

The War Situation.

LONDON, May 6.—Lord Churchill, addressing a Conservative meeting to-night, protested against the commission on frontier delimitation being removed to London to be dealt with by the members in the foreign office.

The news believes that Russia has offered England positive assurance that she has no intention of taking Herat.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 6.—There is no appearance here of any statement in warlike preparations. The mobilizing of rifle battalions in Finland continues.

COPENHAGEN, May 6.—The King of Denmark has informed Russia that he is willing to act as arbitrator if he is so requested by England.

To be Submitted to Arbitration.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 7.—The following announcement appears in the Official Messenger: In consequence of the divergence of views between the cabinets of Russia and England on the interpretation of the March agreement, it has been decided to submit the question to the decision of an arbitrator.

From the Afghan Front.

TEHERAN, May 7.—Advices from Sarakhs state that a small force of Russians with four guns now occupy Penjdeh.

British and German Colonization.

LONDON, May 8.—The Anglo-German International Commission appointed to arrange terms of occupation between the British and German colonies in the Pacific oceans has concluded its labors and arranged that British subjects will be on a perfect equality with those of Germany in the territory recently seized by the latter power.

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CAIRO, May 6.—Lord Wolsley is slightly indisposed.

It is believed here that Osman Digma is again collecting an army, but owing to the scarcity of food at his command he cannot become sufficiently formidable to call for a British expedition against him.

Diplomatic Agreement.

LONDON, May 11.—Granville, in the House of Lords this afternoon, in replying to the interrogatory put by the Marquis of Salisbury, a conservative leader, said the government was unable at present to make any statement about their intentions respecting Sondan.

English Grain Trade Review.

LONDON, May 11.—The Mark Lane Express in its review of the British grain trade for the past week says: Unfavorable weather has prevailed. There have been cold storms during the night and the nights have been frosty.

Slow Work.

LONDON, May 9.—The arbitration scheme is not making rapid progress toward consummation. Although Russia has not receded from her agreement to submit the question in dispute to arbitration, yet it is announced that a delay is likely to occur in the preliminary stages of the affair before arbitration is possible.

Russian View of It.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 8.—The Moscow Gazette, with reference to the mission of the Afghan frontier difficulty to arbitration, says: It was only possible to permit the correctness of our attitude to be certified by a third party.

Denies the Report.

LONDON, May 8.—The report published in the Morning Post to-day that Earl Dufferin has resigned his position as Vice-Roy in India in consequence of the disastrous effect upon British prestige in India by Gladstone's weak and timorous policy, is denounced by the government officials as "utterly untrue."

France and China.

LONDON, May 8.—Advices from Kashgar say: The Mohammedan insurgents have invoked the assistance of Russia to expel the Chinese, promising in return that Russia shall have sovereignty over Kashgar.

Cancelled Orders.

LONDON, May 9.—At a plenary cabinet council held to-day the Admiralty was directed to cancel all orders issued to provide for the conveyance of 2,000 British troops to India.

Port Reopened.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 9.—The middle harbor at Cronstadt, which it was thought might be kept closed, was again opened to shipping to-day.

Russian Matters.

ODESSA, May 11.—The plant which had been collected for a Russian line from Caucasus to the Black sea has been diverted to the construction of a strategic line from Vladikavkaz to Petrofisk on the Caspian sea.

A Pasha's Recall.

VAENA, May 11.—It is stated that Fehmi Pasha's recall is due to the influence of the Turkish Minister to St. Petersburg and the Russian Minister to Constantinople, who believed the recall would have good effect on the settlement of the Afghan difficulty.

Death of Hiller.

COLOGNE, May 11.—Ferdinand Hiller, the German composer and pianist, died here this morning.

Cablegrams.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 7.—Col. Seakriewski, who was with Col. Alkhanoff during the Russian's movement proceeding and attending the battle of Penjdeh, has reached St. Petersburg with a full report of the Russian case and has departed for Gatchina to deliver the report to the Czar.

PARIS, May 7.—Advices from St. Vincent report that while the Messageries Francaise steamer Ville de Marseille was on her way to Buenos Ayres the emigrants on board mutinied, owing to the bad food furnished.

BERLIN, May 7.—Lieut. Tilley, leader of the expedition of Cameroon, is dead. The German-Russian extradition treaty has been presented to the Reichstag.

Excursion Party.

PORTLAND, Oregon, May 11.—The Omaha-Portland excursion reached here to-day. The party, consisting of thirty gentlemen and representing nearly every line of business, left Omaha last Wednesday.

New Orleans Exposition.

NEW ORLEANS, May 11.—This has been a lovely day at the Exposition. The National Guards and ex-Union and ex-Confederate veterans went up to the grounds by boat.

Sugar Plantation Burned.

NEW YORK, May 11.—A letter from Havana, Cuba, says: Four hundred acres of uncut cane on the estate of "Union," at Recreo, were recently burned over.

Terrible Tragedy.

SAVANNAH, May 11.—Meagre details have been received here of the killing of five negroes in a dispute over a game of cards at Papot's Mills, about forty miles south of this city.

Roller-Skating Contest.

NEW YORK, May 11.—In the roller-skating contest at midnight the score stood: Maddox 276; Snowden 275; Reynolds 268; W. Boyd 263; A. Boyd 242; Sherek 235; Walton 232; Francis 220; Harrman 220; Amelia 218; Lynch 204; Claxton 98.

Lynched.

TUSCUMBIA, Ala., May 9.—Last night a negro named Jordan, who had attempted an outrage upon Miss Davis, daughter of a farmer, but who jumped from a window as Mr. Davis shot at him, was afterward caught and lynched by a mob.

Arctic Wave in Wisconsin.

CHICAGO, May 7.—The Journal's Janesville (Wis.) special says: A powerful wind storm set in from the northeast last night, and the thermometer fell to 28° above zero, making ice a quarter of an inch thick.

Seaside Fire.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., May 6.—A fire at Hampton Beach last night burned the Seaview house, Atlantic house, and Ocean house, and is reported to have swept the beach, destroying many cottages. Loss, \$100,000, with partial insurance.

Keely at Sea.

NEW YORK, May 7.—Mr. Keely, the newly appointed U. S. Minister to Austria, accompanied by his family, sailed for Europe on the steamship Wieland, of the Hamburg and American Packet Line, to-day.

Suicide of a Pastor.

NEW YORK, May 8.—Rev. J. H. Dally, formerly pastor of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church in York street, Jersey City, who left the ministry for India, had been in intimate with Mrs. Stewart's servant in his house, has committed suicide.

Sad Affair.

READING, Pa., May 12.—Mrs. Hiram Ploutz, residing near Binkley's mill, near Lititz, took her five children to the mill and then jumped herself and was drowned, together with two of her youngest children. The others were rescued.

Ship Capsized.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—The British iron ship Earl Dalhousie, while being towed across the bay this afternoon, was struck by a heavy squall and capsized in deep water. The vessel had no cargo nor ballast, is owned by W. Stephens of Dundee, and cost \$160,000. The officers and crew were all saved.

Knights of Honor.

ST. LOUIS, May 12.—The Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Honor, met at their annual session this afternoon. There was a large attendance from all parts of the country.

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Russian Flour.

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Destructive Forest Fires.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 12.—Forest fires are raging in Eagle Pass and vicinity. The town of Farwell was totally destroyed Wednesday afternoon. The loss is estimated at \$40,000. Wright's house, on the west side of the Columbia was saved after a two-day's exertion.

The Viceroy Silent.

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