

War Talk!

Russia Ready to Hurl a Strong
Force Against Japan.The Relations of Turkey and Bulgaria
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for Parliament.

EARTHQUAKE IN AUSTRIA.

Laibach, Austria, July 2.—A strong earthquake shock was experienced here yesterday evening.

TO CHANGE HER RELIGION.

Berlin, July 2.—According to general reports here, the Princess Frederick Charles of Prussia, who has been living in Italy for several months past, is about to become a Roman Catholic.

STANLEY HEARD FROM.

London, July 1.—Henry M. Stanley, the African explorer, will again contest the north division of Lambeth in the coming general election for member of Parliament. In the last election Mr. Stanley, who is a Liberal-Unionist, was defeated by Francis M. Coldwells, a Radical.

PARLIAMENT TO PRODUCE.

London, July 2 (Afternoon).—The First Lord of the Treasury, Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, announced in the House of Commons today that Parliament would be prorogued on Saturday next, and that the dissolution of Parliament would take place on Monday.

BISMARCK VERY ILL.

Berlin, July 2.—The Hamburgische Correspondent, which has intimate relations with the Bismarck family, says that Prince Bismarck's health has been serious for the past week. He has been suffering from great physical depression, combined with severe neuritis in the face, and is only able to take liquid food.

MACEDONIA'S CRY.

Philippopolis, Bulgaria, July 2.—The Macedonian question is causing excitement here. The town last night was placarded with posters reading: "The hour for revolt has struck. The voice of long-suffering Macedonia calls for help." The posters were removed by the police, but not before they had been read by many people.

ELECTION UNOPPOSED.

London, July 1.—Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury, and Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, were both re-elected today without opposition in East Manchester and West Birmingham respectively. Their re-election to membership of the House of Commons was made necessary by their acceptance of position in the new Cabinet.

BRITISH NEW CABINET MEETS.

London, July 2.—The first meeting of Lord Salisbury's new Cabinet took place today, and attracted many sightseers to Downing street. Although the fact is not yet officially announced, the statement of the Yorkshire Post that Mr. Gerald William Balfour, member of Parliament for the central division of Leeds, and brother of the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, has been appointed Chief Secretary for Ireland, is generally accepted as being correct.

CHANGED PLACES.

London, July 1.—At the opening of the session of the House of Commons, the parties changed sides in the House, the Ministerialists going to the right of the Speaker and the Liberals to the left.

IN A SPEECH TO HIS CONSTITUENTS.

West Bristol, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said the Government hoped to carry through the Commons before dissolution the Factory Bill introduced by the late Liberal Government.

SERIOUS SITUATION.

London, July 1.—A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Sofia says that the situation is serious, almost amounting to a state of war between Bulgaria and Turkey. News has been received at the Bulgarian capital that two bands composed of 75 and 100 men respectively have crossed the Bulgarian frontier into Turkish territory, where they captured two Turkish soldiers who were taken across the frontier to Dubnitz, Bulgaria, 22 miles south of Sofia. One man was wounded.

RADICAL MANIFESTO.

London, July 1.—Sir Charles Dilke, Henry Labouchere and other Radicals have issued a manifesto demanding a reform in the registration and franchise laws so that one man will have only one vote. They also demand a reform in Parliamentary procedure so as to prevent wilful obstruction and to bring about the abolition of the legislative power of the House of Lords. The manifesto declares that in the coalition Government all the forces of monopoly privilege and reaction are combined. Against them must be evoked the moral courage and strength of the free electors.

UNDER THE "OLD FLAG."

London, June 1.—The formal transfer of the territory of the British East Africa Company to Great Britain was effected at Mombassa today.

DOMINION DAY IN LONDON.

London, July 1.—The Dominion Day party given by Sir Charles and Lady Tupper was a great success. The invitations exceeded 700. Among those invited were the Marquis and Marchioness of Ripon, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain, the Earl and Countess of Jersey, Lord and Lady Playfair, Baroness Macdonald, Lord and Lady Kelvin, Sir Richard Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Blake, Sir Oliver and Miss Mowat, General and Mrs. De Winton, Sir Ambrose and Lady Shea, Sir George and Mrs. Baden-Powell and Justice Halstead.

