

Special Cables

The Venezuelan Dispute Does Not Excite the British Public--A Pacific Settlement Confidently Expected--Germany Backing Up England.

The Financial Phase of the Question Attracts Most Attention--The Marlboroughs Do a Little Gambling at Monte Carlo--The Armenian Question Overshadowed--Flogging School Girls--The Latest Libel Suit.

NO WAR SCARE.

London, Dec. 22.—No excitement has been manifested here in political circles over the Venezuelan complications, although their effect has been felt on the stock exchange. A striking fact is that without a single exception, if the utterances of the press and those of many representative men who have spoken on the subject can be relied upon, the whole country stands solidly behind the Marquis of Salisbury as the United States is understood to stand solidly behind President Cleveland. But, it should be added, it has been remarked in some quarters that the Marquis of Salisbury might very well have omitted the passage in his reply to the note of Secretary Olney which has been looked upon as questioning Secretary Olney's interpretation of the principle of the Monroe doctrine. Public opinion here, in spite of any statements to the contrary, certainly supports the general idea of the Monroe doctrine. It is not the doctrine itself which is resented in Great Britain, but the claim is made that it does not apply to the Venezuelan dispute as it stands. This seems to be the whole of the British contention, and as, according to reliable reports published here, there is some such belief in the United States, it is confidently expected in the best informed quarters that an amicable arrangement will be arrived at which will avert further financial troubles, to say nothing of a disastrous war between the two great English-speaking nations of the earth.

AT THE CLUBS.

As might be supposed, the members of the Carlton, the great Conservative club, concur in the hope that Lord Salisbury will maintain his policy of no compromise, whatever might be the risk of war. The Tory landowners, inheriting the traditions of party, and possibly interested in enhanced values of home-grown grains, are naturally of the same opinion.

At the Constitutional Club, a less exclusive organization than the Carlton, the opinions expressed were much the same. Perhaps the jingoism was more pronounced.

At the Reform Club, President Cleveland's message was resented as a diverting blow. The Liberal hope, dealing with Lord Salisbury's policy in Turkey, while the message is certain to turn the nation into support of the government in a moderate policy of resisting American aggression. The respect of the Earl of Kimberley, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in Lord Rosebery's Cabinet, guides their approval of Lord Salisbury's adherence to the Earl of Kimberley's line of action.

At the National Liberal Club the dominant tone was one of regret that the quarrel would tend to alienate the peoples of the two countries and lessen the influence of the United States here, and so lessen democratic progress in Great Britain. The National Liberal Club has over 6,000 members, and among them radicalism, verging upon republicanism, prevails. The closest affiliation with the American people and with American ideas is their sincerest aspirations. There is no wonder, therefore, that they are disappointed by the message, which has caused an outburst of national antipathy toward the supposed wounds thought to have been long since assuaged. The editorials published by the Chronicle and called to the United States fairly represent the opinion prevailing at the National Liberal Club that a war between the two is impossible. The radicals credit Mr. Cleveland with being conscientious and honest, and believed he is not influenced by party motives. They, however, consider his message as showing aberration of judgment.

THE QUEEN DEEPLY INTERESTED.

The Queen is showing the keenest anxiety in the difficulty. Lord Salisbury was closeted on Friday at the Foreign Office, not seeing even the diplomats. In the evening he sent a long dispatch to her Majesty at Osborne House, on the Isle of Wight, where she is at present sojourning.

PROTECTIONISTS BUSY.

In addition to the financial disorder which has been the first feature of the trouble, there is another phase of the war scare which deserves special attention, not only in England, but in the United States. The alarming reports circulated have been seized upon by the agricultural party as a justification for the demands which they have recently made upon the Government for a change in the policy of Great Britain from free trade to protection. Mr. James Lowther, M.P., leader of the protection party, indicates this in a pointed letter printed in the Times, and showing the grave conception in which Great Britain would be if her food supplies from America were stopped. Mr. Lowther points out that 50 per cent of the British food imports come from the United States, and he therefore asks that British agriculture be protected in order to make this country as independent as possible of American food supplies. Fears are expressed that the war agitation will materially assist the movement for protection against American food imports, although the Statist gives utterance to a grave warning to the public not to be frightened into supporting import duties upon wheat. In spite of such warnings, however, there is little doubt that the agitation here in favor of protection has been and will be further greatly strengthened by the bellicose utterances on both sides of the Atlantic, and with a strong Conservative Government in office it is thought that some measure for the protection and fostering of British husbandry is not unlikely to be introduced shortly and to become law in due course of time.

GERMANY DOESN'T LIKE IT.

