

## CABLED LONDON NEWS

Germany's Secret Attempt to Isolate Great Britain from all Friendly European Powers.

## POLITICIANS AND OPERATORS DEPRESSED

Mr. Gladstone Indignant at the Treatment of the Armenians—Minister Salisbury Hands Down the Manuscript of the United States—Venezuelan Question.

[London, Nov. 2.—(Special London Cable Letter).—The first paper to announce that Prime Minister Salisbury had declined from his original intention not to hold a meeting of the Cabinet till the middle of November, when domestic measures to be laid before the House of Commons are to be discussed, was the Birmingham Post, an organ that is inspired by the Chamberlain party. The paper, in the frequently the possessor of exclusive advance tips, in announcing that the first Cabinet meeting would be held on November 5th, the Post added that matters of unusual importance, mainly connected with foreign and colonial affairs, would come under the consideration of the Ministers. Its London letter yesterday contained the following important statement:

"Lord Salisbury's speech at Watford confirms the somewhat ugly news that is coming to hand from the foreign secretaries regarding the secret attempt Germany is making to isolate Great Britain from all friendly European powers.

"Germany is known to be smarting under the refusal of the British foreign ministers of both parties to become connected with the Triple Alliance, and, playing a double game, now hopes to induce Lord Salisbury to change his resolution not to allow Great Britain to become entangled in this bond. It is the influence of Germany which, by encouraging the Tsungli-Yamen, has been a factor in causing the massacre of Christians in China, and her chief effort at this moment is directed at rendering nugatory our endeavors in behalf of the persecuted Christians in Armenia."

The above is the plainest intimation yet printed of the origin of the trouble that is now depressing politicians and operators in all quarters.

The leading London paper in the North of England says that some light is being thrown on foreign affairs, for the position of Great Britain in the far East is extremely critical. Russia and France, it declares, are menacing British interests in Asia, especially with the fact of the consent of Germany. The United States seems disinclined to enter into an alliance with Great Britain, though willing to remain a benevolent neutral. Japan, whom most regard as Great Britain's natural ally, seems to be of two minds whether to go bodily over to the enemy.

The paper asks: "Is Great Britain then to remain isolated in the fight for her own, her hand backed only by her own resources?"

The optimists hope that Lord Salisbury will be able to reassure the followers in the speech that he will deliver at the banquet to be given by Sir Walter Henry Wilkin, the new Lord Mayor of London, on the evening of November 4th, on which day the latter official will be re-installed in office.

Mr. Gladstone's letter to Miss Novikoff, who, under the signature of "O. K.," has contributed many political and other articles to the London press, has greatly distressed the Government.

Mr. Gladstone in his letter, said that the English ruler had at his feet Russia, France and Great Britain. Continuing, he said:

"As the division of shame among the three is little enough, but I hope that my country will, for its own good, be made conscious and exhibit to the world for its own full share, whatever that may be."

Shortly after Lord Salisbury had read this letter, he said that such utterances were not likely to lead to produce good or save life in Turkey.

It has been announced on behalf of Mr. Gladstone that the letter was not meant to be published, and that, by an oversight, it had not been marked "private."

Visitors to Mr. Gladstone, at Hawarden, said that the ex-Prime Minister follows with keen attention and growing indignation the daily reports of the treatment of the Armenians by the Turks. He converses frequently on the subject. It has been suggested that his family ought to act toward him as did the family of Lord Russell towards that statesman in his old age. Lord John was in the habit of writing long worded letters on public questions, which were differed with the Government, but his friends took care that these letters were not sent to the post box in the hall of his house.

Prime Minister Salisbury has handed down to the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, the memorandum transmitted to him by the United States Government through Ambassador Bayard, relative to the Venezuelan question. Mr. Chamberlain still holds the opinion that the United States has no right to interfere in Great Britain's dispute with Venezuela. He will draft a detailed reply to the memorandum which Lord Salisbury will shortly send to Mr. Bayard. The tone of the reply will probably be moderate and amicable as the Government has no desire to become involved in a dispute with the United States, its attention now being fully devoted to matters that are more important than the Guiana boundary question.

Mr. Chamberlain will begin immediately the consideration of the details of his great plan to develop the crown colonies. This subject will occupy most

of his time until the reassembling of Parliament on November 15. The plan largely concerns Africa, but it will also aim to encourage the commercial interests of British Guiana and to assist Dominica. Senator Alfred Maloney, Governor of British Honduras, who has been here on leave of absence and who sails on his return to his post on the American line steamer New York today, has received Government favor in the direction of assisting other industries of that colony besides those of getting out mahogany and logwood. In fact, it is hoped that the Government scheme will give impetus to all the old West Indian colonies and assist them to secure access to good markets in the United States by the building of new railways.

