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## IN THE PLAGUE.

but Dolores was not there-she had left the city the day he was married in London. Therefore why was it that he could see her moving about in The tifo plague crept along slowly, but surely. First it took poor old the patio before him and in the empty Pepe, the blind beggar, who lived all rooms, with the little green lorito perched on her shoulder and the sunalone in his little jacal down near the Plaza Mayor. He died. Then it made its way straight up the Calle Alfonso. shine lighting up her blue black hair and the red rose 'n it? She had al-ways worn the deep red roses in her dark hair after the first time that he All the "unwashed" got it and even the better people, and finally the governor's family, in their villa close to had noticed and admired the adornthe Presa, and after that-well, it bement in his careless way. But then in all ways she had tried to please came impossible to keep track of the spread of the disease. On Tuesday him. Not a good woman, she had been cerhaps six families had the fover. very unselfish-and she had loved The next Sunday the whole great town was stricken, and every house him. Perhaps, after all, if he had in the place, from the lowest little married her instead of coolly breaking to her after their two years to-gether the fact of the other woman in pcon hut up to the great marble fronted house of the jefe politico, was in mourning. The medicos did their England-the sweet, pure girl, wife-she would have staid with him to the last, nursed him, held to him best. Working day and night, with no rest, no sleep, doing the doctoring and the nursing, too, they battled to even in death. Well, it was over with him-it didn't matter much anystamp out the fever. Of course many of the people could leave and did. The way-the wife was provided for, and governor and his family fled to their if he went under all alone in this hacienda home over near Dolores plague cursed town-bu And then, very tired and stupid, his

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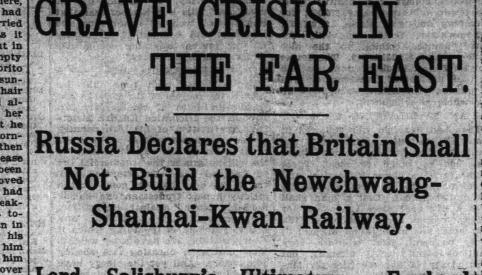
Hidalgo. The jefe politico also departed in hastc and some of the forhead aching horribly, he stretched himself on the floor in the shade of eign-rs. Many of the latter, however, had gone away to the states or the lemon tree and dozed. In uneasy tierra fria at the approach of the sleep he passed off into unconscioness, as is the way with the tife. warm weather and the threater rlague. A few "white men" in the bank and out at the mines had to re-main in the city and did so with a hour he was q him curiously. A few lizards, attractgood grace, thanking Providence that ed by the warm sunshine, crawled up and basked on the edge of the patio near him. The sun, going down, the wives and children were at home and out of the accursed hole. Hastings was one of the few men blazed furiously on him and increased who stuck to it, for two reasons to the fever heat, but there was no one

begin with, he was not a coward, and he knew that if he left the business of Just about sundown, as the sun's the Cia Minera Unida de Londres to rays, cooler now, fell athwart the take care of itself the deuce would be patio and the body of the delirious man, some one, heavily perfumed and to pay; for another thing, there was his pretty, silly, helpless wife in Engin rustling clothes, came through the land. She had gone home in March gate and the shrubbery and stood in when the weather was getting sultry the doorway, looking about her with and suggestive of what was to follow a fierce, scornful expression that with many expressions of grief at leaving Harry behind to work alone slowly faded away as she mused. Over there was the fountain of which they had been so proud. It was dry during the hot summer. But then, as and grass grown now. The lemon she put it, they couldn't both afford

bushes planted by them with so much to co. Hastings never thought of her as tender care and pruned and lovingly being selfish. It was a miserable hole tended were now great rough trees, for a woman to live in anyway, even unpruned and gnarly. Even the big at the best, and she could not be blamed. So her loyalty defended her rosebush that they had planted so that she could always have rea roses in his thoughts and sent every cent of was wild and straggling. Everyhis pay to her outside of the actual thing dead, gone! One slow tear gastos, or expenses. The latter did not amount to much, for mine food is trickled down her painted cheek as she looked about and thought. The simple and inexpensive. But it is clean anyway, without a superfluity little mute things-flowers and the like-will stir even a nameless woman of germs such as you get during plague times in Mexico, and if he into remorse and sorrow and even agony sometimes. ould have always got mine food it She turned to go, sighing heavily,

