

Cabled Comment

On Old World Topics--The Future of China--British General Elections Looked for in October--Case of Mrs. Maybrick--Paris Exposition--Announcing the Awards.

London, Aug. 19.—The eyes of the world, which have been fixed hitherto on Pekin, are turning to Shanghai, where an embroglio, resulting from the jealousy and suspicion of the powers, may shortly assume a serious aspect. The British landed Gurkhas and Bombay regiments on Friday, and France is hurrying 1,700 Tonkin troops thither, some of whom are reported to have arrived already. The situation in the valley of the Yangtze Kiang, at Wu Chang, is serious. Chang Chi Tung's troops mutinied, but the outbreak was quelled. Russia's campaign in Manchuria seems to be progressing satisfactorily. Gen. Orloff, chief of staff of the Russian forces in China, reports on Aug. 14 that he attacked the Chinese at Mou Chien on Aug. 12, the Chinese were subsequently advanced to Yak Shi and captured an abundance of stores. The Chinese are said to be gathering in force in the neighborhood of Kobi, from which place the Russian and Tartar residents have departed. A Berlin dispatch, dated this (Sunday) morning says the German marine battalions arrived at Tien Tsin on Thursday.

CHINA'S FUTURE.
As to the future settlement in China, strange as it appears, it is believed that no formal exchange of views has yet taken place between the various cabinets on the subject, but there is a general and informal understanding that Chinese integrity will be respected, and that no power will seek territorial acquisitions. Meanwhile, it is worth noting that Russia, besides occupying New Chwang and capturing Hai Cheng, is already in possession of Chinese territory on the southern bank of the Amur.

JOHN BULL IRATE.
England is thoroughly irritated over the government's seemingly changeable course respecting the landing of troops at Shanghai. Even the semblance of yielding to pressure by the powers or the Chinese viceroys is regarded as impairing British prestige in the east and in Europe. The papers, from the Times down, are lecturing the government on its vacillation and faint-heartedness. British troops, after all, occupy the nerve center of the richest region in China, which sustains 150,000,000 of people, and were landed with the consent and approval of the powers.

SALISBURY'S LITTLE GAME.
The foreign office adjutants are bewildered at the ado raised through the country by what they consider an amusing little game of Lord Salisbury, ending to England's advantage. It is explained thus: First, the formal announcement that troops would be landed; then a five days' wait, in which the foreign consuls at Shanghai wagged their heads and wired to their home governments; mutterings of disapproval on the continent and the stirring up of Chinese opposition at Shanghai; troops arrive at Shanghai and the viceroy resists their landing, saying that France and Russia object; the consuls meet and several of them assert "if the British land, we will land troops." Admiral Seymour, after wiring London, announces that England withdraws, and the troops do not land; a sailing hour is appointed; the next day every variety of foreign commercial interest in Shanghai cries out in dismay that the troops will not land; the consuls advise their governments to induce the British to land for the security of Shanghai; the British sail away; intimations are received at the foreign office from France, Germany and Austria that they are quite willing that troops should land; the transports are pursued and brought back and the troops are disembarked. The foreign office expresses the opinion that the business was admirably worked.

THE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA.
The flight of the dowager empress and the disappearance of the Emperor of China is regarded at Pekin as of much greater and lasting importance than the mere taking of Pekin, and the complications arising therefrom are speculatively discussed by the press and in political circles. The overwhelming opinion is that since all one central government at Pekin, it becomes necessary, first, to destroy or at least render harmless, the fugitive government, which is responsible for the whole Chinese eruption. Therefore it is claimed it is necessary to follow and capture the fugitives. This probably will call for the employment of large additional forces, besides those which are now in China. Surmises as to whether the United States, Great Britain and Japan will share in the burden of the burden to Russia, France, and, above all, to Germany, fill the papers today. The German government adheres to the view that perfect harmony prevails among the powers regarding immediate action in China.

MISSIONARIES BLAMED.
Herr von Brandt, a former German minister to China, in the missionary organ *Christliche Welt*, puts the largest amount of blame for the Chinese outbreak on the missionaries, citing a mass of evidence in support of his assertions. He says: "Two-thirds of the work of the legation and consulates in China, had been occasioned by the complaints, demands and claims of missionaries. The press today publishes articles on the subject of the birthday of Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria. The *Mittler Wochenblatt* calls attention to the fact that the Austrians and Germans for the first time since 1864 fight together in China. A majority of the papers praise Austria as the 'steadfast and unimpeachable ally of Germany.'"

