

CURRENT NOTES.

It is not surprising that the return of Lord Salisbury to power, backed as he now seems sure to be by an overwhelming majority in Parliament, should excite in Paris some misgiving, which is deepened by reports of the satisfaction with which the same event is viewed in Berlin, Vienna, and Rome. The new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom represents a party which has traditionally favoured co-operation with Austria, while he himself not only has made no secret of his predilection for Germany, but during his last term of office was believed to have entered into an informal agreement with King Humbert's Government to the effect that in certain contingencies the English and Italian fleets should act together in the Mediterranean. But Frenchmen are not merely troubled by the apprehension that at least the moral and diplomatic influence of England may not be exerted on the side of the Triple Alliance they also have cause to dread that the British Foreign Office, under a Conservative administration, may veto the concessions lately made to France by China.

The sole consideration obtained by France for her joint interposition with Russia for the purpose of securing the evacuation of Liau-Tung by the Japanese was the new treaty with China, which the Paris newspapers have been for some weeks discussing with elation. It is understood that by that treaty China gives France exclusive and valuable privileges for opening up the rich and populous Chinese province of Yunnan with railways, and, furthermore, cedes to France in full sovereignty certain territory which not long ago was ceded by England to China for the specific purpose of being formed into a "buffer State." There is reason to think that Lord Salisbury may protest against both of these concessions on the ground that they violate the treaty rights of England and exploit pledges given by France. The territory on the left or eastern bank of the Mekong River, of which the French now claim to have obtained possession, was ceded by Great Britain, as possessor of the rights of Burmah, to China, with the express stipulation that, should China ever abandon the ceded territory, it should revert to the grantor. It may likewise be argued that the French cannot, without breaking their pledged word, avail themselves of any monopoly of railway communication with Yunnan through the Mekong Valley. Eighteen months ago Lord Dufferin assured the French Government that England had no intention of seeking any exclusive privileges for herself in that quarter; but that it was understood that in the Shan States, which lie between the Chinese frontier on the north and the Siamese and French frontiers on the south, the field should be left as open to French as to English enterprise. On the same day the French Minister for Foreign Affairs gave the counter assurance that his Government adhered to the same principles without reserve. The deduction from these facts is that of the two concessions said to have been gained from China, one China had no right to make, and the other France had no right to accept.

If England had no other causes of complaint, it may be that she would waive her well-founded objections to the new treaty between France and China, believing that, should a railway to Yunnan be built with French capital, it would eventually promote the interests mainly of British commerce, as proved to be the case with the Suez Canal. But the truth is that on several occasions the French Foreign Office has broken formal covenants, both in Farther India and elsewhere. When the quarrel between France and Siam was arranged, the former power agreed that its occupation of Chantaboon, a Siamese maritime town considerably westward of Cambodia, which is under French protectorate, should be but temporary, and that, when the Siamese had conformed to certain stipulations, they should recover possession of that seaport. The Siamese have fulfilled their obligations, but Chantaboon is still kept by the French. This is the latest, but not the only breach of faith chargeable to France. In West Africa she has encroached upon the territories of the Niger Company, in defiance of a partition treaty to which she was a party. She promised England not to fortify Biserta, but she has made it a great naval fortress. When France finally occupied Tunis she assured the European power that she did not mean to remain there after law and order were restored. Law and order have long reigned, but France still retains her grasp.

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From the Cornwall Standard.

It is now a common thing in this locality to hear people acknowledge the wonderful benefit they have derived from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and it is not to be wondered at that the druggists find the sale of this remarkable medicine so large and yet constantly increasing. We could give any number of instances of splendid results following the use of Pink Pills, but so many of these are well known to many of our readers as to not need recapitulation. However, now and again a case of more than usual interest arises, and we will give the particulars of one of these for the benefit of the public at large. Some years ago a young girl of 14, a daughter of Mr. Leon Dore, a well known and respected resident of Cornwall, began to show serious symptoms, and caused her mother great anxiety. She was just at the critical period of her life, and medical aid was called in and everything done to help



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her. But it appeared to be useless, and week after week she continued to grow worse, until it was evident she was fast going into a decline. A hacking cough set in, and the poor girl, who was formerly plump and healthy looking, with bright, rosy cheeks, began to waste away, and in a few months was merely a shadow of her former self. Her mother had about lost all hope of saving the young girl's life, the doctors being apparently unable to do anything to check the ravages of the mysterious disease. At length the mother's attention was directed to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and she decided to give them a trial. A box was taken, and, as the girl did not show any visible signs of improvement, her mother was on the point of discontinuing the medicine when a neighbor persuaded her that a single box was not a fair trial and induced her to continue the Pills. By the time a second box was completed there was some improvement noticeable and there was joy in that small household, and no more persuasion was needed to continue the treatment. The use of Pink Pills was then continued for some months, by which time the young girl had completely recovered her health and strength. To-day she is the very picture of health, and the color in her cheeks is as bright as it was before her illness commenced. To those who saw her during the days of her illness and suffering, her recovery is little short of a miracle. Mrs. Dore freely gave the Standard reporter permission to publish an account of her daughter's illness and recovery. She said she could not find words strong enough to express the gratitude for the miraculous cure this great life-saving medicine had effected in her daughter's case, and she hoped her testimony might be the means of leading others similarly afflicted to give them a trial. After writing the above, the reporter again called on Mrs. Dore and read it to her, asking her if it was entirely correct. She replied that she would like to give even stronger expression to her appreciation of this wonderful medicine. She further said that Pink Pills had greatly helped herself. She had been suffering from the effects of an attack of la grippe, and the Pink Pills had restored her to health. Her daughter also expressed her gratitude for the extraordinary change this medicine had wrought in her health.

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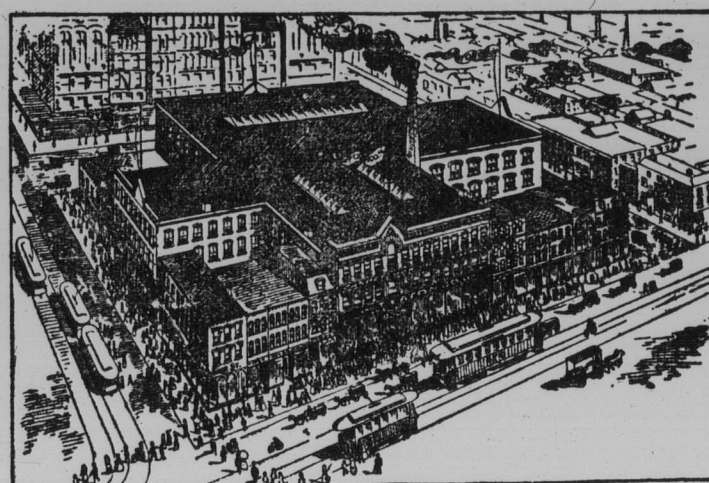
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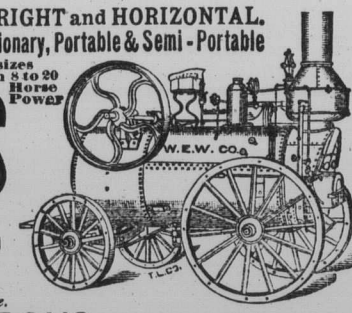
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