Gable Gossip-

Revival of the South African Scandal-Alleged Object of the Rand Raid--Satisfactory News from the Nile Expedition.

Sale of the Earl of Durham's 14 Collieries and 19 Steamers-The Kaiser Tackled by a Lunatic-Improved Feeling Between Germany and England-The Fenian Scare.

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ing feature of the past week has been an article in the Nineteenth Century purporting to give the "true motive" or reason for Dr. Jameson's raid into the Transvaal and seeming to be Cehas, in any case, revived the South Red Sea. African scandal and has attracted a great deal of attention. The author of the article is Seymour Fort, who was private secretary to Sir Henry Brougham Loch when the latter was British Commissioner in South Africa. Mr. Fort declares that Cecil Rhodes was determined to push the revolu-tion in the Rand and authorized the raid on learning that President Kruger had entered into a secret political entente with Germany which presented such immediate and imminent danger to the Imperial and Afrikander interests in South Africa that Mr. Rhodes resolved, "at all hazards," to Rhodes resolved, "at all hazards," to "upset the Hollander-German cabal." But it is claimed that he had no intention of overthrowing the South African Republic.

OBJECT OF THE RAND RAID. Fort further asserts that the immediate object of the raid was to secure documentary proofs of the alliance the necessary documents, it was believed, being in the possession of President Kruger at Pretoria. Rhodes, it is also asserted, had abandoned despairingly all attempts to persuade President Kruger to co-operate with the Imperial-Afrikander interests after an interview between them which took place in 1894, and which, it is alleged, convinced him of the Transvaal President's determined hostility to Great Britain. The original plan of the raid, Fort says, was to capture Pretoria. Had that been carried out the forts, ammunition and even the town itself would have been in the to avoid further bloodshed. hands of the reformers, in a single night. Every detail was determined upon in advance; but, at the last oment, it seems, the nerve of the Johannesburgers failed. Fort con-tends that it was never intended to interfere with the liberty of President Kruger, and the officials of the South African Republic, and concludes with pointing to the attitude of Germany subsequent to the raid and to the utterances of the German press as evidence of the close relations which exist between Pretoria and Ber-

RHODES' RASHNESS. The address of Col. Cecil Rhodes (he was elected a colonel of voluntroops at Pongo, on Wednesday, has also served to revive the bitter memories of the Transvaal raid. sketched his arrangements for ending the rebellion, building forts and raising the police force, etc. But it is pointed out here that these duties do not belong to Cecil Rhodes, but to Gen. Sir Frederick Carrington, former-ly British commander of Gibraltar, who was recently appointed to the command of the British forces operating against the insurgent Mata-beles, and to Sir Richard Martin, the newly-appointed administrator of the of the British Chartered South Africa Company. The English newspapers remind Rhodes that he returned to Matabeleland as a private person and that he has no power as the Secretary of State for the Col-onies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, has announced to "move a single police." Consequently the speech that Rhodes made at Pongo is likely to increase the distrust of the Boers by conveying to them the impression that he has military administrative powers.

A BAD IMPRESSION CREATED. The dispatch to the Times from Cairo regarding the deciston of the mixed tribunal upon the appeals of the French syndicate against the use of the Egyptian reserve fund for the expense of the campaign up the Nile has caused a decidedly bad impression here. The Times' correspondent wired that it was an open secret that the Egyptian Government cannot make war against the Khalifa or even re-sist a Soudanese invasion without the consent of each member of the debt commission. This decision, which it is said, will be announced Monday, in every way supports the French contention and evidently means that Great Britain will have to advance Egypt the funds necessary to push the expedition forward. It is true that the matter can be referred the Court of Appeals; but there is very little hope that the latter will reverse the decision of the mixed tribunal, as it is more governed by poli-tical than by judicial considerations and France has more representatives in the Court of Appeals than the other

THE SOUDAN CAMPAIGN. that the Government has modified its might be a customs barrier outside. intentions with regard to the campaign in the Soudan. It is now probable that no advance will be made beyond Akasheh. This action is generally attributed to the uneasiness as to the attitude of the Boers, and the rossibility of such demands being made upon Britain's military strength would make it difflucult to support the movement along the Nile with substantial British force. The decision to send Indian troops to the Red Sea supports the belief that the plans have been changed. By reason of this new departure, Sir Herbert Kitchener, the present commander, will likely control operations throughout, and neither Sir Redvers Buller nor Sir Evelyn Wood will be sent out. The so-called advance seems likely to reduce itself to a gradual elongation of the fron-

A reliable estimate of the total expenditures thus far, including the Indian reinforcements, for Suakin, is \$10,000,000. With the future cost these expenses will be a troublesome figure the next British budget. Another dispatch says the news front is very satisfactory to the British military authorities. Troops and stores are advancing up the Nile without a hitch anywhere, and deserters from the Dervishes report that the arrival of the British Indian troops at Suakin has created strong impression in the Soudan.

