

Optimistic Tories

Predict an Early Dissolution of Parliament

And Anticipate Their Own Return to Place and Power.

Radicals Anxious for Prompt Action Against the House of Lords.

Mr. Gladstone Coming Back to Hawarden Wednesday.

Lord Rosebery's First Ecclesiastical Nominee—Shadowing the M. P.s—A Move to Checkmate France and Belgium in Africa—Talk of Another Coal Miners' Strike.

LONDON, April 8.—The political situation has taken an unexpected turn, and the Conservatives confidently predict that Parliament will be dissolved within the present month. The Tories may be over-optimistic, but their prediction is by no means an extravagant one in view of the present aspect of things. The Liberals themselves admit that a crisis may be precipitated any day, and after their experience of Thursday they no longer attempt to conceal their appreciation of their precarious hold upon Parliament. Of course, any further defeat will involve the resignation of the Ministry, and the Opposition are looking forward with feelings of the utmost confidence to the next appeal to the country, which they believe will result in the return of a Conservative majority.

THURSDAY NIGHT'S SURPRISE.
The normal Government majority of 36 was reduced on Thursday night to 24 through the absence of some of the Liberal members, who have recently been spending their time in Dublin quarreling among themselves and denouncing the Government's lukewarmness toward the home rule question. Three Liberals were also absent and not paired. This would not have rendered the position so critical, but the successive divisions taken in the House that night show that the Liberal whips cannot with any degree of certainty rely upon their own responding promptly, if at all, to their summons. From the 24 mentioned, the Government's majority dropped to 18 through absenteeism, then to 15, and was finally wiped out in the division on the East London Water Bill. The Liberals made a great outcry at this, but the Government's majority was not so nearly reached as the point of revolt that the Government is extremely unwilling to take the risk of seeking a majority on Mr. James Henry Daziel's motion to abolish the veto power of the House of Lords. Fearing to test the sense of the House on the question the Government have practically wiped out Mr. Daziel's motion by the appropriation of the day set for it, consideration of discussion of the private members' bills and Government business. This change of the programme will be made on motion of Mr. John Morley.

ACTION AGAINST THE LORDS.
A very large majority of the Liberal members are eager for immediate action against the House of Lords and earnestly desire to obtain an expressive opinion on the subject on the part of such as will support the Government, but the Ministers are not so eager. Just now they are anxious for delay, and will make every effort to secure it. Last evening Sir William Harcourt and Mr. John Morley were very active in canvassing the House in this matter and endeavoring by private conversations to induce the irconcilable Radical members to submit to the waiting policy of the Government and acquiesce in the shunting of Mr. Daziel's motion until some more opportune time. Instead of meeting with any success in their campaign Messrs. Harcourt and Morley were met on all sides with the Radical ultimatum that time must be given to the anti-Lords motion and given in the very near future, too.

THE TORIES ON THE QUI VIVE.
The Conservatives are watching their chances in the detection of the Radicals—a chance which they believe will not be long delayed. Their whips are active, energetic and untiring. The normal Conservative voting strength in the House has been considerably augmented by the attendance of members who are seldom seen in their seats, and besides this a full force of Unionists is on hand ready to assist in snatching victory from the Liberals on any division that may

the insinuations of Mr. O'Donnell are absolutely false. The anti-Parnellites do not draw a single penny from the purse of the Liberal party. It is possible, however, that some, or all of them, may receive assistance in carrying out their fight at a general election, but otherwise not one of them is a beneficiary of the Liberal fund. It is a matter well known to those who have had an opportunity to learn the facts that both the Parnellites and McCarthyites have absolutely clean personal and party records as regards their relations with the English parties, and no member of either of the English parties would dream of asserting otherwise.

MR. GLADSTONE'S CONDITION.
Mr. Gladstone will return to Hawarden on April 11. The catarrh on his eye has so far advanced toward the condition necessary for surgical treatment that the operation on it will probably be performed in May. Dr. Nettleship, the celebrated ophthalmist, will visit him at Hawarden twice a week.

Lord Rosebery's first ecclesiastical nominee, the Rev. T. W. Leigh, who has just been designated Dean of Hereford, is well-known in religious and temperance circles at home and abroad. He was associated with the co-operative movement in temperance work and Christian Socialism, and was a personal friend of the late Rev. Charles Spurgeon. He passed four years on a plantation owned by his wife in Georgia, and spent the most of his time while there in endeavoring to evangelize the negroes.

