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As Far as the British House of Commons Is Concerned.

The Famme Situation in India Unchanged.

A Unionist Elected to Succeed Si Richard Webster, (Con.) M.P.

WOMEN AS ALDERMEN.

London, May 5.-Notwithstanding government opposition the second reading of the bill to enable women to be elected aldermen and councilors In the new borough councils, formed under the government bill of 1899, was parried in the House of Commons by a wote of 248 to 129. The secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the home secretary, Sir Mathew White Ridley; the president of the board of trade, Mr. C. T. Ritchie; Mr. Henry Labouchere, and Mr. John Redmond voted with the minority. The majority was composed mostly of Liberals and Irish members, with a sprinkling of Conservatives.

tee on law. THE FAMINE SITUATION. The secretary of state for India, Lord George Hamilton, replying to a question, said he regretted that no material change for the betetr had taken place in the famine-stricken filstrict. The showers, he added, had done some good in parts, but the mon-soon was still awaited. SIR RICHARD WEBSTER'S SUC-

The bill was referred to the commit-

CESSOR. Capt. John Seely, Unionist, has been elected to represent the Isle of Wight division of Hampshire, in the House of Commons, in place of Sir Richard Webster, the former attorney-general and new master of the rolls, who has been elected to the House of Lords. The Liberal candidate was Mr. Godfrey Baring, chairman of the Island frey Baring, chairman of the Island County Council, chairman of the Island County Council, chairman of the Cowes Urban Council, a magistrate and a deputy fleutenant for the county: The vote: Capt. Seely, Unionist, 6,432; Mr. Baring, Liberal, 5,370—Unionist majority, 1,662.

TURKEY AND UNCLE SAM. All Ferrouh Bey, the Turkish minister at Weishington, spent about fifteen minutes in conference with Secretary Hay on Thursday, and it was gathered that the minister was in quest of information as to the tenor of Charge Griscom's note. Charge Griscom's note. It is said at the United States navy department sands crowder that the projected visit of the United riotic favors. States steamer Albany to the Mediter-ranean has no diplomatic significance whatever.

THE CHINESE "BOXERS." The members of the Chinese secret society, known as the "Boxers," are now openly drilling at Pekin, and many high Manchus, including members of the imperial clan, are joining the movement, which is becoming so threatening that the diplomatic representatives are about to take action. Senor B. J. Cologan, the Spanish min-ister, and dean of the diplomatic corps, has made a demand upon the Corps, has made a demand upon the Chinese foreign office, couched in the strongest terms, for the immediate suppression of the "Boxers," threatening that otherwise all the powers concerned would land troops in

Advices from Corea say Russian troops now occupy Masampo, and will prevent the passage of all comers over the territory in Corea claimed by

PLAGUE AT DURBAN. An extraordinary issue of the Gazette announces the existence of a fatal case of the bubonic plague in Durban. The wichim is an East In-

IMPOSING SCENE AT ST. PETER'S Rome, May 25.—There was a magnificent spectacle in St. Peter's yesterday on the occasion of the cannon-ization of Jean Baptists de la Salle, the founder of the Order of Christian Brothers, and Rita Di Cascia, a nun of the Augustinian Order. The interfor of the vast basilica was filuminated and adorned with magnificent hangings, and the building was fielded with a great concourse of people, in-cluding all the pontifical dignitaries, diplomats and the Roman nobility. Of the 60,000 spectators, about 30,000 were foreign pilgrims. The pontiff, after the usual prayers, pronounced the canonization and intoned the Te Deum. At that moment the bells in all the churches in Rome rang out, and the pope solemnly blessed the congregation and returned to the Vatican, amid the prolonged cheering of the large audience. An Italian pilgrim suffered from a slight stroke of apoplexy at the contract of the cathedral and subthe entrance of the cathedral, and subsequently died in a hospital, and a

ILLNESS OF MRS. GLADSTONE. Mrs. Catharine Gladstone, widow of the late William E. Gladstone, has been sick for a month past. Owing to her advanced age, her sickness naturally caused anxiety, but the attending physician said yesterday that, although the patient was in a weak condition for the moment, she was not in a dangerous state.

