

"Yes, Sir!"

Harcourt's Straightforward Reply to Mr. Balfour.

Resolution Regarding the Status of the Lords to be Introduced.

Unveiling of the Statue of Martin Luther in Berlin.

Preliminaries of the Great Naval Pageant at Kiel.

Chinese Barbarity—The Loss by the Destruction of Mission Property Amounts to Millions.

MARTIN LUTHER'S STATUE.
Berlin, June 11.—The statue to Martin Luther, which has been a long time in course of construction, was unveiled in the Neumarkt today.AN IRISH APPOINTMENT.
London, June 11.—Prof. Dougherty, of Magee College, Belfast, has been appointed Assistant Under Secretary for Ireland, vice Sir William S. B. Kaye, retired.THE LOSS OF THE ELBE.
London, June 11.—The inquiry instituted by the Board of Trade into the circumstances of the loss of the North German Lloyd steamer Elbe has been concluded and judgment will be rendered on Monday.

THE MINE DISASTER.

Berlin, June 11.—Up to noon 26 bodies had been recovered. Nobody appears to know even approximately how many men there were in the mines at the time of the disaster, but it is believed many bodies, dead or alive, remain.

COOLNESS BETWEEN CANADA AND GREAT BRITAIN.

Liverpool, June 11.—The British steamer Catalon, Capt. Atkin, from Boston, June 1, for Liverpool, arrived today. She reports having discovered icebergs on June 5 in latitude 42, longitude 49.

THE FRANCO-PRUSSIAN ALLIANCE.

New York, June 11.—A dispatch to the Times from Paris says: It has been learned on the best authority that the terms of the French-Russian alliance, referred to yesterday for the first time officially in the speech of the Foreign Secretary before the Chamber, will be made public after the Kiel festivities.

FRANCE REWARDED.

Paris, June 11.—The Dix Neuvieme Siecle reports that the Chinese Government has ceded to France a port in the Pescadore Islands. The Siecle adds that France will probably acquire the whole Pescadore group as the result of her interference, conjointly with Germany and Russia, to prevent Japan from pursuing her policy of territorial rapacity in her negotiations with China for indemnity.

VESSEL BURNED AT SEA.

Paris, June 11.—A dispatch from St. Brieux, Cotes du Nord, says that the British vessel Why Not, with a cargo of fodder and a number of passengers for the island of Jersey, caught fire en voyage and was abandoned at sea by her crew, leaving her passengers on board. The crew, the dispatch says, landed at Erquy. The fate of the passengers is not known.

A later dispatch from St. Brieux says the Why Not was driven ashore with her passengers, all of whom were saved.

GLADSTONE'S CRUISE.

London, June 11.—Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone left Hawarden for London at 9:55 o'clock this morning. They will proceed directly to Gravesend, where they will go on board the steamer Tantalion Castle. Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone, who are the guests of Sir Donald Currie, the owner of the steamer, will sleep on board the vessel tonight and sail for Kiel tomorrow.

CHILD LABOR.

London, June 11.—In the House of Commons today the Education Committee, having the Factory Bill under consideration, reported in favor of substituting 14 years for 16 years as the age limit for employment in factories. Mr. Asquith assented to the proposal, and it was carried by the committee by a vote of 40 to 14. The radical members of the committee protested against the change.

CHINESE BARBARISM.

London, June 11.—According to a special dispatch from Shanghai, the loss of property as a result of the recent rioting at Cheng Tu, Kaitung and Yo Ching amounts to several million dollars. The Chinese officials, headed by the Viceroy of the Province of Schuchuen, only encouraged the mob to all sorts of outrages, and the petitions of foreigners for protection were refused.

THE GREAT NAVAL PAGEANT.

Kiel, June 11.—The Austrian squadron which is to take a place in the naval pageant at the opening of the Baltic Sea Canal arrived this morning. The vessels were saluted by the German forts and ships and the Austrian ships replied. As the fleet steamed into the harbor the bands of the forts and German ships played the Austrian national hymns, while the bands on the Austrian vessels played the Prussian air.

BRITISH CABINET IN SESSION.

London, June 11.—The entire Cabinet was present at the council at 11 o'clock today. Lord Rosebery presided. Home Secretary Asquith left the council at noon, but the other members continued in session. Canon Nicoll paid a visit to Lord Rosebery this morning to interview the Premier in regard to the situation in Armenia. The canon is an ardent advocate of British intervention in behalf of Armenia.

TERMS FOR TURKEY.

Constantinople, June 11.—The British, French and Russian ambassadors to Turkey have formally demanded that the Porte disarm the Bedouins at Jeddah and pay an indemnity for the attack on the foreign consulates at that place. It is understood that the Porte

urged the extreme difficulty that would be encountered in an attempt to disarm the Bedouins. The ambassadors will hold a conference soon to consider what further action shall be taken.