THE PREMIER'S CANDIDATE FOR THE DERBY.
Lord Rosebery paid a visit to Mr. Leigh in Georgia during the Premier's visit to the United States some years ago. Lord Rosebery's bay filly Ladas stands in an excellent position in the forecasts of the Derby, and his bay filly Orle is a candidate for victory in the Thousand and the Oaks and is heavily backed. His lordship's chestnut colt Ravelston, also entered in the Derby, has recently lost favor. Ladas is a favorite with many, and if she should win the Derby it would greatly enhance the Premier's popularity.

The Social Purity Association is reported to be engaged in shadowing nightly the movements of a number of prominent members of the House of Commons, Conservative and other distinguished personages, and their detectives have been instructed to keep a minute record of everything they discover bearing on the morals of the persons shadowed. This information is being gathered with a view to its use in the next general election. A minor society paper, *Reactions*, Lord Rosebery has recently taken a midnight saunter through the remote quarters of Islington and Camberwell, whither he had gone to study the social undercurrents.

TO CHECKMATE FRANCE AND BELGIUM.
An English African expedition is to be undertaken with a view of checkmating the designs of France and Belgium, who are aiming to obtain access to the Upper Nile. The English expedition is also aiming at Upper Nile and will reach the objective point before any expedition from Uganda can get there. It is likely that before Commander Montell's expedition starts from Uganda, in May, the whole of Unyoro and Emin's provinces will have been brought into the British sphere. The expedition will start from London, north of the equatorial province, and Colonel Colville, its commander, has been given the very widest scope of action.

ANOTHER STRIKE IMPENDING.
A renewal of the coal miners' strike is impending. The representatives of the miners on the conciliation board resent the action of President Shandis in giving his casting vote against the demands of the men, fixing the minimum rate of wages, regulating the selling prices and permitting them to inquire into profits of owners. For this action Mr. Shandis is denounced as an aristocrat, humbug, tool, etc. The consensus of public opinion is that as the miners accepted the proposal to settle their grievances by arbitration, they ought to abide by the decision of the arbitrators.

"IF I SHOULD DIE TO-NIGHT."

Ben King, Poet and Humorist, Found Dead in Bed After Reciting His Poem Thus Entitled.

BOWLING GREEN, Ky., April 9.—The clerk of the Moorhead House found Ben King, the Michigan poet and humorist, dead in bed Saturday morning.

King appeared at the opera house last night with Opie Read, and retired apparently in the best of health. Death is supposed to have been caused by heart disease. King's joviality last night was even more marked than usual. There was an immense audience to hear him and Read, and the former never appeared to greater advantage, quite captivating his hearers. Friday night at the supper given by the local press to Read and King, one of the party remarked that there were just thirteen at the table. Mr. King, professedly very much excited, but evidently in jest, jumped up and declared that he would not again seat himself until another guest was provided and the unlucky number broken. Another singular coincidence is found in the fact that on the same occasion he recited his poem entitled "If I Should Die To-Night."

Revolutionary Plot in Cuba.

NEW YORK, April 8.—The steamer *Cienfuegos*, from Cienfuegos, brings intelligence of the discovery of a revolutionary plot in Cuba.

Got Twenty-Eight Years.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 8.—Rev. Clement W. Lewis was yesterday sentenced to 28 years in the penitentiary on fourteen indictments charging him with wholesale pension frauds.

A Japanese Horror.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—The steamship *Belgie* brings news from Japan up to March 24. The Shinrei colliery at Kurategun caught fire while 755 men were in it, and 80 were burned to death.

Windows Broken by Hailstones.

EMPORIA, Kan., April 9.—A fall of the largest hailstones ever witnessed in this part of the State occurred Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock. The streets were white with hail, and though there was not much wind many windows were broken, and it is thought much damage to the fruit crop was done.

THE TURF.

THE NOTTINGHAM HANDICAP.

LONDON, April 9.—The Nottingham spring handicap stakes of 1,000 sovereigns for 3-year-olds and upwards, a straight mile, was won by Mr. Daniel Cooper's *Javenal* (5 years). Mr. A. D. Cochran's *Egerton* (4 years) was second, and Sir J. Bundell *Maple's Macready* (5 years) was third.

Under the Lion's Paw.

Great Britain Will Not Relinquish Uganda.

German Steamship Agents Decide to Raise Passenger Rates.

Interesting Figures From the British Board of Trade Returns.

Will Hold Uganda.

LONDON, April 8.—Cable advices from Zanzibar indicate that Great Britain has decided to retain Uganda.

Killed by an Elephant.
ROME, April 8.—Dispatches from Zanzibar announce that Prince Eugene Ruspoli, son of the mayor of Rome, while on an exploring expedition on Dec. 4 last, was killed by an elephant.