COMPULSORY INSURANCE DE-

FEATED. A dispatch from Berne, May 24, says: A bill, which the assembly had adopted, making compulsory the in-surance against accident and illness of all persons not earning their own Mying, the confederation contributing toward the expense, was, upon being

320,000 against the measure to 150,000 in its favor.

CABLE NOTES. Many scientists are arriving at Madrid to observe the solar eclipse. Madrid to observe the solar eclipse.

The nuptials of Prince Karl Ludwig of Thurn and Taxis and Princess Maria Theresa of Braganza were celebrated on Tuesday at Ratisbon.

The Chinese ministers at Washington and London have been ordered to retain their posts for some time longer

on the recommendation of Li Hung Riots have occurred repeatedly within the last few years at Stolb, in the province of Pomerania, Prussia. The cavalry was summoned and attacked the crowd, and a score of persons were

injured. Lord Strathcona's new patent of peerage is spoken of by the London Times and Standard as a graceful tribute to the patriotic imperialism of the high commissioner, and a recog-

nition of Canadian loyalty.

Pressure is being brought to bear upon the lord mayor of London to close the Ottawa relief fund, which now reaches £50,000. Canadian circles there feel that this and the other Ottawa funds have accomplished their pur-

Resolutions expressive of the cordial relations between the United States and France have been agreed upon by the United States house committee on foreign relations, in connection with the unveiling of the statue of Lafayette at Paris on July 4 next. American school children contributed for the statue, and the government provided \$50,000 for the pedestal.

Demonstrations in Old London and the Provinces-National Thanksgiving Day Proposed.

London, May 25-10:55 p.m.-Under the stimulus of the relief of Mafeking and Lord Roberts' rapid and successful passage, the Queen's birthday has been celebrated throughout the empire with almost unprecedented rejoicings. The twofold nature of the celebrations gave the occasion unusual

brilliancy.
In London, and in the provincial towns there was a tricolor eruption. Every private house was decorated with miniature Union Jacks, and a picturesque carnival procession a mile long of cars, emblematic of the war, paraded the northern suburbs of London. Torchlight processions and reviews in the garrison towns, etc., were witnessed throughout the country. The school children had a holiday, and at most places there was a partial suspension of business. The west end of London last night was brilliantly filuminated, and thousands crowded the streets, wearing pat-

In the House of Commons, Mr. A. J. Balfour announced that Lord Salisbury would consider a proposel to appoint a national thanksgiving day, with a suitable form of prayer, in acknowledgment of God's vouchsafing victory to the

United States Ambassador Choate received a cable from Secretary Hay at Washington, asking him to "convey through the appropriate channels the congratulations and best wishes of the president of the United States to her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her birthday." Her majesty replied in

a gracious message of thanks. Preliminary celebrations in honor of the birthday of Queen Victoria took place in Berlin Wednesday evening, the principal incident being the banquet of the First Dragoons Guards
Regiment, of which Queen Victoria
is chief. Sir Frank Lascelles, the
British ambassador, and the staff of
the embassy were present. Yesterday
the regiment paraded in the Quen's
honor. Emperor William celebrated the event suitably yesterday at Wies-

The English colony in Santiago de Cuba gave an elaborate banquet in honor of the Queen's birthday.

DANCED TO DEATH

Sad Fate of a Bridesmaid With a Weak Heart.

New York, May 23 .- Mary Wascher, 23 years old, died suddenly at 245 East Third street, the home of a relative, Mrs. Julia Parkoe. The girl had been a bridesmaid at the wedding of her friend and companion, Miss Mary Sopkio to Paul Kotsch at Excelstor Hall, in Second street on Sunday night, and danced all the dances on the programme. Some of her friends told her that she had done too much waltzing, but she laughed at them, and the young men said she had been the best dancer there, anyway.

When she went home at 1 o'clock in the morning the bridesmaid said she was tired, and her heart wasn't beating properly. After she had gone to bed she called Mrs. Parkoe and asked portion of a glass chandelier, inside it she fell senseless on the bed. Mrs. Parkoe summoned Dr. Chas. Comfort, but when the doctor reached the

house the girl was dead. Coroner's physician Weston made an autopsy on the body and found that the girl's death was due to a weak heart. He said that the dancing had been indirectly responsible for her death, but any excitement would have killed the girl within a few months.

