

“Devil’s Advocate.”

Joe Chamberlain Comes in for
a Drubbing

From the Grand But Indig-
nant Old Man.

The French Minister Leaves the
Siamese Capital.

Some of Monday’s Warlike Reports
Were Premature.

Jimcoes in the House of Commons As-
sured by Secretary Grey That British
Interests Are Being Cared For—How
Gave in to the French Flag—Results of the Race From San
Francisco to Queenstown.

Death of an Arctic Explorer.
London, July 25.—Dr. John Rae, the
Arctic explorer, is dead.

A Discarded Coin.
Paris, July 25.—France, Italy, Switzer-
land, Belgium and Greece have agreed to
circulate the 24 franc silver piece from the
international circulation of the Latin
union.

A Dynamite Factory Blown Up.
Paris, July 25.—Four explosions shat-
tered the Ablon dynamite factory in Hon-
dour near Havre this afternoon. The ruins
caught fire, and it was feared the flame
would spread to a warehouse filled with
dynamite cartridges. Nine men are known
to have been killed, twenty more were
seriously wounded and others are hurt seri-
ously.

London’s Favorite Dramatic Stars.
London, July 25.—Ivings and Miss Terry
have just made their last appearance for
many months before a London audience.
London’s worship of these two stars does
not diminish, and a distinguished audience
gave them a splendid farewell ovation.
They will take their departure a week
later to begin a long American tour, ap-
pearing first in San Francisco.

Slavery Shielded by the French Flag.
London, July 25.—A letter from the
Bishop of Zanzibar gives the details of a
cruel and active slave trade in that region.
The capture of slave dhows is of frequent
occurrence. The traffic is largely carried
on under the French flag. He mentions
three recent cases. A boat crew from a
man-of-war boarded a large dhow flying
the French flag. They found a large num-
ber of slaves, which would be correct, and the
right of search was denied.

One of the sailors kicked off the hatch;
then a number of little arms were stretched
up from below. Seventy-three slaves were
crowded between the two decks, without
light or air. The captain exclaimed in dis-
gust:

“What is the use in my paying 50 reis
for a French interpreter if this is all I get
for my money?”

The Long-Distance Ocean Race.
Quebec, July 25.—The long-dis-
tance ocean race from San Francisco to
Quebec has been practically finished.
The five vessels that took part were all
British. They were the bark Pinnaroo, and
the ships City of Athens, Bowdon, Loches,
and Lord Templemore. The City of
Athens and the Loches arrived here to-day.
The Bowdon was wrecked on April 27 on
Oso Island, one of the Friendly group.
All the vessels with the exception of the City
of Athens sailed from San Francisco March
22. The City of Athens sailed on the fol-
lowing day. Each captain put \$250 on his
ship, the winner of the race to take \$1,000,
and the second to have his stake. The
Pinnaroo won the \$1,000, and the City of
Athens, which was the first to arrive to-
day, saved her captain’s \$250. The Lord
Templemore has not been heard of since she
left San Francisco.

Tips to the Lords.
London, July 25.—Lord Salisbury has
sent out the following circular to his sup-
porters: “As far as it is possible to fore-
cast the probable course of Parliamentary
business, it appears likely that the second
reading of the Home Rule Bill will be pro-
posed in the House of Lords at the end of
August or beginning of September. It is
very desirable that every peer who is op-
posed to the bill should record his vote on
this occasion. I venture, therefore,
to hope that you will arrange your
engagements so that it may be possible
for you to be in London when the second
reading is proposed. It is uncertain how
long the debate will last. The general
opinion is that the bill will be discussed
daily until midnight for one week. The
Lords are expected to reject the bill by a
vote of 10 to 1.”

The Unionists in the Commons are
struggling for pairs during the period be-
tween now and Aug. 8. After that date they
will begin to take vacation in batches
of 50. Gibson Bowles, the champion Tory
member, has increased the list of his
nominees on the vote of estimates to an
even hundred. Seventy or 80 other Union-
ists have declared their intention to assist
him in this plan of obstruction. Mr.
Bowles’ most enthusiastic supporters, Lord
Hansbury, is trying to equal his friend’s
record in giving notices of amendment.
The Radicals and younger Liberals are
seeking to persuade the Ministers to pro-
pose Parliament after supply until Decem-
ber.