might have been all right. But the cook-old Juana-fell ill. In two days he was dead. Next the Mexican foreman died, several of the arrieros followed, a few of the miners, and a dozen or so of the barreteros, at which, in a very bad state of fright, the remaining mine men struck and departed in haste to Providencia, a litle pueblo higher up, where the disease might not follow.

Left alone, Hastings shrugged bis shoulders and said a naughty word. Then he cabled to London, explaining form of the man as she went. He ish Hong Kong and Sh matters, and adding that he would hold on, that the plague would have to run its course, after which he hoped to get the mill going again. But they he lay there, and, strange to say, in Spanish. Perhaps if it had been his own language she would not have cared. But she listened, her heart hight prepare for its stoppage at least three weeks more. After which there was nothing to beating wildly, as he murmured word do. He could not go out to the ad-jacent mines for fear of carrying the after word, phrases in her own tongue. She listened, and soon a nfection with him. In town James thought struck her-there was no of the Banco de Inglaterra and Hardy of the cable company had died during the time of his own struggle with the Cia Unida employes. So he was the only white man left. mention of the other woman, his wife, the wife who had gone away and left him when trouble and plague came near. She listened-what was it he was saying, in a thickened, husky tone? "Dolores, te amas! Dolores, mi quorida"— And then, over and In the town there remained only one small unclean meson operated by an indifferent Chinaman. Here Hastings over again, sweet Spanish words, alhad his meals, coming down town for them through the deserted, silent streets, where a few starving dogs lay ways of Dolores. Dolores, not the white woman! Oh, thank God! Then he had not loved her after all-he in the sunshine, gazing wistfully at the white man as he passed and howl-ing miserably for food. There were a had married her, but his heart had been true to the poor Mexican. Sobbing now, with all the pent up passion of many past months, the woman leaned over and clasped the few ragged looking burros and some meager pigs that ran wild in the midburning, delirious form in her arms, pressing her lips to the unconscious face and the unseeing eyes. She knew that it was too late to check dle of the streets, and old Pepe's green parrot fluttered about in the little parrot futtered about in the fittle space in front of his jacal, calling, "Pepe! Pepito! Chocolate para el loro!" But there was no Pepe to hear. One hot, heavy day, Hastings walk-ed down to the little meson for his dinner. He did not feel well, and his the fever now-nothing could be done -there was no medicos, no botica, no drugs, not even water, nothing. He could only die. But she, who had head was dizzy and burning. He knew loved him best, could die with him. Months after, the plague extinct, two skeletons were found in the patio of the litle cottage. One was identi-fied as that of Harry Hastings, M. E., very well that the tifo always started out that way, and so that morning he had sent off a check for a full month's pay and a statement of his life insur ande policies to his wife. Then feeling somewhat better he decided that he would