London, June 11.—The Standard's Berlin correspondent says it is feared that if the Turkish Government will not agree to the demands of the powers, Russia will march her frontier troops into Armenia, establish as Christian governor in the country, and pursue a policy similar to that followed in the Balkans.

WANT THE MONKS PROSECUTED.

Berlin, June 12.—The trial of the libel suit brought against Max Scharrer, a journalist, and two others in the Aachen Court for accusing the monks of Marienberg of ill-treating Junata, confined in their institution, has resulted in the arrest of Brother Heinrich, who was chiefly implicated by the evidence at the trial. Herr Scharrer and his associates were acquitted. The trial and the newspapers have vigorously demanded the prosecution of the monks.

PATTI'S GREAT RECEPTION.

London, June 12.—An immense audience assembled in Covent Garden last night to welcome Mme. Patti on her reappearance in opera. She appeared as Violetta in "Traviata." In the first act she wore a pink satin and velvet gown and a profusion of flowers. Her entry was the signal for a burst of applause, that for a time stopped the performance. The warm reception unnered the famous singer, whose first notes were hardly audible. She quickly recovered herself, however, and sang with much of her old charm. The second act was one of triumph, and throughout the whole performance the audience was most enthusiastic.

Mme. Patti was repeatedly called before the curtain, and the bouquets and baskets of flowers presented to her turned the stage into a flower garden. Among the many beautiful emblems was a gigantic lyre.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

London, June 11.—In the Commons today Sir Edward Grey, Parliamentary Secretary of the Foreign Office, said the text of the Porte's reply to the proposal of France, England and Russia regarding reforms in Armenia, had been received only within the last few days, and that until the three powers had time to consider the reply and decide what action should be taken upon it, no statement would be made.

Answering a question by William Birkmyre (Liberal), Sir J. T. Hubbard, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said the Government of British Columbia had not asked the Treasury for any part of the \$150,000 which it had been authorized to advance to them for the purpose of paying the expenses of the transfer of creole families from Scotland to British Columbia.

Mr. Balfour asked if the Government would confirm the reports that they intended to again claim the time of the House as they had done after the Whitsuntide recess of 1894.

Sir William Harcourt, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said he would take this opportunity to inform the Opposition that the Government certainly did intend to claim the time of the House, but that the leader of the Conservatives.

T. G. Bowles—Does the Government propose at this session to submit to the House a resolution relative to the status of the House of Lords?

Sir William Harcourt—Yes, sir. (Liberal and Radical cheers.)

WILL STAND NO FOOLING.

Britain's Iron of Spain's Delay—Fired on the Union Jack.

Key West, Fla., June 11.—While the British warship Mohawk, during her last visit to Cuba, was passing Cape May, she was fired on by a Spanish warship guarding the coast, and she afterwards pursued the Spaniard into the port of Santiago. There the British commander demanded and received full satisfaction from the Spanish commander. Only two blank shots were fired. The night was very dark. Both vessels used searchlights, but the Spaniard seemed not to recognize the Englishman.

The Mohawk and two other ships are expected at Havana soon to demand the immediate release of Mackenzie and other sailors from the Honora, now confined there. Her Majesty's Government is tired of Spain's unfulfilled promises to grant them a civil trial. A prominent autonomist of this province says there will be an early uprising of that party unless Campes immediately grants home rule to the island.

Late Canadian News.

Death of the Conservative Nominee for North Hastings—Garbage Dumpers Heavily Fined.

Lord T. Whitehead, manager of the Brantford Carriage Company's works, Brantford, died on Tuesday afternoon. The annual meeting of the Synod of the Toronto Diocese of the Church of England opened Tuesday morning in St. James' Cathedral.

John Caskey, the Conservative nominee for the Commons for North Hastings, was on Monday night stricken with apoplexy at his home in Madoc township, and died at 11 next morning.

An aged woman, named Charlotte Gosling, was found dead in her house at 14 Synes Place, Toronto, Tuesday evening. Deceased has been living with an old pensioner named Wright, and the woman probably met her death by an accidental blow received in a drunken row.

The quarterly meeting of the Canadian Furniture Manufacturers' Association was held in Toronto on Tuesday. President E. T. R. Zoelmann, of Mount Forest, occupied the chair. Some 25 manufacturers were present. The winter's business had been quiet, but now an improvement was noticeable.

At Amherstburg, at the trial on Tuesday morning of the crew of the Ruelle and the scow for dumping garbage in Detroit River, near Amherstburg, each one of the crew was fined \$50 and costs, and four days in jail at hard labor. The fines imposed were not paid, and the men were all taken to Sandwich jail. The matter will be appealed.

The annual commencement exercises of the University of Toronto were held on Tuesday afternoon. Vice-Chancellor Mulock presided. The admission of graduates to degrees occupied the greater part of two hours. Subsequently short addresses were given by the vice-chancellor, President Lord, and Hon. Geo. W. Ross, Minister of Education.

Winding Up.

Closing Proceedings of the London Conference.

Series of Important Resolutions Unanimously Adopted.

