

Cable Gossip

Clara Barton and the Red Cross Work--A Many-Sided Man Wanted--Balfour and the G. O. M.

Angry Discussion Over the Release of Irish Prisoners--Tupper's "Piratical" Designs--Oscar Wilde's Health Breaking Down--Zola's Ambition Gratified.

London, Aug. 30.—Miss Clara Barton, President of the American Red Cross Society, and her party of aides, will sail from Liverpool for New York on the steamer Servia on Sept. 1. Miss Barton and her assistants do not intend to return to Turkey, and the money and tools and supplies which remained to be distributed when the party left Turkey have been placed in the hands of consuls at Sivas and Diarbekir and of Prof. Gates at Harput. The four expeditions sent by the Red Cross Society covered the distressed territory between the Mediterranean and the Black Sea, visiting about 3,000 villages and furnishing permanent relief to probably 300,000 people, in the form of materials, implements, cattle, horses and mules. The agents of the Red Cross Society often purchased cattle from the Kurds, who never made any raids after being visited by representatives of the society. Everything was simply loaned to the peasants, and each article so loaned bears the Red Cross stamp, so it could be recovered if it should be stolen by the Kurds. Miss Barton directed the work of her agents from Constantinople. Sir Philip Currie, the British Ambassador, and all of the Ministers, called upon Miss Barton, who is held in the highest esteem in Turkey. Miss Barton has received the decoration of an Armenian order, founded in the twelfth century, but has not heard of the decoration conferred upon her by the Sultan. An interesting scene occurred at Buda Pesth, where Miss Barton stopped on her way back to London. A hundred Turks, who are employed at the exhibition now in progress at Buda Pesth, learning that Miss Barton was in the city, sought her out and crowded about her and kissed her hand and raised it to their foreheads. Though endeavoring to make her stay in London very quiet, Miss Barton is receiving a great deal of attention.

A MANY-SIDED MAN WANTED.

The death of Sir John Millais imposes a somewhat difficult duty upon the Royal Academy in the selection of a successor. Leighton and Millais were, though in different ways, undoubtedly the chiefs of that body, and now that they are gone, it is not easy to point to any surviving member as pre-eminently fitted to follow them in the office of president. The choice was probably fall on Mr. Watts, but that he is aged and somewhat of a recluse, and Sir Edward Burne-Jones' voluntary separation from the academy excludes another who might have been regarded as a suitable nominee. The position is one requiring a many-sided man. The president of the academy must be not only an artist of unquestionable attainments, but a man of the world, and a man of business tact, free from crochets and able to manage a body of men by no means all possessing the qualifications demanded in their chief. It will require no ordinary care to select a man who will fill these conditions. The election will not be hurried. It is not likely to take place until November, and in the meantime rumor will be busy. At present the choice seems to rest between Messrs. Alma Tadema, Pinder, Richardson, Partridge, and Prinsep, but nothing is known with any certainty.

BALFOUR TO VISIT GLADSTONE.

Mr. A. J. Balfour will be the first member of the Cabinet to open the recess campaign by appearing before his Manchester constituents. Prior thereto he will visit Hawarden, and remain Mr. Gladstone's guest for several days. Considerable interest pertains to the meeting, and everybody is asking why the Conservative leader should thus seek out and be received by the one statesman who is still regarded as the sort of spiritual head of Liberalism. The conference, in well informed Liberal headquarters, is believed to refer to how far Mr. Gladstone will give his open support to the Government proposals in aid of sectarian education. Nothing is fixed as to the programme of the Liberal leaders during the recess.

TO CONCILIATE THE BOERS.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, prior to his departure for America, appointed Mr. William C. Cunningham Greene, now secretary of the legation at Tcheran, special agent to represent Great Britain at Pretoria. There is special significance in this step. The new envoy will have direct relations with the Colonial Office, instead of acting through the High Commissioner at the Cape, and will have a salary of, it is said, \$7,500 per annum, paid from the imperial exchequer. The appointment of such a minister is a kind of recognition of independence of the Transvaal, and is obviously designed to conciliate the Boers. But it is not likely to induce the party of independence, headed by Dr. Leyds, to abate their demands a jot. According to some leading English papers there is really no such party. The Transvaal Government coincides in the maintenance of the London convention, and will allow Great Britain to retain its veto on treaties concluded by the Transvaal, and finally the Boers are not arming and don't want to fight. The British agent at Pretoria will prove himself a better man than his predecessor, Sir Jacobus A. Dewet. The details of the Boer armaments imply that they mean a prolonged campaign with a strong power. If the British Government adopts the plan of sending gradual reinforcements they will strike at once. Probably within a year the matter will be settled by British recognition of Transvaal independence.