stop in at the bottlea as he came from lunch to get something from M. Fabian, the old French apothecary. which was fortunate for his widow in England. Otherwise she could not have claimed the life insurance policies. But they were paid, and the little widow invested quite 'a large sum in prety, black crape gowns. And she was so fair and childish and But the old man was not there, an the place was deserted. Inquiring of the Chinaman that worthy stated that nnocent and helpless in her black obes of bereavement that another M. Fabian had "deaded" and there was no one in the shop; that the senou robes of bereavement that another man, a rich one, proposed for her and married her. She lives comfortably and at ease in a beautiful English home. So perhaps she is not to be pitied after all. And in the Campo Santo on the hill possibly might get some drugs in the radre's house; but, no, that was im-possible, for the padre died this morn-ing. At which Hastings shrugged his shoulders again and said, "No im-porta." It did not matter. in Guanajuato there is a grave where Unable to eat the hot, unwholesome food, and with his head throbbing unlie together two skeletons, those of Harry Hastings and the unknown woman who had died with him. They woman who had died with him. They had been so buried to save time. The headstone, erected by the Cia Unida, says simply, "Henry Hastings, aged 31." So the erstwhile widow is not shocked by the knowledge that Dol-ores lies there too.—Hewitt Darrell in mercifully he made his way back toward the Presa and the mine. Down the Calle Fernando a long row of people were coming. When he got near-er, he made out that they were the peons wrapped in carbolized sheets, carrying out the dead. They should at him, because it is deadly to ap-Argonaut. proach a tife corpse, and he turned into a side street which was quiet and DROPPED DEAD, deserted, with the "hot weather" grass and foliage almost choking it. Says Friday's Charlottetown, P. E. I., Guardian: "A man named Robert Roper died very suddenly last night. He was cutting hay at Wm. Douse's Lower Malpeque road, and appeared in usual health. About 6.30 he called to a little city of the called grass and foliage almost choking it As he went along it grew more fam-iliar to his benumbed senses, until finally he got to a house—a small, flower thatched casita that he hap-pened to remember very well indeed. It was described now, and a few birds twittered about in the "Aztec flower" bushes and lemon trace. No other in usual health. About 6.30 he called to a little girl to fetch him a drink of water. She did so, but when she reached the place he was breathing his last. There was no trace of any accident. His wife died only a few weeks ago. The deceased was a well known farm laborer in Charlottetown and suburbs." bushes and lemon trees. No other sound could be heard. It looked cool in the yard and tiny patio, with its in the yard and tiny patio, with its fountain long ago gone dry, and Hastings stumbled through the shrub choked entrance and set down dizzly in the shady patio. His head was rapidly growing worse burning, dizzy, with queer, blinding pains shooting about. His eyes were queer, too, for he could even if worth or Children Cry for too, for he could see all sorts of CASTORIA things. Dolores' favorite perfume was still



