Special Cables

The Massacre of Christians in China-A Brilliant Week at Cowes-Unpleasant Gossip Concerning the Goodwood Meeting-Discontent Regarding the Command of the Army-Marvelous Improvement on Telegraphing Promised—The Queen as a Chess-Player-Dynamiter Daly's Election to Be Voided-Big Apple Crop in Eng. land-Britain and the Tripartite Alliance.

London, Aug. 4.-A dispatch from Shanghai gives the details of the reported massacre of Christians at Kiucheng. The ladies who are supposed to have been killed are believed to have been members of the Church of England, the Zenana and the American Methodist missions. According to the dispatch they were butchered after suffering atrocious outrages. A number of other missionaries, including women and children, were seriously wounded. The dispatch declares that the Chinese officials connived at, if they did not instigate, the attack on the Christians. The revival of outrages is attributed to the apathy of the British and American Ministers, despite the increasing antiforeign feeling that is displayed. Foreigners in Shanghai regard the commission sent to inquire into the recent riots at Chengtu as a farce. Many officials who are charged with complicity in these riots are being promoted.

A BRILLIANT WEEK AT COWES. The week at Cowes promises to be a brilliant one. The distinguished assemblage will include Emperor William of Germany, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York and the Duke of Connaught, while the Queen, the Princess of Wales and Princesses Victoria and Maude will be at Osborne, near by. Yachts are daily arriving at Cowes. On Monday Emperor William, on the imperial yacht Hohenzollern, accompanied by five German warships, will arrive. The usual fashionable crowd is already filling the hotels. The Countess of Cardigan is at the Marine, and the Archduchess Stephanie takes Lord Dor-chester's house. Hundreds of persons of title will attend the regatta. The Duke of St. Albans, Marquis of Waterford, Earl of Dunraven, Earl of Lonsdale, the Earl of Albemarle, the Earl of Caledon, Baron Iveagh, Lady Scott and Prince Batthyani will be present on

their respective yachts. Probably at no place in the United Kingdom is there such a mixed assemblage as that now gathered at Cowes. Already there have been many brilliant functions ashore and affoat, which afforded opportunities for a display of splendid toilets. The roads are packed with yachts, there being present not less than 300 vessels of all sizes and

GOODWOOD GOSSIP.

The Goodwood race meeting, just closed, was below the average, both in respect to fashion and racing, notwithstanding that the course was in excellent order and the weather generally fine. The Duke of Richmond, the owner of Goodwood, is in mourning, and did not have the usual royal house The rumor that the Prince of Wales had asked Capt. Machell not to run Ravensburg for the Goodwood cup caused a good deal of gossip on the lawn and paddock at Goodwood, and did not produce a pleasant effect. The Prince heard of it, and was very angry. His friend, Gen. Owen Williams, announced on his behalf that there was not a syllable of truth in the report. The Prince is still much annoyed by the stupid rumor, and says it is almost enough to make him sell all his horses. Capt. Machell, moreover, has written letters to the press denving that the Prince asked him not to run Ravensburg. The actual facts were that the Prince found Ravensburg entered for the cup, and thought it likely that the horse would win it, but on learning that Ravensburg was not quite fit he asked Capt. Machell if he intended to run him, because in that event the Prince's horse, Florizel II., would not be put in training for the race. The result was that on Thursday morning it looked likely that Florizel II. would have a walkover. Later, Lord Penrhyn produced a horse to make a race, but the other owners held aloof.
The Times said that Capt. Machell

withdrew Ravensburg two on three days ago, although the fact of his being among the acceptances for the Lewes handicap negatives all idea of his having gone amiss. This topic somewhat marred the harmony of cup

THE COMMAND OF THE ARMY. As the opinion grows that the retirement of the Duke of Cambridge as commander-in-chief of the forces will be deferred, and the succession of the Duke of Connaught to the command of the army be confirmed, the discon-The movement emanates almost entirely from the Queen, who imbibed from the Iron Duke, the Royal Consort, Peel, John Russell, Palmerston, Beaconsfield and other deceased statesmen, the idea that royalty, nearly related to the sovereign, ought to be at the head of the army. Nobody doubts that Lord Salisbury, with his present backing, will cheerfully comply with the Queen's wishes. The court is bringing a vigorous pressure on the Duke of Devonshire to make him renounce the recommendation of his own commission. The Queen has sent to Lord Salisbury and the Duke of Devonshire a long memorandum embodying her views in regard to the army. Her Majesty hopes to be able to prove to her grandson, Emperor William, next week that the British sovereign's hold on the army is not materially less than his on the German army. If possible, she hopes in some indirect manner to use the Kaiser to influence the Government to effect her purpose. During the week Emperor purpose. During the week Emperor William goes to Aldershott for a field day with the troops. The Duke of Connaught's brigade, with several volun-teer battalions, will take part in the display, which will conclude with a "grand march past." The whole affair has been arranged especially with the view of giving the Duke of Connaught a chance to impress his nephew and the public. The Emperor probably will be induced to make some pronouncement lauding his uncle's handling of the

