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London, Monday, Aug. 10.

Remarkable Electric Storm on Lake Erie.

On Saturday night, those who happened to be at Port Stanley witnessed one of the grandest electrical storms ever seen. It started about 7 p.m., and continued far through the night. There was little rain, but considerable wind, causing the waves to break in violence on the beach. As the battle of the elements waged chiefly to the southward, over the lake, there was an unobstructed view from the shore. The blackness of darkness stretched across the sky, forming a contrasting background for the electrical display. From point to point "leaped the live thunder." Sheet lightning flashed in white and rose colors, and shades of violet. The "forked lightning" was grand in the extreme. It played horizontally and perpendicularly. It made straight bars and zig-zags of white heat. One effect was of a bar which split off into three divisions, as in the case of some rockets. Another conformation was that of many simultaneous dividing lines, as of a map in outline. Another effect was that of a nearly perfect wheel. All this to the accompaniment of a continuous undertone of thunder, augmented now and then by a reverberating crash. A spectacle more sublime one has seldom seen the good fortune to witness.

As if the imagination had not been sufficiently appealed to, the night brought another sensation. At about half-past ten a flash of blinding white was seen to run its irregular course, and immediately after the ghostly outlines of a schooner in flames presented themselves to the spectators. As the ship was a good many miles out, and its features could be seen only through banks of cloud, the effect was of the most ghostly character, as if it had been some phantom ship like the "Flying Dutchman" of the old legend. In about an hour the flames seemed to grow dim, and the outlines of the vessel were presently lost to sight. An attempt was made to get out the lifeboat, but it was found impossible to face the sea. No trace of the missing vessel has yet been found, and it is impossible to tell her name, her destination, or the fate of those on board.

The name of Daniel Spry, postoffice inspector of the London division which includes Windsor, is mentioned in connection with the position of Deputy Postmaster-General under William Mulock. Mr. Spry is a Liberal in politics, and a prominent Mason—Detroit News.

We do not know what truth there is in this report, but it may have some basis. Mr. Spry is one of the best, as he is one of the most experienced, postal officials in the service of the country. It is now 40 years since he began his career as a postoffice clerk in the Toronto office, and he has served the country faithfully and well ever since. It is not generally known that one of the last acts of the defeated Tupper Government was to attempt the superannuation of Deputy Postmaster-General White. The papers were prepared and submitted to the Governor-General, but he very properly refused to ratify them, or to confirm the appointment of a new incumbent—not Mr. Spry—for the office.

Time All Speakers.

The way in which Dr. George C. Davis (who has no superior as a chairman) put through a dozen or twenty three-minute speeches at the recent Irish Benevolent Society's picnic, was refreshing. We think that where there are several speakers, all addresses should be strictly timed by watch and bell. Experience teaches that when the average speaker begins by saying he is unprepared, and will therefore be brief, that he will be prolix and tedious. Now, lying must be damaging to our orators' immortal souls, and a strict chairman can avert such damage by keeping him in accord with his promise to the audience. Besides, some speakers, if they get an early chance, are selfish enough to consume time that belongs to other speakers, if all are to have a fair show, and that adds theft to lying. Time all speakers!

Britain's fleet is being steadily increased. Six years ago 71,000 men were required for British warships. Now 93,160 are needed—an increase of 22,160 in six years. And experts like Lord Charles Dersford say the warships are yet undermanned. It is a costly business.

LONDON WEST HAS COMPANY.

Ottawa Journal.
Writs are to be issued against four members of the London West council because money from the sinking fund of the municipal debt was used to pay current expenses. Practically that is what has been done in connection with some of the local improvement work in Ottawa.

Cable Gossip

Great Rebuff for Salisbury's Government
--Commotion Caused by the Peers--Li's Significant Sentences.

Salisbury's Possible Successor—Strike of Professional Cricketers—Rhodes' Downfall—Wolseley's Words Create a Rumpus—Praise for Canadians.