### Salisbury's Ultimatum - England Lord Stands Firm.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Europe has sud-enly turned her attention from the ading tempest in the West to the Once a British admiral were in the orm has been so long gathering that the threatening aspect of the present moment was quite unexpected. Political meteorologists are agreed, however, that the crisis is very real, and unless the wind speedily changes the empest will soon break.

It is an interesting commentary upmodern international relations that the affair which has brought Russia and England to the verge of war is a matter of the franchise for building a railroad in Asia. The question, of course is the consu tion of a long series of diplomatic fighting, but Lord Salisbury has delivered an ultimatum which Russia has promptly defied. Now it must be confessed that Lord Salisbury's best friends are trembling lest he ignomspared iniously retreats from the position where he has declared to the world he will stand or fall. His words uttered in the house of lords on last Monday were as explicit as the utterance of 'a responsible minister could possibly be.

"Her majesty's government," he said, "will support the Chinese government in resisting any power which commits any act of aggression on China on account of China having granted permission to British subjects to make any railroad or public "orks."

But some impulse moved her. She This assurance was given by wanted to go back through the patio Claude MacDonald to the Chinese to the room that had been hers. One government on July 22. It was at once challenged by Russia. First Seclook at it would not hurt, as she was going away that night. He was out retary of Legation Pavloff, Russia's of the city, so she had been told-in acting minister at Pekin, appeared Providencia-with that white faced before the Yamen and protested that the concession to the British Bank of the right to build the railroad bewoman, his wife. Nobody would know it if she made a fool of herself and cried and wept in that room for a little space. When one has been a fool and broken one's own heart, one has to weep. the right to build the railroad be-tween Shan-hai-Kwan and Newch-wang was already Russia's. The Czar's government has strained every nerve to prevent the construction of has to weep. She very nearly stumbled over the nerve to prevent the construction of the New hwang railroad by the Batt was still raving, but not violently, as At first M. Pavloff threatened that unless the contract was withdrawn Russia would seize the Chinese province of Kuldja, bordering Russian territory in Central Asia. This act of aggression failed of its object, and the threat was ostensibly withdrawn. Then M. Pavloff offered to sanction the railroad on condition that the line should not be mortgaged to the Brit-ish bank or alienated to any foreign power. He hoped thus that the concession would be rendered worthless to the bank and abandoned, so he intimated that if the capital was not found by a British company the Rus-so-Chinese bank would supply it. AN IMPORTANT STAKE. In other words, Russia unhesitatingly makes this issue a supreme test of her commanding influence and prestige at Pekin. Lord Salisbury's friends, the press, and public, unanimously declare that the stake is of most momentous importance, and it is difficult to believe that the premier will care to risk the effects another retreat before Russian alggression upon his supporters at home. He had been openly warned on all sides, within the past three or four days, that any surrender or failure vigorously to assert British interests will speedily result in the disintegration of the conservative party and a revolt from his leadership. mestic political situation is now remarkably clear of complications, and this question of far eastern affairs is easily the supreme interest of the country . The bye-election at Grimsby this The bye-election at Grimsby this week may be accepted as completely removing home rule from the field of practical politics for the present. The conservative leaders regret this, for it is a question which is of some value in unifying the ranks of their party, which are now more seriously broken by dissatisfaction with the foreign policy of the government then are policy of the government than are hose of the leaderless opposition. Paris has been even more excited in he past day or two over the assumed imminence of an Anglo-Russian war than London; and it may be added that Frenchmen are quite delighted with the prospect. Meanwhile the reports of Russian preparations for all eventualities be-come daily more numerous. Today's most authentic report is that Russia has really secured a naval base in the Red Sea from one of King Menelek's depredencies, the Sultan of Rahetta. From a Sebastopol correspondent comes the interesting information that the Russian admiralty have given no-tice of the removal of the autumn naval headquarters from Sebastapol in the Black Sea back to Nikolacif, northwest of that place. It is thus explained that in case of a rupture England would be presumed to strike quickly at Russia's nearest and most vulnerable points. It is also assumed that she would find means of coercing the porte to open the Dardanelles and Bosphorus for the passage of her Med-iterranean fleet. Lacking pernassion, such an armada as England could send would eastly be able to force the passage of both straits and at the Meanwhile the reports of Ru uge of both straits and at the same time destroy the Turkish hatter-ies. The likelihood is that Turkey would make a formal protest and con-

Black Sea, the Russian fleet would be at his merzy. It would be suicidal for the Russians to steam out of Sebastopol and offer battle to such an in-vader. The Russian fleet would have but one alernative-hugging the shelt-er of the inner or landlocked bay. No nostile fleet could pass between the enormously powerful batteries which protect the entrance to Sebastopol. The view taken by the Russians is that the British fleet would not attempt to run the gauntlet, but with long-range guns that would throw shells over the city slopes into the inner harbor, the destruction of the fleet inside would involve the ruin of the city. If the Russian flotilla, however, is not within the port the city would probably be

Here, then, is the avowed explanation of the impending transfer of the Russian fleet to Nikolaleff. It would be safe from destruction at that port, which is forty miles up the Sinyucha Bug, beyond Otchakoff, and the deep water channel is intricately zigzag and dangerous

Few believe that Russia's latest defance of Great Britain is intended to precipitate war. More probably it is Russia's rash belief that it is possible once more to bluff Lord Salisbury into withdrawal.

