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Though almost every high tax journal in the country asserted that the date of the dissolution or the date of Parliament opening would be settled on Saturday, the reply of Premier Bowell, at the close of a six hours' session of the Cabinet, was, "We have nothing to say." They stand shivering and shaking, afraid, apparently, to take the leap either way. It seems, though, that the men in power dare not face Parliament again, with the necessity for imposing increased taxes and for settling other ugly questions. They will go to the country at the earliest possible moment. Let no one have any doubts on that score. There will be a general election

-The man who now believes that high taxes enrich the people must be

-Hamilton city has a soup kitchen in full swing. The "N. P. "system of high taxation is getting in its work

-A recent reference to the passing around of the hat among the Montreal high tax beneficiaries was inadvertently credited to the Hamilton Herald. It appeared in the Montreal paper of that name.

-Those glib Canadian editors who prophesied that the Liberal Government of Great Britain would fall within a week after Parliament met have revised their verdict. Lord Rosebery is not to be discomfited by prophets of the El Mahdi type.

"Unless" President Cleveland is reported to have said the other day, "we are prepared to enter upon a policy in violation of our rule and of international law, and utterly unjustifiable, it should be kept in view that Hawaii is entirely independent of us, and in her relations with us is a foreign country." Yes, Hawaii is a republic, and means to paddle her own cance. If the spirit of faction can be kept under, there should be a bright future for a nation situated as are these islands.

-"Disloyalty," according to the dictionary specially gotten up for the use of high tax campaign orators, is "opposition to the men now in office at Ottawa." Dreadful to contemplate! And all who are opposed to present men and present methods at Ottawa must be got rid of by ballots or by bullets, says Mr. Patterson, the high tax war What a sanguinary fellow the represents himself to be. But, really, is not his bark worse than his

-Lord Lansdowne, formerly Governor-General of Canada, in a recent speech in England, spoke deprecatingly of Senates made up like that at Ottawa. He saw a good deal of the second chamber, he said, while in Canada, and he had no hesitation in affirming that the House of Lords occupied a better position in the confidence of the English people than the Senate did in the confidence of the people of Canada. After all, however, this compliment to the Lords may be left-handed. The Senate at Ottawa, as now constituted, is a useless and expensive barnacle.

-Not soon will electricity be applied to long distance railroading. This is the verdict of an expert who writes in this month's Lippincott. there has been much speculative planning of long line electric roads for freight and passengers," he says, "none but enthusiasts will assert that the time for this change in the form of traction has come, or is ever likely to come, except in a few instances, such as the straight line road between Chicago and St. Louis, a distance of 256 miles. This road, if any, should meet with success in its plan of operating on the electric system; for it has an almost level plain for its entire course, while at a convenient distance from one end is a waterfall, and at a similar distance from the other is a coal mine, in both of which the road company has secured controlling interests. The field of the electric locomotive appears to be railroad yards, factory premises, short branches and lines, and mines-having in the latter advantages which will doubtless ere long render it the exclusive system in such situations."

GOOD MEN FOR QUEBEC. The Liberals are bringing out some strong French-Canadian candidates. Mr. Joly was one, and now Mr. C. A. Geoffrion, Q.C., nominated in Chambly, is another who for ability would rank with the leading men in Parliament. People have been wondering where Mr. Laurier, if he happens to win, would carried off as placed capable Ministers from for Quebec. It looks as though the problem may be serpent column.



The Cream of the Special Cables-Thrilling Story of the Heroism of a Life Saver - All Royalty Goes Skating-A Russian Rival to the C. P. R. -From Britain to Japan in Sixteen Days-Famous Ruins Explored - Lord Salisbury's Latest-The Stage Kiss Investigated.

low temperature of the last few days in Great Britain has caused a practical standstill of all horse-training operations and hunting during the last six weeks. A number of important race meetings, including the big military steeplechase at Sandown Park, fixed for Friday, and the Manchester February meeting, had to be entirely abandoned. An extraordinary scene was witnessed on Wednesday last in front of the Mansion House, the official residence of the Lord Mayor, in connection with the intensely cold weather. A large number of persons gathered there in consequence of the circulation of a false report that the Lord Mayor had issued a proclamation warning the citizens of London of the approach of a furious blizzard, which would impede all traffic and cause a cessation of business. It was also reorted that the proclamation urged the people to provide themselves with a full stock of provisions for three days in order to be prepared for any emerg-ency, and also warned all citizens to be within the doors of their residences before midnight on Thursday in order to escape being overtaken by the elements. Skaters, however, in England have never had such an excellent opportunity for indulging in sport on the ice, and the lakes and ponds, all of which are frozer, over, are crowded

