

THE NEWS IN LONDON.

PARTY PASSIONS IN THE COERCION CAMPAIGN STEADILY RISING.

MEMBERS TAKEN ABACK BY SIR G. TREVELYAN.—MR. CHAMBERLAIN WORRYING THE HOME RULERS.—DISGRACEFUL WORK IN THE HOUSE.—ROMANCE OF AN AMERICAN GIRL.—EASTER WEEK AT THE THEATRE.—THE WILD WEST.

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LONDON, April 16.—Sir George Trevelyan's long letter against Coercion is perhaps the most effective protest yet heard against the Government bill. He calls it a political bill. The coercion which he and Earl Spencer worked in Ireland was directed against crime. This will be directed against opinion and will be worked by partisans. That is the substance of Sir George Trevelyan's objections, which he elaborates with his usual literary skill. The effect may be seen in the bitter attack on him in to-day's Times, which represents him as oscillating backward and forward and backward again; from Home Rule to Unionism, then toward Sir Gladstone, then frightened by the outcry, returning to the Unionist camp, and now making another change of front. "It is rapidly becoming a question," says The Times, "whether Sir George Trevelyan can lead strength to any cause." That is the cry of a Unionist who sees the Unionist ranks opening. But perhaps Sir George Trevelyan is by temperament something of the freeholder.

Liberals view with some alarm Mr. Chamberlain's progress in Scotland. He is speaking with extraordinary vigor, poise and knowledge of Scotch audiences. He sums up the Ministerial case as no Minister has yet summed it up, in condensed, epigrammatic and quotable phrases. "It is not," said Mr. Chamberlain at Edinburgh, "a question between conciliation and coercion you have to decide. You have only before you a choice between coercion by the law and coercion by the League." Gladstonians have said he went to Scotland in order to avoid voting for the Coercion bill. He does not think the charge worth noticing, but a passage in his speech supplies an answer. "I dread the necessity for repressive legislation, yet am prepared to use force, if necessary, all the force that may be required, in order to preserve liberty and at all hazards and in all circumstances to maintain the supremacy of law against law-breakers." He derides the present agitation throughout the country against Coercion as an artificial agitation. Speaking as an expert he never witnessed anything so hollow. Most of the meetings are hole-and-corner meetings. His attacks on the Gladstonians and Parnellites exceed in plainness of speech anything he has before said. It is, he declares, the apostasy of dynamite and preachers of assassination who are deciding the fate of the Liberal party.

Feeling on both sides is in fact daily, and above all nightly, rising higher. The scene last night in the House of Commons was of a most deplorable kind. Nobly can say how it might have ended, but for the efforts of the Speaker, whose conduct wrong colleagues from the Irish members themselves and from their organ this morning. Major Sanderson's accusation against a portion of the Parnellites was one of which he did not himself seem to feel the force. The Times has, during the last few weeks, continually accused the leading Parnellites of consorting with criminals. They sat silent under the printed charge which uttered in the House they met with cries of "Internal liar" and "Coward!" and threats of personal violence to Major Sanderson. The question what may and what may not be said in Parliament is perplexing. Major Sanderson was allowed to accuse Mr. Healy, Mr. Sexton and others of being members of the Executive Council of the League and associating in that capacity with Sheridan, whom they knew to be a murderer. Mr. Healy was then suspended for calling Major Sanderson a liar. Mr. Sexton thereupon repeated that Major Sanderson was a wilful, cowardly liar, the Irish members wildly cheering him. Major Sanderson then withdrew that part of the phrase affirming that Mr. Sexton knew Sheridan was a murderer, and Mr. Sexton in turn withdrew the "liar." Ten minutes later Major Sanderson said Mr. Sexton saw Mr. Egan elected president of the Clan-na-Gael, a murderous association. The Speaker compelled him to withdraw this as unparliamentary and received Mr. Sexton's thanks. The feeling of the House was that the Speaker went very far from his wish to stop what he rightly called a disgraceful scene before passions had become uncontrollable.

