

Cable Gossip

Premier Salisbury's Load of Care--Talk of Cabinet Changes--Unstinted Praise for the Defenders of Bulawayo.

Success of the Purity Movement--No Clemency for Oscar Wilde--A Curious Marriage--The Queen's Health--Reported Statistical Decline of Methodism.

London, April 26.—With the South African, Egyptian, Venezuelan and far eastern complications on his mind, to say nothing of home affairs, the Marquis of Salisbury can hardly be said to be free from care or likely to regularly enjoy his sleep undisturbed by nightmares. The Saturday Review says: "It is incumbent upon us to reach an understanding on the general question of arbitration before the American commission reports and we can only hope that the Marquis of Salisbury will not allow the accepted time to slip away unused." The Speaker remarks: "It is incredible that the Ministers are willing to risk further difficulties with America when the difficulties elsewhere show no sign of diminishing."

According to the Speaker the retirement of Lord Salisbury from official life cannot be long delayed. It speculates on whose shoulders will fall the leadership, and makes a forecast that the Right Hon. Arthur Balfour, now First Lord of the Treasury, and Lord Salisbury's nephew, will succeed him in the Premiership, and be elevated to the peerage. It also predicts that the Duke of Devonshire, now Privy Councillor, will become Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and that Mr. Chamberlain will be the Government leader in the House of Commons in succession to Mr. Balfour.

GOVERNMENT DEFLECTIONS.
The Agricultural Rates Bill, introduced a few days ago in the House of Commons, which measure provides for a radical change in taxation on land, will cause defection in the Government ranks. Besides a number of "Unionists" who will not support the bill, several Conservatives are likely to vote with the Opposition. The Ministerialists say the defections will not exceed a dozen, but the Liberals expect that on this bill the normal Government majority will be reduced by fully 50 votes. The Irish Nationalists will vote solidly against the measure. All this, however, will not prevent the Government from securing a majority when the bill comes up on its second reading Monday, but the opposition to the proposals will compel the Government to accept amendments when the bill reaches committee of the whole. No fact that the Conservatives can adduce will alter the basic character of the measure. Mr. Chamberlain, leader of the Liberal-Unionists, did not take part in the debate on the second reading of the bill, and it is understood he intends to remain silent in the future so far as this measure is concerned. The Liberal were quoted from a speech made by him in 1882, in which he denounced a similar scheme. At that time he was a supporter of the Gladstone administration in his Cabinet. The "Unionists" believe that Mr. Chamberlain still holds the same views.

VENEZUELA.
The Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. George N. Curzon, is to make a further statement in the House of Commons tomorrow (Monday) regarding the progress of the negotiations with the United States on the subject of Venezuela. In the meantime the Times' editorial accurately reflects the Government view. Since a plan for general arbitration has been proposed in England, it is considered in Washington that the proposals for arbitrating the Venezuelan frontier dispute were merged in it. The Times says: "It is assumed that the Marquis of Salisbury rejected the Washington proposals in regard to Venezuela. The Marquis of Salisbury certainly did not accept the proposals as they stood; but, it was not imagined that the action taken in regard to them should possibly be regarded as a rejection."

ROSEBERRY'S REIR.
The Saturday Review says that Lord Rosebery, the Liberal leader, regards his life as most uncertain, and has chosen as heir to all his parliamentary dignities and authority Sir Edward Grey, who was Under Secretary of State for the Foreign Office in the Rosebery Administration. But Lord Rosebery's desires in this respect has added to the general confusion already existing in the Liberal party. Sir Edward Grey was undoubtedly a success as Under Foreign Secretary, but he is only 33 years of age, and to put him above Mr. Henry Asquith, Sir William Vernon Harcourt and Sir Henry Fowler would, the Saturday Review thinks, be a piece of cynical insolence, only explained by Lord Rosebery's incapacity to weigh men.