London, June 1.-The most interest- | The Dervishes, it is stated, now anticipate a combined advance from Sua-kin and Akasheh, the Khalifa is said to greatly fear an attack upon Berber, and Osman Digna is reported to be greatly discouraged by his recent defeat, and to have advised the Khalifa that, unless reinforced, he incil Rhodes' plea in justification. It tends to retire still further from the

THE CRETAN SITUATION. The news of the troubles in the Island of Crete creates much interest here. The Cretans, it is said, are apparently determined not to yield until their wrongs are redressed. Advices from Greece show that the Cretans have numbers of sympathizers among the Greeks, and that the latter are preparing to aid the insurgents in Crete. Since the arrival of the foreign warships at Canea there has been a cessation of the disturbances in that town. The Turkish Government has issued a denial that serious disturbances have occurred, which, in view of the well-known facts in the case, is classed as absurd. The Porte declares that the whole affair is a simple

incident, provoked by the Cavass of the Russian consulate at Canea, who shot an unoffending Turk. A small affray, the Turkish Government adds, followed, and about eighteen persons were killed or wounded on both sides. between the Transvaal and Germany, restored, The Turkish note, however, does not refer to the garrison of Vamos, which is surrounded by Cretan insurgents, and which must soon yield, while the preposterousness of the re-mainder of the note is shown in the fact that eighteen battalions of Turkish troops have been ordered to Crete in order to reduce the insurgents to submission by force of arms.

It is now reported that the Greek Government has objected to the dispatch of further Turkish troops to the island of Crete, and that the ambassadors of the powers at Constantinople are trying to mediate in order According to another correspondent, the Christians of Crete are on the eve of an insurrection as great as that of 1878, when the Porte was forced to proved. concede, through Muckhatar Pasha, the then governor, a quasi-autonomy,

which was afterwards found to be un-

workable. Since 1840, when the island was restored to the Turks, there has been insurrection after insurrection, all of which proved futile. Now the Christians mean to gain, if possible, complete autonomy, a union with Greece, or have some European power establish a protectorate over them. At Interior will banquet them at Krolls the rule of Turkey. The disturbances been invited to the palace at Pots-dam on June 12. In addition, his Management and acute form, and the rule of Turkey. teers) to the British South Africa an acute form, and the prospects of a jesty will personally attend their lun-French press declares that British intrigue has incited the Christians to insurrection, and that British agents are supplying the insurgents with money and arms, with a view to British occupation of the island. Unwilling as Prime Minister Salisbury may be to accede to the holding of a congress that would be likely to include Egypt in its decisions, events

tend to make a conference inevitable. Great Britain would object to the cession of Crete to Greece, as the latter country is under Franco-Russian influence, and would prefer the granting of autonomy and the neutralization of the island under a European

SALE OF FOURTEEN COLLIERIES. collieries to a company headed by Sir James Joicey, M.P., is the largest transaction of the kind in England of recent years. The collieries number fourteen, and they produce over 2,000,-000 tons of coal a year, and in the bargain were included the famous Lambton fleet of nineteen steamers, carrying coal to almost all ports on the German Ocean, besides a number of locomotives and 1,500 horses. The exact terms of the sale are not known. but the company paid \$5,000,000 to Lord Durham when they took over the property. The company, reckoning on the collieries they already possess, and the mining property of the Joicey family, will probably have a controlling influence in the coal trade of the

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE CON-GRESS. The approaching Congress of Cham-

bers of Commerce, in which will take a leading part, will discuss several schemes for establishing between the various portions of the empire a zollverein based upon mutual interests and necessities. I did." The number of delegates will be large, and Mr. Chamberlain will deliver an important address. The Canadian delegates will endeavor to prove that the British Empire can supply the home market with the products of every clime at the lowest possible cost Recent news from Egypt indicates and that with free trade inside there

THE EDUCATION BILL. There are now over 1,700 amendments to the Education Bill which is committee. The Government does not intend to apply summary closure in the debate on the measure, as was done in the case of the Agricultural Rating Bill. It will permit the Opposition to have full swing for several weeks, and then apply closure to the various sections of the bill.

