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Rosebery's Remarks on "Wealth" Keenly Criticised -- His Lordship Compared to a Dark Horse in a Loose Box.

Famine in Russia-20,000,000 Peasants Starving -Arbitration Ideas Dominant at the Peace Conference—The Queen's Failing Eyesight—Quarrel in Germany's Royal Family.

London, May 29 .- Interesting speechs were delivered last week by Lord Rosebery, John Morley and Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, chancellor of the exchequer. The first named, after a whimsical suggestion that the speakers of the two parties should change about for a time, the Conservatives addressing Liberals, and the Liberals addressing Conservatives, thus enabling the public to hear both sides, spoke on the "exaggerated advantage of wealth," pointing out that even millionaires could not eat more than one dinner a day, wear one suit of clothes, or ride more than one horse at the same time, adding that the only superiority that they possessed over the poor was being to command the best medical advice and change of climate, pointing out, however, that hospitals for the poor had lessened even this superiority. These utterances brought forth a crop of sarcastic comments on the line of pity for the poor millionaires. The Daily News says: "The speech leaves only one course

open to a man holding those convictions—to sell all he has and give to the poor. But Lord Rosebery, we are confident, will never adopt such a harsh measure. He has too much feeling for the poor.'

The Saturday Review speaks straight out, saying: "From Lord Rosebery's hos this kind of moralizing is down-right adulterated cant."

A DARK HORSE IN A LOOSE BOX. Mr. Morley, criticising Lord Rosebery's position in the party, made a happy epigram, dubbing his lordship a "dark horse in a loose box," which is regarded as being a peculiarly apt de-ecription of Lord Rosebery's present position.

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach says he finds an office "weariness of political life," and, speaking at Bristol, he expressed preference for a "live opposimaking the novel suggestion that if the opposition does not win the next general election the Conservatives "ought to play their second team." THE CUSTOM HOUSE NUISANCE.

Mr. George W. Smalley, New York correspondent of the London Times, is the author of another letter last week upon the iniquity of the New York custom house officials, and the papers here comment humorously on the sublect. The Speaker says:
"It seems that there is no remedy

for the distress of the traveler, but a with unlimited funds, upon which the customs officials can be quartered as pensioners as all possible and impossible veterans of the civil war are quartered on the national purse, then ladies may be treated by the officials of the republic with almost as much decency as if held for ransom by bri-

CREATING A SCARE.

The admiralty hydrographer has created a scare by reporting that the principal channel estuary of the Thames for heavy vessels is in danger of silting up, has already been reduced from a mile and a half to half a mile in breadth, and that there is little more than nineteen feet of water on the bar at low tide. The total obliteration of the channel would entail a long circuit for vessels entering the Thames, and radical changes in the lights and buoys.

HONORS FOR MARCHAND.

A great demonstration is being prepared in honor of Major Marchand on his arrival in Paris. The Military Club, where the African explorer will stay, is to be ambitiously decorated. Gen. Zur-Minden, the military governor of Paris, has arranged for delegations of all arms of the army and navy to receive the major at the club. Everybody present will be in uniform, so that the event will be one of the most bril-Mant receptions ever seen in Paris. The police have prepared to cope with attempts to arouse a repetition of the Boulanger craze. All seditious emblems will be seized. Major Marchand, however, is not desirous of playing the role of a second Boulanger. His father has received a letter from him saying: "The news that some sort of a grandiose reception is in store fills me with disappointment, not unmingled with disdain. My sword belongs only to my country. I will never dis-honor it by playing the game of a few factious individuals."

STURRING SCENES ANTICIPATED. It is certain there will be stirring cenes in Paris on Monday, however, as Major Marchand's reception follows the meeting of the court of cassation to consider the report of the president of the civil section of that body, Ballot de Beaupre in favor of a revision of the Dreyfus trial and the triel of MM. Deroulede and Marcei-Habert for inciting soldiers to insubordination in connection with the election of President Lou-

MARK TWAIN'S RETURN Samuel L. Clements, "Mark Twain, returns to England early in June. He will be dined by the Authors' Club on

DISTRESS IN RUSSIA.

Particulars received regarding the mine in Russia confirm the previous harrowing accounts. The members of the Russian aristocracy seem to have at last awakened to a full sense of the gravity of the situation, and money is beginning to flow on all sides for the relief of the starving Moujiks. The ed to appear the famine specter is stalking through the land. Some authorities estimate that as many as 20,-000,000 peasants are starving. The Rev. Mr. Francis, pastor of the British-American Church at St. Petersburg, who did so much to secure British and American aid during the last famine, appeals to the British public today. He says seven provinces, covering 19,000 square miles, are affected, and that 5,-000,000 people are famine-stricken, and

will need to be fed during the next three months. He adds that the czar, czarina, Russian Government, and the Red Cross and other bodies have subscribed many millions of roubles, but that \$12,500,000 is still required.

