

CABLE LETTER.

Thorough Liberal Accord—Mr. Gladstone the Unquestioned Leader of His Party.

Integrity of the Empire to be Maintained—"No Nonsense From the Lords."

Queen Natalie's Exposures—A United Scandinavia—Retirement of a Russian Minister.

LONDON, Aug. 13.—The new cabinet and their official appointments, yet to be made, are the sole topic of discussion. Contrary to the view advanced by some newspapers, Mr. Gladstone will be Premier in all that the term implies. He will control the policy of the cabinet at home and abroad, and every member of the cabinet will be in thorough accord with his chief. The idea conveyed by Rt. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, in his attack on Messrs. Gladstone and Morley, to the effect that Mr. Gladstone would select Lord Rosebery to take charge of foreign affairs, even if his own views differed from Lord Rosebery's, has excited both indignation and surprise in Liberal circles. It is well known to all who have followed Mr. Gladstone's career, that while

HE IS NOT A "JINGO," he is a thorough believer in maintaining the integrity of the British empire, and that Lord Salisbury himself would not be more resolute on occasion in repelling foreign aggression. This Mr. Gladstone showed in 1885, when he gave the Russian notice that they must retire from the gates of Herat, and sustained the warning with military and naval preparations, that Russia could not misunderstand. Whatever favorable impression the czar may have had regarding Mr. Gladstone up to that time, it is well known to have been once-faded. The czar cannot be said to be on friendly terms with Mr. Gladstone, to-day, and this Mr. Gladstone himself has stated. Where Mr. Gladstone's foreign policy differs from that of Lord Salisbury is that Mr. Gladstone believes in a strict adherence to treaties and pledges, and he does not believe in crushing and bullying any little State that may tempt England's cupidity. Mr. Gladstone would not have annexed Burma or have placed a price on the head of the Sultan of Witu, and he is ready to fulfill scrupulously to the letter the obligations of

ENGLAND IN EUROPE and elsewhere. Mr. Gladstone does not recognize that Great Britain could take any part in the struggles and rivalry of continental powers unless Great Britain is directly menaced or assailed by one of the contending powers. In this respect Mr. Gladstone differs radically from Lord Salisbury, who shaped the course of England in continental affairs in the opinion that England was a fourth member of the Triple alliance and bound to sustain Germany, Italy and Austria against France and Russia. Should war break out between Germany and France, or between Russia and France, Mr. Gladstone, and the powers of the Triple alliance on the other, Great Britain with Mr. Gladstone as Premier would not interfere as long as the combatants would respect the rights and interests of Great Britain. In brief, Mr. Gladstone will not go about with a menace on his brow and a challenge in his tone giving foreign nations to understand that England is taking up for a pretext to punish those who may get in her way. Mr. Gladstone will adopt a strong but not an aggressive foreign policy. Such is Mr. Gladstone's position as far as the world outside the British Empire is concerned, as set forth by a prominent Liberal, who has long been his intimate associate and will probably be in his cabinet.

UNITED SCANDINAVIA. There is considerable indignation here over the report that Sir E. S. Plunkett, the British Minister to the Court of Stockholm, has been interfering in the domestic affairs of Norway and Sweden. Whether Lord Salisbury gave a hint to Mr. Plunkett to stir up his agitation for separate diplomatic and consular representation abroad, is not known, but it is generally assumed that Mr. Plunkett did not so. Lord Salisbury has been very anxious about the Norwegian demand for extended autonomy, as he feared that Norway, with its vast coast line, might fall under the power of Russia, while a united Scandinavia would be a formidable bulwark against Russia. The Norwegians, although comparatively insignificant in numbers, are not willing to be dictated by Sweden, even with England at Sweden's back, and Sir E. Plunkett's veiled threats may have the effect of inflaming instead of pacifying the existing agitation.

GERMAN CABINET CHANGE. The retirement of Herr Von Herfurth, Prussian Minister to the Emperor, has created hardly a ripple in German politics. It was generally conceded that his fate was sealed when he opposed Miquel's plan for changing the system of communal taxation in Prussia. Every other minister approved of the plan but Herr Furth, whose specialty is communal taxation, persisted in his opposition, although warned by his friends that he was digging his political grave by antagonizing a favorite of the Emperor. The promptness with which his resignation was accepted is taken to be presumptive evidence that it was requested. The inference from the whole affair seems to be that Herr Miquel is a dangerous man to oppose, and that he will be Chancellor after the next shake up in high German politics.

REVENUE OF A "SOBERED" QUEEN. The agents in Paris of ex-queen Natalie of Serbia are trying to bring about the downfall of King Milan. Natalie has been moved to renewed attacks on Milan by the spectacle of this abandoned old roue passing weeks with his unsophisticated young son, the King of Serbia, while she herself is excluded from her boy's presence. The agents of the ex-queen have followed Milan day and night, until they have a record of his dissipated doings and his extravagant expenditures. They have proof that he is living far beyond his means, and that his numerous creditors are likely to be left in the lurch. By letting this proof, in dribs and drabs, through the Paris press, Natalie has alarmed Milan's creditors, and probably will have him in the courts before the winter. Among the most interesting excerpts from Milan's accounts, as published at the instance of the ex-queen, are the following: for gambling and betting the races, 50,000 to 70,000 francs a month; for five mistresses, 250,000 francs a year; for his ballet dancers, 1,000 to 1,500

CAPITAL NOTES.

The Existing System of Canal Tolls to Terminate This Season.