RUSSIA THREATENS JAPAN.

The Norwegian steamer Oscar II, at Tacoma, Wash., eighteen days from

Vladivostok, Siberia, brings news that the indications are good for another Oriental war. Unknown to the outside world, Capt. Sanderson, of the steamer, says that Russia has massed 50,000 men at Vladivostok, and it is believed in Siberia that preparations are being made for an advance on Japan. Capt. Sanderson says Russia has been secretly but lively at work, and in the event of trouble with Japan, is preparing to hurl a formidable naval and land force into the coveted territory which Japan has wrested from China. The entrance to the harbor at Vladivostok is planted full of torpedoes, and a vessel is allowed to pass in or out without Russian naval officers on board, as well as experienced Russian pilots, who know where the torpedoes are planted. Inside the harbor the entire Pacific fleet of Russian warships are massed ready to steam down the coast on a moment's notice. On the shore 80,000 troops have been concentrated, and the evidence is clear that Russia is preparing for trouble in case the Japanese give any occasion for it.

The British admiral has withdrawn the guard from the island of Formosa, and has offered to take foreigner aboard his ship. The German admiral has made a similar offer to Germans. It is believed that the reason for this action is that it is inexpedient to retain the guard with the Japanese forces advancing and fighting probable.

A NEW FAMILY COMPACT.

London, July 2.—The sensation of the day is the appointment of Mr. Gerald Wm. Balfour, member for Central Leeds, as Chief Secretary for Ireland, which is announced in the Yorkshire Post. Mr. Balfour is a nephew of Lord Salisbury and a brother of the Right Hon. Arthur J. Balfour, the leader of the Ministry in the Commons. As private secretary to the latter he served his political apprenticeship. He is in his 42nd year and has held a seat in the Commons for ten years, but has never before held official position. The announcement of his appointment as Chief Secretary has created a great deal of surprise, but the authority for the statement is apparently beyond question. The Post being his personal organ.

Probably never before in English parliamentary history has there been such concentration of political power in the members of a single family as at the present moment. The Cecil dynasty is more firmly seated than in the days of Elizabeth's great Minister. The Premiership, the leadership in the Lords, and the direction of the foreign affairs of the empire, are in the hands of Lord Salisbury. To one nephew he has given the leadership of the Commons and to the other the virtual governorship of Ireland. The appointment, if confirmed, is certain to cause discontent among the office-holders of the Tory party, many of whom were more or less qualified to fill the position, which it will be remembered does not carry Cabinet rank in the present administration.

Live News in a Line.

The reported arrival of the steamship Sarmatian at Glasgow June 28 was an error. She got in on Sunday.

A special from Xacatecas, Mexico, says a blast exploded prematurely in a mine near Colatlan, resulting in the killing of six miners and the injury of several others.

Three more bodies have been seen in the Niagara River, near the Falls, but thus far none of them have been recovered. Two were in the whirlpool all day Friday, but could not be reached, while the third was seen passing the Lewiston docks.

A Sandusky, Ohio, dispatch says: A locomotive and fifteen freight cars loaded with stone went to the bottom of Lake Erie at Kelly's Island Saturday. The engineer, Louis H. Cover, was seriously if not fatally burned. The cars were ascending a steep incline dock, when the engineer lost control of the engine, and the entire train backed into the lake.

Mr. John Blyth, reeve of Normanby, and ex-M.P.P. for South Grey, is dead.

In Texas cotton crop reports are very bad, and corn unusually good.

Henry Lambeth, a prominent Scottish musician, died at Glasgow on Monday, aged 73.

The fire in the famous Goddard's military outfitting establishment in Paris on Monday caused damage to the extent of 7,000,000 francs.

The Pacific cable will be built by British capitalists, spanning island, instead of the Hawaiian Islands, will be the mid-Pacific station.

The famous Sultana gold mine of Rat Portage has been purchased by a syndicate of English capitalists, who will develop the property and surroundings.

The Japanese have not advanced upon Tai Wan Fu, Island of Formosa. The withdrawal of the British marines from the Island of Formosa has caused much surprise among the foreigners, who remain ashore.