day and night. Society interest has centered in the Dutch skating parties, which have been held on the lakes in Buckingham Palace gardens, and all which the Prince of Wales and his unmarried daughters, the Princess Victoria and Maud, the Duke and Duchess of York, Prince Henry of York, Prince Henry of Pless, who is a beautiful skater; Lord Marcus Beresford, Sir Francis Edmund, George Astley-Corbett, son of the Prince of Wales' friend, the late Sir John Dugdale Astley, the noted patron of sports, and numbers of other prominent persons were in attendance. Hockey matches on the ice, beginning at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and lasting until 5 o'clock, when tea and other hot drinks were served, have been the features of these parties. The most not-able match was played on Thursday afternoon between teams captained by the Prince of Wales and Francis Mildmay, M.P., the side captained by the Prince of Wales winning by a score of 8 to 5. On this occasion the Princess of Wales was also present and took great ies and their party paid no heed whatever to the intensely cold weather which prevailed, the mercury being 4 degrees below zero. The Queen, who is coming to London to-day from the Isle of Wight, has issued orders that certain members of her court shall be invited to witness the sports on the Buckingham Palace gardens lake and has announced that she herself intends to witness them.

ANOTHER RAILWAY PROJECT. There is another project of carrying a branch of the Trans-Siberian to the Murman coast. This will link the Pacific with the Polar Sea at a point where it is open for nearly the whole year. The heaviest trade would then be inevitably secured and largely developed, and there is plenty of room for development, when one considers that the population of China, Japan and Corea taken together numbers 400,-The immense possibilities connected with this route are also attracting much attention from the commercial papers of England. Not only is the internal trade of Siberia concerned, but it is predicted that there will be a great struggle for the valuable trade of the far east between England and Russia. This fact naturally brings in-

to prominence the presence of a large Russian and English fleet in Chinese waters. According to some of the quidnuncs of the diplomatic world, neither Russia nor England intends to lose a point in the settlement of the eastern Russia has the success of her great railway at stake, and England still wants to maintain the supremacy of the Lancashire manufacturers. It has been suggested in more than one quarter that these two nations have not only arrived at a political approachment, but that they will go cheek by jowl with one another in gobbling up the remaining important markets of the world.

OBJECT TO THE STAGE KISS. Some amusement was recently caused in Vienna by an outery against stage kissing. A number of English and continental artists have been interviewed on the subject. John L. Toole said: "I have kissed so many ladies in my time, but I cannot understand the objection raised to the custom in Vienna." The Maude Millet said: "I have no opinion to offer. One always looks upon it as written in one's part. It has never occurred to me to give much attention to the subject. Miss Fannie Brough said: "Stage kissing is purely mechanical. It is just part of the art, and it would be ridiculous not to be as real and natural about kissing as the circumstances of the character demand. With a jealous wife or husband, though, the position is indeed terrible. It is part of our business, but is not a part that needs rehearsing; we always leave it out then." Louis Waller "There would be no life in acting if the kissing were cut out. At any rate, that is my view." Other leading lights of the London stage express sim-

FAMOUS RUINS EXPLORED. The excavators who have been working on the actual site of the Temple of Apollo have not been encouraged by the results of their labors so far. The terrace in which the temple stood nas been almost completely cleared, and on the west side the workmen have dug down to the living rock, with the melancholy result that no really characteristic fragment of architecture has been found, and not so much as a little finger of the sculpture of either frieze, metope or pediment secured. The heads of the horses found, which it was hoped belonged to the chariot days of Helios, have now been fitted to the bodies of horses which formed part of the chariot groups of Ammon or Baltos men-tioned by Pausanius. The conclusion is almost inevitable. But these temple sculptures from which it was hoped to learn so much have been systematically carried off as plunder, possibly by Constantine when he took away the great

Aside from the suffering involved, the the number of columns and the length of the intercolumnial spaces cannot as yet be determined. The only hope remaining is at the north angle of the temple, which has not yet been completely dug out. One satisfactory discovery has, however, been made. In the middle of the temple pavement a deep depression is to be seen, the walls of which are carefully worked. The hole is at present filled with a mass of miscellaneous remains, inscriptions, verses, fragments of statues, and its clearing

away may solve many a question. A CLUB BLACK-BALLING. The Prince of Wales' set has been greatly agitated this week by the refusal of the Marlborough Club to elect Mr. Belt, the South African millionaire, and partner of Rhodes in the De Beers mines, a member. This is the favorite club of the prince, and no candidate is proposed for election unless it has been ascertained whether the prince has any objection to him. Mr. Belt was proposed by the Duke of Fife, and his election was considered a matter of course. But the ballot revealed quite an unusual number of black balls, which, according to club gossip, were not east so much against Mr. Belt as against his proposer. The duke has put on great airs since his marriage, and is consequently the reverse of popular. When the prince heard of the affair he offered to have Mr. Belt nominated again imnediately, but that individual wisely declined a repetition of the ordeal.

