

Cable Gossip

British Government Business Blocked-- Radical Platform--Spain's Humiliation-- Jamson on the Down Grade.

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London, May 12.—Government business in Parliament has become so blocked as to render an autumn session, after a short recess, an imperative necessity. If the House of Commons adjourns about Aug. 15, as Ministers recently contemplated, it is likely to leave complete all but one of the great measures of the session, the Agricultural Rating Bill. The pressure that the Irish Nationalists have brought to bear on Gerald Balfour, Chief Secretary for Ireland, has failed to extort a promise that the Irish Land Bill will be taken on the second reading before the Whitehouse holidays. Mr. Timothy Healy says that the House should spend a session without touching other legislative matters. Mr. Healy has given weeks to the study of the intricacies of Mr. Balfour's bill and gets credit for knowing more about it than Mr. Balfour himself. The prospect of the passage of the Agricultural Rating Bill, which is now in committee, has become a note. The concession made by Mr. Chaplin, president of the Local Government Board, the introduction of the measure, reducing the operation of the bill to a period of five years, has not satisfied the Liberals, who now demand that three years be the limit. Mr. Chaplin, who has been severely baited and badgered by the Tories for conceding the five years, holds to that period. In the opinion of the Conservatives, the five years' concession has marked the operation of the best piece of party legislation the present generation has seen. Keeping Chaplin to his promise made during the debate on the second reading, the Opposition now insists on the early appointment of a committee of members to support this demand, and the Government must grant it. Mr. Chaplin desires to refer the inquiry into urban rating to a select committee of the House. The committee would sit over it leisurely two or three years, and give the Government full excuse for inaction till the present Parliament comes to an end.

RADICAL PROGRAMME.
A portion of the Radical members of the House of Commons have now succeeded and formed a platform of their own, the first plank of which declares for the abolition of the House of Lords. The platform contains no reference to home rule, but it is understood that Sir Charles Dilke, one of the foremost Radicals, approves of a scheme, according to which local matters in Scotland, Ireland and Wales alike will be referred to national councils.

REVIVAL OF THE NATION.
The historic Irish newspaper, the Nation, will be revived. It announces that it will aim at the defense of the interests of the people as a whole as against the schemes and ambitions of individuals. Hence it is likely to be a supporter of the Irish policy.

SPAIN'S HUMILIATION.
The London Times publishes a three-column letter from a correspondent in Havana, under date of May 2. In the course of the letter this correspondent says: "It is quite useless to hide the real situation. The whole island is in revolt, and the Spanish troops are merely acting on the defensive." Commenting editorially, the Times says: "A more melancholy picture would be impossible to imagine than our Havana correspondent draws; but it is doubtful whether any demonstration of the desperate nature of the case will induce the Spaniards to acquiesce in an arrangement so galling to their national pride as that which our correspondent suggests, namely, autonomy guaranteed by the United States."

JAMSON ON THE DECLINE.
The story that has been circulated, to the effect that Dr. Jamson, the leader of the raid into the Transvaal, will shortly marry a peeress, is not credited. In referring to the subject, today asks what peeress, and adds: "A more contemptible, impudent, and discreditable piece of business than the Jamson raid it would be difficult to find on the pages of English history. Apart from press opinion, the fact is that Dr. Jamson is getting outside the fashionable circle where he was a short time ago received as one of England's heroes. He is now utterly discredited and recognized as a rash fool, whose conduct involved ruin all around."

AN AFFRONT TO THE BOERS.
It is stated that Mr. Chamberlain's selection of Sir Graham Bower as the new British agent at Pretoria would be treated as a personal affront by Kruger and the Boers, and that it was impossible to believe that it was not deliberately intended as such. Bower is the Cape official whom all Africans accuse of having kept back the Queen's proclamation against Jamson's raid in the interests of the raiders, and they suspect and hate him accordingly. They naturally regard his being sent to Pretoria as a direct provocation to Kruger to defy England, and thus precipitate a quarrel. The fact that Mr. Chamberlain has surrendered to interested influences intent upon open rupture with the Transvaal, which was only a shrewdness a few weeks ago, is rapidly becoming a settled belief.