A EUROPEAN WAR SCARE PROBABLE.
All signs point to a revival of the European war scare with renewed force after the fete attending the coronation of the Czar are over. Another coup d'etat is believed to be preparing in Bulgaria, and by general consent the intention of taking the initiative is ascribed to Russia. Hence the undoubted anxiety in England to get the Venezuelan question settled before the continental complications begin.

THE HEROES OF BULUWAYO.
The news of the sortie from Bulawayo and the heroism of several officers and troopers in risking their lives to save comrades has aroused much enthusiasm here, and this feeling will be increased when it becomes more generally known that half of the number wounded received their injuries while assisting wounded companions in arms. An officer was killed after giving his horse to a severely wounded friend. Sir Graham John Bower, Imperial Secretary at Cape Town, has arrived in London. He has had a conference with Mr. Chamberlain, who showed that he supports the extreme pacific policy advocated by Sir Hercules Robinson, Governor of Cape Colony, and British High Commissioner in South Africa. Jonker Piet Goebler, a

nephew of President Kruger, is also in London. He has been unofficially trying to persuade Mr. Chamberlain that everything is peaceful in the Transvaal. If the British Government is content with phrases, so it will be, but the militant Conservatives in the House of Commons have formed a committee, whose special duty it will be to watch the action of the Ministers. The committee will attempt to bring about the coercion of the Boers unless they yield to the demands of the Uitlanders.

A DAMPER.
Advices from Cape Colony are to the effect that it is the intention of Mr. Hofmeyer, the Afrikaner leader, to make a motion in the Legislature of Cape Colony approving an offensive and defensive alliance between the Orange Free State and the Transvaal. He will further demand the withdrawal of the charter of the British South Africa Company. The prospects of British regime in South Africa are the brightest. President Kruger's declaration of the invitation of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, to visit England, on the ground that his presence in the Transvaal is required by the Volksraad, has cast a damper over the South African negotiations, although it is said that the Anglo-Transvaal relations will be greatly benefited by the decision of the Johannesburg "reformers" to plead guilty. It is declared here that the determination was reached upon advice from high quarters and in order not to give the Transvaal any further annoyance, and the announcement that the other countries against the prisoners have been abandoned is interpreted as indicating that the authorities have accepted the prisoners' plea as an apology. President Kruger's refusal, however, has caused a great deal of irritation, and it is felt that the Boer statesman is simply "fooling" Mr. Chamberlain by his delaying answer. The latter is severely blamed for the passage in his recent speech which described the Transvaal Government of being defective and corrupt. This is classed as unnecessarily offensive to the Transvaal as a delicate juncture and the explanation of the Secretary of State to the Colonies that it is a matter of common repute, is regarded as rather lame. The English newspapers continue to publish stories of the German-Transvaal entente, the arming of the Burgheers and the erection of forts make calculations of the numbers of Dutch in South Africa who will take the field and estimate how many British troops would be required in case of war, etc. In brief, the general opinion that a serious conflict between the British and the Boers must come; but, the Transvaal will delay the moment until fully armed, and Great Britain will delay until the memory of Jameson's raid is effaced from the minds of the Afrikaners and the younger men of the Transvaal are ready to turn against the so-called antiquated clique at the head of affairs.

THE WAR IN EGYPT.
The news from Egypt shows that the Dervishes along the Nile are unusually inactive. It was thought that they would have already attacked the lines of communication; but, apparently they are waiting for the Khalfah's orders or are planning a combined attack upon the Anglo-Egyptian forces. There is no let up in the work of forwarding ammunition and supplies to the front, and the most untiring activity is witnessed on all sides. A special fleet of light-draft steamers will soon be placed upon the Upper Nile.

FOR PURITY.
The purity movement of the Strand and Soho authorities is succeeding beyond expectations. The Regency Club, a haunt of vicious swifdom, has been suppressed, and most of the night clubs, which were devoted almost entirely to gambling, have been closed.

OSCAR WILDE.
Friends of Oscar Wilde, recently persuaded Sir Matthew White Ridley, the Home Secretary, to send the Home Office doctors to report on his condition. They allege that since his imprisonment his mind has broken down. The doctors reported that Wilde's health was good, and that he had light labor. The Home Secretary thereupon refused to make the smallest remission in his sentence.