London, Aug. 9.—The conflict in the House of Lords over the Irish Land Bill has been the political sensation of the past week. The newspapers are full of the subject, and there is much speculation as to the outcome. It is a long time since a government has received such a slap in the face from the peers, and the Ministerialists have taken a very narrow view of the situation. However, the situation has somewhat improved as a result of the Cabinet Council, which considered the critical state of affairs and decided to practically restore the measure to its original condition on its return to the House of Commons, and it is now hoped that the landlord people have been persuaded to refrain from further contest. It is now hoped that a compromise will be arranged which will yet permit of proroguing Parliament on Saturday next.

The peers seem somewhat amazed at the position in which they find themselves, and one of them, who voted against the Government, said to a representative of the Associated Press: "I did not imagine that so much chaos would follow the Government's defeat, or that so much stress would be laid upon the 'Unionist' alliance, requiring the peers to sink their individual opinions in a matter touching their pockets for the sake of 'Unionist' prestige, and it may therefore happen that when the bill returns to the Commons the peer landlords will find that they cannot give way in their private interests in favor of the greater party needs."

SALISBURY'S COURSE EVOKES CRITICISM.

The resignations of several members of the Ministry which it was predicted would be tendered because of the action of the House of Lords on the Irish Land Bill, are unlikely to occur, but the position of the Government has been seriously weakened. While landlords have done nothing better calculated to explode the contention that the Upper House is governed largely by patriotic motives than checking the House of Commons only in support of the deliberate judgment of the people, the Liberal view of the matter, that a majority of the peers are swayed by purely selfish motives, has received an enormous impulse.

SALISBURY'S POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR.

In reference to the debates in the House of Lords on the Irish Land Bill, there is the curious fact that the Marquis of Salisbury completely resigned his functions as leader of the House to the Secretary of State for War, the Marquis of Gathorne, and this, says the St. James's Gazette, "tends to force to the impression that Lord Lansdowne is training for the leadership of the House of Lords, if not for the Premiership."

The fact that Lord Salisbury took no part in the debate has caused a great deal of comment in various quarters. The Prime Minister did not seem to be at all affected by the untidily displayed by his followers, but, on the contrary, assumed an air of unusual gaiety, joking on the subject with the Lord High Chancellor.

FRICTION.

Friction regarding the inquiry into the affairs of the British South Africa Company has arisen by the appointment of Mr. Edward Drake, member of Parliament for the south division of Longford, to membership of the commission, as he is unsatisfactory to the Healyites who want their own nominee.

LI'S SIGNIFICANT SUGGESTION.

A phrase which Li Hung used in his speech at the banquet tendered him at the Hotel Metropole Saturday night, is much commented upon. He is looked upon as having pleaded for the independence of England in case the independence of China is threatened from within or without, when he said: "Our interests run parallel. We would like to be able to reckon upon the support of the commercial powers should our independence ever be threatened from any quarter." This is interpreted here as referring to Russia and to the French from the direction of Tonquin, and the Daily Chronicle says: "His words have a political significance which cannot be missed. That Li Hung Chang, after enjoying the unstinted and even overdone hospitality of these nations should appeal to Great Britain in a thinly veiled phrase for help against them if necessary, is the most striking fact of his tour."

STRIKE OF PROFESSIONAL CRICKETERS.

The conflict in the House of Lords almost sinks into insignificance by the side of the professional cricketers. For Monday's rubber match between the English and Australian players, Lordman, Green and Hayward demanded \$100 instead of the usual \$50, and the Surrey Cricket Club, as organizers of the match, engaged other professionals to replace the strikers. Pears are expressed that the English team will be defeated if its best professionals do not play. The professionals claim that the Surrey Club will probably make \$100 out of the match, and that the players deserve a higher share of the profits. They also point out that many amateurs receive more money in expenses than the professionals receive in wages, and it is claimed that Dr. Grace is receiving expenses more than the wages of all the professionals put together. Moreover, it is added, the old-time professionals received \$100, which sum was only reduced during recent years.

RHODES' DOWNFALL.