BRITISH ELECTIONS.
Though no official announcement has been made on the subject, it is now generally accepted that a general British election will take place in October. Both of the great party organizations are busy preparing for the contest, overhauling their local machinery and providing themselves with candidates.

It is understood that unless some very untoward and unexplained event should occur in foreign affairs, rendering it absolutely undesirable to disturb the country with a general election, the government will go to the polls in rather less than two months from the present time. It is recognized that the military operations in South Africa may not be at an end by that date, but as it is impossible to predict when the resistance of the Boer guerrilla columns will be finally overcome, the ministry does not think it worth while to wait for that event, maintaining that the issue is

PRACTICALLY DECIDED
in favor of Great Britain, and that what is now to come is only a part of the slow process of settling and pacifying the country. From a party point of view the Conservative managers think that it would be bad policy to defer the appeal to the constituencies till the last Boer commando is extinguished, by which time the imperialist wave may have ebbed, and the opposition have gained strength. As is, that war will still form the test question, at least so far as Conservative and Unionist candidates can push it to the front, but it will not now be a thorough-going khaki election, as might have been the case if the government had dissolved parliament immediately after the capture of Cronje's force or the occupation of Bloemfontein. China has not, so far, been one of the questions at issue between the parties. Speaking at a Primrose League meeting this week, Mr. St. John Brodrick, under secretary of state for foreign affairs, declared that, while the government had been hampered by Liberal criticism in dealing with South Africa, it had nothing to complain of in connection with China.

TO RELIEVE LORD ROBERTS.
The government is arranging to relieve Lord Roberts in South Africa, deputing to a general of less consequence the vexatious work of running down the partisan bands there. The present purpose, it is understood, is to recall Lord Roberts in October, announcing then that the war, as a war, is at an end. Gen. Lord Wolseley will relinquish the post of commander-in-chief of the army in October, and Lord Roberts will almost certainly replace him. As the barracks in the United Kingdom are full of embodied militia, temporary wooden quarters have already been begun at Aldershot and elsewhere in which to house the returning South African troops.

AN "ESQ."
The Marquis of Londonderry, the postmaster-general, has issued a hard and fast order to postoffice clerks that "Esq." shall be used in the future in addressing all mail correspondents unless they "are evidently laborers, personal servants or tradesmen." In cases of doubt the "Esq." must be used. Depositors in postal savings banks are not entitled to the "Esq."

CASE OF MRS. MAYBRICK.
The case of Mrs. Maybrick has been revived by an extraordinary attack on the late Baron Russell, lord chief justice of England, which has appeared in the columns of the *Liverpool Post*, owned by Commoner Edward Russell. The Post declares that Baron Russell neglected the case, and even failed to declare his personal conviction of the cases of doubt the "Esq." must be used. Depositors in postal savings banks are not entitled to the "Esq."

THE PARIS EXPOSITION.
The ceremony of officially announcing the awards made to the exhibitors at the Paris Exposition took place on Sunday afternoon. It was less magnificent in its pomp than the ceremony attending the formal opening of the exposition. Fully 15,000 persons attended the exercises. President Loubet presided, and all official Paris was present. A feature was the entry of each commission and its staff, bearing the flag of its country. President Loubet, after the "Marseillaise" had been rendered by an immense orchestra, opened the ceremonies with a short address, in which he thanked all the participants for the aid they had given in making the exposition a success. He also expressed regret at the fact that the closing hours of the exposition were approaching, and added: "But there is consolation in the belief that the spirit of this ephemeral week will survive, and that the exposition has served to establish between the governments and the people relations and bonds more durable than heretofore. Strangers will appreciate henceforth that France is a country of peace and prosperity." The president then placed in the hands of the presidents of the various juries the list of awards. The exercises, which were interspersed with music, lasted two hours.

NOTES.
The gold medal has been awarded to the Oliver typewriter, of Chicago, in competition with the world at the Paris Exposition. Stonyhurst College has just sold for £4,000 a small Madonna painted by Olivelli. Lady Arundell of Wardour bought the painting some 70 years ago for £5, and presented it to the college. Layton's tux-shop, beloved of Eton boys for 100 years, a little confectionery store, 20 by 30 feet, has been sold at auction for £24,000. Lord Roberts has settled the controversy in the religious papers as to the denomination to which he belongs

(the strict Baptists especially claiming him) by writing to a correspondent that he belongs to the Church of England. The Kansas City fire brigade has been disqualified for securing prizes at the international exhibition of fire apparatus at Vincennes on the ground of professionalism, the staff being paid. The men were permitted, however, to give an exhibition. As regards speed in preparing their apparatus for reaching the top of the buildings, and the height and distance of projecting water, they outclassed all competitors.