RETURN OF THE QUEEN.
The Queen has purchased the villa Lizard at Cimiez, in the South of France, for a residence for H. R. H. Princess Beatrice Henry of Battenberg. Extensive grounds are attached to the villa. Her Majesty will leave Nice on Wednesday next for England. She will arrive at Windsor Castle on May 1, and will reside there for three weeks. At Whitsuntide she will go to Balmoral.

THE DUELLO IN GERMANY.
An extraordinary instance of duelling, as an institution in the German army, is shown in a case which has just occurred. In a court in West Germany three persons were arrested on the charge of cowardly assault committed on a fourth person. The assessor who was hearing the case expressed the opinion that the conduct of the accused was not gentlemanly, whereupon one of the accused, an officer in the army reserve, also an officer of the army reserve, refused to accept the challenge on the ground that he spoke in his judicial capacity. He insisted that the assessor must accept the challenge and, upon the assessor's persisting in his refusal, his name was removed from the army list.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.
The jubilee on May 10, at Frankfurt-on-Main, and on May 11, at Berlin, will be grand affairs. The city council

of Frankfurt-on-Main has allotted 90,000 marks to decorate the streets, and the citizens have raised another sum of 25,000 marks with which to illuminate the monument of William I. A significant specimen of the humor is expected at the unveiling. In Berlin there will be divine service in the open air, near the Schloss, in the presence of the Emperor and the Empress, and an enormous parade in the afternoon in which 20,000 veterans from all parts of Germany will take part.

THE CATTLE BILL.
London, April 26.—There is good reason to believe that the Government bill, closing the United Kingdom to foreign and colonial cattle, will not go through the House this session. Its opponents have not been making much noise, but they have been working hard and effectively. The order book is crowded with amendments, and public business has got into such a tangle that some bills will have to be dropped. The Ministers have practically decided that the cattle bill must be one of those sacrificed. The Minister of Agriculture is naturally pretty angry over the projected sacrifice of his pet bill, and his feelings got the better of his discretion on Thursday, when, receiving a deputation of members, which urged him to exempt Canada from the scope of the measure, he not only refused to make any concession, but had an unseemly wrangle with the deputation. The incident was almost unprecedented in English Parliamentary annals.

COUNCIL OF WAR.
Lord Cromer, the British diplomat agent in Egypt, has been summoned to London in order to confer with Lord Salisbury, the Marquis of Lansdowne, Secretary of State for War, Gen. Lord Wolseley, commander-in-chief of the British army, and Gen. Sir Redvers Buller, who will command the operations in the Sudan. Until the conferences determine the exact proportions of military operations in the Sudan, neither the Foreign Office nor the War Office will take any further measures for an advance into the Sudan.

A CURIOUS MARRIAGE.
was that of Lady Helen Stewart, Lord Galloway's sister and a spinster of 70, to Mr. Clifford Meior, a Count of the Holy Roman Empire and a leading member of the White Rose League, an organization here which holds meetings annually, decorates King Charles' statue and maintains that Queen Victoria wrongfully occupies the throne. Lady Helen claims direct descent from the legitimate Stuarts. A telegram was received at the wedding from Princess Alice of Saxony, who, the League maintains, is the rightful queen of England. She is, in fact, a descendant in line from the Pretender, Prince De Orléans, who was killed at the battle of Waterloo. She has an equally legitimate and direct descent from the line of the Emperors of Byzantium. The bridegroom knight kissed the bride at the unique wedding, has an equally legitimate and direct descent from the line of the Emperors of Byzantium. The bridegroom knight kissed the bride at the unique wedding, has an equally legitimate and direct descent from the line of the Emperors of Byzantium. The bridegroom knight kissed the bride at the unique wedding, has an equally legitimate and direct descent from the line of the Emperors of Byzantium.