As evidence of the fact that Great Britain appreciates the gravity of the situation, the Associated Press learns that the admiralty is preparing for all mergencies, and that it will soon be ready to mobilize the entire fleet at the shortest notice. Every officer and man on furlough or on half pay has been assigned to a ship and in to be in readiness to join at the earli-cot moment possible after being noti-fied to do so. Therefore, practically every ship in the British navy, whether in or out of commission, at the

the event of her interference with British interests in China. No wonder, under the circum-stances, that relations are strained, and that there is some very unplea-sant and hostile talk on one side and the other. But it is doubtful whether it will come to anything, for the main reason that the non-completing of the reason that the non-completion of the trans-Siberian railroad places Russia at a disadvantage for the present in any conflict relating to China. RUSSIAN INTRIGUE IN CHINA The Standard refers to the diplo natic struggle with Russia over the railway question in China as threatening the gravest international complications. It says that the controversy, unlike that with France concerning territory in West Africa, does not admit of concession. Russian diplomacy menaces British interests sovernment has emphatically inti-mated that these interests must be protected from such encroachn by seeking to secure control of railway construction there for capitalists who would act unfriendly to Great Britain, and also in attempting to prevent China from accepting the aid of British capitalists elsewhere, notably in the matter of the Hong Kong and Shanghai bank loan, which China and Shanghai bank loan, which tion of the latter arrangement is most precarious. The construction of a railway to Newchwang matter is regarded throughout the east as the touchstone of the solidity of British purpose. Surrender on that point

NEW YORK, Aug. 7-Regarding the Anglo-Russian question, the Lon- , the discretion given to the men in don correspondent of the Evening Post cables:

"To say that the relations between England and Russia are strained is only to say that they still are as they have been any time these two years past, but today the situation is so grave that the only pacific solution is | for one or the other power to climb down publicly. The nomentous fact stands out beyond reach of opinion or recall, that in the sight of the whole world Lord Salisbury has at last thrown down his glove to Russia on behalf of the policy of the 'open door.' To this piece of news should be added two others, and the gravity of the situation will be understood: First, that Russia has forbidden the Shah of Persia to accept a loan from a British bank which he was on the point of signing with; second, that Russia has assumed the protectorate of Raheita, which will enable her to divide with England the control of the southern entrance to the Red

#### AN INDIRECT REMEDY.

Upon this subject the London correspondent of the Tribune says : "There has been considerable discusation in China, similar to that which arose when Russia vetoed the loan from the British government. This time the complications are caused by the contract for the loan which the Hong Kong and Shanghai bank wishes to make to the Chinese government for a railway between Tien-Tsin and Newchwang, both treaty ports. The Russian minister has been objecting strenuously for six weeks, and Lord Salisbury has explained in parliament that England has offered China a guarantee against Russia. It seems entirely clear that Russia is inter-fering with British rights secured by the treaty of Tien-Tsin. The obvious criticism on Lord Salisbury's method is that the offer of guarantee to Pe-kin, which China does not like to ac-cept, is a less direct remedy than a determined remonstrance through the British ambassador at St. Petersburg would be. The wires betweeen London and St. Petersburg may, however, have been hotter than Lord Salisbury's critics suppose.

The Member for Kings, N. B., Freely Criticizes the Mining Laws. Does Not Care for Such Fellows as Major Waish, and Has Twenty Guns on His Steamer With Which to Assert His Rights.

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DOMVILLE AT DAWSON

(Correspondence Seattle P.-L), Col. James Domville, for twenty years a member of the Canadian parlament from Kings county, New Brunswick, is now in Dawson. He is a unique and rather comical character, yet a nan of extraordinary good sense. He is the only member of the dominion variament to have visited domination parhament to have visited the klondyke, and his visit here is re-garded of the greatest importance. "The affairs of the country should be administered more in the interest of the people," said Col. Domville fankly in an interview the other day. "Have you conferred with Major Walsh about the measures beneficial to this country?" Col. Domville was o this country?" Col. sked by way of sugge "I have not spoken to him.

should I? I have found out all I want to know here from a girl whe knows a thing or two and who has been here all winter. Walsh has been would inevitably be considered as an abdication of the British position in the far east. It insists that the gov-ernment must treat the matter as vital, and not recede from its position It says that the country wishes and expects a firm attitude. SALISBURY'S CHALLENGE. I go back to Ottawa I don't want him to be able to beckon to me and ask me to back him in anything. I dont want to know him at all, see?"