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"Faust" keeps its place at the Lyceum another week. American visitors during May and June may choose between "The Belshazzar," "The Merchant of Venice," "Louis XI," "Much Ado About Nothing," and "Olivia." "Faust" will still be given every Friday. "Mephistopheles" remains in general and critical opinion alike Mr. Irving's masterpiece, and Miss Ellen Terry's admirers admire her not less in Margaret than in other parts.

"Monte Cristo" has been handed up at the Jaiety and started on its second hundred nights. "Lady Macbeth" with the Koudals and by the help also of Mr. Mackintosh's clever characterization, fits the St. James's Theatre, and will probably remain on the bills during the season. "Man and Wife" at the Haymarket draws better audiences than was expected, though the piece is universally disliked. Mrs. Potter is steadily improving her representation of "Anne Sylvester." The management are casting about for a new play, but as yet finding none. "Dandy Dick" will keep its place at the Court Theatre long after Americans have come and gone. It is not easy to say whether Mrs. John Wood is the more amusing in this piece or Mr. Toole at his own theatre in "The Butler," certainly the best part in which that excellent comedian has of late years appeared.

Mr. Augustus Harris, never at a loss for a new advertisement, celebrated the close of the pantomime season by a reception last night to the Colonial news in London as members of the Conference. He secured Lady Holland, the Earl and Countess of Osnaw and sundry other celebrities, including, it is said, Mr. Harcourt, who was deputed to read in his new character as an advocate of Imperial Federation, especially for theatrical purposes. The Carl Rosa Opera Company succeeds the pantomime at the end of the month. Colonel Mapleson's Italian opera at Covent Garden maintains its hold on the middle classes and masses who between them pretty well fill that vast auditorium. Miss Emma Nevada makes her first appearance to-night as "Anna" in "La Sonnambula."

The arrival of Buffalo Bill and his Wild West shows arouses for the first time some general curiosity about the American exhibition. The managers advertise Buffalo Bill as they previously advertised the President of the United States. Mr. Irving's comic opera, "The House of Commons," which has been running in the House they met with cries of "Internal liar" and "Coward!" and threats of personal violence to Major Sanderson. The question what may and what may not be said in Parliament is perplexing. Major Sanderson was allowed to accuse Mr. Healy, Mr. Sexton and others of being members of the Executive Council of the League and associating in that capacity with Sheridan, whom they knew to be a murderer. Mr. Healy was then suspended for calling Major Sanderson a liar. Mr. Sexton thereupon repeated that Major Sanderson was a wilful, cowardly liar, the Irish members wildly cheering him. Major Sanderson then withdrew that part of the phrase affirming that Mr. Sexton knew Sheridan was a murderer, and Mr. Sexton in turn withdrew the "liar." Ten minutes later Major Sanderson said Mr. Sexton saw Mr. Egan elected president of the Clan-na-Gael, a murderous association. The Speaker compelled him to withdraw this as unparliamentary and received Mr. Sexton's thanks. The feeling of the House was that the Speaker went very far from his wish to stop what he rightly called a disgraceful scene before passions had become uncontrollable.

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PRINCE BISMARCK. THE WORK OF THE REICHSTAG.

A BALLOON SUCCESSFULLY SAILED AGAINST THE WIND.—THE EMPEROR.—TRIFLING.

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Berlin, April 16.—Prince Bismarck will return to Berlin in time to be present at the debate in the Reichstag on the financial proposals. The project before the Bundesrath asking for a supplementary military credit sover simply the purposes already agreed upon and has active opposition. It will be otherwise, however, with the taxation reforms and especially with the proposed tax on the consumption of spirits and sugar. The statement is published that the nature of the proposals is doubtful. The bills were only sent to the Bundesrath to-day. The budget estimate of the spirit duty for the current year that was \$14,388,000 marks. On sugar the duty this year is \$5,000,000 marks, whereas a decade ago it was \$5,000,000 marks. Though it is thus made evident that fiscal reforms are necessary, any proposals that the Government may make are certain to arouse sectional opposition. The Conservatives are privately urging Prince Bismarck to respond to the impending Russian customs edicts affecting German traders by retaliation. The other groups in the Reichstag have no sympathy with this movement.