Miss Anderson, of Guelph, bravely rescued Mrs. Jones, an old lady boarding in her mother's house, from a fire that broke out in the night in Mrs. Jones' bedroom. She carried the old lady down two flights of stairs.

While looking on at a row between baseball players, Charles Robb, of 68 Bellevue Place, Toronto, was struck on the head by a bat in the hands of one of the disputants. He is unconscious, and may die.

A boy named Lydon, while playing in a vacant house at Winnipeg, secured a bottle of muriatic acid, from which he took a drink, and fatal results are feared. The bottle had been left by plumbers who were making repairs.

A Boston dispatch says: At Monday's session of the International Supreme Lodge of the I.O.G.T., Dr. Oronhyatekha, of Canada, was presented with an English flag by George Spence, a Republican, from that country. The recipient said: "Because today was the Canadian Fourth of July."

William St. John Broderick, M. P. for the Guildford district of Surrey, has been appointed Under Secretary of State for War. It was Mr. Broderick who made the motion in the House of Commons to reduce the salary of Mr. Campbell-Bannerman.

War in order to call attention to alleged deficiencies in the war supplies, the adoption of which led to the resignation of the Liberal Ministry.

DASTARDLY DEED.

Three Persons Killed by Malignantly Administered Poison.

Stillwater, Oklahoma, July 2.—Three of a family of six named Tesch died yesterday from being poisoned, and three others are not expected to recover. The poisoning was malicious, rat poison having been put in a bag of flour.

Pleasant Cruising.

Successful Demonstration by the
Young Liberal Fleet.Queen's Park Surrendered to Lovers
of Merriment and Music.Interesting Drill by London's Popular
Aggregation of Blue Jackets—Speeding
in the Ring, Acrobatic and Other In-
teresting Performances.

The second annual outing of London's real, live and enterprising organization, the Young Liberal Fleet, was held in Queen's Park yesterday afternoon and evening, and just as it was expected on every hand, it was a gigantic success.

It was a greater success than could really have been expected, for attractions were on hand in every quarter, and a most determined attempt was made by foolish Conservative politicians to injure the day's celebration. They even successfully interceded at Ottawa to have the date of the annual military camp changed so as to have the volunteers as a counter attraction. But all was of no avail. London's citizens know when they get a good thing, and consequently Queen's Park was overrun with sightseers.

The picnic was the greatest of all, and it deservedly drew the greatest crowd. It had been looked forward to with pleasurable expectation by the seamen, and officers and citizens for many a week, which seemed very slow in passing over. The treat afforded last year had not been forgotten by the latter, and they showed their appreciation by favoring with another visit.

THE CRUISE OF THE FLEET.

From 12 to 1 o'clock in the afternoon the mariners, officers and drummers assembled in the naval headquarters—the Simcoe Street Rink—and busied themselves preparing for the cruise and outfitting with a little drill. At 1 o'clock sharp the ships were ready, and the squadron formed in Simcoe River in this order:

Messrs. Partridge and Stevens, drum majors.

Musical Society Band.

H. M. S. "Clarke"—Drum Corps.

Normal Wanless, standard bearer, and

guard of twelve seamen.

Admiral Wm. Wanless.

Rear Admiral Geo. C. Davis.

Vice Admiral R. K. Cowan.

H. M. S. "Little."

H. M. S. "Macbeth."

H. M. S. "Hobbs."

H. M. S. "Reid."

H. M. S. "Davis."

H. M. S. "Purdum."

It was a lovely day for a cruise. The sun shone brightly overhead, and a nice cool breeze was blowing, making the weather nothing short of delightful. With the word from Admiral Wanless, the squadron moved steadily westward to Richmond, backed to and veered around No. 1 wharf, where they were expected on account of contra winds, but the sailing was just as smooth as was looked for. When the Dundas River was reached the command was given every ship to anchor, and the seamen went ashore. Straight sailing was experienced from this juncture to the dropping of the anchor in the park.

THE CROWDS ON SHORE.