ANGRY DISCUSSION EVOKED.

Gallagher, the released dynamite, was conveyed yesterday morning from Winchester prison to the railway station in a closed carriage, accompanied by a warder, who took him to the steamship purser's office at Southampton, where he was met by Mr. Hobson, an official of the American embassy, and Dr. McBride, of the London Amnesty Association. The warder handed to Gallagher the

6 sovereigns (\$30) it is customary to give to convicts on discharge. Gallagher became violent, and gave back the money, with incoherent mutterings about British gold and secret societies. His behavior throughout was wholly inconsistent with sanity. Gallagher intends to practice his (medical) profession after his arrival in America. He insisted that he felt well, having a robust constitution. It is understood that he was released on license, subject to revocation if he returns to British soil without the permission of the British Government. The release of these Irish prisoners, convicted with nineteen others thirteen years ago of plotting to simultaneously blow up buildings in various cities of England, with the certainty of killing many innocent persons, has made a profound sensation. The Liberal Government, under Gladstone and Rosebery, doubtless for fear of political consequences, refused to liberate them, notwithstanding the great pressure from Ireland and the United States. The Conservative Government does so, however, on the ground that it is the universal policy of prison departments to release a convict sentenced for life when it is duly certified that his life is endangered by further confinement—that is, if the peril is in consequence of imprisonment. The controversy in the newspapers over the release is very angry. It being pointed out by objectors that it is strange that four of the dynamiters should suddenly be found to be in that condition, while the prison records show that many ordinary life convicts are allowed to die in confinement.

TUPPER'S "PIRATICAL" DESIGNS.

The Pall Mall Gazette is the only journal in London which comments on the Tupper-Aberdeen correspondence, of which the Times published a report yesterday morning. The Pall Mall Gazette says the controversy is of the tea-kettle temper order, so far as Sir Charles Tupper is concerned. The paper says Lord Aberdeen would not have interfered had the designs of Tupper and company not smacked of the piratical.

OSCAR WILDE'S HEALTH.

Since the death of his mother, Lady Wilde, the health of the convict Oscar Wilde has broken down. There appears to have been deep affection between them. The Home Secretary recently decided there should be no remission of sentence. That decision is now under revision, and Wilde's release is probable.

THE QUEEN.

The court will stay in Balmoral to the end of November, when the Queen will return to Windsor. There has been another recovery in the Queen's health, so those who saw her going north to Balmoral state that she looks sprightlier and relied less upon assistance in walking than for years past.

A CONSERVATIVE ROUND-UP.

The Duke and Duchess of Marlborough are preparing a great fête of a unique character which is to take place at Blenheim on Sept. 5. The entertainment is for the members of the Associated Conservative clubs, and 2,000 people are expected at the luncheon which will be a feature of the affair.

"AMERICAN INVASION" IN IRELAND.

American bicycles are having a run in Ireland, according to a report by Vice-Consul A. Donn Platt, at Dublin, to the United States State Department. He says the cycling press of the entire United Kingdom is wrought up over the "American invasion," as the advent of American bicycles is called. The British makers try to show that the lightness of the American is at the cost of the strength and that it will not last. The points most criticised are the shape of the tubes, the form of the wheels, the crank bracket, the bearings, the width of tread, the chain adjustment, insufficiency of mud guards, and especially the use of single tube tires. The use of wooden rims and light chains are pointed out to be points of weakness. The consul advises that American wheels for the English or Irish market should have a gear case if desired. Detachable or single tube tires should be optional. An easily detachable brake and mud guard should accompany each machine.

CRISIS IN EASTERN AFFAIRS.

The main subject of the discussion between the Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Prince Lobanoff-Rostovsky, and Prince Hohenlohe, the Imperial Chancellor, and between the Czar and Emperor William, will, the correspondent of the Associated Press is informed, be the Eastern question, especially its Armenian and Cretan features. A thorough entente between Russia and Germany is probable, and it is expected that Prince Lobanoff-Rostovsky will arrive at Gorlitz with the entente of Austria on this subject in his pocket. During the past week there has been a lively exchange of notes between Berlin, St. Petersburg and Vienna, and Thursday, when the alarming news of the uprising in Constantinople was received, Prince Hohenlohe was communicated with on his estate at Worlitz. The opinion prevails in diplomatic circles here that the eastern question has now reached a point requiring vigorous and concerted action upon the part of Europe, and that such action is imperative.

GERMAN ARMY MANEUVERS.

