north of Kamaran, where we have a cable station, will evoke no surprise. As far back as 1896 Count von Lutwitz urged that Germany should acquire coaling stations, and the demand has been pressed of late with remarkable insistence by the immensely powerful German navy league.

It goes without saying that the new island will be a valuable possession. Germans do not acquire territory with their eyes shut, and they are certain to have made careful surveys and to have obtained a fine harbor. The chief interest, however, for England is as to the location of the other coaling stations which Germany undoubtedly intends to buy or annex. Positions are wanted both to the east and west of the Red sea, and where are they to be found?

In the Mediterranean it would not be surprising to learn that the kaiser had arranged with Spain for the purchase of Ceuta, the fortress quite useless to the Spaniards, which confronts Gibraltar on the southern shore of the famous straits. There have been negotiations as to this place, and Spain would be not disinclined to do Germany a kindness in return for the sympathy shown in 1898.

The system and care with which Germany is laying the foundation of her sea power merit attention in England. Already in Africa she has sites for coaling stations in Togoland, the Kamerun, Southwest Africa and German East Africa. In the West Indies she fears that she might obtain from Holland Curacao already causes anxiety in the United States. But Germany will go slowly and surely. She is not in a hurry; her preparations are quietly and systematically made; it is not part of her object to cause general alarm, which might be fatal to designs. London Mail.

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CREEK NOTES.

Mr. Geo. Moore, of American gulch, is in town on business today.

Mrs. Mitchell, of 91 below Bonanza, was in town on business last Wednesday.

Mr. Smith, of 76 below Bonanza, was shaking hands with his friends in Dawson last week.

Mr. Peter McLaughlin, of 62 below Bonanza, made a business trip to Gay gulch last Monday.

Mr. J. P. Anderson, of 42 below Bonanza, has returned from a month's hunting looking hale and hearty.

Mrs. Rothweiler has again assumed sole charge of the Magnet road house and is doing a large share of the business on Bonanza.

Mr. Wm. Bowen has purchased Pete Wiborg's interest on 33 above Eldorado and will do considerable work this winter. Mr. Wiborg will go out over the ice to return in March.

Mrs. Ella Hunter, wife of Col. Hunter, deceased, has opened the Hunter house on 10 below Bonanza. Mrs. Hunter has a nice cozy little place right on the government road, and will be glad to see any of her husband's old friends, and the general traveling public as well.

Messrs. Quiner, Smith, Griffith and Woodale have placed a large boiler, engine and hoist on their claim on Gold Hill, and are taking out a big dump. A pan was taken out last Tuesday that went \$2.50. As the claim is but half worked out, the boys will have a fine clean up next spring.

It is not generally known, but it is nevertheless a fact that upper Bonanza possesses a real genius in little Linna Marie Thompson. Early in childhood Linna developed a fondness for poetry, and today is an indefatigable reader. She is yet but a mere child, having just passed her 12th birthday. Some of her best productions, while not those of a finished artist, are worthy of reproduction as coming from a child. She never dreams of assistance from anyone, and only writes when the mood is upon her, and then as rapidly as her little fingers can travel. In a future issue we will produce one of her latest efforts.

For Winter Freighting.

Agent J. H. Rogers of the White Pass & Yukon Route, is in receipt of a letter written by G. E. Pulham, superintendent of the C. D. Co.'s mail routes, which states that it is his intention to put 15 teams to the work of freighting from Whitehorse to Dawson at once. Mr. Pulham is expected to arrive here any day with the first freighting train. Other teams in addition will be put on if the business demands justify, and a general freight and passenger business will be carried on over the ice between Dawson and the railroad terminal.

Feed and all necessary provisions have been distributed along at the various roadhouses where stables have also been erected. The company already has a large amount of freight contracted, and applications for passage are pouring in at both ends of the route. It is possible that as many as 50 teams will be employed by the company at the end of 60 days.

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