ONLY A DODGE OF GEN. DEWET'S

To Gain Information Regarding Baden-Powell's Position.

Explanation of the Boer General's Demand for a Surrender—Contest Narrowed Down—The Pretoria Plot.

Pretoria, Aug. 19.—Gen. Dewet appeared at North Commando Nek, held by Gen. Baden-Powell, and sent in a flag of truce, asking the surrender of the British force. Gen. Baden-Powell replied, asking what terms Dewet was prepared to offer.

Cape Town, Aug. 20.—Gen. Dewet's demand for the surrender of the British force at Commando Nek is considered as a pretense for the purpose of gaining information. Finding that Commando Nek was strongly garrisoned, Dewet resumed his march, northward, shadowed by Gen. Baden-Powell.

NARROWED DOWN.
London, Aug. 19.—A correspondent says: It seems that the operations in South Africa may now be chiefly confined to two distinct quarters. Dewet and Delarey have wide spaces of the Western Transvaal and the Bechuanaland frontier to roam over. They are probably gaining recruits as they go along. On the other side, President Kruger, with Gen. Botha and the main Transvaal field force, now said to be about 10,000 strong, with 90 guns, will establish himself in Barberton, the mountainous area between Swaziland and the Portuguese frontier at Koomatipoort. But they are moving against them from the south, and French and others are coming from the Pretoria-Johannesburg line on the west; but Barberton is in a very broken, rugged country, with more formidable heights and passes even than the region around Ladysmith and Dundee. It is suitable for cattle, and till the rainy season comes on it is healthier than the lower veldt. The correspondent of a news agency who was taken prisoner and kept for some time at Noodledacht, says that the fighting burghers are confident of their ability to hold out in the Barberton range for months, even if their supplies from Delagoa Bay are cut off. The correspondent himself, who is no partisan of the Boers, thinks that they may continue a good fight for some time to come, though eventually they will be compelled to yield, if only from sheer exhaustion and falling numbers. The few military men left in London are full of admiration for Dewet, in whom they admit the Boers have found a leader of light troops of exceptional ability. His march across the Free State, from Bethlehem to the Vaal, and onward from the river to Rustenburg, is one of the finest performances of the kind in modern campaigns.

THE PRETORIA PLOT.
Pretoria, Aug. 18.—The trial of Lieut. Cordua, of the Staats Artillery, charged with being concerned in the plot to kidnap Gen. Lord Roberts, was continued today. The prisoner admitted his implication, but declared that he was persuaded to join the conspiracy by a man named Gano, who was the originator of the plot, and who professed to have been in the British secret service, but wanted to assist the Boers. The prosecution tried to connect Commandant Gen. Botha with the affair. Cordua admitted that, at the suggestion of Gano, he and Gano started out with the object of visiting the Boers, but were captured and sent back. The evidence, though inconclusive, appeared to show that Cordua had some communication with Botha, although Cordua denied it.

Lieut. Cordua's counsel admitted that the accused was guilty of breaking his parole and of attempting to plan conspiracy, but asserted that the attempt was a failure. Counsel also maintained that Gano, the prisoner, was a great injustice to Lord Roberts, and it is understood he has promised to renew his efforts to secure the prisoner's release. To a representative of the Associated Press Dr. Bell said: "This is a most remarkable attack. It comes from a friend of Mrs. Maybrick. It is a case of injustice to Lord Roberts. Every home secretary and American ambassador in England since Mrs. Maybrick's conviction knows Lord Russell had absolute confidence in her innocence."

GEN. ROBERTS' NEW ORDERS.
London, Aug. 20.—Gen. Lord Roberts is now issuing severe and rigorous orders, rescinding the ones previously issued. Lord Roberts' proclamation, after reciting the fact that many have broken the oath to maintain neutrality, and that the leniency extended to the burghers is not appreciated, warns all who break their oaths in the future that they will be punished by death, imprisonment or fine. He declares that all burghers in districts occupied by the British, except those who take the oath, will be regarded as prisoners of war and transported, and that buildings on farms where the enemy or his scouts are harbored will be liable to be razed.