British Board of Trade Returns.

LONDON, April 8.—The Board of Trade returns for March show that the imports increased £1,280,000 and exports decreased £1,330,000 as compared with those for the corresponding month of 1893.

Raising Steamer Rates.

BREMEN, April 8.—The conference of steamship agents in this city resolved to increase the charges for cabin and steerage passengers to America, the increase to go into effect May 1. The question of pooling receipts has not yet been decided.

One of the Favored.

LONDON, April 8.—In the House of Commons Sir Edward Gray, Parliamentary Secretary to the Foreign Office, declared that British merchants were entitled to the advantages of the Russo-German commercial treaty under the most favored nation clause.

The Recovery of Silver Values.

LONDON, April 8.—The Statist, reviewing the history of the silver market for the last six years, expresses the opinion that the recovery of silver from the recent decline, which was due to a panic, is inevitable if the Indian mints are reopened. The price may reach as high as 50, but extent of rise will depend upon whether India buys as extensively as before.

Discount Rates.

LONDON, April 8.—The rate of discount last week was 1 both for 3 months and 30 days. Gold flowed in steadily and there was no sign of any demand for export. The rise of the silver price ceased. The consensus of opinion is that American sales are likely to depress the market. The Stock Exchange was unsettled, although there was a firm undertone. Consols rose 1/4. American securities were firm and there was considerable trading in them.

Laying a New Cable.

LONDON, April 8.—Messrs. Siemens Bros. & Co. have manufactured 1,600 out of the 2,200 miles of the Commercial Cable Company's third cable. The Faraday sails from London on Wednesday with 500 miles of the first section on board. The principal portion of this is of a very heavy type, and is to be laid from Canzo to near the Newfoundland banks, where it will be buoyed. If the weather should be favorable and nothing unforeseen occurs, the Faraday will return then to England and take on board the second or deep sea section between June 1 and 10, and it is expected the cable will be completed July 1.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

At the cathedral at Baltimore Sunday morning, Rev. P. J. Donahue was consecrated Bishop of Wheeling.

The greatest gold strike of the year at Cripple Creek, Col., is reported in the *Chelodonia*. The vein is eight feet wide. The lowest assay shows \$90 to the ton. A half-ton assayed at \$400 to the ton.

A tenebrous at Memphis, Tenn., collapsed Sunday. Twenty-two people were known to be in it at the time. Six escaped without serious injury, four were taken out dead, five wounded and the rest are missing.

Alexander Watson is being conducted back from Denver, Col., to Grand Rapids, Mich., by a detective. Watson is known to have at least five wives. No. 1 lives in Grand Rapids, Mich., where she was discovered by Nos. 2 and 3. They discovered that in 1892, Watson had married Mary Corrie of Hammond, Ind., and as soon as he had obtained her money he decamped and married a 17-year-old Chicago girl. Watson is about 40 years of age.

CANADIAN.

A blinding snow storm is raging in Prince Edward Island.

K. L. Rayler, a printer, was asphyxiated Sunday night at Baltimore. He was a native of Quebec, 27 years old.

At Plantagenet, Ont., Sunday, Garfield Allen, aged 9, son of Albert Allen, of the woolen mills of that place, while crossing the bridge on his way from Sunday school, fell into the river and was drowned.

Three little children of George H. Townsend, Guelph, were poisoned Saturday evening by chewing the colored paper attached to a writing pad. Antidotes were given them, but they are still very ill.

Montreal shipping men expect to see a very large export of Canadian horses this season. Already a contract for the buying of 4,000 has been given by the Glasgow Tramway Company, whose representatives are now up west.

About two years ago Mrs. Wm. Fowler, of Brighton township, while eating a "boiled dinner," swallowed a hard substance which has since given her a great deal of trouble. She has had severe fits of coughing. During one of these paroxysms she coughed up a bone in the shape of a crescent, which measured one inch in length and three-eighths of an inch in breadth and thickness.

Labor Notes.

HAMILTON, April 9.—The 300 rolling mill employees who went out on strike last week against a reduced scale of wages returned to work this morning. At a conference held Saturday between the strikers, President Doolittle and Manager Wilcox, a compromise was suggested by the officers of the company whereby the reduced scale was modified in the men's favor.

He—And would you marry a poor poet? She—I don't see how I could marry a rich one.

A Notable Discovery.

A Precious Collection in One of the Pyramids of Egypt.

York Is Business-Like—A Royal "Horder"—The Belgian Mystery—Doctors Wanted in Russia.

LONDON, April 9.—An important discovery has just been made by M. de Morgan, director-general of the "Service des Antiquités Egyptiennes," in connection with the pyramid of Dasher.

