

"Randy's" Rant.**Remarkable Speech by Churchill
in the Commons.****He Evokes Derisive Laughter
from All Parts of the House.****Terrible Loss of Life by Earth-
quakes in Greece.****Betrothal of the Czarewitch and
Princess Alix, a Harbinger
of Peace.****How Alfred's Annuity Claims Secured
Such Strong Support.****Masonic Honors for the Prince.**
COBURG, April 22.—It is stated the Prince of Wales has been made an honorary member of St. John's Lodge of Freemasons of the Duchy of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.**Murder in Ireland.**
DUBLIN, April 22.—An emergency man named Donovan, employed as caretaker of one of the farms of the Earl of Cork, from which the tenant had been evicted, was murdered Friday night. No clue to the murderer.**Embargo on Matrimony.**
PARIS, April 22.—President Carnot has signed a decree forbidding diplomats, consuls, consular agents, etc., to marry without the consent of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Any infraction of this decree will be punished by the dismissal or recall of the offender.**Another French Scandal.**
PARIS, April 22.—An extraordinary scandal is on the point of becoming public. It is about forged drafts amounting to several millions of francs. Some names very high in the French aristocracy are compromised in the affair, in which may perhaps be also found the explanation of the documents said to have been forged by the negro Norton, which led to the prosecution of the editor of the Libre Parole.**Mrs. Maybrick Again.**
LONDON, April 22.—Another attempt has been made to obtain the release of Mrs. Maybrick, who is undergoing a life term in Working prison for the murder of her husband. A petition has been presented to Mr. Asquith, Home Secretary, praying for her discharge from prison and a number of affidavits are also submitted. These affidavits are to the effect that for many years Mrs. Maybrick was a confirmed opium eater and was also addicted to the use of arsenic.**Austria's Big Fair.**
VIENNA, April 22.—The International Exposition for the display of all kinds of articles in the departments of economic food, army and navy supplies, protection of life, security of transport, etc., was formally opened in the Rotunda on Saturday by Emperor Francis Joseph. The exhibition, which is held in the extensive grounds of the Prater and in the Rotunda, was organized by the Vienna Society for Propagating Agricultural Science, and is under the special patronage of the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, the Austro-Hungarian heir apparent. Among the exhibits is a special display of articles connected with sport.**Shocking Loss of Life.**
ATHENS, April 22.—Reports from the towns which have suffered most from the earthquakes of the last two days show the loss of life and property to be much greater than at first supposed. In the Leccris district 129 persons are known to have been killed by falling walls, and many others are missing.**A parish church collapsed during vesper and 30 men and women were killed, while several who were dug out alive from the ruins are likely to die.****Ninety persons were buried in the ruins in Malesina and 60 of them killed.**
In Martino 39 persons were killed by falling timbers. Most of them died within the walls of a church. Although there has been small loss of life in Athens and its environs, the damage to property has been enormous.**Tory Opposition to Reform Measures.**
LONDON, April 22.—The most bitter fight of the Parliamentary session will undoubtedly be made on the Registration Bill. The Opposition have already given intimation of their intention to contest to the last gasp the clauses providing for the abolition of plural voting, the holding of simultaneous elections and the three months' residence qualifications. Lord Salisbury in his speech to the Prime Minister announced the fate of the bill in the event of its reaching the House of Lords, when he said that the Lords would reject the measure unless the plural voting and three months' residence clauses were withdrawn. With the clauses withdrawn there would be little left of the bill but the enacting clause.**The bill providing for the disestablishment of the church in Wales will be introduced in the House of Commons by Mr. Asquith on Thursday.** Like the Evicted Tenants' Bill, the Registration Bill and the budget proposals this measure will be fought to the death by the Conservatives. At a meeting of Conservative members held last evening it was decided to precipitate a division on the first reading of the bill, so that the fate of the measure may be decided before the end of the week.**Out of No Respect for the Duke.**
LONDON, April 22.—The big majority in the House of Commons in favor of continuing the grant of £10,000 to the Duke of Edinburgh is by no means to be regarded as testifying to the Duke's popularity or as evidence of Parliament's obsequiousness to royalty. It is a matter of fact that the Liberals voted to continue the grant largely out of respect for Mr. Gladstone, who made the arrangement whereby the grant was conferred upon the Duke.**Underlying the debate was a strong feeling of contempt for the Duke of Edinburgh, which was only half concealed. It is an open secret that both the Queen and the Prince of Wales intervened with the Duke****and urged him to surrender the whole annuity after succession to the Coburg duchy, and it is also well known that both Lord Salisbury and Mr. Gladstone, with whom the Duke consulted, gave him advice similar to that given by the Queen and Prince of Wales. It was with the greatest difficulty that they persuaded him to surrender the £15,000, but nothing that could be said would induce him to give up that remaining £10,000. As the Radicals will annually renew their protests against the payment of the grant, royalty generally will have abundant reason to regret the Duke's meanness. His select English circle are circulating the report that the Duke intends to expend the entire sum of the grant in a month's junketing at Clarence House, his London residence. Public money continues to maintain Clarence House for him, but he will have to alter his character mightily if he becomes as lavish in his hospitality as his friends intimate, even at the expense of somebody else.****"Randy's" Rant.**