TEN YEARS FOR MANSLAUGHTER Hamilton, May 25.-At the Welland assizes, Frank Werke, an Italian, charged with murdering his wife at Niagara Falls, was taken before the grand jury, who returned a true bill against him. The prisoner, who was unable to speak English, had an interpreter. He agreed to plead guilty submitted to the people, according to swiss law, defeated on May 20 by a majority of 170,000, the vote standing to sentenced the prisoner to ten years in Kingston Penitentlary.

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London was in holiday attire yesterday, and Londoners in holiday spirits, in honor of her majesty's birthday. For some days before the merchants and citizens had been preparing for the holiday, and shops and private residences were decorated gaily with national flags and colors. While the older folk enjoy the annual celebration of the Queen's natal day so much, it is to the children that it gives the greatest happiness. On no other holiday in the year are they allowed more freedom or given greater oportunitnes for genuine enjoyment. Yesterday, probably, it was more so than usual, because, on account of the recent successes of British arms, the parents entered into the jubilation with unusual zest, and from early morning until far into the night, in every part of the city, they could be seen assisting the little ones in firing off firecrackers and fireworks of all de-scriptions. At intervals during the day there were threatenings of rain, but none came, and the day was bright and warm, with true Queen's weather. The citizens celebrated the day in divers ways. It was estimated that 14,000 people went to Springbank during the day. The cars were crowded continuously, and hundreds wheeled down, and many went in carriages. During the afternoon the corners where Springbank cars passed were thronged with people waiting to be conveyed to the river park. It was so in the evening also, when, as in the afternoon, a splendid programme of music was ren-dered by the Musical Society Band, under Mr. Fred L. Evans' leadership. Nearly 2,000 people went to Port Stanley. Cheap fares prevailed here as elsewhere. The ferry Shenango took a crowd of excursionists for a two-hours' On all the railroads a very large pas-

MAY 24 IN GOTHAM

Enthusiastic Gathering of Canadians-Premier Ross Speaks at a Banquet.

New York, May 25 .- The Canadian Society of New York held its fourth annual dinner or celebration of the birthday of Queen Victoria last night at Sherry's. There were 170 present. Thomas H. Martindale, president of the society, presided. Among those at the guests' table sat Sir Percy San-derson, consul-general, and Hon. Geo. W. Ross, premier of Ontario. Letters of regret were received from President McKinley, Gov. Roosevelt, Lord Pauncefote, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and

to Queen Victoria: "Congratulations. Canadian Society of New York at banquet assembled in celebration of

Responding to a toast, Hon, Mr. Ross said that every true Canadian and American rejoices that the relations between Canada and America are now more cordial than they were at any period since the establishment of the Should any disruption of these relations occur in the future, ours would be the greatest loss. We are now in a certain sense admitted to the councils of the empire, and the new spirit in which we are regarded by the imperial authorities may be taken as a guarantee that in all mat-ters of difference between Great Britain and the United States, Canada will be consulted. That, to my mind, means a great deal. It goes without saying that England never properly understood the colonial temperament. Had she done so, there would have been no revolution. It took her many years to understand the Canadian temperament. Our larger interest in the peace of the empire on this continent at least strengthens the hope that never, so long as time endures, shall the armies of the United States and Great Britain confront each other in battle array, or their navies plow the intervening ocean for purposes of mutual destruction.

The fifth annual dinner of the Britgiven at the Holland House. There other provinces. 100 guests. Among them were Capt. Mahan, Joseph Campbell, Editor Litchfield, Rev. Dr. Morgan, Rev. Dr. Patton and Sir Roderick Cameron. Letters were read from the Queen, the Prince of Wales, Josesph Chamberlain, the Earl of Rosebery, the Duke of Argyll, Admiral Dewey and Whitelaw Reid. The president of the club praposed the toasts to "The Queen," "The President of the United States," "The Prince of Wales." The Queen's message to the club was as follows: "The Queen sincerely thanks you for your kind message of loyalty and good-

Rudyard Kipling sent this: "Good luck to you and ourselves, and the rest of us everywhere.'