All the preparations are now made for the army maneuvers which will begin on Sept. 4 and last until Sept. 15. The most extensive precautions have been taken for the safety of the Czar. The chief of the Berlin political police, with 150 picked men, will guard his Majesty, and mounted police from Berlin will accompany the Emperor everywhere. In addition a special corps of detectives from St. Petersburg is coming down to take part in protecting the Czar during the maneuvers. The police of Berlin and St. Petersburg during the past fortnight have expelled a number of Russians suspected of nihilism, and a number of others are under strict surveillance.

MILITARY SUPREMACY.

During the progress of the army

evolutions, general traffic on the railroads of Gorlitz and Breslau will be suspended, and the public will be excluded from the depots of both cities. The general plan of the maneuvers is that the east army will meet the west army near Hocklitz, where a battle was fought in 1758 between the Prussians and the Saxons and the Austrians. The battle will be reproduced to some extent. There will also be a night attack with search lights. Prince George of Saxony and Gen. Count Von Waldersee will oppose each other near Breslau, and an enormous cavalry engagement will occur.

AUTOCRATIC BILLY.

A number of letters were exchanged between Emperor William and Prince Hohenlohe before the former decided to consent to the introduction of a military reform bill. The amendments make the principle of publicity at the trials illusory and retain the Emperor's right of confirming the sentences. If the Reichstag rejects the bill, it is stated that the Emperor will dissolve that body.

TO ANNEX SAMOA.

The German papers continue to discuss the Samoan question. The Vossische Zeitung says: "A tripartite agreement, providing for the abnormal arrangement and revision of the Berlin treaty will shortly become necessary, and the annexation of the island to one of the treaty powers will probably be the best solution of the riddle."

CABLE NOTES.

Emile Zola has achieved one of his ambitions. His novel "Rouge" has been placed on the index expurgatorius.

Edwin Harlan, a son of the former American consul of that name, who is residing at Dresden, has been serving as first lieutenant in the Seventh United States Cavalry. After winning a long distance ride during the week he was thrown from his horse near Saarburg, and died shortly afterwards.

The Catholic Congress at Dresden was less sensational than usual. The agrarian question was lightly touched upon, but the restoration of the temporal power of the Pope, the readmission of the Jesuits into Germany, and the equality of Catholics in public offices were demanded.

The owner of the Hotel Schwan, at Frankfurt-on-Main, has sued the city for the sum of 12,000 marks, claiming that amount as his bill for housing Emperor William and his suite during the peace festival in June. It was decided that the city must pay the hotel-keeper.

According to the Deutscher Handels Archiv.

Germany's import of American cattle and meat products during the past year was much smaller than during the preceding year. The importation of cattle was 1,000 head, and of meat products, 1,000 tons, valued at 4,483,653 marks.

Jingoes Outvoted.

At the Closing Meeting of the American Science Association.

Its Members Will Join the Canadians in Welcoming the British Body.

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 31.—The American Association for the Advancement of Science has concluded its labors and departed. The next session will be held in Detroit, beginning Aug. 3, 1897. This date was decided upon in order that the members of the association might be enabled to attend the meeting of the British Association, which is to be held in Toronto, immediately after the Detroit convention. It is the purpose of the American Association to go in a body to Toronto and join the Canadians in welcoming the British Association to this continent.

This determination, however, was not reached without a cry of dissent being raised, and the agitation of the usually serene counsils into a maelstrom of debate. It was first recommended that a vote be taken on whether the year be abandoned altogether in order to co-operate with the Canadians.

Dr. Hale, of Brooklyn, quite tartly moved to hold a regular meeting at Seattle, Washington, beginning Sept. 1. The abandonment of next year's meeting, he said, would mark the initial disintegration of the association.

Then it was moved that the regular meeting be held in Toronto.

Prof. Robinson said it would be sufficient to extend a cordial invitation to the British scientists to visit the A. A. S. meeting. He proposed that the meeting be held at Detroit.

A narrow-minded member asked if the resolution as adopted did not confine the next meeting to the United States, and upon receiving a negative reply tried fruitlessly to secure the passage of a resolution to that effect.

Then Mr. Mendenhall made a long and forcible plea in support of Prof. Robinson's resolution. "The British Association," he said, "would meet at Montreal, Aug. 15, 1897, and proceed to Toronto, remaining there ten days. There will be an excursion to Niagara Falls, and, following that, a three weeks' excursion to the Pacific Coast. It was unlikely that many of the foreign scientists would attend the meeting of the A. A. S., and the invitation to the American body was extremely cordial. The invitation to meet in Detroit is not from a scientific source, but from a conventional organization of a commercial sort. There should be no jingoism in science and a week spent in close touch with the eminent scientists from abroad would be a rare opportunity."

The meeting was then adjourned until the next morning.

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