## THE RAM KATAHDIN REJECTED

Secretary Herbert Powerless, and President Cleveland Firm.

Washington, Nov. 1.—The official speed of the American Ram Katahdin is 16 1/2 knots as reported to Secretary Herbert to-day by the trial board and the vessel stands rejected under her contract, bearing the distinction of being the first vessel of the new navy failing to reach contract requirements. Unless special provision is made by the next session of Congress, the Bath Iron Works, Me., which built the hull and machinery, must rely on selling the vessel to some foreign government to recoup their expenditures. In such a case a complication would arise, as \$400,000 worth of armor belonging to the United States is fastened in place on the vessel, and is valueless for other purposes.

Secretary Herbert said he was powerless to waive the specifications of the contract, which stipulated that unless the ram developed seventeen knots or over the vessel should be rejected. After a long conference with General Hyde, the Under Secretary, who had ever, consented to take care of the vessel at the New York navy-yard pending a further consideration of the matter by President Cleveland. No efforts will be spared to effect some compromise before Congress meets.

President Cleveland decides that a modification in the contract speed requirement would not be injuriously effective to the government's interest.

Unlike contracts for other naval vessels which provided for certain force of steam, the contract for the Katahdin secured an ironclad clause was placed in the Ram Katahdin agreement compelling her to show 17 knots under penalty of rejection. The vessel was wholly of a novel and experimental character and for this reason few of the builders of warships responded to the advertisements issued for proposals. Secretary Tracy finally induced President Hyde, of the Bath, Me., Iron Works, to undertake the contract, giving assurances that he would be able to deliver the vessel in time. It was demonstrated that the vessel's design was defective. The keel was laid in 1891, and ever since that time frequent modifications have had to be made in the plans because of discovered defects. The ship was delayed two years by the failure of the armor contractors to fill their contract, and in the past year four different sets of propellers have had to be tried on the vessel as the result of many experiments.

Naval officers still adhere to the belief that under favorable conditions in the smooth water for which the Katahdin was designed, she could easily make the required seventeen knots. Her contractors, however, prefer not to run the risk of forcing her higher speed than they did on Thursday, and to leave the whole matter to President Cleveland, relying on his fairness to suggest a just settlement.

## Asking for Campaign Contributions

Washington, Nov. 2.—Recently certain Democratic State campaign officials have been soliciting funds from Government clerks for use in the upcoming elections. An Ohio canvasser was the principal solicitor. Two hundred to-day that the Pension Bureau was being flooded with requests to the clerks to contribute. Commissioner of Pensions Lochren to-day issued an official order regarding the matter. It is as follows:

"My attention has been called to a card said to have been mailed to the employees of this Bureau at their homes, asking contributions for a political purpose."

"All solicitations of money from employees of this Bureau for political purposes are improper and forbidden; and all employees are advised to pay no regard to them. Aside from the improper nature of the matter, it is to be assumed that they are fraudulent."

"WILLIAM LOCHREN, Com."

## Sailors on a Rampage.

A number of sailors entered a museum on Commercial Place last night looking for fight. They found it in the person of one of the attaches, who seemed to hold his own against the crowd.

A little later four sailors attacked a colored man on Unity street, near Commercial Place. The colored man was badly beaten. No arrests were made in either of the cases mentioned.

## THE FIRST IN AMERICA

Worthy of the Name of University, Was Virginia's Great Educational Institution.

SAYS MR. HUBBARD, OF MASSACHUSETTS.

An Enthusiastic Meeting of Several Hundred Alumni and Friends Held in Washington to Take Action Regarding the Disastrous Conflagration of Last Sunday.

Washington, Nov. 2.—Secretary Herbert presided at an enthusiastic meeting of several hundred alumni and friends of the University of Virginia to-night, which was called to take action regarding the disastrous conflagration of last Sunday, which destroyed the most important edifice of that famous institution. In calling the meeting to order, Secretary Herbert declared that the University was the crowning work of Thomas Jefferson's career, vividly described the incidents of the fire, and the heroic efforts of the students, especially the priceless historical documents contained in the library, and announced the carefully matured plans of the faculty, which will be laid before the Board of Visitors next Monday for the immediate restoration of the central building and the construction for four distinct buildings for the department of law, physics and engineering and the academic branches. Postmaster General Wilson, in an impassioned address, which evoked vociferous applause, asserted that Jefferson, Madison and Monroe established the University as an essential feature of the United States, knowing that the nation could not survive with the support of such educational institutions.