The Statist says an attempt is being made in London to raise a Russian railroad loan of \$15,000,000 at 4 per cent and at an issue price of 99. The paper then advises British investors not to furnish Russia with money to "carry on her anti-British policy in

POWER OF THE COLONIES. The recent Pacific cable incident illustrates the power of the colonies over British administration. Permanent officialdom fought against the cable tooth and mail. The great Pender cable monopoly, with its tentacles all over the empire, opposed it by every means in its power. The chancellor of the exchequer, sitting tight aiways upon the treasury chest, frowned upon it, one after another; yet no sooner had the Canadian Government proclaimed its intention to join in the scheme, than these seemingly insuperable obstacles vanished from the British Cabinet. At the bidding of Canada and Australia, and because they knew it would be a popular move, they coerced permanent officialdom, and the chancellor of the exchequer into compliance, as they did last year, in the matter of imperial penny postage, also at Canadian bidding; and today the British ministry stands pledged to the cable scheme. But that is not The British ministry, in giving pledge, did not give it exactly in form Canada and Australia desired, namely, in the form of stateowned and state-maintained cable. Again, at the bidding of Canada and Australia, the British cabinet undertakes to reconsider the matter, with the view of meeting colonial wishes as far as possible. Thus, under the new imperialism, the colonies, when they have a reasonable case, and insist upon it, dominate British policy. They have become in the fullest sense of the term pioneers of imperial pol-

"SALESLADIES."

The earl's daughter, Miss Byng, is one of the young ladies of aristocratic families who have shown energy and courage enough to start business for themselves. She has a shop in Lower Belgrave street for the sale of needlework, and her father's succession to the title has this week, of course, drawn more attention to her than gratuity which, Collector Bidwell says, ever. Another of the most interestis not a bribe. If he can form a trust ing of society tradeswomen is Miss Johanna Birkenruth, the royal bookbinder. It is no hobby with her. She loves it, and has made it a distinct pursuit. Modern society says of her that it is a treat to sit and watch her at work, as she is so fully alive to the beautiful possibilities of her craft. To her is due the carrying on of the school of high design set by Cobden Sanderson with "Sir Roger De Cover-ley." The shop in New Bond street, where the Countess of Warwick sells the product of the School of Needlework. was crowded on Tuesday by prominent members of the nobility, curious sightseers and prospective purchasers, for the fair countess stood behind the counter herself that day, and it is sufficient to say that her ladyship's persuasiveness as a saleswoman equaled the magnetism of her personal beauty.

THE AUTOMOBILE CLUB. One of the holiday events of the week has been the Whitsuntide tour of the Automobile Club to the Midlands, by way of Oxford. That automobilism is growing here has been evident by this trip, the biggest thing of its kind which has yet taken place

in this country. A Daily Mail correspondent, who accompanied the excursion, writes that the Lifu steam wagonette has won golden opinions. The English Daimler has also done splendidly, as well as the Mors, and M. Ducrofset's French-built Hercules, an eight-horse power motor. Some people laugh at automobilism be ing termed sport, but to those who go in for it it is sport of a genuine kind, possessing a fascination and excitement which hunting and yachting seldom

STAGNATION IN POLITICS. The holidays have brought stagnation in politics. Most of public attention has been directed to The Hague peace conference, and the Anglo-American commission. The papers warmly approve of the unison of the work of the American and British delega-tions at the conference, and interest in it is quickened by the prominence un-expectedly given to the arbitration question, especially in view of M. de Staal's speech reversing the order of the points submitted from that of the circular of the Russian minister of foreign affairs, Count Muravieff, giving arbitration the first place and containing only a minor reference to disarmament, which was at first blazoned as the main purpose of the conference.

THE VENEZUELAN ARBITRATION.

The scheme of Prof. Maartens, professor of international law at the University of St. Petersburg, and arbitra-June 12, and will be the guest of Poult- | tor of the Anglo-Venezuelan arbitration commission, is said to contain the code of proceedings which will adopted by the Venezuelan tribunal at any rate. Three of the five judges have decided to conduct the trial under the rule when the tribunal meets in Paris. Referring to the proposal which the American delegates are now pressing, to exempt all private property at sea from seizure, the Daily Chronicle reflects the British view in saying: from being published by the Russian press. Now that the facts are allow
to appear the familia. Commons has always declined to countenance any idea of withdrawal, and if America will come in and sign the declaration, which she practically voked in the Spanish war, it will be a material advance in humanizing war, and England might well reaffirm the rule and absolutely bind herself in the

> THE QUEEN'S EYESIGHT. A correspondent, referring to the re-

eyes, and it is safe to assume that the public will not hear much about it until it is done, for the Queen has a strong feeling against distressing her subjects unnecessarily. It is nearly two years since the rumor first start-ed that her majesty had become al-most blind. It is now stated that Dr. Pagensteicker, the eminent German oculist, will endeavor by an operation next week to restore the sight of one eye, which has been sightless for a long time. The infirmity, which is a partial organic failure of the sight, in addition to a cataract, has made the slow progress usual in such cases, but for a long time now the Queen has been practically deprived of her eye-sight. She has been loath to submit to an operation, and it was only decided on after a long family consideration. It was partly to reassure and sympathize with his grandmother that, according to trustworthy information, the kaiser a few days ago made a secret visit to London. Dr. Pagensteicker, who is remaining in London until the Queen is ready to make use of his skill, is a famous operator, who has treated Mr. Gladstone, Sir William Harcourt and many other prominent patients. The actual date of the operation has not been disclosed, but it is understood that it will be performed some time next week. ROYAL QUARREL RENEWED.