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The Canadians

RETURNING SOUTH AFRICAN HEROES.

Quebec, Aug. 20.—The reception offered on Saturday by the civic authorities to the ten soldiers of the Canadian contingent who arrived on board the steamship *Parisian*, was as hearty as the preceding one. The pro-mayor, Ald. G. Tanquary, was at the landing with the city clerk, and an address of welcome was presented to the boys. The following is a list of the soldiers returned: Sergt. J. T. McConnell, D company, from the G. G. F. G., Ottawa. Ptes. Cook, McLaughlin, S. M. Ward, Clarke, Watson, Lynch, Palky, Ginger and McCaulay.

Pte. Lynch was from Seaforth, and belonged to B squadron, Strathcona Horse. Pte. Palky comes from St. John, N.B. Ptes. Clarke and McCaulay are from Ottawa, and belonged to D company. They have all been suffering from enteric fever.

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ARE THESE THE 17-YEAR LOCUSTS

Kalamazoo Invaded by Millions of Grasshoppers.

Put Out Electric Lights and Compelled Restaurants to Close—Passenger Train Stalled by the Insects.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Aug. 20.—This city is passing through a pest of grasshoppers and crickets such as it has never before known, and even the oldest inhabitant is at a loss to account for it. The pest began about a week ago, and has been getting worse every day. In spite of the most strenuous precautions residences and stores are invaded by these insects, and housewives are driven to distraction in getting rid of the nuisance. In several instances restaurants have been obliged to close down for several hours, while the numerous insects were cleared out. At the twilight hour tens of thousands of them swarm into the business section, and for the past two nights the stores have all closed at 6 o'clock, and the city has been in darkness because the crickets and bugs fill up the arc lamps and put the lights ever seen in this section, some measuring three inches in length, and they sing like locusts. In the celery fields on the outskirts of the city their music is deafening.

The crew on the C. K. and S. passenger train, which arrives here at 6 p.m., reports that between DeLeon and Cressy the train was stopped by an army of crickets crossing the track, which extended for several rods, and completely covered the tracks and the space between. The crushed insects acted like oil poured on the rails, and the wheels of the engine refused to work. The crew had to use shovels in clearing the track before the train could proceed.

AT ADRIAN, TOO.
Adrian, Mich., Aug. 20.—A swarm of crickets fairly darkened the city in the vicinity of electric lights the other evening. The ground, pavements and sidewalks were black with them.

An Honest Census.
[Montreal Herald.]

The Democrats are charging that the census now being taken in the States is being manipulated to serve the interests of the Republican party, only such reports as show prosperity on the part of manufacturers being accepted without revision. Canada had experience of just such a census in 1881, the men in charge of the work devoting their energies to propping up the tottering N. P. rather than to collecting exact data respecting the conditions existing. Another decennial census will soon be due, and the minister of agriculture has taken the first steps towards insuring the work being done the arves, strengthened the liver and kidneys and cleanses the blood.

the Ontario Government, as deputy minister of agriculture and as director of mines, and in these offices has had much experience in collecting statistics and in kindred work. He is a man of high character, and any work he undertakes is sure to be thoroughly well done. He undoubtedly will give Canada the most comprehensive and trustworthy statistical reports that have been the product of any decennial census since confederation.

Neglected Beauties.
[Chicago Tribune.]

Critics of this year's art exhibitions in London and in Paris call attention to the lack of pretty faces in the paintings. It cannot be that women are not as beautiful as they used to be in the old days. In fact, every man knows that women are prettier than ever, and if he doubts it he need only think of his sweetheart or wife, and for pretty children he can think of his own. The fault seems to be that the artists in their desire to be "artistic" do not care for beauty, but prefer to secure striking effects. And they have a fancy for character as shown by wrinkles, forehead that the public thinks dimples are prettier. Perhaps the artists would be more popular if they painted pretty faces. But public taste has little influence with them. This is shown clearly by the neglected opportunities for choice of attractive subjects, which reveals an appreciation of the fact that it is the subject of a painting quite as much as the painting of it that makes it popular. The artist may scorn public opinion, but in justice to his day and generation he should make his women pretty in order that future generations may not think that the women of today were ugly. The artist should be gallant enough to yield to this plea, however stubborn he may be to other arguments of laymen.

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