"Do the people back in Ottawa think power here has not been abused?" "I will answer diplomatically that Ottawa is a long way off and the government knows nothing of what had happened in this country except what the officials themselves have report-

"Do you not think less restriction upon the people would benefit the country?

"Certainly, capital will not come in here under the present unbalanced state. I came here for some people who have a little money to invest and my people have written to me asking what sort of a government we have any way, and but for me would have withdrawn from here as others done. This "one man power" is killing this country. I have a steamer coming up the river with an electric plant on board, and I am going to put it up right here without the permission of anybody. Neither Walsh not Fawcett nor anybody else can stop me. I have twenty guns on board and I will put up the plant. I don't care for those

fellows. ROYALTY IS RIDICULOUS. "What do you think of the 10 per cent, royalty?" "It is ridiculous; simply ridiculous. As a result of it men are hiding away their gold and getting it out of the country and I don't blame them. I would do it myself. If the royalty 2 per cent. more would be reall from it than from 10 per cent. present system simply puts a premium on rascality. It originated from re-ports of officials here made in Ottawa that the mines were owned by Yankees and that they were richen than they are. What do I care what country a man is from? In England, which I consider the first country on the face of the earth, they never question a man's nationality. No matter wheth-er a man is a Jew or a Hottentot; a Mohammedan or an Africander. And why should we try to drive out a few ankees from the Klondyke?" "Do you think it would do any good to send a committee to Ottawa to work for better laws?" "The Yukon territory will soon ha a home government and Dawson will have the charge of its own municipal affairs. What you need here is an advocate on the floor of parliament, and that you will have with the ter-PEKIN, Aug. 9.—Great Britain, it is asserted, has adopted a firm attitude in the matter of railway .oncessions in China. The situation is now clear-ed, unless Russia makes a counter move. There is general satisfaction in the British settlement. The firm attitude .dopted by Great Britain in the matter of railway con-cessions in China, which is giving general satisfaction 'n the British set-tlements, is maintained. Sir Claude But after colleagues and opponent died off and my leader depended more upon me,I settled down and thought it over and have found that you can catch more flies with molasses than with vinegar. Now when I want to gain a point I take the boys out to dinner and have a little wine and get everybody in good humor before I speak of what I want them to vote The French minister, M. Gerard, has complained to the Tsung Li Yamen that, owing to Germany's representa-tions. China. has compelied Yuen Wing's Tien-Tsuc-Chin-Kiang railway, to build which he has the support of an English syndicate, willing to ad-vance twenty-five multion dollars to pass west of Shan Tung, thus, it is claimed, endangering the prospects of the Han-Kou-Pekin railway concern the Han-Kou-Pekin railway concern Of the above the Victoria, B. C., Colonist, editoriaaly remarks: "There is only one Col. James Domylie, M. P., and nature showed excellent judg-ment in not perpetrating another. The gallant colonel is at Dawson City and has been talking to a Post-Intelligen-oer correspondent. What he is alleg-ed to have said is reproduced in to-day's Colonist." Montreal Insurance brokens have received advices from their Newtoundland agening which tend to show that the negoried loss of a steamer in the Straks of Bellefalle is a fate tobert Graham, from Sandy Cove, is : barket slip. She is a trim little steam 3 tons register, and is well suited for

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## N. S., Aug. 8, 1898. Mayor of the City of

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#### he relief committee, Lowe, Chairman. EMBREE, Secretz R. WILLIAMS. retary.

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# BERWICK

Berwick, N..S, was nd Monday afteras first discovered ruests about on e efforts of the was removed and ited from taking d that the building spark from the fanned it beyond is estimated at is partially cov-The hotel will pro

sent moment, has its full war com-ment of officers and men ready to take her out to sea when the time arrives.

