

RELIEF OF TENANTS

Evicted by Tory Landlords in Ireland to Embarrass the Liberals Is

THE QUESTION OF THE DAY.

Thirty Thousand Notices to Quit Pending, Which, if Enforced,

Will Cause a Bitter Land War

The Gladstone Government is Called on for a Grant of Money.

KONGO CROWDS ENGLAND IN AFRICA

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LONDON, Sept. 30.—The Irish evictions question and the evacuation of Uganda were the main matters discussed at yesterday's Cabinet Council.

A decision concerning Uganda was postponed because of the more urgent necessity for a solution of the difficulty in the way of affording relief for the evicted tenants in Ireland.

John Morley, Chief Secretary for Ireland, is understood to have advised a temporary grant of money on the ground that the commission to examine into the evictions cannot complete its inquiry in time to prepare a bill to be introduced at the opening of Parliament.

He said that while the commission was deliberating the evicted tenants would suffer.

The Irish Evicted Tenants' Association asks in the interim a grant of £250,000, with due representation on the commission. Mr. Morley has promised that the association shall be represented in the commission, but refrained from pledging himself on the grant until he had consulted the Cabinet.

Winter increases the Tenants' Claim.

It is learned that the Ministers are inclined to concede a moiety of the evicted tenants' demands, but refuse to immediately sanction any portion of the proposed grant.

Mr. Morley will now be able to communicate to the Nationalist leaders the intentions of the Ministers, whose assent to the grant will be accompanied by daily newspaper publicity over the sufferings of the evicted tenants as winter approaches.

Another subject mooted by the Cabinet was the appointment of an Irish Under Secretary. It was announced in a moment that a well-known politician, George Fottrell, who was once legal adviser to the Land Commission, was Mr. Morley's own selection for this office.

There is some Ministerial opposition, however, and this appears likely to balk Mr. Fottrell's appointment. Mr. Ridgeley has not yet resigned the post, though he is ignored by the present Chief Secretary.

Mr. Gladstone wants a former Under Secretary, Robert Hamilton, now Governor of Tasmania, to come home and resume his old place. If Sir Robert consents, it will only be in deference to the solicitations of Mr. Gladstone, who deems him the best man for the critical transition period.

Tory Landlords Aggravate the Situation.

The gravity of the evictions troubles becomes more intense under the action of Tory landlords. The number of evicted tenants now reaches 4,500. The number of evictions notices served under the act of 1887 reaches almost 30,000.

Many of these are formal, but the tenants, unless they pay their arrears within six months after they receive notice, are liable to be ousted or removed from their holdings.

If the landlords mean to try to foil the Liberal policy by wholesale evictions, there will be a bitter land war. The Ministerial majority on the subject will not hesitate to sanction the boldest measures the Irish Executive may require to foil the Unionist tactics.

Whatever may be the effect of the McCarthys' manner on the Upper Nile, has fallen flat here. The Liberal press gave it scant mention, while the Conservative papers dub it "A mendacious whine, its grandiloquence of language failing to conceal its character; its appeal for funds against the anti-Parnellites is a mere humbug in London throughout the next session."

Temperance Legislation is Wanted.

The Government, believing that legislation on the liquor traffic will be impossible during the next session, proposes to try to secure the eager demands of the temperance advocates by appointing a select committee on the subject. The committee will not take evidence regarding the evils of intemperance, but will simply report on the best legislative means to curb the traffic.

Lord Rosebery's resignation has been accepted by the Cabinet, and his company directorships, has not affected the practice of his colleagues in the Cabinet.

Mr. Fowler, the President of the Board of Trade, remains in the directorate of seven companies. Among members of the Government outside the Cabinet, Lord Ribblesdale is a director of six companies, and Mr. Woodhall a director in six companies.

Mr. Marjoribanks alone is concerned in the liquor trade, being a director of a brewer.

Mr. Labouchere, who persistently denounced Conservative Ministers for taking part in company spoils, leads a strong line of attack on the Liberal Ministers, 11 of whom retain directorships.

The Kongo Encroaching on British Domains.

The appearance of the Belgian expedition under Van Kerckhove on the Upper Nile, within the British sphere of influence, has led the English Foreign Office to intimate that Belgium must withdraw the expedition.

King Leopold, however, is using his personal influence with the British Government to induce Lord Rosebery to consent to the absorption of part of the Upper Nile country into the Kongo State.

King Leopold cites the fact that Lord Salisbury, when informed of the proposed expedition, offered no objection, but documents in the Foreign Office show that Lord Salisbury afterward, on finding that the Belgians aimed to obtain an outlet on the Upper Nile for the Kongo State, formally intimated that the whole of the Nile provinces were in the British sphere and that the presence of Belgian forces would not be tolerated.

The Secretary of State's proclamation, declaring the United States free from pleuro-pneumonia, has not yet officially reached the Board of Agriculture here.

The board officials, however, accept the declaration as valid and appear to be preparing to issue the United States authorities' application for the free admission of live cattle.

THE LATEST BYE-ELECTION

Carried by the Gladstonian Candidate by a Reduced Majority.

LONDON, Sept. 30.—The elevation of Cyril Flower to the peerage caused a vacancy in the House of Commons, he having represented South Bedfordshire. The Gladstonians selected as their candidate Samuel Howard Whitbread, who in the general election was defeated in the south division of Huntingdonshire by Arthur Hugh Smith-Barry, Conservative.

The Liberal Unionists selected Major Oliver Thomas, Duke as their representative. Colonel Duke had opposed Cyril Flower in the district at the last election.