THE FENIAN SCARE. In regard to the alleged revival of Fenianism in England, a leading Government detective, when asked if it true that all the present Ministers have now special personal protection, replied: No. The story published here is wide of the mark in many respects, but there in some truth in it. ganizers of the Fenian Brotherhood in London have recently been very active, and are trying to get the support of all the young Irishmen they can for an extremist policy. They have succeeded to some extent, and a considerable amount of money is coming from the United States to provide the sinews of war. As long as money is forthcoming there always is a possibility of mischief, because my experience, which is pretty exten-

sive, shows that the men they get to

do the active work are actuated, not at all by patriotism, but wholly by the expectation of a bandsome re-ward. Meetings are being held fre-quently in London, but the Govern-ment is not likely to take any notice of them, unless some overt act is plotted or attempted." "Has not this recrudescence of Fenianism manifestrecrudescence of Fenlanism manifest-ed itself," was asked, "only since dis-sensions have enfeebled the Parlia-mentary party and constitutional agi-tation?" "Yes," was the answer. "For five years before the Parnell split Fenianism had almost died out. It began to revive shortly afterward, but in the last six months it has become in the last six months it has become more active than at any time since the dynamite outrages. American supplies are doing it."

THE MINERS' CONGRESS. The International Miners' Congress. at Aachen, was chiefly notable for the domination of Socialist ideas over mere trade unionist views. The English delegates headed by Ben Pickard, the labor leader and member of the British House of Commons for Yorkshire, west riding, Thos. Burt, M. P. for Morpeth, and other exponents of trades unionism, were borne down by the French and Belgian Socialist voters on questions of approving the nationalization of mines, state guarantees, miners' sick and superannuation funds, a fixed minimum of wages The German delegates refrained from voting on the question of nationalization of mines on the ground that a bureaucratic empire could not be entrusted with control of the miner. The Congress voted to hold their next session in London in 1897, and decided to invite Russian and American delegates to attend.

THE KAISER TACKLED BY A LU-NATIC.

Berlin, June 1.-The Emperor had a startling experience recently during a pleasure excursion with the Empress at Pfauenusel, near Potsdam. He was accosted by an escaped lunatic named Becker, a cabman of Berlin, who had made his way out of the asylum at Dalldorp. He accused his Majesty of being a usurper of the throne, which rightfully belonged to Becket. The madman ordered the Emperor banishment. Becker was seized by members of his Majesty's suite and escorted to this city, where his identity was established. Emperor William is said to have been greatly perturbed by the incident.

WILLIAM'S FRIENDSHIPS. His Majesty was the center of public attention during the past week. His protestations of friendship for Russia upon the occasion of the Czar's coronation and his banquet in honor of his grandmother, Queen Victoria, have been much remarked, especially his behavior towards the latter. He conversed most cordially with the British ambassador, Sir Frederick C. Lascelles, and this is interpreted as a sign that the relations between Germany and Great Britain have im-

BETTER FEELING BETWEEN

GERMANS AND ENGLISH. The Association of British Naval Engineers will visit Hamburg and Berlin in June, and great preparations are being made for the reception of the visitors, due to the Emperor's personal influence. The Minister of the on June 10, and the association has cheon on June 13, and possibly he may also address them on naval matters, in the hall of chemistry building, his desire being unmistakably to testify that he does not share the popular dislike for the English.

As a further evidence of the better feeling prevailing in Germany towards England, it is stated by the Saxon newspapers that the royal family of Saxony will visit England this summer, and a number of German princes, including Prince Albrecht of Prussia, will do the same.

GERMAN EMIGRATION. The emigration from German ports has been heavier this year than for five years past, especially from Russia and Hungary. About 500 emigrants pass the depot at Spandau daily, and The sale of the Earl of Durham's the North German Lloyd steamers were unable to handle all the emigrants this week. Consequently, the steerage rates will be raised to 140 and 145 marks by slow steamers.

BISMARCK'S HEALTH. Prince Bismarck's health, just now, is delicate. He has fits of somnolence, which have disquieted his family, and Dr. Chrysander has forbidden the reception of deputations. The prince intends, if he regains sufficient strength, to visit the grave of his wife at Varzin in the autumn; but he will not go to any spa.

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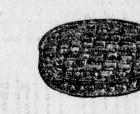


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