The Siam Embroglio.
London, July 25.—A Bangkok telegram,
published in London, declares that the
Siamese Government offers to pay an in-
creased indemnity in lieu of the cession of
the Province of Luang Prabang to France.
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M. Pavie’s official dispatches contain-
ing the text of the reply arrived in some con-
fusion, and being in cipher an omission,
such as has been referred to, could be
easily explained. Accompanying the tele-
gram to the Siamese legation in Paris
from the French Minister was another dis-
patch with confidential instruction which
had not been published, but which was
possibly have contained the offer of an
increased indemnity. The situation is ex-
tremely critical. The conciliatory reply
was entirely due to the direct influence
of the King of Siam, but in the present
temper of the Siamese, he may be un-
able to prevent some untoward incident,
such as firing on the gunboat Forfait, as
she retires down the river with M. Pavie
on board. If this should occur, the French
would instantly bombard Bangkok. The
French Minister has been requested for an
extension of time, and the desire to prolong
negotiations, to an intention to render the
French gunboats impotent by exhausting
the coal supplies before they are able to
leave the river. The Siamese warships
are anchored a mile higher up than the
French, and round a bend of the river,
which shelters them from a sudden
French attack. The current of the
Meikong is very swift, and would give
them a distinct advantage in descending
upon the French vessels, which would be
compelled to slip their anchors and man-
euver at a disadvantage.

The Paris Soir utters a threat that
France and Russia will combine to put
the screw on England, and says: “The
coincidence between the Russian movement
in the Pamirs and that of France in Siam
has not been sufficiently remarked. It
may be mentioned in passing that Russia
has been calling it a scientific expedi-
tion.”

London, July 25.—In the House of Com-
mons to-day Mr. John Long (Advanced
Liberal) asked if the Government were
aware that British subjects possessed rights
over 40 square miles of land in the Siamese
Province of Chantaburi, Krat and Bat-
tambang, for working ruby and sapphires
mines, and whether, in the event of France
annexing those provinces, care would be
taken to guard British interests.

Sir Edward Grey (Parliamentary Sec-
retary of the Foreign Office) replied that
the Government was aware of the mining
rights held in Siam by British subjects, but
he pointed out that the provinces in ques-
tion were not under British protection, and
that the rights were not to the west of the
Meikong River, and therefore were not in-
cluded in the territorial demands made by
France.

Hon. George N. Curzon (Conservative)
asked whether France had established a block-
ade of the Siamese coast; whether the estab-
lishment of such a blockade would be regarded
as an act of belligerency between France
and Siam; whether the blockade had been
officially recognized by Great Britain,
and what measures the Government pro-
posed to take in regard to the matter.

Sir Edward Grey replied that Great
Britain had received from France a verbal
notice of the intention of the French Gov-
ernment to blockade the Siamese coast.
The blockade would certainly be an act of
belligerency. The British Government, Sir
Edward added, proposed to continue to
protect the British subjects in the property
of British subjects. The Government thought
that the value that attaches to a declara-
tion of blockade must vary with the cir-
cumstances of each particular case.

Mr. Curzon then asked: “Supposes any
British vessel, even ship carrying sails,
should ascend the Menam River after
Thursday, will it risk being captured or
fired upon by the French? If so, what
steps will the Government take to miti-
gate such a state of affairs? And further,
when may we expect notification of the
proceedings of our ambassador in Paris?”

Sir Edward stated that any further
communications he might make to the
House must depend upon the course which
the French Government might take. He
said that the British Government had been
informed that the French Government
had only just received notice of the
fact of the intended blockade. He added
that he must ask that the notice be given
of other questions that the members desired
to ask.

Notwithstanding this request the Right
Hon. Sir Charles Dilke (Advanced Radical)
asked: “Will there be a declaration of war
or merely an implied belligerency? Will
not the blockade be established under the
pretense of what is called a ‘pacified’ blockade?”

Sir Edward replied: “I cannot add any-
thing to what I have said. I hope to be
able to give you further information on
Thursday. It would not be advisable nor
to the public interest to make any further
statement to-day.”

Sir Charles Temple (Conservative) asked
if the Government was taking steps to
secure some equality in the British and
French naval forces in Siamese water.

This question brought forth cries of
“Don’t answer,” but Sir Edward answered
this question, saying: “I assured the
House on a previous occasion, and the as-
surance still holds, that Great Britain has
a sufficient force off Bangkok to protect
British life and property.”

Paris, June 25.—The reports current
yesterday that the French Government had
notified the various powers of its intention
to blockade the coast of Siam were pre-
mature. No such notification has been
officially addressed to the powers. Lord
Dufferin, the British ambassador, and M.
Davelle, Minister of Foreign Affairs, will
hold another conference to-morrow.

Paris, July 25.—A Cabinet council was
held to-day at Marly-le-Roi, where Presi-
dent Carnot is temporarily sojourning. Mr.
Carnot presided over the deliberations,
which were entirely devoted to the Siamese
question. After the council rose a semi-
official statement of the proceedings was
issued to the effect that the Government
had taken such measures to safeguard the
interests and dignity of France as were
considered from Siam’s reply to the French
ultimatum to have been rendered neces-
sary.