A GREAT TELEGRAPH IMPROVE-

MENT. The Pall Mall Gazette has had an Interview with Dr. Cornelius Herz at Bournemouth. The doctor is worn with anxiety and pain, and is clearly dying. He declared in broken utterances that he would leave a great invention to be patented and developed. The gist of the invention is an enormous improvement in telegraphy, by which more han 100,000 words can be transmitted by long sub-marine cables in the same time that 20 words can be sent now. The invention, the doctor claimed,

THE MASSACRE OF MISSIONARIES | cost of 5 cents. He dwelt upon the influence that the invention would have upon the newspapers of the future, and said that he intended, in granting royalties, to reserve all rights as far as news for the newspapers is concerned. The invention, he says, would render sub-marine telegraphy and multiplex telephony feasible. Among those en-gaged in his laboratories in France on the experiments which have resulted in the invention, he mentioned Edison's

> THE QUEEN AS A CHESS-PLAYER. The Queen is much interested in the Hastings chess tournament. Her Majesty was formerly an excellent player, having learned the game from her hus-band. She rarely plays now, but delights in watching members of her family play. She often criticises the and explains how a checkmate might have been avoided. As a chessplayer, her Majesty is superior to all the members of the royal family, except ex-Empress Frederick.

BAD FOR IRELAND.

Ballard Smith cables from London to the New York World: Justin Mc-Carthy has issued a call for a full meeting of the Irish party on the opening day of the new Parliament, when Timoday of the new Parliament, when 17mothy Healy's recent rebellion will be dealt with, Mr. Healy probably has a following of twenty members, and if he should secede from the majority of the party and unite with the Redmond split it would leave the Nationalists with 50 members as against 20. The with 50 members as against 30. The outlook for Ireland in the face of all these dissensions is gloomy indeed.

ENGLAND'S FOREIGN POLICY. Russian newspapers are publishing as authentic the story that Lord Salisbury has offered to join the Triple Alliance if it consents to give Austria a mandate at once to occupy all Macedonia. Berlin newspapers declare of their own knowledge that England has just made a new compact with Italy, by which their forces are to co-operate in Africa to keep the French out of the Nile Valley. The Parisian press has not the shadow of a doubt that England has committed herself body and soul to this Triple Alliance, and teems with detailed plans for joint Russo-French naval action in the Mediterranean and Red Sea, with a view of seizing the Suez Canal and preventing the British and Italian fleets at Aden from closing the water route to the east. There is, in fact, so much studying of army lists and war maps for this side of the world just now that perhaps the more serious imminent problems over on the Pacific coast will meet with next to no attenion. It is not supposed here that Lord Salisbury can accept the new Franco-Chinese treaty without a protest, or at least, without seizing for England territorial compensations, and it is confidently expected that friction will be developed in that far-away quarter, either on this point or between Japan and Russia before European affairs disclose any genuine cause for un-

TORY TALK. The New York Sun's London cable says: One inevitable effect of the Radical defeat has been the unmuzzling of Tory sentiment, and the language indulged in throughout the land in the last few days, which has not been heard before in this generation, is amazing. The frankness of some of these utterances will produce a popular reaction, which, however, can find no means of expression in the near future. The American admirers of Jerome K. Jerome will read probably with some amazement this candid expression of anti-republican opinions in his news-paper today: "Democracy is an idle folly, and no one but an uneducated fool can believe in it. Ten thousand idiots cannot teach one child the wisdom of democracy. It has been given its chance, and its value has been proved. It grew up as a weed from the world's highway in the early morning of history, to be trampled under foot with a laugh as the pioneers of the human race pushed their slow way across the Ural Mountains. It was reared again in Greece and Rome, to be mowed down by the sword. It had its opportunity in France 100 years ago, and it was swept away. It was set up to be worshiped in America, and today America worships the Almighty Dollar, and the Almighty Dollar tryannizes over her with a rod of gold, such as no people in the old monarchial days would have tolerated. Democracy has not even the vitality to perpetuate its own species. Its child is invariably a despotism. Julius Caesar, Oliver Cromwell and Napoleon each sprang from the womb of a democracy.'