Relying on a passage in Herodotus, M. de Morgan devoted all his energies to the study of this pyramid, which is situated at a distance of 36 kilometers from Cairo. It has been the object of various searches, but none of them has produced results which can be compared with the discovery of M. de Morgan. The inscriptions state that this is the treasure of the Princess Ousertesen II. and Ousertesen III. It consists of thirteen funerary chambers, the mummies of which have not yet been moved; of a breastplate in massive gold bearing the cartouche of Ousertesen II., the hieroglyphics of which are made of cornelian, lapis-lazuli and turquoise; a collection of small gold bivalve shells, with which the Egyptians loved to adorn themselves; of bracelets in gold set with stones, a scarabaeus in amethyst, a tiger's paw in gold, a lotus ornamented with stones, a lion couchant after the fashion of the sphinx, a gold and silver mirror, some pins, a considerable quantity of pearls, amethysts and other precious stones.

These treasures have been for the last few days on exhibition at the museum at Ghiseh. M. de Morgan has at present only explored the north part of the pyramid of Dasher; the south part is still intact. He expects to find in the latter the royal chamber, where he will no doubt discover still more extensive treasures.

The Future King.

The Duke of York has been attending public luncheons and opening public buildings this week. The work is considered an indispensable part of the training of the heir to the British throne, and for years has pressed heavily upon the Prince of Wales. The young prince shows considerable aptitude for this business. If he feels bored his face does not betray his feelings with the exasperating plainness which was the characteristic of his dead brother, the Duke of Clarence, and he makes his little speeches in a clear voice without a trace of German accent, which is something for Englishmen to be devoutly thankful for.

Leopold Takes a Header.

The King of Belgium is an enthusiastic cyclist, but now proposes to abandon the bicycle for the safer tricycle. His Majesty took a terrific header in the palace grounds Wednesday, and if he had not landed in a rhododendron bush, which broke the fall, would have been badly injured. His bicycle was smashed. A tricycle is being built for him to be worked by electricity.

The Belgian Insurance Mystery.

The great Belgian insurance mystery, which was described a week ago, is developing slowly. The references to the case in many journals have become so pointed that the accused woman published a denial of the charges that she murdered several relatives in order to obtain their insurance. Fresh facts which have transpired regarding her recent and other deaths in her house confirm the public belief in her guilt. The judicial inquiry is said to be nearly completed and a full revelation will then be made.

Wanted in Russia—Doctors.

Complaint comes from Russia of a lack of physicians throughout the empire. The number of medical men is only one in 6,000 for the entire population. These are mostly in large cities, and the village population has only one in 30,000, while the remote provinces have only one doctor to 120,000 people.

New Medical Theory.

Pro. Horsley, who is the chief defender of vivisection in England, delivered a remarkable lecture in the Royal Institution recently, which he illustrated by daring experiments with a rifle fired at animal tissue. The most important point he attempted to show was that death from gunshot wounds in the brain is due not to a stoppage of the heart's action, as given by the text books, but to the arrest of respiration. The first aid to the wounded should, therefore, take the form of artificial respiration. The experiments were remarkably successful, and proved the professor a good shot as well as a brilliant physiologist.

—Mr. Adam Brown, postmaster of Hamilton, and famous as a lecturer, will speak on Jamaica to-morrow night at Victoria Hall. In connection with a really interesting lecture there will be shown by electric lantern 150 views of Jamaica supplied by "Jamaica" Johnston and another Scotch photographer. Many of these views are colored, and all are very pretty. Mr. Brown's large experience with the subject of his address renders him peculiarly fitted to handle his topic. Life in Jamaica in every form will be shown on the canvas, and the grand scenery and the magnificent views for which the island is noted cannot fail to draw a crowd.

Faulkner's Remains Interred.

The remains of Alex. Faulkner, the second victim of the Grand Trunk wreck on Friday, were interred at Mount Pleasant this morning. The funeral took place from the residence of deceased's mother on Queen's avenue near Elizabeth street, and was very largely attended. A profusion of floral tributes testified to the esteem in which Mr. Faulkner was held by his neighbors and fellow workmen. The Machinists' Union walked in front of the hearse as a mark of respect. A great many relatives of the dead man were present from a distance. The services were conducted by Elder Wm. Corbett, of the Church of the Latter Day Saints, of which Mr. Faulkner was a member. Mr. George Eli, who was riding with the two men at the time of the accident, was one of the pall-bearers. The others were Thomas Hawthorne, James Thatcher, Wm. Fligg, Wm. A. Larvey and Samuel Pope.

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