DELAGOYA BAY.
The Government has not succeeded in forcing Portugal to grant the concession of Delagoa Bay as a basis for British military operations against the Boers. The question of cost has been part of the trouble. The £5,000,000, the first offer from England, has been raised to twice that sum, with the further quitance of the debt of Portugal due to England, though the latter would be merely a nominal quitance, in view of the fact that Portugal has long since been released of the debt by default. The interesting point of the

matter, however, is that European intervention, either that of Germany or France, or, perhaps, both, has obliged Portugal to reject the British overtures. The position at present, therefore, is that if Great Britain should be forced to conduct operations against the Transvaal, she must, as the only practicable basis for the dispatch of a large expedition into the interior and supplying it with everything necessary, use Delagoa Bay without the consent of Portugal, a proceeding that would certainly result in undesirable entanglements with either the French or the Germans. These reasons have undoubtedly much to do with the decision of the Government to let the Boers see what the next move of the Boers will be.

INDIAN TROOPS IN THE SOUDAN.
The decision of the Government to employ a force of 2,500 Indian troops at Suakim foreshadows a movement in the autumn toward Berber and Khartoum. The question of pay is not yet settled, but India can hardly be expected to meet the expenses of the force, which must fall either upon Egypt or upon England. The subject will probably bring on a spirited debate in the Commons, where Mr. Gladstone's former colleagues remember how effective was the assault made upon Lord Beaconsfield for sending Sepoys to Malta. The public has become accustomed to the idea that the Sikhs can be pressed into the foreign service anywhere. It is a resource which tends to prove how formidable England really is as a military power. Now that the flying squadron is to be paid off, the Indian garrison at Suakim is a good theatrical exhibition.

THE SUSPICIOUS BOERS.
The news from Bulawayo continues favorable, and Rhodes' arrival from Gwelo under a strong patrol is confidently awaited. The Matabels are the least formidable adversaries of the English in South Africa. The suspicious Boers are the real enemies. The millionaire speculators of the Chartered Company are conspirators with whom it is difficult for the Government to deal.

UP THE NILE.
A dispatch from Wady Halfa says: The Sirdar, having granted permission to the newspaper correspondents to visit the line of posts extending from Wady Halfa to Akasheh, we left Wady Halfa on Monday last for Carras to accompany a company of camels. On Tuesday the camels started from Carras for the front under the charge of Major Kitchener, escorted by a guard of three squadrons of cavalry under Burm-Murdoch Bey. For two days the route lay through a wild and desolate region, among precipitous rocks and over winding passes, which permitted the camels to pass only in single file. The remainder of the road was only moderately difficult. The heat radiated from the rocks, and was almost insupportable at times. The road taken by the convoy was similar in many parts to those of Afghanistan, but without the vegetation met with there, and this compels all forage to be carried on the march here. The reveille sounded each morning at 4 o'clock, and the convoy started at 5, marching till mid-day, when it halted. On the first day we marched from Wady Halfa to Attirah. On Tuesday we reached Ambigole. On Wednesday we proceeded to Ali Moulia, quitted that place on Saturday and arrived at Akasheh on Friday at 10 a.m. The troops are still being moved quietly along toward the front. Last week the second battalion was pushed forward from Ambigole, being replaced in garrison by the reserve. Officers and men here are eager to engage the enemy. Apparently the chief obstacle is still the question of supplies. The Nile has now passed its lowest stage marks, and there is a rise of a few inches at Akasheh.

ROBERT BARR'S MISFORTUNE.
Mr. Robert Barr, the novelist, was removed last week to an asylum for imbeciles at Twickenham under a magistrate's order. The preliminary expenses—\$200—were guaranteed by an old friend, Mr. Alfred Priestman. If the old man is to have a real chance to rid himself of the drink habit, about \$200 more will be required, and it is hoped that Canada will provide a portion of it.