Joseph Chamberlain cabled: "I regret that American opinions should be divided on the subject of the war in which we are now engaged, although I hope the majority recognize in our policy and proceedings the same spirit and object which animated them during the Spanish-American war. sympathy on that occasion was freely that is not cordially reciprocated in

our time of trial." Lord Roseberry wrote: "That the cause of the South African war seems to be misconstrued in the United States, and it seems to be forgotten that the Transvaal attacked us. * * * The United States will benefit by the war as much as we shall, though we alone will have to make all the sacri-fices. We might have, however, under circumstances, at least expected good-will and moral support."

The Right Hon. Professor Max Muller wrote: "The ignorant abuse of England is certainly a crime. But does it come from the educated classes? I have many friends in America, but only one who stands for the Boer Dutch. We can spare the Boers, but not the British. The Saxons of Germany. Britain and of the United States -these are my trio. No dog could bark if these three stood together."

A GENERAL ELECTION

The Birmingham Argus, which keeps in pretty close touch with the colonial office, says: "We understand that a general election will be ordered as soon as Lord Roberts attains an additional success. The government will ask the country what it wishes to do with

SERIOUS RUNAWAY

Mr. John Croden, Grocer Badly Injured Thrown From Bis Rig on Dundas Street East.

Mr. John Croden, grocer, of Wellington street, met with a serious accident yesterday morning while driving with his son John on Dundas street east. A horse attached to another rig took fright at an approaching trolley, and in order to avoid a collision with the other buggy, the Croden rig was driven against a telephone pole. This frightened Mr. Croden's horse, and to make matters worse the bridle broke. Both of the occupants of the rig were thrown out on to the hard pavement, and the horse galloped madly ahead on Dundas

When Mr. Croden, sen., was carried into Dr. Jarvis' office, near by, it was found that he had sustained a terrible injury to the head. About one-fourth of his scalp was laid open, and he was rendered unconscious from the force of the blow. Drs. English and Tillman attended to the unfortunate man's wounds, and later he was removed to his home. The injuries are of a very serious nature, but the physicians do not think at present that they will prove fatal. The son escaped horse was brought to a standstill a couple of blocks from the scene of the accident.

BELMONT

Big Crowd at a Barn Raising-Two Men Injured.

Belmont, May 25 .- A big barn raising occurred Wednesday at the home of Robert Ewan, of Gladstone, when 120 men and 30 fair ladies of Dorchester participated. The structure was 40 feet wide, 63 feet long, with 16 feet posts, resting on a stone wall 10 feet high. About 60 stalwart men under Daniel McVicar, of Harrietsville, and a similar number under Victor Jackson, of Gladstone, took part in the work, and the former vanquished the latter by four rafters. During the progress of the raising the purlin plate fell 12 feet, striking Samuel Jackson and a young man named Stevens, son of Thos. Stevens, of South Dorchester. The Craik Bros. of Putnam, did the framing.

BURGLARS

Try to Rob the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Brantford.

[Special to Advertiser per G. N. W.] Brantford, Ont., May 25 .- At an early hour this morning an attempt was made to rob the Canadian Bank of Commerce here. The burglars tried to bore through the back door, but found it was lined with iron. They then came round to the front door. which they succeeded in forcing open. The noise woke Ledger Keeper White, The following cablegram was sent could see no one, but could hear them walking. He fired two or three shots, which scared the men to the street. where they opened fire on the bank. The shots awakened Chief of Police Twiss, who was quickly on the scene, but the men had disappeared. Nothing was taken.

ELECTION FRAUDS

Chancellor Boyd Will Be Chairman of the Investigating Commission.

[Special to Advertiser per C. P. R.] Ottawa, May 25.-The government has been in communication with certain judges in Ontario to act as a commission to inquire into election frauds. This is in accordance with the statement of the premier made in the commons a few days ago when the Brockville and West Huron election mattens were under discussion.

The chairman of the commission, it is understood, will be Chancellor Boyd. It is said that he has decided to act. The other two judges have not accepted, but it is more than probable that Justice Falconbridge will be one of them. Three judges will comprise the commission. It is likely that comish School and Universities Club was missions will be appointed in some

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