President Cleveland's message to Congress on the boundary dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela, dropped like a thunderbolt upon Germany, and

immediately overshadowed all questions of domestic politics and the Armenian embargo. The almost general condemnation of the action of President Cleveland upon the part of the German press is due less to love for England than to the conviction that the interests of Germany are also threatened. In political and even in Government circles the attitude of the Marquis of Salisbury is receiving unusual approval, evidently with the hope of impressing Americans with the fact that Germany is backing England up in this dispute, and to thus induce President Cleveland to abandon the position he has taken up before serious trouble supervenes. Nobody, however, now expects that hostilities between the two countries will break out and the financial aspect of the affair is taken much more seriously in Berlin. If the dispute between Great Britain and the United States was to grow very acute it is thought in Berlin that the former country would endeavor to obtain a pronouncement upon the part of the European Governments against President Cleveland's interpretation of the Monroe doctrine, for the success of Mr. Cleveland, it is thought, would have grave consequences in the future relations of the European powers and the turbulent South American States. The latest news from America, however, is regarded as promising the refusal of the business men to endorse President Cleveland's attitude, and all eyes are directed towards the developments of the financial crisis. The Reichstag having adjourned until Jan. 9, no public expression of official opinion is possible just now.

WANTED BISMARCK'S ADVICE.

Next to President Cleveland, Emperor William's visit to Prince Bismarck at Friedrichsruhe has been the topic of the past week. Instead of being, as at first intimated, purely a visit of courtesy, His Majesty's call upon the ex-Chancellor appears to have been of prime political importance, for the news leaked out early in the week that the Emperor sought the advice of Prince Bismarck on the eastern and colonial questions. The German press at first refused to believe this, but it is now generally admitted to be perfectly correct. The matter reached the ears of the public by the indiscreet conversation of a high court official to whom the Emperor personally confided the information, and later Prince Bismarck's own organ, the Hamburger Nachrichten, confirmed the statement. It is reported that Prince Bismarck advised the Emperor to introduce into the Reichstag, so soon as feasible, a new Anti-Socialist Bill, modeled on the bill of 1878, but containing more stringent provisions. The ex-Chancellor, it is also understood, counseled the acceptance of the resignations of Dr. Von Boetticher, the Imperial Secretary of State for the Interior, and Baron Marschal von Bieberstein, the Imperial Minister for Foreign Affairs, whose resignations have been in the Emperor's pocket since spring. The Hamburger Nachrichten, during the course of several articles on the subject, discussed the imminent necessity of suppressing, by military action, the social revolution, which is believed to be threatening.

THE FINANCIAL FLUTTER.

London, Dec. 22.—The rumor that the Rothschilds had decided to immediately withdraw £5,000,000 (\$25,000,000) from America is attracting great attention. But the Rothschilds informed the Associated Press that this report, as well as the report of the collapse of negotiations for a United States loan were utterly untrue.

The manager of a house whose influence is felt in every big financial transaction, remarked: "If European investors take everything seriously, there is no knowing where the decline of the market will be. But the outlook is somewhat more favorable today. After all, the merchants and bankers must make their influence felt, and we have indications that the really serious business men of America are anxious to undo the harm the jingoes have done."

Business on the Stock Exchange closed steady. There was a recovery from the worst points shown, but the feeling was that it would be a difficult task to restore the confidence of ordinary investors in American securities. Most of the newspapers publish comparative tables showing the great difference between the prices of American stocks before President Cleveland's message on the Venezuelan question was sent to Congress and the prices today.

GEN. LAWRIE'S OPINION.

Gen. Lawrie, formerly a member of the Canadian House of Commons, who arrived in London during the early part of last week, said during the course of an interview upon the sensational reports in circulation, that while he firmly believed that President Cleveland's message to Congress on the Venezuelan question was only an "electioneering kite," it must be recognized that there is a very large amount of "damnable material" in the United States to which President Cleveland has applied a match, and which at any moment might get beyond his control. Continuing, Gen. Lawrie remarked: "There is, therefore, a very serious risk of certain hotheads in the frontier attacking what they cordially hate—the British flag. So far as Canada is concerned, the chief danger lies in a small party of these jingoes, crossing in a moment of excitement and insulting the flag in a way to at once call for retaliation."

THE SULTAN PLEASED.

With the Venezuelan question on the tapis there is no prospect of any concerted action in Armenia at present. A Constantinople correspondent who has been unusually well informed throughout the crisis writes recording the Sultan's triumph at the difficulty Great Britain is now placed in, and says that neither England nor any of the powers has yet done anything to save the 400,000 Armenians who are now facing the alternative of starvation or conversion to Mohammedanism. The Sultan, the writer continues, is confident and exulting and has never before been in such spirits.

He impresses his visitors as being more clear-headed and logical in conversation than usual, and more determined than ever to carry out his own plans. In fact, it is said that the Sultan is stronger than he was six months ago, and that he no longer fears the Turkish revolutionists, much less the powers. The Speaker, commenting upon the subject, says "President Cleveland has done badly for the Christians of Armenia, and exceedingly well for the murderers of the Yildiz Kiosk."

