

WOMEN MAY BE ALDERMEN

As Far as the British House of Commons Is Concerned.

The Famine Situation in India Unchanged.

A Unionist Elected to Succeed Sir 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 councillors in the new borough councils, formed under the government bill of 1899, was passed in the House of Commons by a vote of 248 to 128. The secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the home secretary, Sir Matthew 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. The bill was referred to the committee 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 better had taken place in the famine-stricken district. The showers, he added, had done some good in parts, but the monsoon was still awaited.

SIR RICHARD WEBSTER'S SUCCESSOR.

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 now master of the rolls, who has been elected to the House of Lords. The Liberal candidate was Mr. Godfrey Baring, chairman of the Island County Council, chairman of the Cowes Urban Council, a magistrate and a deputy lieutenant for the county. The vote: Capt. Seely, Unionist, 6,432; Mr. Baring, Liberal, 5,370—Unionist majority, 1,062.

TURKEY AND UNCLE SAM.

All Ferrouh Bey, the Turkish minister at Washington, 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. It is said at the United States navy department that the projected visit of the United States steamer Albany to the Mediterranean has no diplomatic significance whatever.

THE CHINESE "BOXERS."

The members of the Chinese secret society, known as the "Boxers," are now openly drilling in the provinces of the movement, which is becoming so threatening that the diplomatic representatives are about to take action. Senator B. J. Cologan, the Spanish minister, and dean of the diplomatic 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 China.

Advises from Corea say Russian troops now occupy Mashampo, and will prevent the passage of all commerce over the territory in Corea claimed by Russia.

PLAGUE AT DURBAN.

An extraordinary issue of the Gazette announces the existence of a fatal case of bubonic plague in Durban. The victim is an East Indian.

IMPOSING SCENE AT ST. PETER'S.

Rome, May 25.—There was a magnificent spectacle in St. Peter's yesterday on the occasion of the canonization of Jean Baptiste de la Salle, the founder of the Order of Christian Brothers, and Rita di Cascia, a nun of the Augustinian Order. The interior of the vast basilica was illuminated and adorned with magnificent hangings, and the building was filled with a great concourse of people, including all the pontifical dignitaries, diplomats and the Roman nobility. Of the 30,000 spectators, about 20,000 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 entrance of the cathedral, and subsequently died in a hospital, and a portion of a glass chandelier inside the basilica, fell, slightly injuring a French woman.

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 DEFEATED.

A dispatch from Berne, May 24, says: A bill, which the assembly had adopted, making compulsory the insurance against accident and illness of all persons not earning their own living, the confederation contributing toward the expense, was, upon being submitted to the people, according to Swiss law, defeated on May 20 by a majority of 170,000, the vote standing

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

CABLE NOTES.

Many scientists are arriving at 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 Chang.

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 recognition 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 this and the other Ottawa funds have accomplished their purpose.

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 citizens contributed for the statue, and the government provided \$50,000 for the pedestal.

DAY OF GLADNESS

Celebration of the 24th of May in England.

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 riotous 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 gardens, 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 illuminated, and thousands crowded the streets, wearing patriotic favors.

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

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 Dragoon 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 Queen's honor. Emperor William celebrated the event suitably yesterday at Wiesbaden.

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 25 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 Spokko to Paul Kotsch at Excelsior 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 waiting, 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 for a glass of water. After drinking 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 Wale, 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 is unable to speak English, had an interpreter. He agreed to plead guilty to manslaughter if the murder charge was dropped. The presiding judge sentenced the prisoner to ten years in Kingston Penitentiary.

HOW THE DAY WAS SPENT

The Queen's Birthday Celebrated With General Jubilation.

Great Crowds at the Riverside Park—Electric Railway Service Tested—Crowds at Port Stanley and Elsewhere.

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 opportunities 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 descriptions. 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.

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SERIOUS RUNAWAY

Mr. John Croden, Grocer, Badly Injured Thrown From His 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 bridge broke. Both of the occupants of the rig were thrown out on to the hard pavement, and the horse galloped madly ahead on Dundas street.

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 injury, beyond a few bruises. The 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 raters. During the progress of the raising the pump plate fell 12 feet, striking Samuel Jackson and a young man named Stevens, son of Thos. Stevens, of South Dorchester. The Crank 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, who was sleeping over the bank. He 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 show aroused 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 in the Brockville and West Huron election matters 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 commission will be appointed in some other province.

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BANK OF COMMERCE.
Toronto, May 25.—In financial circles there is a good deal of talk as to the remarkable earnings of the Bank of Commerce. The directors issued a circular that all the employees of the bank earning \$500 or less should get 20 per cent of bonus this year, the money being payable today. All between \$500 and \$1,000, 15 per cent, and over \$1,000, 10 per cent. This is double the amount of last year's bonus, the first paid by the bank.

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Nearly 60,000 acres of land were disposed of by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company last month.

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