The only thing that can be said is this namely, that during the past quarter of a century Russia and England have been at least on eight occasions on the extreme brink of war, notably at the time of the Berlin conference of 1878, likewise in connection ference of 1878, likewise in connection with Afghanistan, and also in connec-tion with disputes in Central Asia. Yet, at the last moment, Russia has always retreated, disavowing her too forward officers or her agents, and temporarily withdrawing her horns, only to quiety obtain her aim months and semetimer most here a and sometimes years later, when public opinion in Great Britain was engrossed in some other quarter, and the English government was unable to show its teeth.

It is probable that the present diffially between Russia and this country will be smoothed over in the same way as other difficulties have been on pre-vious occasions. For it is not Russia's interest to provoke a conflict either in Europe or in Asia, until she has completed her trans-Siberian railroad, and, moreover, one must never lose sight of the fact that the Czar is by marriage a grandson of Queen Victoria, and that the influence which his clover wife exerts over him is English in the extreme.

RELATIONS STRAINED.

Of course, relations between the two countries are strained occasionally by countries are strained occasionally by the anxiety of Russian officers in the Orient to distinguish themselves by an aggressive policy, while in the same way the ministers here are compelled to talk menacingly in order to satisfy public opinion here that English intersts are being thoroughly safeguarded. Sometimes the ministers exceed the bounds of discretion, and Sir Michael

xchequer, three months ago made peech to his constituents, in whic he practically threatened Russia with war if she interfered with Great Briwar in she interfered with Great Bit-tain's interests in China. Colonial Secretary Chamberlain repeated the ihreat six weeks later, comparing Rus-sia to the evil one, and insisting that, in dealing with Russia, as when supping with the devil, it is necessary to use a long spoon. The first lord of the admiralty,

The first lord of the admiraty, in presenting his naval programme to the house of commons the other day, prac-tically gave the public to understand that, if costly ships were needed, it was for the purpose of rendering the British fleet in Chinese waters strong enough to dominate that of Russia. mough to dominate that of Russia, while, on Tuesday last, Lord Salisbury and his under secretary of state, Geo. Curzon, on being asked whether it were true that the Russian charge l'affaires at Pekin was terrorizing the if affaires at Pekin was terrorizing the Chinese government into withdrawing concessions granted to English mer-chants, declared, both of them, that England had assured the Chinese em-peror that she would defend him by force of arms against any foreign ag-sression resulting from a refusal on the part of the Pekin government to yield to foreign demands for the an-nument of contracts and concessions granted to English subjects. This was virtually a repetition by the heads of the department of foreign affairs here

#### BRITAIN IS FIRM.

PEKIN, Aug. 9.—Great Britain, it is asserted, has adopted a firm attitude

tlements, is maintained. Sir Claude M. Maclonald, the British minister to China, was present at the meeting of the Chinese foreign office officials (Tsung Li Yamen) yesterday, and he reiterated Great Britain's formal pro-mise to support China if threatened by any foreign power on account of concessions granted to a British sub-

the Han-Kou-Pekin rallway concern given to a Franco-Belgian syndicate. LONDON, Aug. 8.—The parliamen-tary secretary of the foreign office, Geo. N. Curzon, answering a question in the house of "commons today, said her majesty's government had no in-formation in regard to the reported cession of the port of Rahita, on Asab Bay, Red Sea, to Russia for use as a coaling station. Mr. Curzon added that he was not aware Abyssi-mia had any power to cede that port nia had any power to cede that port

## He-"I know how to manage my wife." She-"Why don't you, then?" He-"She's so obstinate she won't let me."

Friand Date , Step Brod Steamer Gienwood arrived at West Bay Monday to load for Bristol Channel. Steamship Castle Eden sailed from New. York today to load at St. John Strs. Pince, Glasgow and Lord Charlemont will finish loading atd sail today. S. S. Hildowell is expected to finish load-ing today at West Bay for Sharpness. Bark Orion, supposed to be bound to St. John, has arrived at New Mills, Bay Chs-leur, to load.