Steady Growth of the Denomination as Shown by the Statistical Report—Final Draft of Stations.

MONDAY EVENING.

Strathroy, June 10.—The annual conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, commencing at 8 o'clock. The chair was occupied by Rev. Dr. Hannon. Rev. C. Smith assisted in the opening exercises. Instructive and interesting addresses were given by Rev. W. Godwin, Mr. McMechan of London, Mr. W. M. Gray and Rev. P. A. Cassidy, M.A., returned missionary from Japan. The choir furnished excellent music, and Rev. H. T. Crossley sang two solos with splendid effect.

TUESDAY MORNING.

At 8 o'clock Rev. Dr. Keen conducted a religious service. At 9 a.m. conference assembled in regular session. Rev. Dr. Williams was in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. Philp, of Ridgetown.

Mr. Geo. Robinson, of London, was elected lay representative on the general board of missions.

Rev. A. C. Crews, the newly-elected secretary of the Sabbath School and Epworth League Department was introduced, and addressed the conference regarding the duties and responsibilities of his office.

A pleasant feature at this juncture was the presentation to Rev. Dr. Williams, president, of a large framed photograph of the president and ordination class of the year by the young men. Dr. Williams replied in feeling and well-chose words.

Rev. W. McDonagh submitted the following resolution, of which notice had previously been given:

"Whereas, the subject of public education is a matter of the highest and greatest importance to Canadian citizens of all classes, involving as it does the present and future welfare, moral and intellectual, of our common country; and whereas, it is of the greatest interest to the whole Dominion that the Province of Manitoba and the newer Provinces of the Northwest, which are largely untrammeled by legislation or the machinations of hierarchical assumptions and compacts of former years; and whereas, we believe that the system of education which produces the highest type of citizenship should be adopted and maintained; therefore, be it resolved, that in the opinion of this conference, the present public school system in Manitoba and the Northwest, in its integrity, and we therefore most earnestly deprecate any interference of the Romish hierarchy in its attempt to establish a separate scholastic system, supported by public funds of the Province, and hereby express our hearty sympathy with that Province in the establishment of one uniform standard of education for all classes of its citizens."

Rev. J. R. Gundy seconded the motion, which was supported by Mr. T. Haynes, other members of the conference taking part in the discussion. The resolution was carried by a large vote, and the National Anthem was sung.

In view of the fact that the Legislature of Manitoba will meet on Thursday, it was moved by Rev. H. W. McTear, seconded by Rev. James Whiting, and carried:

"That the conference letter-writer be instructed to forward by wire to the opponents of separate schools in the Province of Manitoba an assurance of our united moral support in their struggle, as evidenced by the unanimous lay and clerical vote in favor of the Rev. W. McDonagh's resolution."

The president called the attention of the conference to a cablegram which had been received, stating that the Shanghai missionaries in China were safe, but that the missionary property at Chengtu and Keatung was destroyed by a mob. The announcement was received with great delight, and the doxology was sung, expressive of thanks for the safety of the noble band of workers, for whose safety grave fears were entertained.

Rev. S. Bond introduced a resolution re Japan difficulties, which was ordered to be forwarded to the general board of missions.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Conference reassembled at 1:30 p.m., the president, Rev. Dr. Williams, in the chair. Rev. W. G. H. McAllister, M.A., presented the report of the temperance committee, in substance as follows: "That the majority report of the royal commission be regarded as an expensive comedy, unsatisfactory to Godly men. That the minority report be endorsed as worthy of our most hearty approval, and our sincere thanks be tendered to Dr. McLeod."

"We deprecate the actions of license commissioners in lengthening the hours of sale to bar-keepers, who affirm distinctly that the largest number of sales are made during the time for which they have been granted the right to sell. We would call special attention in this respect to the city of London."

"We would pay a tribute of gratitude to one of the whitest encompants of our times—W. C. T. U. We endorse the efforts made by the W. C. T. U. in urging upon those who are responsible the teaching of temperance and kindred subjects in our schools."

"We deprecate the cultivation of abnormal tastes which lay the foundation of appetites for strong drinks, by the use of older."

The following resolution was unanimously carried:

"That this London Conference beg to call the attention of the Ontario Government to the fact that after the pledge of the Cabinet to grant all the prohibition in its power, its representatives in London, the license commissioners, have violated this pledge by lengthening the time of the sale of liquor from 10 to 11 p.m., and we humbly

request the Government to remedy the evil thus created as speedily as possible."

On motion it was resolved:

"We would respectfully draw the attention of directors of agricultural fairs to the practice of fairs, proprietors of shooting galleries and games of chance, etc., giving to minors and others on their grounds cigars, etc., as a reward for success in contests in their several games."

Rev. G. H. Cobblestick, B.D., submitted the report of the Epworth League, which showed a year of great prosperity.

Rev. W. Rigby introduced a motion regarding the rearrangement of districts, which was referred to the stationing committee to prepare a draft of districts to be laid before the conference during the year.

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