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Mr. Asquith replied in his extremely clever forensic way—much more clever than convincing. His argument for the expediency of passing the Welsh Disestablishment bill through the House of Commons may be turned against himself and his colleagues with reference to the House of Lords.

Mr. Keir Hardie is supposed to have scored a point by extracting from the Government a select committee to inquire into the unemployed and see what can be done to better their condition.

The committee includes strong men on both sides of the House, and representatives of those who believe the State can and ought to provide work for those who have none, as well as representatives of those who do not share that mischievous delusion.

That austere and conservative Journal, "The Chronicle," feels itself called on to rebuke Mr. Bayard for saying, according to a Washington telegram, that England will ultimately accept the new rule for preventing collisions at sea.

Mr. Bryce, who represents with fidelity in the House of Commons the spirit of routine and red tape which prevails in his department, has already been obliged to assent to a Parliamentary committee to re-examine the rules adopted at the Washington Conference for fog signals and others to which Great Britain and powerful sections of other maritime nations strongly object.

Another question has been put in the House about derelicts on ocean routes between European ports and New-York. An American naval steamer has gone in search of derelicts on the American side.

The Elbe disaster has again been discussed in the Reichstag in a very extraordinary fashion. Herr Lieber, a prominent Ultramontane Deputy, asked, "What avails the most seaworthy ship if an Englishman goes wild at sea and kills her with murderous intent?"

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In "Strong" Language

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sufficient, and the crews were seldom or never drilled in launching boats. The watertight doors, also, were out of order. It seems to be admitted that there is no official supervision of such matters.

Mr. Gladstone's recent illness has not prevented his completing his edition of the Psalter, with his own concordance and notes. This will be published, says one of his friends, in about a fortnight, both in England and in America.

His residence at Cap Martin must bring him into relations with the Emperor of Austria, unless the Emperor, remembering his unlucky cry of "Hands off!" to Austria, should forget to express a desire to see the author of that unfulfilled menace.

As the option for the purchase of Carlyle's house expires this month, and as part of the sum required is still unpromised, the English committee will make a special effort to secure the subscriptions still needed.

The theatres, with one exception, are suffering from frost, cold, and the terror of the British public inspired by the weather. The exception is the Lyceum, where "King Arthur" has hardly once played to a vacant seat, except a few paid for in advance which the owners had not courage to occupy.

Mr. Comyns Cair has produced at his own theatre, the Comedy, a new piece by a new author, whose playwriting name is Ward, entitled, "A Leader of Men." This hero is a labor hero, and a Socialistic Radical, as the fashion of the moment is.

Mr. Alexander produced on Thursday at the St. James's Theatre a new dramatic effort by Mr. Oscar Wilde, called "The Importance of Being Earnest." The significance of the title is wrapped up in a pun on the word "earnest," which, with a slight difference in the spelling, is one of the hero's names.

A FORMOSA FORT BLOWN UP.

FIFTY SOLDIERS KILLED AND MUCH OTHER DAMAGE. RUSSIA SAYS SHE WILL SEND TRIPS TO SHANGHAI.

London, Feb. 16.—A Central News dispatch from Shanghai says that the magazine of the Saracen fort at Takao, Formosa, has exploded, destroying the fort, killing fifty soldiers and injuring many others. The explosion also damaged a number of houses and injured many of its inmates.

ILLNESS AT THREE COURTS.

Berlin, Feb. 16.—Emperor William is ill with influenza and will probably be confined to his room for several days. He was unable to receive the Agrarian deputations which was to call upon him to-day.

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SILVER MEN TRIUMPH.

THE REICHSTAG VOTES FOR A MONETARY CONFERENCE.

COUNT VON MIRBACH'S RESOLUTION PASSED BY AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY AFTER TWO DAYS OF HEATED DEBATE—DISTRUST OF CHANCELLOR VON HOHENLOHE—THE KAISER'S INTEREST IN AMERICAN FINANCIAL MATTERS—AMBASSADOR RUMFORD'S PLANS.

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ENGLAND AND RUSSIA MAY MEDIATE.

THEIR REPORTED OFFER TO CHINA AND JAPAN—LEGATION GUARDS SUMMONED TO PEKING—CHINESE OFFICERS TO DIE.

London, Feb. 16.—A dispatch from Shanghai to "The Pall Mall Gazette" says it is asserted there that England and Russia have offered to mediate between China and Japan.

It is reported in Shanghai that the foreign Ministers in Peking have ordered the legion guards, composed of sailors and marines from the various warships attached to the Chinese station, to report at the respective legations in Peking at once. These guards have been awaiting orders at Tientsin for some time.

A dispatch to the Central News says that the Emperor has ordered the Governor of Shan-Tung to head all the civil officials and military and naval officers who took part in the defence of Wei-Hai-Wei without reporting to the throne. It is reported that the Chinese Commodore Liu and General Chang committed suicide at the same time that Admiral Ting killed himself.