A RIVAL TO THE C. P. R. Reports from Russia show that the Czar is taking active interest in the trans-Siberian Railway. Several of the Moscow and St. Petersburg journals have given considerable space to the subject this week, and have shown the vast importance of this enterprise not only in Russia, but to the various commercial nations of the world. A through train from Moscow to Vladivostock running at 30 miles an hour, will complete the journey in eleven days. By the service contemplated from London to Moscow the traveler or the mail bag will be able to reach Japan in sixteen days. The shortest route at present existing, that across the Atlantic, Canada and the Pacific, occupies 28 days to Japan, and 31 days to China. These figures speak for themselves. The trans-Siberian is the only possible mail route between Europe and Australia. That is, provided the calculations of the engineers, which seem plausible enough, work out well in practice, and that a regular uninterrupted train service carries mails and passengers to the Pacific in eleven days.

game. The royal lad- THRILLING STORY OF HEROISM. A thrilling story of German heroism at sea, which goes far to offset some of the reports regarding the loss of the Elbe, comes from Schleswig-Holstein. One stormy night last week a fishing village was awakened by a gunshot of the coast. Hastening to the beech, the people saw a ship wrecked on a reef a mile away. The crew were in the rigging. A lifeboat was run out, but Har-

ro, the leader of the crew, was absent. Eight men, however, rowed out to the wreck. The crew were got into the life boat, with the exception of one who was ashed high up on a mast. He was half frozen, and as the storm was increasing and the lifeboat overloaded it was decided that he could not be taken off. When the lifeboat returned to the shore Harro had arrived. He asked whether everyone had been saved, and he was told that one remained.

"I will fetch him," said Harro; "will you go with me?' The men refused, saying it was impossible.

"Then I will go alone," said Harro and sprang into the lifeboat. At this moment his mother came running down and begged him not to venture out, reminding him that both his father and his brother Uwe had been drowned. Uwe was his youngest brother, and as he had not been heard from for years he was supposed to be dead. "For love of me," Har o's mother begged, "don't go!"

"But the man on the mast!" exclaimed Harro. "Are you sure he has no mother to mourn his loss?" Harro's mother said no more, and he son and four other men set out for the

wreck, which was now quite under the water. The waves were so furious that it was difficult to aproach. At last the lifeboat reached it, and Harro climbed the mast and fetched the half-frozen man down. He was laid in the bottom of the lifeboat, and Harro bent over him and remained so until the boat was so near shore that his voice could be Then he waved his cap and heard. shouted:

my mother we have saved "Tell SALISBURY ON IRISH POLITICS. Lord Salisbury spoke at length on

Irish politics Saturday night at the dinner of the Irish Loyalist Club at the Hotel Metropole. What had happened in Irish national politics before, he said, was now happening again. When the first enthusiasm of any movement passed away, when the initiators of it were removed or their influence grew less, the Irish party were split by hope less divisions, which resulted in weakness and discouragement. On the other hand, the Unionists were stronger than He regretted that there was in England no special machinery, such as had given stability to the American constitution, for obtaining the opinion of the nation on proposals to alter the constitution. England's only means of obtaining the country's opinion lay in dissolution of Parliament on a particular This course the Ministers declined to adopt. They had introduced many measures having nothing on earth to do with home rule, despite all pretensions, it was a fact that home rule was kept in the Ministerial programme merely for the purpose of confusing was electors. For the present the union the protected by the veto power was not Lords, for the Upper House crazy enough to pay any att was con-an appeal to the people which the ques-ceived in such a fashion. If and openly tion should be put squarely lectors and to Great Britain ard the diberately in the electors shoulde, it was reasonably favor of home r Lords would not resist certain that thef the verdict. It would the execution omction under such con-

ditions to do squoUBLES AGAIN. CONGO Frey, in his statement in Sir Edwing Commons that any agree the House by Belgium giving France r power the right to preor any other in the Congo River with-empt territient of the great powers was out the cound further stating that no int had been given, omitted to

state an important fact. England addressed a note to the powers inviting them to express their finited objection to the conclusion of a treaty giving France the right to pre-empt Congo territory.

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Foreign Office appeal with confidence to Germany and Italy to join in a formal denial of French fights in the Congo country, while the French newspapers rejoice over the prospect of securing the Nile regions beyond the Uganda. In the meantime England's agents are silently effecting an actual occupation of the disputed territory. The questions involved fail to draw the attention of the Ministers in Parluiament, though it is known that a British expedition left Uganda six months ago, with the avowed intention of taking possession of much of the country as possible.

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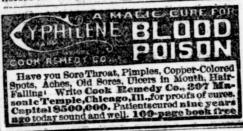
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