LONDON, April 22.—Lord Randolph Churchill, once the pet and rising hope of the Conservative party, whose speeches, even after he had wrecked his chances of the highest political distinction, were always listened to with the deepest attention, was the principal in a regrettable spectacle in the House in the course of the debate on the Duke's annuity. During the speeches of Messrs. Labouchere and Storey Lord Randolph made numerous irrelevant and incoherent interruptions, which were greeted with shouts of derisive laughter from all parts of the House. His own speech was a savage and vehement attack upon the Radicals in general and upon Henry Labouchere in particular. Churchill's speech called forth a running fire of laughter from the Radical benches. He looked ill and was decidedly excited, and he appeared to forget his misrepresentation of the previous speeches. On the other hand, he strewn his own with such phrases as "revolting sentiment" and "vomiting Radical trash." Lord Randolph Churchill also eulogized Mr. Gladstone's "unfailing patriotism," the suppression of which he claimed was a serious loss to the House.**The speaker then described the welting which he claimed that Mr. Gladstone would have administered to Henry Labouchere had the veteran Liberal leader been present upon that occasion. The description which Lord Randolph then gave of Mr. Labouchere as "feasting and intoxicating himself on royal grants" was received with a roar of significant laughter. During his remarkable speech Lord Randolph Churchill accused the Radicals of wanting to make the Duke of Edinburgh a crossing sweeper, whereupon Charles A. Conyngham (Radical) cried out: "His mother has plenty of money."****The Chronicle, commenting upon Lord Randolph's speech, says: "It would be merciful to draw a veil over the scene. Much to Mr. Balfour's relief, toward the end of his speech Lord Randolph quieted and quoted an effective passage from a speech made by O'Connell."****The Westminster Gazette also comments upon this extraordinary episode.****A Harbinger of Peace.****BERLIN, April 22.—The important event which Emperor William was the first to announce at Coburg, namely, the betrothal of the Grand Duke Nicholas, Czarewitch of Russia, to the Princess Alix of Hesse, looked upon as a cementing of the new entente between Russia and Germany and as securing a prolonged period of European peace. Although the rumor of the betrothal has frequently been circulated, only to be as frequently denied, the announcement that it was an actual fact was a complete surprise to every member of the Hesse family. The betrothal has been spoken of as impossible of realization, and there is no doubt that it is almost directly traceable to the influence of Emperor William. The Czarewitch is known to have entertained a feeling of affection for several years for the Princess Alix. But it is said that she would not be persuaded into an early marriage, and it is also asserted that Queen Victoria could not be prevailed upon to give her assent to the union. It is added that the Queen's refusal was purely sentimental and non-political, being based upon the notorious ill-treatment of the sister of the Princess Alix, Princess Elizabeth, the wife of Grand Duke Sergius of Russia, by her husband. Moreover, political and religious hindrances existed in both countries, and it was believed that such a marriage was impossible. This was particularly true while Prince Bismarck was at the head of affairs; for he feared that England would reap the advantage of it, and, in addition, the pan-Slavist party in Russia, headed by the all powerful procurator of the holy synod, Pobedonostsev, insisted that the heir to the throne of Russia must marry a Slavonic princess. During the fetes at Coburg the young people almost ostentatiously kept apart. But they will arrive at Darmstadt to-morrow with the Grand Duke Sergius and the grand duchess, his wife. The Battenbergs will also accompany the party of the Grand Duke Sergius to Darmstadt. The members of the royal families who are still at Coburg were yesterday photographed in their various family groups, and the photographs will be exchanged between the different members of these families, as mementoes of the wedding.****Emperor William, before leaving Coburg, conferred the Order of the Red Eagle upon Prince Henry of Battenberg. In addition, Emperor William presented a valuable gold snuff box, having on its cover an enamel miniature of himself set in diamonds, to Grand Marshal Ratibor, who superintended the wedding ceremonies.****The Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha (the Duke of Edinburgh) gave a state concert last night before Queen Victoria and the rest of the wedding guests. Mme. Albani sang and Natchez played the violin. Several distinguished artists from the Berlin Opera House also appeared.****The Jesuits and Germany.****ROME, April 23.—The Vatican is informed that although the Banderath will reject the bill passed by the Reichstag, permitting the return of the Jesuits to Germany, the Berlin Government has decided to grant that permission to members of other orders that have been expelled.****Steamship Arrivals.**

At	From
April 21.	