The position of the parties on the Ecclesiastical bill when it comes before the Underhaus on Wednesday points to the acceptance by the Centre of the bill as it left the Oberhaus; but their absolute refusal to accept the bill is certain if any of the Kopp amendments are stricken out. The Papal Nuncio at Munich has again been the medium to inform the Bishops to the Bismarck and other Clericals as to the policy of the Vatican. The Centre are left full liberty to urge the insertion of the amendments to the Ecclesiastical bill which were rejected by Bishop Kopp in the Oberhaus, and are recommended not to compromise the accord between the Curia and the Government by refusing the whole bill if the amendments are not accepted. Instructions were sent to the Bishops to Ballastrem and other Clericals as to the policy of the Vatican. The Centre are left full liberty to urge the insertion of the amendments to the Ecclesiastical bill which were rejected by Bishop Kopp in the Oberhaus, and are recommended not to compromise the accord between the Curia and the Government by refusing the whole bill if the amendments are not accepted.

The Vatican is again agitated by reports that Dr. Windthorst desires to resign his position as leader of the Clericals and to force politics altogether. It is certain that Dr. Windthorst has informed Bishop Kopp of his intention to do this.

Communications published in the Clerical papers express the unabated respect of the Vatican on the Centre party as a vigilant sentinel, controlling and guarding the execution of the agreement between the Church and the State. The Centre are expected to maintain an expectant attitude and abstain from the former tactics of waging an unceasing battle against the State and the bills aimed at a turn in the orders of the Vatican.

The Pope has instructed the Bishops of Strasbourg and Metz to direct their flock to abstain from taking part in the anti-German agitation and to abstain from fostering the movements displayed during the recent election campaign in the provinces of Alsace-Lorraine. The neutrality is recommended in Berlin circles as a proof of the earnest desire of the Vatican not to conflict with Germany in its present position.

The French sympathies of the people and assisted the electoral success of the Protestants.

WATCHING FRENCHMEN IN ALSACE-LOTTORRAINE. The decrease affecting Frenchmen travelling in Alsace-Lorraine has been enforced since Monday. The decree does not apply to Frenchmen who arejourning in the province, but to those who arejourning in the province. The Mayor are ordered to instantly inform the central authorities of any French arrivals in their communes without passes. Commercial travellers who are once provided with a pass will be free to travel in the province throughout the provinces. The Alsace-Lorraine police have been instructed to apply the decree strictly from now on.

NAVIGATING A BALLOON. Successful experiments have been made at Metz with a navigable balloon, propelled by an electric motor. The Augsburg Allgemeine Zeitung says the balloon is the invention of a German engineer named Welker, who for some time was employed in America, where he perfected his electric motor. The German Government, the paper says, has bought the invention, paying for it 1,000,000 marks down and another 1,000,000 marks when the balloon is ready for use. The speed of the balloon exceeds that of a railway train, and it may be stopped and directed at will moving against the wind. The balloon may be in the air for several days. It is certain that the residents of Metz are very much interested in the electric illumination lowering at a distance of 1,000 feet.

The official returns of the War Office show that the total number of German troops in the eastern theatre of the war is 1,200,000 men, while in the interior zone, comprising Silesia, Posen, West Prussia, and the Province of Pomerania, the number is 115,000. The total number of guns is 582.

THE CHINESE LOAN. The Chinese loan of 5,000,000 marks has been readily subscribed, although at the high rate of 10 1/2. This is considered to be the opening of an era of successful competition with England in her financial relations with China. The low rate of interest facilitated the making of the loan. The Government suggests that the German Government should offer favorable conditions to convert further State loans. The new Russian railway loan of 100,000,000 roubles will probably be subscribed in the city of London. The Russian Government has already secured 100,000,000 roubles in Russian stocks, and though its bankers have offered enticing terms, they have declined to accept them. The German Government has offered a loan of 4 per cent. It is reported that Frankfurt houses are negotiating with St. Petersburg.