Conference to be Held Between Canadian and American Governments This Winter.

Canada's World Fair Building Plans Adopted—Grosse Isle Quarantine Improvements.

Downing street has been the scene of great activity, to-day, owing to the departure of the outgoing ministers, the transfer of the business of the Government offices to the charge of the permanent undersecretaries ready to be turned over to the Liberal ministers the packing up of personal effects for removal, etc. Groups of curious idlers watched the departing statesman and occasionally a cheer was raised for some more popular than the rest. There was a unusual number of visitors to-day to the House of Parliament, the centre of attraction for strangers being the chamber wherein the debate has just been finished which resulted in the incoming of the new administration.

JOURNALISTIC DELIVERANCES. The Star expressed itself angrily over the discovery that, during the last fortnight, the Tories appointed four of their adherents to civil posts in Ireland, and that out of the twenty-nine appointments under the Ashbourne last act, twenty-four were of Unionists. These twenty-nine appointments are to be what is known as reviving barometers. The Chronicle says that the Radicals are eager to open fire on the House of Lords. They declare that if the Lords evince a "nasty" disposition towards the House of Commons, the latter will at the first hint of trouble, refuse to vote the salaries of the officials connected with the House of Lords. The motto of the Radicals, is "no nonsense from the House of Lords!" The current report of a difference between Mr. Gladstone and Lord Rosebery is described by the Pall Mall Gazette as a stock exchange report.

AUSTRALIAN PROSPERITY.

The Other Side of the Story Told by Premier Sir George Dibbs. MONTREAL, Aug. 13.—The conviction is forced upon Canadians that Sir George Dibbs, the Premier of New South Wales, who recently passed through Canada on his way home from London, is something of a blowhard and an all round boomer of things Australia, regardless of the details which go to make up the reverse side of affairs in the colony of which he is the prime minister. This opinion is too evidently shared by members of the Canadian cabinet, for that body neglected to have representatives at Ottawa to meet there for the alleged purpose of arranging cable and steamship lines between Canada and Australia. While in Montreal, Sir George, when he could spare a few moments from his abuse of the American people and their institutions, devoted them to repeating South Wales asalmalms veritable Eldorado. As compared with New York, Premier Dibbs said Melbourne was far and away ahead of the American metropolis in its great many essential respects. To-day the Echo, a local weekly paper, published a letter from its Australian correspondent, which says: "Since last writing you, things in Victoria have become terrible. The labor market has become glutted, and men and women are selling their labor, in some cases, for less than they can live upon. Over 6,000 persons are out of work in Melbourne alone. Frorescence of the unemployed, both men and women, some of the latter with babes in their arms, every day parade the streets, holding torchlight processions at night, and in every possible way they can conjure up to try to force the Government to give employment for them."

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Warships in Collision. LONDON, Aug. 13.—Her Majesty's twin screw cruiser Apollo struck the rocks off Borhaven yesterday, and narrowly escaped loss in collision with the Naiad. A terrible loss of life was only averted by the coolness and promptness of the captain of the Apollo, who was a great hole in her bottom, and her machinery is crippled. The Naiad has twenty tons of water in her aft compartment, and otherwise is seriously damaged. But for the double bottom both vessels would have sunk. The cruiser Arctus has left Queenstown to assist the disabled warships.

Generalia. ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 13.—That the cholera is now here is officially admitted. A report just issued shows there were 54 cases and 31 deaths in the city between August 1st and 10th. Thus far only the working classes are affected, the conditions under which they live being favorable to the disease. They passively resist the endeavors of the authorities to improve the sanitary condition of the city dwellings. Some of the wealthier residents are preparing to leave the city.

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Fortunate Escape. WINNIPEG, Aug. 13.—A young Swedish girl threw herself from a two story window here to escape from a room where she had been lured by two young sports of the city.

Members "on Voyage." WINNIPEG, Aug. 13.—A party of Conservative Members of the House of Commons and the Mayor of Hamilton, reached this city, yesterday, in the private car "Toronto," which was attached to the express from the East. They are en route to the Pacific Coast.

Death of a Man of 66. ST. THOMAS, Aug. 13.—Col. John Cole, for many years a resident of St. Thomas, died, yesterday, in New York, aged 66. He commanded the St. Thomas cavalry troop on the frontier during the Fenian troubles of 1866.

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Some of the Planks in the Platform Adopted by the Convention. OLYMPIA, Aug. 12.—Among the more prominent special clauses of the Republican platform, as adopted by the convention, yesterday, are the following: "We recognize the importance to our people of the improvement of our rivers and harbors, and that we especially commend as worthy of the attention of Congress the Columbia river, the harbors of our Pacific Coast and of Puget Sound, and of the ship canal connecting Puget Sound with Lake Washington; and that we condemn the action of the Democratic House of Representatives in refusing an appropriation for the opening of the Columbia river and the Lake Washington ship canal, and that we are heartily in favor of the speedy opening to settlement of the Pugetling and other Indian reservations within this state."

"We believe in restraining all encroachments of any persons or class of citizens upon the rights of others, and denounce the introduction of imported mercenaries as seditious. We assert the ability of the state to deal with all local disturbances, and promise a prompt exercise of the executive power whenever necessary for the enforcement of the law or the protection of life and property. "We are in favor of the passage of a law making eight hours a day's labor on all public works. "We favor the passage of the bill known as the anti-option bill, or any other measure having for its object the prevention of gambling in