THE NEW DOCK AT SOUTH-

AMPTON. The Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke of York formally opened the new graving dock at Southampton on Saturday, said to be the largest dry dock in the world. Torrents of rain, however, spoiled the decorations and thoroughly dampened the enthusiasm of the large crowds present. For years the work of dock extension there has been going forward, and now the Hampshire town, within 80 miles of London, has a dock area of enormous extent. Already the great American liners, as well as the largest vessels other lines that run into this port, have been able to warp alongside the Empress dock and land their passengers in London within two hours of their arrival. But, by this latest addition to the docking facilities of Southampton, the ocean palaces can now be repaired and examined on the spot. Its capacity is over 73,000 tons, and its maximum depth is 35 feet. Its width is 87 1-2 feet at still level.

NEW POLITICAL PARTY. According to a Berlin dispatch, a new political party has been formed in Alsace-Loraine, with headquarters at Colmar. It demands complete poliical equality with other federal states; instruction in French in the national schools; the right to post public notices in French and produce French plays. Also, free education, the separation of church and state, and reduction of the

military burdens. THE FIRST PITFALL AVOIDED. The Government in accepting the nomination of Mr. Wm. Court Gully as Speaker of the House of Commons, to which he was elected on the retire-ment of Right Hon. Arthur W. Peel, has avoided the first pitfall in its career. The only persons who regret the Government's decision not to oppose Mr. Gully's re-election are the extreme Radicals, who say that if a Tory Speakwould allow of cabling 50 words at a | er had been elected would have given | Harold Frederic cables from London

as Mr. Gully, who was originally the nominee of Mr. Henry Labouchere, the Radical leader, would not have been elected except for Radical and Irish votes. The Conservatives are willing to retain him in office, as he has shown himself firm to maintain order.

DYNAMITE DALY'S ELECTION. Among the first topics that will be brought up for discussion when Parliament meets on the 12th inst. will be the election of the dynamiter-Daly-to represent Limerick in the House. Mr. Balfour will move for the production of proof of Daly's conviction for participation in the Association for participation. pation in the dynamite outrages, and for the issuance of a new election writ for Limerick.

The Parnellites intend to raise the question of amnesty, but Speaker Gully will probably rule that it is irrelevant. As Daly is now in Portland Prison, this fact in itself renders his election void. ONLY ONE BILL TO BE PASSED.

It is understood that the only bill that will be passed before the adjournment of the House will be one postponing the fixing of judicial rents in Ireland until 1938, in view of the Government's land purchase scheme that will be then introduced.

The summonses to the Government supporters in the House of Commons, even to the Liberal-Unionists, have all been issued by Mr. Balfour, as the Government leader in the House. This fact, taken in connection with the speech delivered by Mr. Chamberlain at a dinner given to him by the Birmingham Conservative Club, indicates the eventual fusion of the two sections of the Union's party—the Conservatives of the Unionis party—the Conservaives and Liberal-Unionists.

The estimates are likely to be passed at the beginning of September. After adjournment Parliament will not meet again until February.

SALISBURY'S FOREIGN POLICY. The Daily News, the morning Liberal organ, has published an article in which it deals in a most generous manner with Lord Salisbury's foreign policy. It says that as Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs he has always been cautious, prudent and circumspect, and adds that his share in the partition of Africa in 1891 was taken in closer concert with Germany than with an other power. The Liberals, it further says, certainly will not complain of his cultivating the most friendly and cordial relations with Germany. Lord Salisbury is the one English satesman who seriously and earnestly endeavored to withdraw the British troops from Egypt.

BIG APPLE CROP IN ENGLAND. England has this year the largest apple crop that has been seen for many seasons. In all the European countries the crop is larger than usual, with the exception of France, where the crop is only good. American apples, if any are needed, must be of the fanciest varieties, and reach London in October. The drought that prevailed during May and June caused a loss to the Scotch farmers of nearly £3,000,000. Potatoes will reach a moderate average. Barley will reach the average production. In oats and wheat there is a deficiency 25 per cent. There is only half a hay crop. Fodder will be very deficient during the coming winter. The German potato crop will probably be a failure. Owing to the immense size of the crop its failure would cause a large increase in the imports of food from the United States.