A NEW MONTE CARLO.
The projected establishment of a great gambling casino at Ostend—a sort of northern Monte Carlo—was supposed to have collapsed with the death of Col. North. The concession he had obtained and the progress made in the financial and other arrangements were too valuable to be lost, so a syndicate composed of the North clique, including a few American capitalists, have taken up the scheme, which includes the construction of a great esplanade, enormous hotel, theater and casino.

COL. NORTH'S WEALTH.
The value of the estate left by Col. North is estimated at \$5,000,000, but it consists largely of shares which, if sold immediately, might result in material loss. All of his affairs were left in the most perfect order. He had even opened a ledger account for every horse and dog he owned, in which were entered all their losses and winnings. The cost of each animal was balanced at the end of the season. The shrewdness of his affairs surprised those knowing only his rough and ready style.

EMPEROR WILLIAM INSULTS THE CLERGY.

Berlin, May 11.—The German clergy, Protestant and Catholic, are thoroughly aroused in consequence of Emperor William's telegram to Heinrich Hinstorff, regarding Dr. Stoecker, the court chaplain and Christian Socialist leader, which was published with his Majesty's consent. This message was almost brutally brusque and read: "The clergy must not meddle with politics, because no concern of theirs." This angered the clergymen and the whole clerical press has been expressing indignation. Dr. Stoecker has made

an outspoken reply in his organ, the Evangelical Church Gazette, in which he says that the Emperor, when still Prince William, himself characterized the Christian social activity of the clergy as a means of revolutionizing society. Dr. Stoecker added: "Since Christian social thought was tabooed in Berlin Socialism reigns politically there. As I have begun, so shall I continue. I leave the end to God."

INCONSIDERATE AND UNJUST.
Two of the leading clerical organs the Reichshot and the Volk, severely condemn and deplore the publication of the telegram, classing it as inconsiderate and unjust and pointing out that clergymen, by the constitution, are granted the same rights as other citizens. The German Catholic organs, Germania and the Cologne Volks Zeitung, publish articles of a similar tone. The Socialist press announces the telegram as imperial interference with constitutional rights, and in various parts of Germany clerical synods have taken pains to express disapproval. Dr. Stoecker and his methods and severely criticize his Majesty's telegram.

PEACE JUBILEE.
Early in the week the peace jubilee was celebrated throughout Germany. Besides the fetes at Frankfurt, there were elaborate fetes of a semi-military character at Dresden, Darmstadt and Hanover, and a vast festival in this city, organized by the veterans of the wars, of whom 7,000 marched in procession. The jubilee was kept general, in Bavaria, especially at Munich, Nuremberg and Augsburg. Twenty thousand school children paraded at Munich, and were reviewed by Prince Regent Luitpold. It was remarked, however, that the fetes in Bavaria were strictly of a Bavarian character, that only Bavarian flags were displayed, that neither the Emperor nor Prince Bismarck were referred to in the orations, and that no reference to Germany or the German army was permitted, the official censorship existing everything from the nation generally.

IMPRISONED FOR DUELING.
Baron Von Kotze, formerly court chamberlain at Berlin, has been sentenced to two years' imprisonment in a fortress for the killing of Baron Schrader, master of ceremonies at the Prussian court. The duel, which grew out of the anonymous scandal, which some years ago convulsed Berlin society, took place near Potsdam on the morning of April 18. Baron Von Schrader was fatally shot in the abdomen.