From 12 to 1 o'clock the shore of the course taken by the Fleet were lined with spectators, who must have numbered fully 10,000. Every corner was almost blocked, and as the seamen in their natty suits moved by they applauded. Messrs. Partridge and Stevens were not troubled to any extent with seasickness. They kept their legs well and gave clever exhibitions with their staves. The Musical Society Band stood their voyage like heroes, and the music furnished by them, under the leadership of Fred. L. Evans, was very sweet. However, the organization was at a great disadvantage owing to the unavoidable absence of a number of players.

Arrived at the Park, the Fleet made two circles, and then the seamen, which were thronged with thousands of people. The seamen formed into line, the band played the patriotic song, "The Maple Leaf," and the great picnic was actually begun.

PROCEEDINGS BEGUN.

By this time the park had become thronged with people, and without a delay of any kind, the programme was begun. For about 25 minutes the ships gave an exhibition of drill and maneuver. The order of the admiral executed many difficult movements with the greatest ease. They included the formation of crosses, squares, triangles and circles, marching in columns of two, three and four, open order, and many other pretty moves which were liberally applauded. The companies were officered as follows:

H. M. S. "Little"—Capt. T. L. Leuts.

H. M. S. "Macbeth"—Capt. A. Santo.

H. M. S. "Hobbs"—Capt. Alex. McDonald.

H. M. S. "Reid"—Capt. A. Somerville.

H. M. S. "Davis"—Capt. Bridgman.

H. M. S. "Purdum"—Capt. Wm. Martin.

Lieuts. Geo. and Dinneen.

THE SPORTS.

The programme of sports could not have been better arranged. It included a little of everything, and not much of anything, but just enough to keep the spectators' interest at a good pitch. There was horse racing, bicycle racing and foot racing, and endless other attractions. The horse events were four in number, and drew out some pretty good local flesh. The first race was a flat, three-quarters of a mile, for a good purse, and open to members of the Fleet and club only. Four horses entered—Gipsy Girl, Bonnie Duke, Bonnie Boy and Cadillac. The finish was close. Gipsy Girl and Bonnie Boy made a great rush for first position until a mile had been covered, when the Duke, who had been jogging along at an easy pace, got a very rapid move on and with a few rods of the wire surged to the front and won by a neck from the Boy.

Gipsy Girl had in the meantime dropped back until she was almost distanced. The summaries are:

First Race—Three-quarters of a mile flat:

Bonnie Duke, R. Hueston.....1

Bonnie Boy, W. Lawrence.....2

Gipsy Girl.....3

Cadillac, W. G. Davis.....4

Time—1:23.

Trotting and pacing, best two in three:

Kitty.....1

Indarella.....2

Johnny Duggan.....3

Jennie Rooker.....4

Snowball.....5

Queen's Park Steeplechase—1 1-2 miles, over several hurdles:

Cadillac, W. Lawrence.....1

Barney, H. Struthers.....2

Time—4:00.

London Liberal Purse—1 1-2 miles, running:

Bonnie Duke, R. Hueston.....1

Bonnie Boy, W. Lawrence.....2

Gipsy Girl, R. E. Smith.....3

Cadillac, W. Davis.....4

Barney, H. Struthers.....5

Time, 2:14.

Bicycle Race, 1-2 mile—Frank Ware,

1; Nip Tune, 2. Time, 1:47.

100 yards race, to members of the Fleet only—N. Wanless, 1; J. Rhodes, 2. Time, 12 1-2 seconds.

100 yards race, open to members of H. M. S. "Davis" only—J. Sharp, 1; G. Moore, 2.

THE SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS.

In addition to the above a number of special attractions were sandwiched in between the races. Messrs. Partridge and Stevens, the young acrobats, together with Mr. Charles Efner, gave exhibitions of horizontal bar and slack wire work, some of the feats being very clever. Sandy Drennan, "Red" and white suit and with his funny antics he kept the crowd in roars of laughter. The parade of the German band was a new idea and made a hit. The "Red" and white suit and with his funny antics he kept the crowd in roars of laughter. The parade of the German band was a new idea and made a hit. The "Red" and white suit and with his funny antics he kept the crowd in roars of laughter.

The afternoon's performance was over at 5:30, and some of the crowd went home, while others remained on the grounds for the evening performance.

THE EVENING.