La Touraine	New York
Neckar	New York
Obidiah	New York
Eluria	New York
April 22.	
Spandam	New York
Gotha	New York
La Gascogne	London

Latest Cable Gossip**Lord Stanley in a "Didn't-Know-It-
Was-Loaded" Act.****Randolph Churchill's Extraordinary
Conduct Explained.****Disappointment Over the Queen's Draw-
ing-Room Edit.****Scenes in Parliament.****LONDON, April 23.—Each House of Par-
liament last Friday night was started by a scene quite unparalleled in their respec-
tive histories. The House of Lords was suddenly amazed by the spectacle of a noble peer standing with a pistol leveled at the head of Lord Salisbury. The dramatic situation was the climax to the queer speech by Lord Stanley, who was advocating a bill to restrict the sale of fire-
arms. No dealer was to sell a pistol except to the holder of a game license, and married women were to be debarred from having a license under any conditions, husbands being outside the definition of fair game within the meaning of the bill.****As Lord Stanley gravely explained this provision the House roared with laughter, and there was not a dry eye on either the Ministerial or the Opposition side. The beauty of the situation was that the noble lord was in dead earnest throughout. He produced two small boys as dreadful examples of the present laxity. One of the boys had recently shot the other seriously. Then Lord Stanley produced deadly weapons from various pockets. Finally a murmur of surprise caused Lord Salisbury to look up from the letter he was reading. He found himself confronting the barrel of a pistol with a finger on the trigger. The leader of the Opposition shrank back and exclaimed hurriedly to the excited speaker: "Keep the point downward."****Lord Stanley obligingly lowered the weapon and handed it to the Prime Minister.****The other scene was one about which the London newspapers have been charitably silent. It was the pitiful spectacle made by Lord Randolph Churchill in attempting to speak on the Coburg grant in the House of Commons. The once brilliant leader acted the part of a dunce. He was incoherent, maudlin, and much which he said was unrepeatable. The House was at first inclined to laugh at his clownish antics, but soon grew disgusted, and the members drew away from him. Balfour, overcome with shame for his friend, covered his face with his hands until the painful exhibition ended.****It would have been said of any other man that he was disgracefully drunk. It should be explained in charity that Lord Randolph Churchill is suffering from an incurable disease, which sometimes renders him irresponsible, and which must soon force his retirement. The least indulgence is fatal to his self-possession.****Picture Sensorship Rebuked.****Glasgow's police censorship of modern art has at length raised a genuine storm. A few days ago a firm of fine art dealers exhibited in a window six mezzotints of well-known pictures of the best English artists. On the second day the chief constable called and requested that they be removed, on the ground that they were not fit for public inspection. The pictures were Sir Frederick Leighton's "Bath of Psyche," Watts' "Diana and Endymion," Poynter's "Visit to Esculapius," Arthur Hacker's "Syrinx," and Solomon's "Orpheus" and "The Judgment of Paris." The artists concerned have been writing indignant letters to their friends on the subject. That of Sir Frederick Leighton is the best. He says:****"I learn with surprise and regret that Glasgow, alone, I think, among the large cities of Great Britain still lags in the stage in which works inspired solely by a desire to express the dignity and beauty of the noblest work of creation, the human form, awakened only suggestions of the obscene. This, however, is a matter which cannot be dealt with from without, certainly not by action on the part of the artists who produced these works. Time only and the increasing influence of the more enlightened of your citizens, who, I believe, are many, can be looked to for bringing about a more wholesome, and, let me add, cleaner frame of mind."****Men Out of Fashion.****The picture dealers insist that men are entirely out of fashion in the art world. Sir William Harcourt mentioned a case in point recently. Some time ago he went to Christie's, where he saw a good picture of Lord Rockingham, the last Whig Prime Minister, by Sir Joshua Reynolds. He asked the expert what the value was. He replied that if it had been the picture of an unknown lady it would fetch about £5,000, but as it was only the portrait of a Prime****ALL MEN****Young, old or middle-aged, who find themselves nervous, weak and exhausted, who are broken down from excess or overwork, resulting in many of the following symptoms: Mental depression, premature old age, loss of vitality, loss of memory, bad dreams, dimness of sight, palpitation of the heart, emissions, lack of energy, pain in the kidneys, headaches, pimples on the face and body, itching or peculiar sensation about the scrotum, wasting of the organs, dizziness, specks before the eyes, twitching of the muscles, eyelids and elsewhere, bashfulness, deposits in the urine, loss of will power, tenderness of the scalp and spine, weak and flabby muscles, desire to sleep, failure to be rested by sleep, constipation, dullness of hearing, loss of voice, desire for solitude, excitability of temper, sunken eyes, surrounded with leaden circles, oily looking skin, etc., are all symptoms of nervous debility that lead to insanity unless cured. 