THE QUEEN'S HEALTH.
Despite the official reports from Nice that the Queen is enjoying her usual health, the highest social circles hear that her feebleness has so increased that she will be unable to carry out her intention to hold a drawing-room in May. She will, it is said, delegate the duty to the Princess of Wales, who will visit Moscow to attend the coronation of her nephew, the Czar. The Queen will not appear at any ceremonial function during the present season. Even on the occasion of the marriage of her granddaughter, Princess Maud, to Prince Demetrius, she will send two concerts and not state balls will be given.

IS METHODISM DECLINING?
The religious press mathematically comments on the falling off in Methodism. The Wesleyan returns, just published, showed a decrease in the membership of 2,275. The Christian World asks how it is that 2,000 ministers, assisted by an army of zealous workers, have failed to add a single member to the church, though the Wesleyan Sunday schools have over 1,000,000 scholars.

THE SALVATION ARMY.
Gen. Booth's emissary, Commander Carleton, asserts that the Salvation Army in the United States is numerically and financially as strong as ever. It has no doubt as to the issue of the fight. The heart of the American nation, he says, honors the general's firm adherence to a solid principle.

CABLE NOTES.
The International Woman's Conference meets in Berlin on Sept. 16 and 17. There was a large increase in Berlin during the past week of deaths from influenza and pneumonia. A revolutionary May Day issue of the Socialist organ, Vorwaerts, in Berlin, was confiscated on Thursday. The rival attractions of the races at Sandown Park and the private view of the new gallery divided the crowds of the fashionable people Saturday, and there were many bright spring toilettes in both places. The weather is warm and bright for the first time this week.

The Prince of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke of Teck, the Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, and Mrs. Langtry, who is fast increasing her social prestige, and who made the lucky purchase of Amberley just before the horse won the Maiden Plate, have been daily frequenters of Sandown. The new gallery was crowded all the afternoon with people who admired the paintings of Sargent, Watts, Burne-Jones, Parsons, Alma Tadema, and others. Sargent's portrait of Countess Clara is the sensation of the exhibit. "The Westminster Gazette" says: "It fairly swallows everything else, and the story of the new gallery this year, as two years ago, is Sargent first and the rest nowhere."

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WHAT A RECORD!

Indiana Man After His Ninth Divorce—All Have Occurred Within the Past Twenty Years.

Laporte, Ind., April 27.—Alexander Rheims, who went to Berrien county to obtain his eighth divorce and subsequently married Miss Stella Bloomhagen, living near Niles, has reappeared in Fulton county, and by his attorneys will bring action for his ninth divorce, the sequel of which promises to be Rheims' tenth marriage. The career of this Indiana benedict and much-divorced man is said to be without a parallel in the courts. He married his first wife in 1876, and divorces and marriages have followed, until now nine wives have shared with him the journey of life. The wives are all living, and Rheims but recently celebrated his 75th birthday. His eighth wife he married twice. Domestic infidelity in every marriage proved the fastest cause for legal interference. Rheims has been the complainant in all his legal contests. Indiana jurists finally decided to refuse the much-coveted divorce, and the Michigan courts untied his last marital knot.

BROOKLYN'S REMINDER OF GRANT.

New York, April 27.—The veterans of the Union League Club, of Brooklyn, on Saturday afternoon unveiled a colossal statue of Gen. U. S. Grant, at Dean street and Bedford avenue. The statue is bronze, and represents the general on horseback. State troops and regulars from the navy yard and Governor's Island, to the number of 10,000, took part in the ceremonies. Gen. Stewart L. Woodford presented the statue, and Gen. W. W. Warrent, and Ulysses Grant, a grandson, pulled the string that loosed the veil. An oration was delivered by Gen. Horace Porter.

At a recent English "Liberal Woman's Conference," a Miss Balkarrie declared that she was "in favor of men and women proceeding on all fours." Another speaker asserted that "if women cannot bear arms they can go one better and bear soldiers," while still another believed that "one woman in the present Cabinet would have a great influence in the right direction."

IT TRAVELS FAST.

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