London, July 25.—A dispatch from
Bangkok says it appears certain now that
M. Pavie, the French Minister, will hasten
his departure. It is said he will go down
the river this evening on a gunboat.
London, July 25.—The Paris corre-
spondent of the Morning Post believes that
M. Davelle is personally in favor of a more
conciliatory attitude towards Siam.
A late dispatch from Thibets from a semi-
official source says that at 11 o’clock the
French vessels had passed the mouth of the

Menam River and had exchanged salutes
with the Siamese forts.

The Paris correspondent of the Times
comments upon the vagueness of the
official reports of the Cabinet council at
Carnot’s house in Marly-le-Roi.

The Paris Debates complain that the
French fleet has been condemned to the in-
activity of a blockade, anchored at a
distance from land and exposed to the
storms and maladies peculiar to the
climate, instead of storming the forts.
Such extreme generosity, says the Debate,
can only serve to prolong the war and re-
alize the Siamese purpose to gain time.
The Siamese protest the Government’s
attempt to block the Siamese States. “Colonial
Empire has a very fine sound,” it says,
“but the English and German merchants
will pocket all the profits.”

TIEN-TSIN, July 25.—The Chinese Gov-
ernment has received the news of France’s
territorial demands upon Siam with amazement and indignation. That France should
lay claim to country up to the 23rd parallel
is regarded as an intrusion upon the rights
of China, for at Peking the contention is
that both banks of the Mekong, to a point
well south of the 23rd parallel are Chinese
possessions. The Mandarin party, which
is bitterly anti-French, is trying
to force the Government to interfere.

London, July 25.—M. Pavie, French
Minister resident, started down the river
this afternoon on the warship Inconstante,
accompanied by the warships Lutetia and
Comete. All is quiet in this city.

SALGOON, July 25.—The division of the
French fleet which is commanded by Ad-
miral Hamann, sailed to-day for the Gulf
of Siam. The merchant vessels lying off
Bangkok will probably receive notice before
the blockade is left the Menam River and
put into effect.

Tryon’s Fatal Signal.
London, July 25.—The proceedings of
the Victoria court martial, although no
new facts of prime importance have come
out, are followed with intense public
interest. No light has been thrown on the
real mystery of the disaster, which was
concealed in Admiral Tryon’s subordinate
failed to meet his own orders. It is the
responsibility will not be placed upon the
disaster commander. The questions put by
the court indicate that Capt. Bourke
especially, and Admiral Markham in a
lesser degree, are the persons who are
being held responsible for the disaster.
The danger, however, that the duty of
disobedience, which most people consider
the disaster teaches, may become a greater
peril than that which the disaster itself
taught, is a point that was tested on
Thursday by Admiral Seymour, command-
ing the squadron engaged in the maneuvers
of the Channel fleet.

The fleet was proceeding in double
columns in the same order as before the
disaster off Tripoli. The flagship suddenly
hoisted Admiral Tryon’s fatal signal,
“Columns turn sixteen points inward.” No
response was made for some moments.

Then, almost at the same time, every
ship hoisted the signal, “Don’t under-
stand signal,” meaning, of course, we
understand perfectly, but we refuse to
obey. The signal on the flagship was im-
mediately changed.

Every English newspaper, referring to
the incident, stupidly assumes that the
signal was given by mistake, and solemn
comments are made upon the escape from
the danger involved. When it is considered
that a signal does not become a mistake
until it is repeated, and that it has been
hailed down on the flagship, the object
of Admiral Seymour’s test becomes ap-
parent. Trying the discretion of com-
manders by impossible orders is not likely
to be exclusively practiced in the navy.

At to-day’s session of the court martial
Capt. Gerard H. U. Noel, of the battleship
Nile, testified that he understood the
signal displayed by the Victoria to mean
“Columns turn sixteen points inward.” He
said that he thought there was something
wrong with the order, and therefore had
the signal repeated. In his opinion the
evolution as ordered was certainly impos-
sible. Capt. Noel thought that had both
the Victoria and the Camperdown been
avoided. The witness declared
later that Rear Admiral Markham would
have been justified in regarding the evolu-
tion as a mistake. He said that he was
questioned as to the result of the disaster,
and he said that he was not sure that
when the vessels were entering a harbor he
had always found in his experience that
Vice-Admiral Tryon’s signals were clear
and unambiguously understood. When the
signals were being performed, however, the
signals displayed on the Victoria were
frequently obscure in respect of their
meaning. Signals for risky evolutions at
sea were never given.