A CURIOUS QUESTION. The Attorney-General and the legal advisers of the Government are exercised over a curious state of affairs discovered in connection with the duration of Parliament in the event of the Queen's death. By the act of 1696 it was provided that Parliament should not last more than six months after the demise of the crown. This applied to Scotland and Ireland after they entered the Parliament of the United Kingdom, but the Reform Franchise Act of 1867 enacted that the demise of the crown should not affect the duration of Parliament. This act applied only to England and Wales. A similar reform franchise act was in 1868 passed in Scotland and Ireland, but does not contain any clause referring to the demise of the crown. Hence in the event of the Queen's death Scotland and Ireland would have an election six months thereafter, unless Parliament should extend the clause of the English act of 1867 to them. In view of the Queen's age and the size of the present Parliamentary majority, indicating that the House will last for several years, the matter becomes of practical importance, while the delicacy of the subject makes it difficult to immediately introduce an act thereon.

THE IRISH MEMBERS. The Irish members having slightly increased the representation in Parliament, are taking an optimistic view of the situation. Mr. Justin McCarthy is not downcast nor disheartened, but is encouraged by the constancy of Ireland to the home rule cause. Mr. Timothy Healy's Dublin organ advocates a return to the original lines of the Irish This may be a sign of a coming alliance between Mr. Redmond and Mr. Healy, based not upon Mr. Gladstone's bill, but upon a more radical measure of Irish independence. The main body of the Irish members, under Mr. McCarthy's leadership, is not likely to alienate Liberal sympathies by following Mr. Healy into Mr. Redmond's

THE G. O. M. Mr. Gladstone is silent on political questions outside of the circle of his intimate friends. An attempt may be made to drag him out on the Armenian question at the public meeting at Chester before his departure for Scotland. Lord Salisbury, however, if the Unionist journals are not over-sanguine, does not need Mr. Gladstone's co-operation in order to bring the Porte to terms. The change of Government is represented by them to have had the wholesome effect of forcing the Sultan to accede to the demands of the powers. AFTER THE TIDAL WAVE.

Mr. Isaac N. Ford cables from London to the New York Tribune: After the tidal wave there is a sudden, complete calm. Liberal leaders and journalists have abandoned their attempts to explain the Unionist flood, and are silent, except the cynical Labouchere, whose ire against Lord Rosebery cannot be appeased. The only consolation which they have after their over-whelming defeat is the reflection that the Unionists' majority is so large as be unmanageable, and that Mr. Chamberlain, the man whom they hate, cannot dictate the Government's policy, and may some time head a revolt against Lord Salisbury and Mr. Balfour. This condition leaves out of acsomething more than an adroit political organizer and election campaign-He is a statesman of lucidity of mind and creative energies, and repre sents ideas as well as votes. Even with its great majorities the Salisbury Covernment can hardly afford to dispense th the services of a leader who is new the brain of the Tory democracy. WELCOME LULL IN POLITICS.

them the whip hand during the whole life of Parliament. If one of their political opponents occupied the chair and vigorously suppressed obstruction, he would be accused of partiality, whereas Mr. Gully, who was originally the opiate. The Speakership question hard-ly concerned the general crowd at any time, and except for a pressing impression that Mr. Chamberlain has proved too smart for Mr. Balfour in the matter, its settlement in favor of Mr. Gully has aroused no interest. It was, perhaps, in a sense, Chamberlain's triumph, but the really conclusive element was the solidity of the Tory lawyers in the House against unseating the eminent queen's counselor who had obtained the Speakership. The English bar is the most powerful and clannish trades union in the world, and when it said "Gully," there was nothing left for anybody else to say. Chamberlain had merely the acuteness to see this, and get on the winning side before his slower-witter colleagues in the Cabinet had begun to imagine that Gully's being a lawyer might be of importance

CABLE NOTES.

Mr. Gladstone will go with his friend, Mr. Armistead, to the latter's shooting lodge in Inverness in September. He will make a long visit there. Mr. John Morley will be the guest of Mr. Andrew Carnegie, near by.

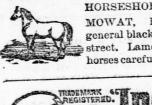
The News says it is desirable that Lord Rosebery should speak as lead-er of the Liberal party before Parliament meets.

The Cambridge University cricket eleven will sail for New York on Aug. 24. They will play their first match on Sept 2. Other games will be played at Toronto, Philadelphia, Elmwood, the University of Pennsylvania and Haver-

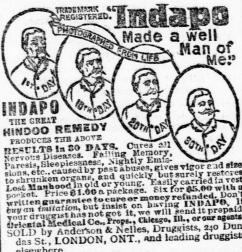


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