GERMAN EXPORTS TO AMERICA. The exports from Hamburg to America during the first quarter of 1887 were valued at 1,296,267 marks, against 2,017,198 marks for the corresponding quarter of 1886. The principal articles exported were iron, steel, books, prints, toys, objects of art, fish, leather goods, glass and earthenware. For the first three months of the present year Creoleid exported to America goods valued at 5,045,274 marks against a value of 3,019,481 marks for the first quarter of 1886. The chief exports were in fish, plush, ribbons, silks, cotton and velvets.

THE EMPEROR'S MUSICAL SOIREE. The Emperor gave a musical soiree at the palace on Thursday, at which Count von Moltke, the State Ministers and one hundred guests were present. Though the Emperor had held a long conference with the Ministers on the occasion of the concert, he remained throughout the concert and was full of life. Crown Prince Frederick William's throat trouble is growing worse and he is expected to die. The Emperor's health is also reported to be failing. The Queen of Saxony has gone to Brussels to arrange for the marriage of her daughter, Princess Victoria, with Prince Frederick of Prussia, the son of King Leopold. A spectacular play, entitled "In the Twentieth Century," has been produced at the Victoria Theatre. It has only achieved a partial success. The Wallalla attracts good houses with the comic opera, "The Emperor's Musical Soiree." "Spotlight" has had a run of 110 performances at the Victoria Theatre. The Mikado Company attracts crowds at the Victoria Theatre. Madame Handmann will give a matinee recital at the Victoria Theatre on Monday. The Emperor's health is also reported to be failing.

MR. HEALY'S RESURRECTION. LONDON, April 16.—The Conservative Irish members of the House of Commons and the officials of the House met last night after the adjournment of the House and elected an understanding with the Government to have the suspension of Mr. Healy rescinded on Monday next. Mr. Healy spent a great deal of time in the House to-day. He declares that the entire Irish party are prepared to follow his example. The Liberal-Unionists voted with the Tories last night to suspend the twenty-seven Glasgow Liberals voted with the Liberals.

THE REBELLION IN AFGHANISTAN. BOMBAY, April 16.—Intelligence has been received here that a body of the Amer of Afghanistan's troops made a night attack upon a force of the British and killed 200 of them. Several villages in the disturbed district of Afghanistan have been destroyed by fire. Other tribes than the Ghilzais are joining in the rebellion against the authority of the Amer. It is reported that the Russians are moving by slow stages toward Herat, which place is about 140 miles northwest of Herat. The Amer has sent a force under the command of Farwana Kalin, formerly Commander-in-Chief of the Afghan Army, to enforce the recent massacre of Ghomander Kalin, the Governor of Herat, by the Ghilzai while he was leading an expedition to assist in suppressing the Ghilzai rebellion.

TO PREVENT THE LANDING OF DYNAMITE. LONDON, April 16.—The Government has ordered the customs officials to keep a strict watch over all ships arriving from American or European ports, with a view to preventing the landing of dynamite.

BALLOTTING FOR SENATOR IN ILLINOIS. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., April 16.—Three more ballots were taken to-day in joint Democratic caucus of the Legislature at Tallahassee, resulting as follows: First ballot, Buchanan, 34; Ferry, 38; scattering, 25. Second ballot, Buchanan, 33; Ferry, 37; scattering, 29. Third ballot, Buchanan, 32; Ferry, 36; scattering, 31. The caucus then adjourned to Monday night.