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It is needless to say that his lordship is quite innocent of any such dark design, and is in no way responsible for the obnoxious regulation, which is due to the Queen's own orders. A drawing-room is certainly a very fatiguing ceremony for the aged sovereign, and one can understand and sympathize with her anxiety to limit the number of presentations; but the change has been made so suddenly that, according to the aristocratic grumblers, it will entail heavy losses upon families who had already prepared to present their daughters by taking town houses, ordering dresses, etc. Now they learn that the Lord Chamberlain's lists are full and that they will have to wait for months and possibly a whole year.****Other Cable Gossip.****The weather during the week has been reasonable; rainy, but no colder. The crop prospects have improved. The wheat market has been quieter, owing to the change of weather. There were lower offers from shippers and several cargoes off the coast were withdrawn, as holders would not accept current rates.****Arrangements are being made at Wolverhampton to celebrate, in June next, the 90th anniversary of the granting of the charter by Lady Wulftruna to Collegiate Church of that town.****The latest literary novelty is to be a story written in collaboration and printed in all kinds of type, so the reader may see at a glance which author he is reading. This exposure of the details of literary partnership is not expected to prove highly popular.****Johann Strauss, the musician, will mark his jubilee, which will be celebrated next October, by producing a new opera.****The Prince of Wales has joined the St. John's Lodge of Free Masons of Gotha. In doing so the Prince expressed the hope that there will be close personal relations between German and English Freemasons.****TO TRADE WITH CANADA.****Senator Washburn Pleads for a Com-
mercial Arrangement With the
Dominion.****And Reciprocity Provisions in the Tariff
—Canada's Trade Naturally With
the States.****WASHINGTON, April 23.—W. D. Wash-
burn (Republican, Pennsylvania), took the floor by agreement when the House at 1 p.m. resumed consideration of the tariff bill. In a speech directed principally to the effect of the proposed repeal of the reciprocity provisions of the McKinley Bill upon the farmers of the Northwest, he gave notice that at the proper time he would offer an amendment that the removal and reduction of duties provided for in the bill should apply only to articles imported from countries that shall have made reciprocal and equivalent concessions in their tariff laws. He was not only opposed, he said, to the termination of existing reciprocity arrangement, but he was in favor of applying the same principle to all foreign trade with the United States.****On the question of trade relations with Canada, Mr. Washburn said: "The laws of nature and the laws of trade require Canada to come to the markets of the United States to purchase what she requires and to sell what she has to dispose of, and in spite of the tremendous influences exercised by the officials and commercial organs of England, in spite of the enormous amount of English capital invested in the Dominion, in spite of restraint that is placed upon the people by the Government, and in spite of the heavy duties they levy upon our products, nearly half of their trade is with us. Their exports usually reach the sum of \$100,000,000. Of this Great Britain takes about one-half, the United States about 40 per cent, the West Indies 3 per cent, and the balance is divided between other countries in Europe. There is no question, he said, that England will consent to any commercial arrangement that may be negotiated by the United States and Canada, although she will do it reluctantly, as she did in the case of her colonies in the West Indies. He closed by strongly recommending a commercial arrangement with Canada."****TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES****Vice-President Harris, of the Northern Pacific, died in Rochester on Saturday.**
Wm. Mossell, the first Baron Emly, is dead. He was born in 1812 and created a peer in 1874.**The Ferris wheel is to be erected at the corner of Broadway and Thirty-Seventh street, New York.****The present prospect is that the next wheat crop in the six winter wheat States will be somewhat larger than an average one.****James Hobbs Hansen, LL.D., principal of Colburn Classical Institute, one of the most celebrated educators of New England, died on Saturday at Waterville, Me.****All Hands Drowned.****SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—The fishing schooner Dauntless was wrecked at the mouth of the Klamath River on the north California coast Thursday. All on board were drowned. The victims are: Capt. C. Marques, two seamen named Thompson and Brown, and Avery Eason, a youth whose parents live at Crescent City.****Women Doctors.****TORONTO, April 22.—Following are the results of the spring examinations at the Woman's Medical College: Passed the final examination and obtained the diploma of the college—Miss G. W. Hulet, Norwich; Miss J. S. Shirra, Caledonia. The following students passed the final examination of Trinity University and obtained the degree of M. D.: Misses E. A. Burt, Cardwell; G. W. Hulet, Norwich; N. Rodger, Belwood; J. S. Shirra, Caledonia.****We would caution all customers that there has been, up to this date, but one small case of about \$300 in value of the goods in bond consigned to the late firm of Spittal, Burn & Gentleman sold to any one but Kingsmill.****AT 59 Cts ON THE \$****AT 59 Cts ON THE \$**
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