Cecil Rhodes, whose connection with the British South African Company and his alleged complicity in the Transvaal raid of Dr. Jameson, are well known, will undoubtedly shortly be brought to book for the part he took in bringing about an invasion of a friendly state. A comparatively

short time ago Mr. Rhodes was made a member of her Majesty's Privy Council, but his name will now be stricken from the list, and he will be summoned to give evidence before the Parliamentary Select Committee of inquiry into the charges. It is known that Mr. Chamberlain desired to see him in the dock, and has dismissed the question of indictment with Arthur J. Balfour and the Attorney-General. There are as ample reasons for indicting Rhodes as for the conviction of Jameson, but a trial and its peculiarities would have involved a delay of six months in the proceedings of the Committee of Inquiry, so Rhodes has meantime escaped the ordeal he challenged. When he reappears in England, it will be with ruined prestige, and as a comparatively poor man.

WOLSELEY CREATES A RUMPU.

There is no end to the rumpus caused by Lord Wolseley's remark a few days ago before the investigating committee that he would not like to lead Great Britain's Indian troops against any European soldiers. The storm of indignation protest that is already coming from India has seriously embarrassed the commander-in-chief, who deeply repents his indiscretion. The matter is made worse rather than better by an explanation made on his behalf, in which he says that for the purposes for which it is designed the Queen's Indian army could not be better fitted.

GOOD WORDS FOR THE CANADIANS.

In his address in presenting the prizes at Shoeburyness, Lord Wolseley said he had passed many happy years in Canada, felt wrapped up in its destinies, and always entertained the greatest affection and respect for its people. "I am sure," Lord Wolseley continued, "that the detachment returns with great pride to our brothers on the other side of the Atlantic, carrying with them the four prizes they have won. They will be able to tell their friends and comrades that during their stay in camp here they were not only received with open arms by all ranks, but that they were a sincere feeling of pleasure upon the part of every artilleryman connected with the camp, and that they have won the great and highly-sought Queen's prize." Lord Wolseley's references to Canada, of course, were cheered. Lord Strathbrooke assured Col. Cole that in addition to the Queen's prize the Canadians would take home the sincere congratulations of all the teams which had competed with them, and of all the volunteers of Great Britain. Col. Miles, of the Canadian team, were again hoisted in chairs upon the shoulders of the British artillerymen Saturday evening and were carried around the camp, bearing the cups won by the Canadians, and were heartily cheered on all sides.

THE CRETAN CRISIS.

Intense interest is being manifested in Europe over the developments of the insurrection in Crete, where general fighting is expected at any moment. After denouncing the Marquis of Salisbury for breaking away from the European concert by refusing to join in a blockade of the Turkish coast, opinion seems to be changing, and now even the French press admits that the British Premier stopped Europe from committing a gross mistake and stifling the legitimate struggle for Cretan liberty. In England the whole country sided with the Marquis of Salisbury, and would willingly see Crete detached from the Turkish empire.

TALK OF TURKEY'S DISMEMBERMENT.

Telegrams received here declare that Heratun, which is filled with Mohammedan refugees, only needs a spark in order to set a general massacre going, although the presence of the British and French warships in the harbor is apparently having a salutary effect. Turkey is certainly in a very bad way just now, for, in addition to the insurrection in Crete, there is a sort of revolution, aided by the Greeks and Bulgarians, proceeding in Macedonia, where the Turkish troops have been repeatedly repulsed, and the Druses uprising is causing the attention of the Turkish Government in another direction. Under the circumstances, it is not as readily believed that the dismemberment of the Turkish empire is again contemplated, and that Great Britain may now be willing to see this take place, even if it is only in order to set her continental enemies fighting over the spoils.

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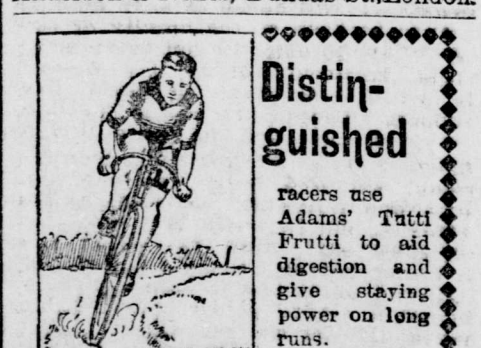
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