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"Hi, boys! see the river on fire!" exclaimed one of the men at work in the top of one of the grain elevators of the Standard Oil Company at the North River. The Railroad Company at West Sixty-third-st. and the North River at 10:30 a. m. yesterday. A dense column of black smoke with a fringe of red flames at its base, rose from the North River's surface about two hundred feet from the shore and midway between the company's freight piers at Sixty-fifth-st. and the coal wharf at Seventeenth-st. Increased in size rapidly until it shut out the view of the coal wharves from the elevators. "Look! look! the fire is spreading!" was the cry which was repeated through the big grain store house and along the freight wharves. It looked, indeed, as if the North River had taken fire and was burning up. Small boys who were playing in the Riverside Park north of Seventy-second-st. thought the end of the world was at hand and ran home to carry the news to their parents.

The crowd along the river front knew at the outset what the trouble was. They had noticed oil floating on the water for several days, and it was plain that the oil was burning. The Standard Oil Company's pipe, through which oil is pumped from Pennsylvania, crosses the bed of the North River at that point. It was believed that the pipe had broken and that oil was leaking into the water. The fire was caused by a spark from a tug-boat which was towing coal barges across the river from Hoboken. In a moment the water was covered with fire all about the tugboat and the barges. The captain of the boat turned the craft about and started toward the middle of the river. He managed to save his boat and the barges from destruction.

The tide was running out, but there was an eddy between the freight piers and the coal wharf and the bulk of the oil was in the open space. The flames spread quickly beyond the eddy and first attacked the coal wharf. Then they reached the wooden bulkhead and ran along to Pier G, the most northerly one of the freight piers. The pier was built on piles and had a one-story freight shed, 500 feet long and 100 feet wide on it. It was used entirely for westbound freight and had been recently cleared of its cargo. The shed was filled with fertilizer, and there were also a few bales and boxes of general merchandise besides. Before any effort could be made to save the pier it was on fire along its entire length. Calls for the Fire Department had been sent out, but the situation of the burning piers was such that the establishment could not respond quickly. Aided alarms were sounded in Fifty-ninth-st. and Eleventh-st., and a dozen engines which were called there went up the railroad yard, past the elevators, to Sixty-seventh-st. The fireboats Halmeyer and Zophar Mills got to the fire ahead of most of the land engines. Engines Nos. 26 and 47 went to Seventy-second-st. and Tenth-st. and pumped water through 300 feet of hose down the hill to the coal wharf. The firemen seemed futile. No amount of water could affect flames which burned on the surface of the river, and the burning piers were already half consumed when the engines began to work. It began to look as if all the structures along the water front above Fifty-ninth-st. would be destroyed. The smoke of the burning oil obscured all the freight sheds above the burning pier, and the fire soon broke into intense as to drive the men back from the bulkhead and again. J. W. Bell, foreman of the freight docks, called out all the men from the sheds and set them to work to help the firemen. George Phelan, superintendent of the grain elevators, got the employes out of the big buildings and directed them to the fire. The firemen were unable to do anything to save the other piers and the elevators, however if the burning oil had been carried off the pier it might have been saved. The fire was extinguished by the firemen at about 11:30 a. m. The loss was estimated at \$100,000. The Standard Oil Company is expected to sue the Fire Department for the loss of the pier.

ATTEMPTING TO BURN A BUILDING. TWO FIRES IN A WEEK—WAS IT AN INCENDIARY OR SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION? The proprietors of the New-York Zeitung yesterday offered a reward of \$500 for the detection of an incendiary who had been trying to burn down their establishment at No. 7 Frankfort-st. The building is a two-story brick building and a small building in the rear. Two attempts have been made within a month to set fire to the front office by placing lighted paper under the door, but each time the flames were discovered and extinguished before any damage was done. Yesterday a fire started in the rear building and was found to be on fire. It had been used for making and storage purposes, and there was a large quantity of paper and other combustibles in it. The fire was extinguished by the firemen at about 11:30 a. m. The loss was estimated at \$500. C. R. Wolfgram, one of the proprietors of the paper, said yesterday: "We are convinced that some one is trying to burn down our establishment. 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