THE LATEST FASHIONS.
Smart little coats are all in the ascendant, the days of the "sere and withered leaf" have begun for the cape. This year's wardrobe is to see nothing in the nature of crepon as the season advances. The newest fabrics have mostly a smooth, silky surface. Grass lawns will be more fashionable than ever, and embroidered blouses in fine cream-colored muslin and embroidered linen with drawn designs in gold and silver stitching will be largely used. Women quite in disgrace lately have been with their big hats. Punch has derided them, and every paper has had a fling at the "matinee hat. From Paris we hear of hats resembling a cupped effect is gained by means of machine tulle, which is young and dainty looking. Chene ribbons, and flowers given are still rampant as hat trimmings.

Western Ontario.

Latest Happenings in this Section of the Province.

Dr. Sifton, of Comber, removed a tumor from above the right eye of W. Desjardins, a farmer living in Rochester, the other day. The tumor had been growing for several years, and it nearly covered the eye. The operation was successful.

At a meeting of the managing committee of the St. Thomas Board of Education, it was decided to re-take the non-resident pupils attending the Collegiate Institute be charged \$30 per year, residents, forms 1, 2, and 3 free; 4, 5 and 6, \$1 per month.

Chas. Crothers, 16 years old, convicted of placing an obstruction on the Michigan Central Railway on Friday was sentenced at St. Thomas on Friday to one month in jail, to begin May 5. The judge dealt with him leniently on account of his previous good character, and the impossibility of sending him to the industrial school.

A lunatic caused considerable excitement at Talbotville, Friday. A man, 70 years of age, called at Mr. Walter Travers, and acted strangely, and while Mr. Travers was gone for a constable to take care of him the old man struck Mr. Travers, the third man, on the head with a club, knocking him down, and continued to assault him until he was overpowered. He was brought to St. Thomas and locked up as a dangerous lunatic. He gave his name as E. Barrett.

Miss Minnie A., eldest daughter of Postmaster Wilson, of Kingsport, died very suddenly Thursday morning. Deceased was in her usual health, and attended prayer meeting the evening previous. On retiring she was taken with colic, the usual remedies were administered, and she apparently went to sleep. On entering the room in the morning the family were shocked to find her dead. Deceased, who was only 21 years of age, had been subject to epilepsy, which was probably the cause of her death.

City Treasurer S. O. Perry and City Clerk and Solicitor V. B. Doherty, of St. Thomas, were in Toronto Saturday delivering to James A. Meidrum, broker, the city debentures recently purchased by that gentleman. They took home with them a check for \$73,854.74, the debentures, which bring 4 per cent., having been sold at par.

Ignace Ferrara, a young farmer of Sandwich, East, has become mentally unbalanced, the result, it is reported, of a love affair. Ferrara is an Italian, and came to Sandwich East several years ago, practically penniless. He years ago, and became fairly well-to-do. For some time past he has been paying attentions to a Miss Deane, and it was understood that they were to be married. The young lady, however, refused to marry him, and this so preyed upon him that his mind became somewhat unbalanced. He is now stopping with his brother at Sandwich, and if his condition does not improve he will be taken to the retreat at Dearborn, Mich.

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THE WAR IN CUBA.

Another Recognition Resolution Before the U. S. Senate.

Washington, May 12.—In the United States Senate on Saturday, Mr. Spooner (Democrat, Alabama) took the floor for a speech on his joint Cuban resolution, which he introduced on Friday, calling upon the President to declare that a state of public war exists in Cuba, and that the parties engaged in the war are belligerents, to each of whom the laws of nations equally apply. The resolution was referred to the committee on foreign relations, after being amended so as to request the President to order of the correspondence regarding the protocol and its bearing upon the trial and condemnation of United States citizens captured in or near Cuba.

New York, May 12.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says: The Viedomosti says that Spain can count on England and France in the event of war with the United States, since by interfering with Cuba, the United States enters their colonial spheres. The Viedomosti also says this is a good time for Spain to fight the United States. She must spend millions to conquer the insurgents, and it would be better to fight the United States than the insurgents. A Madrid dispatch to La Discusion announces that the War Department is preparing to embark 40,000 more troops for Cuba in October, should Weyler deem reinforcements then necessary.

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