Capt. Arthur K. Wilson, of the battle-
ship Sans Pareil, testified that he supposed
the maneuver had previously been arranged
by the leaders of the columns. The signal
displayed by the Victoria, outlying the
other ships, was the result of a misunder-
standing. He could not see how a col-
lision was to be avoided, but he shared
the general confidence in Vice-Admiral
Tryon’s ability. The signal was made
separately by each of the ships, and the
Victoria going around the Camperdown on
the outside. The signal, however, could
not properly have been so construed. To
have disobeyed the order would have in-
volved the most serious responsibility.

Home Rule.
London, July 25.—The House of Com-
mons, sitting as committee of the whole,
continued this evening the discussion of
the financial proposals in the Home Rule
Bill. John Redmond, leader of the Par-
liamentary party, moved an amendment to
the effect that the Irish Legislature should
receive immediate control of Irish taxes as
was proposed originally by Mr. Gladstone,
instead of being forced to leave the taxes in
British hands for six years, as was stipu-
lated in the new financial scheme.
Mr. Gladstone said that the Government
could not accept the amendment. Such a
change would not accord with the revised
and simplified plan.

Mr. Balfour opposed the amendment.
John Clancy (Nationalist) said that unfor-
seen difficulties would multiply both inside
and outside of the Irish Legislature in case
the power of collecting taxes in Ireland
were reserved by the Imperial Govern-
ment.

Section (anti-Parnellite) argued that
the transitional provisions of the financial
scheme probably would be advantageous
to Ireland. The burden of tax gathering
in Ireland, which the Irish Legisla-
ture might be expected in the first years
of its existence. Mr. Sexton appealed to
John Redmond not to push the amendment.
The amendment, he said, must be brought
to a division. It would be degrading to
Ireland and its representatives in Parlia-

ment if a scheme inspired by the distrust
of the Irish people were accepted in place
of the Parnellite plan. The amendment
was lost by 249 to 53. The anti-
Parnellite vote was against it. Many
Unionists abstained from voting.

Joseph Chamberlain moved to make per-
manent the provisional arrangement that
Irish taxes should be collected for six
years by the Imperial Government. He
charged the Government with trucking to
the Nationalists. These gentlemen, he said,
would be masters of the situation after
six years, and would be able to do
pretty much as they pleased. The Irish
Government would then conduct Irish
finances so as to give a good pretext for
wringing still more favorable terms from the
Imperial Government. The financial plan
as presented now by the Government put a
premium on extravagant administration
under the Irish Legislature.

The House filled rapidly during Mr.
Chamberlain’s speech as it was known
that Mr. Gladstone would reply at length.
When the Premier rose few seats were
vacant. Mr. Gladstone began by compar-
ing Mr. Chamberlain’s attitude towards the
Irish with that of the Nationalists. There is
a studied effort to put the Irish in the
light of a party of many people. It is
surprising. So when a photograph was
made to talk before the African sphinx in
the Midway and to the Egyptian obelisk,
neither of these worthies winked an eye.
The Herald artist had better luck, how-
ever, further down the grand promenade.
The photograph was loaded into a little
red push cart, and the artist, wearing a
fez cap to give him an oriental appearance,
started out in pursuit of such foreign
nots as the natives of several foreign
clubs could be induced to drop into the
little funnel.

It did not take long to work up an in-
terest in so novel an enterprise. Many gen-
tlemen of thought in many different lan-
guages were attracted into the little machine by
the artist, who were more or less familiar with
his mysteries, but it was not of the enlight-
ened ones that the artist looked for his
reward; he was after dimes that do not do
as yet prevail to ward primaries or city
council elections.

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Experience of a Phonograph Man
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A Babel of Tongues Gathered for
Future Reproduction.

Some of the Songs of the Savages
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Fair Officials Charged With Contempt
of Court in Closing the Show
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CHICAGO, July 15.—The Chicago Herald
describes the introduction of a phonograph
in the Plaisance. Some of the denizens
thought it was loaded, others were in-
different and did not know what to think,
while others still had no thought at all.
The latter were in the majority. There is
a studied effort to put the Irish in the
light of a party of many people. It is
surprising. So when a photograph was
made to talk before the African sphinx in
the Midway and to the Egyptian obelisk,
neither of these worthies winked an eye.
The Herald artist had better luck, how-
ever, further down the grand promenade.
The photograph was loaded into a little
red push cart, and the artist, wearing a
fez cap to give him an oriental appearance,
started out in pursuit of such foreign
nots as the natives of several foreign
clubs could be induced to drop into the
little funnel.

It did not take long to work up an in-
terest in so novel an enterprise. Many gen-
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the artist, who were more or less familiar with