It is reported in Chee-Poo that the Japanese Emperor has granted freedom to all foreigners at Wei-Hai-Wei except the American Howie, who was arrested by the Japanese at Koo-shan on the steamer Sydney in November last in consequence of the discovery of his connection with a Chinese plot to blow up the Japanese fleet. Howie was subsequently released on parole and went to the work of preparing explosives with which to carry out his scheme of destroying the Japanese fleet.

A dispatch to the Central News from Peking says that Colonel Von Hanneken is seeking to obtain the payment of his military expenses from the Chinese Government through the German Minister. The latter has had several interviews on the subject with the Tsung-li-Yamen, by which body the amount claimed, as well as the scope of Von Hanneken's authority, is disputed.

Ex-Governor Wang, of Yun-Nan, has been appointed to relieve Li Hung Chang as Viceroy of Pe-Chi-Li in the latter's absence as peace commissioner to Japan.

Washington, Feb. 16.—A private cable message received in Washington to-day from John W. Foster, ex-Secretary of State, and special advisory counsel to the Chinese Government in the peace negotiations with Japan, stating that he had arrived at Shanghai last night, and was in perfect health. It is not known what Mr. Foster's plans for the future are, but it is supposed that he will remain in the Orient for some time, as he has been accomplished in the negotiations for peace.

IMPRISONED REBELS NOT TORTURED. MARSHAL HITCHCOCK DENIES RUMORS OF CRUELTY IN HONOLULU.

Honolulu, Feb. 16, via San Francisco, Feb. 16.—"Street rumors, wild and unfounded, have been floating about since the first week of the insurrection as to the treatment to which the prisoners at the Oahu Prison have been subjected," says "The Advertiser." Marshal Hitchcock, when asked about the matter to-day, said:

"Yes, I have heard stories of men being packed in ice and put in big tubs of water, tortured with thumb-screws and threatened with drowning. The fact is, the allowance of ice at the prison is but five pounds a day, hardly enough to keep the men from freezing. As for tubs of water, we haven't any tubs large enough to carry out the methods said to have been used. We are civilized, if we are under martial law."

MEXICO'S ESTEEM FOR MINISTER GRAY. CONSUL-General HONORS PAID HIS MEMORY—ACTION OF THE INDIANA DELEGATION IN CONGRESS.

City of Mexico, Feb. 16.—The honors paid the memory of Isaac Pusey Gray, late United States Minister, exceeded any before shown a foreigner in Mexico. The Americans here are unanimously of the opinion that Consul-General Crittenden should be appointed Minister, and a petition to this effect is being signed.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The Indiana delegation in Congress to-day adopted resolutions upon the death of Minister Gray. The resolutions say that "the long and eminent career of the distinguished dead, in the service of the State and Nation, deserving the public attention of Congress, and made more poignant by the sudden and unexpected close of a life so useful and so devoted to the service of his country, the Senate and the House of Representatives tendered Mrs. Gray and her family. The resolutions will be forwarded to the Honorable S. C. Turpie and Representatives Ely and Waugh, the committee which drafted them."

LETTERS FROM THE ELBE PICKED UP. London, Feb. 16.—The Lloyd's signal station at Deal reports that forty-six stamped letters addressed to places in and around New-York were picked up in Deal Beach, near Deal Castle, last evening. The letters were damaged in the slightest degree, and were all handed over to the postoffice authorities. One of the Elbe's lifebuoys was picked up soon after the letters were found.

The dead body of a man wearing a lifebelt from the Elbe was washed ashore at Kings Point, New-York, on the morning of the 15th. The man was in the uniform of a petty officer of the North German Lloyd Line, and the shirt bore the name of "H. J. The man apparently was about forty years old.

FOR BY-ELECTIONS IN NEWFOUNDLAND. St. John's, N. F., Feb. 16 (Special).—Writs have been issued for by-elections on March 9 at Harbor Grace, Bay de Verde and St. John's West. Sir William Whiteley is a candidate in Harbor Grace. Six thousand persons have been organized in St. John's, but more help is needed.

AGAINST BULL-FIGHTING IN FRANCE. Paris, Feb. 16.—The Court of Cassation has confirmed the decision of lower courts against bull-fighting in France. "Cruelty to animals" is the basis of the decision.

W. C. T. U. CRUSADE IN SIOUX CITY. Chicago, Feb. 16.—A dispatch from Sioux City, Iowa, says that the crusade of the Women's Christian Temperance Union against the saloons of the city was continued yesterday. The women, to the number of nearly 100, met at the Whitefield Church and marched downtown to make another round of the saloons. They went to about a dozen of them and at all but two or three were admitted. At those where they were locked out they stopped and sang hymns, ending each time with the doxology. The Chief of Police had given orders that they should not be allowed to obstruct the sidewalks, and they marched most of the afternoon in the middle of the streets. After an hour of their round they went to the City Hall to complain to Mayor Fletcher of their being forbidden the sidewalks. They filed in, followed by a howling mob that thronged the building and surged over the sidewalks. The Mayor, who had been warned, was not to be found. The band broke up in disappointment and the members went home. The women declare that they have had advice under which they will close the saloons that fail to comply with the strict provisions of the law, and that they intend to bring out injunctions Monday unless their demands are granted.

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