MORE TROUBLE.

The attempt to compel King Premph of Ashantee to accept a British resident, and grant other demands made by the British, threatens to be a harder task than was at first expected. The War Office no longer says that the British expedition will merely march to Comassie, the capital of Ashantee. King Premph is not desirous of surrendering to the British. The Ashantees are armed with good rifles, and have plenty of ammunition, their arms being supplied to them by French traders.

Trouble is also impending in the Transvaal, where the growing British population threatens to start a rebellion against the Boer Government unless they are conceded privileges of citizenship equal to those enjoyed by other colonists.

OUT OF SIGHT.

Whatever else may be said, President Cleveland has come to the rescue of the unspeakable Turk. The Eastern question has dropped out of sight. The Sultan has ceased for a week to be a prominent figure in the eyes of Christians. He has escaped observation and has been left at liberty to order additional massacres of Armenians and continue the process of pacifying rebellious provinces by bloodshed and rapine. The President of the American commonwealth has been transformed before English eyes into an unspeakable jingo.

LIBERAL DEMONSTRATION.

Though the Armenian question has been shoved into the background by the Venezuela dispute, the executive committee of the National Liberal Club is arranging for a conference of the club to organize a great public demonstration in favor of the Armenians on the eve of the reopening of Parliament. The Bishops of Rochester, Bath, Hereford and Ripon and other church dignitaries have approved of a special service throughout the country on behalf of the Armenians. The service will be held on Dec. 28.

NO POLITICS.

Apart from the Venezuela question there is neither diplomacy nor politics this week. The Duke of Devonshire has been pouring cold water on various safe subjects. Mr. Chamberlain, who goes to Windsor so often that he is known as the court favorite, has not entirely retired from socialist politics. He has not been speaking on the subject, but a five-line letter has been drawn from him in favor of old-age pensions, to which he devoted considerable attention during the recent political canvass. He still affects great interest in it, and expresses the hope that the Government may be able to adopt the suggestion that a commission be appointed to examine the question in all its bearings, with a view to legislation. About seven reports from commissions of this kind have already been presented, and he now asks for another as a convenient method of dropping the whole subject. There will be no old-age pensions under the present Government.

FLOGGING SCHOOLGIRLS.

A police justice has been found who decides that flogging girls in boarding schools is not legal unless the caning is confined to the hand. A Chelsea girl of 13, who had been unusually mischievous, was laid on the table and flogged on the back, some strokes falling on the bare flesh. Five stalwart teachers co-operated in administering the punishment. The justice asserted that it would have been a proper procedure for a bad boy, but that the law did not permit girls to be punished so roughly. It is evident that religious education is not the only thing that needs revision in English schools.

THE LATEST LIBEL SUIT.

The Countess De Bremond's libel suit against Mr. W. S. Gilbert was one of the pleasantest of a gloomy week. She wrote as a journalist, asking him to allow her an interview with him professionally. He tried to put her off by demanding 20 guineas as an entrance fee. She replied with sarcasm that she hoped she would have the pleasure of writing his obituary for nothing. She had given a Roland for his Oliver, but, bright man as he is, he did not take the joke easily. He wrote a letter to his employer urging that a sharp eye should be kept on her, and commented on her discretion, ability and title. She sued him for libel, mainly for referring to her as a lady who styled herself a Countess De Bremond, but lost her case after having the privilege of an interview with Mr. Gilbert in the witness box instead of a coffin. The Lord Chief Justice referred to the interview as one of the plagues of modern society. It must be an established English institution if the courts take cognizance of it.

THE MARLBOROUGHS AT MONTE CARLO.

The Duke and Duchess of Marlborough are stopping at the Grand Hotel, Monte Carlo. They will soon proceed to Italy. A newspaper correspondent, referring to their first visit to the Casino, says that both the duke and duchess staked five francs there and lost. Apparently satisfied that they were not in good luck, the young couple did not venture any further in gambling.

CABLE NOTES.

Mr. Gladstone, will start for Biarritz on Dec. 27.

The Queen is in rather feeble health than usual, but her condition does not cause anxiety.

Lord Salisbury will entertain a large party at Harewood House, his residence, during the Christmas holidays.

The date for holding the Irish National Conference has now been fixed in May. America, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa will send delegates.

The Eclair today denies that French sympathies are with England, saying that, on the contrary, they are with the republic, adding: "If England's power and prestige are lessened, nothing would be more to the advantage of France."

At a meeting of the English Church Union, at which the Duke of Newcastle presided, it was decided to petition the bishops to order clergymen to refuse to marry persons who have been divorced, such marriages being contrary to the law of the church, and a grievous injury to Christian morality.

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