Emperor William's quarrel with Prince Frederick Leopold of Prussia has broken out afresh. Several years ago Princess Frederick Leopold, while skating, was immersed in a pond at Potsdam, and was carried to her home. where Prince Frederick Leopold and the emperor met. The latter was in-censed at the incident, and a quarrel ensued, whereupon the emperor, as head of the Hohenzollern family, ban-ished the prince and princess to Cassel. But the prince has estates near Potsdam, and desires to return to them, and has repeatedly begged the emperor's permission to return to them. His majesty has steadily refused. The petition was renewed during the emperor's recent visit to Cassel, and a refusal led to the renewal of the quar-

Resolution Passed Against Congressman Roberts.

Question of End of Nineteenth Century Decided-Debts Paid Off-Theological Schools Closing Up.

Minneapolis, May 29.—It took the general assembly of the Presbyterian Church longer to decide when the nineteenth century ends than it took to pass the resolutions against the Mormon congressman, Roberts, and in fa-vor of an anti-polygamy amendment to the national constitution. These resolutions, which represent the matured thought of the Presbyterians of the United States, after many months of consideration, so exactly expressed the sentiment of every commissioner that they were adopted without even a sin-

gle supporting speech.

The commissioners generally feel that in calling for the expulsion of Roberts, and for the adoption of an amendment to the national constitution defining legal marriage to be monogamic, they have started a movement which will be taken up all over the country and will reach eventual success. The adopted resolutions were originally written by Rev. William Paden, of Salt Lake City, but were modified and expanded by the committee on bills and overtures, though not essentially.

As for the end of the nineteenth century, one of the reports spoke of next year as the opening of the new century. Upon objection and after a little debate, the stated clerk held that next year is the last of this century. Presbyterians will henceforth get along without this exciting topic of discus-

A mass of routine business was disposed of. Dr. John W. Dinsmore, chairman of the standing committee on theological seminaries, turned in an exhaustive review of those institutions. The number of students in each was given as follows: Princeton, 206: Auburn, 105; Western Seminary, Allegheny, 75; Lane, 38; Danville, 22; San Francisco, 31; Dubuque, 32; Lincoln, 41; Biddle, 20; Omaha, 24. The report was something of a "roast" for dude ministers, and it was hinted that the lives of many theological students are too luxurious. Dr. Dinsmore followed the report with a speech, in which he

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The last hours of the assembly were packed with statistics and facts about the church. The accounts of the trustees of the church showed. \$840.447 in their hands, and considered that the church was prosperous enough to increase the salary of Rev. Mr. Roberts, of Philadelphia, stated clerk, from \$3,-000 to \$4,000. There are connected with the various churches 3,718 Christian Endeavor Societies, besides a large number of other societies for young people. An attempt was made to get consideration of the proposition to have the whole cost of entertainment of commissioners met by the assembly. The attempt failed. The amount now allowed is \$150 a day. An attempt to get the 4 cents per communicant as-sessment for the support of the general assembly reduced to 2 cents was also a failure. The assessment yields so well that there is a balance of \$90,-

818 now on hand.

An additional address to the international peace conference was adopted. This one recommends an international court of arbitration. The stated clerk said he would forward the address next week, with a similar one from the alliance of Presbyterian churches of the world, representing millions of Christians. The mileage committee reported receipts of \$53,137, and disbursements for mileage of \$29,-

At the freedman's meeting the other night a home missionary gave her gold ring to the freedman's fund collection, Dr. M. L. Haines, of Indianapolis, on Saturday morning put this ring up to be bought back for the poor woman. In a few moments \$310 were raised. The money will be used to send the Charles Hartys as a missionary to India. All express satisfaction with the ex

tertainment in Minneapolis, which is conceded to be about the best the general assembly ever had. DEBTS WIPED OUT.

The Presbyterians of the country have recently done yeoman service for church, which they can always do when an appeal is made in the S.S. BRITANNIC, June 7....12 Noon right way, or the occasion demands it. During the past few weeks efforts were made to pay off all the indebtedness of the general assembly boards, particularly of the foreign and home boards. On April 1 the indebtedness of the foreign board amounted to \$262,-000; on April 27 it had been reduced to \$21,000, and on the following Monday the board was not only out of debt. but had \$10,000 to the good. The home board was in debt \$167,000 at the opening of the general assembly, and the entire sum is now paid off. These two boards during part of the year raised and expended \$1,800,000. The other seven boards, with the exception of the freedmen's, are out of debt. The amount against it was \$40,000, which has been apportioned among the different presbyteries throughout the country. The respective commissioners have assumed these apportionments.

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