Gardner S. Hubbard, of Massachusetts, in a historical paper, showed that the University was the first that was worthy of the name in America and not only that, but that it was the first that Harvard adopted Nelson Page presented resolutions regretting the calamity, advocating the restoration, according to Jefferson's original plans, and commending the action of the students.

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Rev. Randolph McKim thanked God that Jefferson gave the University religious freedom.

A committee, consisting of Postmaster General Wilson, Secretary Herbert, and others, will be formed to look after the restoration of the University.

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## NORFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY.

An Encouraging Report Made at the Meeting Last Night.

The Board of Directors of the Norfolk Public Library held their regular monthly meeting last night at their rooms, and received a most encouraging report from the Librarian, in substance as follows:

"The regular subscribers which have largely increased, 125 public school teachers, and 10 private subscribers have entered their names for the present fiscal year. The circulation has been 9,000, principally fiction. The attendance at the library during the month was 2,314, an increase of 10 per cent. over the previous month. In two days there were over three hundred visitors, showing the rapidly growing popularity of the institution. Books of reference are greatly needed for the scholars who frequent the library in the pursuit of their studies."

"The stability given to the Library by the recognition of the Councils in the last fiscal year, has borne its fruits in the greatly increased attendance and the liberal donations of books made to the institution."

"Great interest is felt in the action of the Common Council, and if they confirm the action of the Select Council which has unanimously appropriated \$1,500 for the present fiscal year, great good will result, and this invaluable institution will be placed on a firm foundation. Should the mistaken policy of economizing at the expense of this great factor in our educational system prevail, the library would be closed to the everlasting disgrace of our city."

"WILLIAM LOCHREN, Com."

## Sale of an Historic Farm.

The farm known as the "Old Temple Farm," on the York river, at Yorktown, Va., has just recently been sold to a gentleman from Columbia, O. Next to the most historic of farms in the United States. It is the farm on which Lord Cornwallis surrendered to the combined armies of Washington and Lafayette October 19th, 1781. A portion of the buildings then standing still remain.

The identical building in which the negotiations for the surrender were carried on is still standing with the marks of the solid shot still showing in the substantial old chimney. The farm contained about 500 acres and sold for \$45,000. The present owner, a gentleman of means, proposes to make his permanent home there. The sale was effected by the immigration agency in this city, of which Mr. A. Jeffers is manager.

## THE CARNIVAL OF TRADE.

A List of Those Who Will Manage the Booths.

Extensive preparations are being made for the Carnival of Trade to be held in the Armory Hall, beginning on about the 15th of November. The Carnival will be held in the interest of the First Baptist Church, which has recently purchased the Granby Street Methodist Church. Excursions will be run from Richmond and other points on a special programme of entertainment. Articles are being solicited from merchants and manufacturers outside of the city and the interest awakened is very encouraging. The Governor of Virginia is expected to be present at the opening service. Other prominent speakers and lecturers are expected to take part during the progress of the Carnival. The enterprise is a most commendable one.

The following ladies, with their assistants, will preside over the different booths:

Furniture Booth—Mrs. H. J. Williamson and Mrs. D. C. Whitehead.

Hardware Booth—Mrs. W. T. Owens, Fancy Goods Booth—Mrs. James Woodhouse, Sr., and Mrs. J. Q. Burham.

Japanese Booth—Mrs. Frank Turrell.

Arcade—Mrs. J. W. Cross.

Ice Cream—Mrs. Robert Stephen.

Restaurant Booth—Mrs. Andrew Doush.

Confederate Booth—Mrs. G. S. Briggs.

Grocery Booth—Mrs. A. B. Rawlett.

Cake Booth—Mrs. W. H. Davis.

Fruits and Confectionery Booth—Mrs. Kader Dozier and Mrs. Charles Little.

Cigar and Tobacco Booth—Mrs. George W. Townes.

Flower Booth—Mrs. Cora Keeling.

Shoe Booth—Mrs. D. A. Grinstead.

Allen.

Musical and Literary Booth—Mrs. E. M. Toy Booth—Mrs. Nottingham.

A number of other booths will shortly be arranged for, one of which will be under the auspices of a number of ladies from other sections of the State.

## THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

Very Few Changes Expected in the Norfolk District.

The next session of the Virginia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will begin on Wednesday, November 13th, at Centenary Church, Richmond.