The evening performances were equally as well attended as the afternoon, and the programme, though necessarily shorter, was equally as interesting. Shortly after 8 o'clock the Fleet headed by the Musical Society Band and the drum corps, entered the ring and the fancy drill given in the afternoon.

Then came an exhibition of tent-pegging, in which Messrs. Dinnen, Cavanagh and Spinton, of the First Hussars, competed. The pegs were twelve inches long, three inches wide, and driven into the ground six inches, and to score a take-six points—it had to be removed and carried to the end of the running track. A move was made for four and a strike two. When the allotted number of tries were given, Dinnen and Cavanagh had each scored 25, and Spinton 14. One try each was allowed to decide the tie. Dinnen scored a move, and Cavanagh only a strike.

The acrobatic feats of Messrs. Partridge, Stevens, Efner and Sandy Drennan showed signs of careful training. Then the band played "Good Bye the Queen." The Fleet marched down town, and a most successful picnic was over.

NOTES.

Not a drunken man was seen on the grounds.

Judge McMillan, of Haldimand, was a spectator.

Sandy Drennan lost his wig during his afternoon antics.

Bonnie Duke was ridden by Capt. Martin and won \$45.

Between 5 and 8 o'clock supper was served to the marines in the dining hall.

Large crowds thronged the dancing hall throughout the afternoon and evening.

Every member of the Fleet did his duty and behaved in a gentlemanly manner.

A horse and rider were thrown when jumping one of the obstructions in the steeplechase.

The Musical Society Band won many new admirers with its excellent music at both performances.

Messrs. George and John Birmingham and John O'Neil sang several selections. In the evening they had to respond to a vigorous encore.

"The Young Liberal Fleet drills better than any organization I ever saw," said a Toronto newspaper man who knew what he was talking about.

Mr. Haycock, leader of the Patrons of Industry in the Ontario Legislature, was an interested spectator during the afternoon. He is on a visit to city friends.

The judges of the sports and horse races were: Chief Justice Hyma, M.P., Col. F. B. Leys, J. H. Brown, Admiral Wanless, Vice-Admiral R. K. Cowan and Rear Admiral Dr. Geo. C. Davis.

The first prize in the race for members of H. M. S. "Davis" was a large silver cup presented by Mr. J. W. Davis, of Toronto. The second was a gold medal given by Dr. Conny Wettlaufer, of Buffalo University.

The two horses fixed up as the "Two Little Girls in Blue" created a great deal of amusement. So did the brown horse which had a pair of pants pulled on its front legs and whose throat was decorated with Galway whiskers. It was in charge of the Irish policeman.

Before the Fleet left the armory in the afternoon, Capt. William Martin and his two lieutenants, Messrs. John Denner and Ed. Geary, were presented with gold pins. They were the gift of Rear Admiral Geo. C. Davis for the company having the best average attendance at drill. Capt. Martin's average was 21.06. The presentation was made by Miss Ethel Millar, daughter of Mr. R. D. Millar.

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Bargains

We are offering now at the close of the spring season. To us storage room is more value than our scanty profits. Our buyer has completed his American tour and is now on his way to the European markets. In a few short days the new goods will begin to arrive and we MUST HAVE ROOM. For this reason we have made some absurd reductions in all our departments. Limited space prevents that we give a complete list. Note the following lines picked at random from our numerous departments:

Heavy Union Carpet, yard wide, reduced to 25c a yard.

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42 patterns New Dress Goods, reduced from 65c to 32½c

yard.

7 patterns Wool Dress Fabrics, reduced from 15c to 7½c

yard.

33-Inch Fast Color Prints, reduced from 12½c to 8c yard.

200 pieces All Color Silk Ribbons, reduced to 5c yard.

Men's Extra Fine Summer Underwear, reduced from

\$1 50 to 90c suit.

56-Inch All Linen Table Damask, reduced from 25c to 17c

yard.

24-Inch Fancy Blouse Silks, reduced from 45c to 25c

yard.

Girls' Tan and Fawn Seamless Hose, reduced from 40c

to 15c pair.

Such will suffice as an earnest of what bargains we are really offering. As for other lines of seasonable goods