Bishop Galloway, of Jackson, Miss., will preside over the deliberations of the body.

It is thought that very few changes will be made in this district. Dr. A. Coke Smith has been at Granby Street Church about three and a half years, and it is possible he will be sent to another field of labor. The members of the church are looking forward to his departure with some regret, but they are glad to have him returned, holding that he has not served four years, the limit under the conference rules.

Queen Street Church will have to be filled, owing to the death of its former pastor.

The pastors of three of the leading churches in the conference have served four years and will be sent to other fields. They are Rev. L. B. Betty, at Court Street, Lynchburg; Rev. W. H. Atwell, at Centenary, Lynchburg; and Rev. Dr. R. N. Sheld, at Centenary, Richmond.

Rev. J. P. Garland, D. D., Presiding Elder, has been busy the past week attending official meetings at the different churches in his district. At these meetings the delegates to the conference were elected. This morning he is in Oakette, and to-night will be in Berkeley. The churches in Norfolk will elect delegates during the coming week.

The Chemical Engine.

The Council's Fire Committee last night awarded the contract for a chemical fire engine to the Fire Extinguisher Manufacturing Company of Chicago. The engine, a 100-horsepower engine, the contract price being \$1,000. The new engine will have two tanks of 60 gallons capacity each, placed horizontally on the carriage and will be equipped with 500 feet of hose, roof ladder and a 25-foot extension ladder, together with a pump, crowbar, door opener, etc. It is to be delivered to the city in ninety days.

Three bids were submitted, the lowest being the Lindgren-Mahan Company of Chicago. This latter company has a new design, which has not yet come into general use.

The Boys' Meeting.

The boys' meeting at the Y. M. C. A. at 3 o'clock this afternoon promises to be the most interesting yet held. A number of announcements of special interest to the boys will be made and some entertaining talks may be expected.

The usual men's meeting at 4 o'clock will be dispensed with, owing to the union meeting at the Academy of Music.

Assaulted the Officer.

Henry Clark, colored, walked along Main street last night under the influence of liquor. When he reached the Academy of Music he ran against Officer Hunsberr, who placed him under arrest. On his way to the box the negro became very abusive and when the officer advised him to shut up, assaulted him. To-morrow he will answer three charges: Drunkenness, profanity and assaulting an officer.

Those who are desirous of witnessing the novel sights of an ocean-going schooner ashore should not fail to visit Ocean View to-morrow. The R. B. Leads and Lizzie S. James, both of Philadelphia, are lying ashore nearly opposite the hotel. See schedule of arrivals and Ocean View railroad for time of trains. Round-trip rate, 20 cents.

## A VERDICT OF GUILTY

Of Murder in the First Degree Returned Against Holmes, the Multi-Murderer.

HE WAS JUST AS IMPASSIVE AS EVER.

The Prisoners Face Was Absolutely Expressionless, and Only a Nervous Twitching of the Eyelids and the Contraction and Dilation of the Eyes Showed that Life was Living.

Philadelphia, Nov. 2.—Herman W. Mudgett, or as he is better known, H. H. Holmes, was to-night convicted of murder in the first degree for killing Benjamin P. Peltz in this city on September 2, 1894. The jury needed but one ballot to reach this decision. The jury retired at 5:45 at the conclusion of Judge Arnold's charge. After the retirement of the jury the court room was filled with spectators who were waiting for the verdict and eagerly discussed what the verdict would probably be. There was considerable difference of opinion, as many believed the Commonwealth had made a mistake in sending his case against Holmes, but the majority were inclined to believe that the jury would convict him. At 8:25 word was sent to Judge Arnold that the jury was ready to return the verdict. When Judge Arnold entered the room there were not nearly as many people present as had attended the day session. The prisoner was brought in and placed in the dock. He was as impassive as ever, as he took his seat. The jury called his conduct to be, but he needed but little skill as a mind reader to know what the word would be that the foreman would pronounce. The court ordered Holmes to arise and then the verdict of the jury was pronounced in the following words: "Guilty of murder in the first degree."

The verdict of guilty was greeted with absolute silence. The charge of the judge must have foreshadowed what his jury would be, but the "guilty" fell upon Holmes with stunning force. He made no outcry or exhibited any emotion of any kind—the blow was too stunning for noisy outbursts. He sat down and while the jury called his conduct to be, but he needed but little skill as a mind reader to know what the word would be that the foreman would pronounce. The court ordered Holmes to arise and then the verdict of the jury was pronounced in the following words: "Guilty of murder in the first degree."

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