The election was held yesterday, and the Liberal Unionists were again defeated. Mr. Whitbread received 4,828 votes, against 4,396 cast for Colonel Duke. They succeeded, however, in reducing the former Gladstonian majority by 367 votes, and the Gladstonian question entered largely into

BLOWING A TELEGRAM

The Postoffice at London Is Now Using the Pneumatic System.

HOW THE PUBLIC IS FOOLED.

Better Time Made by the Tubes and Errors Can't Possibly Occur.

NO CHANCE TO VIOLATE SECRECY

LONDON, Sept. 30.—Americans familiar with Paris have probably often received or sent a cable telegraphic, or, if they have been lordly in their expenditure, they may have invested an extra twopenny on a closed telegraphic letter.

In either case they have been able to send a message unlimited in the number of words, at a speed that competes with the electric telegraph. The secret is simple. Traversing Paris is a system of pneumatic tubes connected with different telegraph offices and the message, instead of being "wired," is blown to its destination. Of course the actual journey takes longer, but no time is lost in operating and transcribing the message. The identical piece of card or paper on which the sender wrote is handed to his correspondent at the other side of Paris. Consequently, although the air current is to the electric in speed as the tortoise to the hare, yet, like the tortoise, the air message wins the race.

An almost identical system prevails in London, for the benefit, not of the public, but of the postoffice. The actual form on which the message was written is put into a little cloth box, called a carrier, and blown through a tube to the central telegraph office at St. Martin's-le-Grand; it is there placed in another tube and blown onward to its destination—say, Leadenhall street. So far no operator or transcriber has touched it, and no electric needle has oscillated to convey its meaning. The actual piece of paper that was handed in at West Strand is now, after the lapse of four or five minutes, at Leadenhall street.

Deliberately Deceiving the Public.

But it would never do to let this same piece of paper fall into the hands of the person to whom it is addressed. The secret of its transmission would then be out, and the public would clamor against being charged telegraphic rates for a message that is not telegraphic. So the 12 words are carefully copied on a pink telegram form, and this, blushing at the official deception, are delivered to the address.

The method of working the tube system is easily described. In the basement of the Central telegraph office at St. Martin's-le-Grand are four powerful engines, which work the same number of air pumps. The pumps are so arranged that they exhaust the air from a large cylinder, called the vacuum cylinder, and press the same air into another cylinder, called the pressure cylinder. To these two cylinders all the tubes that radiate underground from the G. P. O. are connected. The tubes are in most cases three inches in diameter, and the "carrier" is a little cylinder, made of cloth, about six inches long, that fits easily inside the tube. Into this carrier are placed the messages, in bundles of perhaps 50 or 100 at a time. If the messages have to travel in the opposite direction, the carrier is opened to let the pressure air in, and behind it the pressure of the atmosphere. By this pressure it is driven along the tube, and delivered into the central hall at the general post-office (West). A boy takes the carrier out of the tube, and the bundles of messages out of the carrier. These are rapidly sorted by girls seated at the end of the tube, and into other bundles to go out to different offices. As soon as a bundle of 50 or more is ready for, say, West Strand again, an outgoing carrier is filled, and packed in the down-tube connected with the pressure cylinder, and pushed outward by the compressed air at about the same speed that the other carrier had been sucked inward.

The Whole City is Tabled.

Some idea of the extent to which the postoffice carries this system of blowing messages which is publicly believed to be wired can be gained from the fact that practically the whole of the city is covered by the pneumatic system, which tubes extend as far as Southampton-row to the west, and as far as the Tower to the east, and southwest. In other words, throughout the city and the West Central district—that is, throughout the heart of London—telegraphy is now an end, and the electric wire has given place to the pneumatic tube.

The speed, however, is not uniform; the greater the distance from the pumping center the slower the rate at which the carrier travels. This is a consequence of mechanical laws, and is entirely unavoidable by having intermediate pumping stations. The carrier would then be sucked part of its journey and pushed the rest, and in this way longer distances than any yet attempted could be run.

At least 200 words can be sent in a tube of London could be brought under the pneumatic system.

This change has been made for the benefit of the postoffice revenue, not for the benefit of the public, say the Gladstonians. The proposal is that the tube system should be extended over the whole of London, and that the public should be admitted to a share in its advantages. Among these advantages, the first and the most important is that a long message can be sent by tube for the same cost and at the same speed as the twelve words of a sixpenny telegram. In Paris the charge for a closed telegraphic letter is five pence, and the sixpenny telegram more than 100 words on the sheet of paper supplied; for a telegram in Paris the charge is five pence for ten words.

No Mistakes and Perfectly Confidential.

And in Paris, though the tube system there is far from perfect, the pneumatic message is not only confidential, but is often outstrips the telegram. In London the large telegram form on which messages are now written by the public would, if it were a clean sheet of paper, have room for at least 200 words, and clearly it could not cost more to the postoffice to blow a message of paper covered with 200 words in manuscript and the rest in official print, indeed, the pneumatic system, if its advantages were thrown open to the public, would cost the postoffice less than at present. For now—in order to keep the public in the dark—each message is copied out before delivery. This is purely a waste of labor.

A pneumographer, a pen that writes and gummets down by the sender, with the address written on the outside; the telegraph officials at the delivering office would have nothing to do but to send out the document as delivered. Besides the sixpenny telegram would be as free from the possibility of error and as confidential as the penny letter. No operators would see it to betray its contents.

Not Trying to Kill an Emperor.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30.—The Department of State is informed by the Chinese Minister that there is nothing in the certificates found upon the Chinaman recently arrested in Detroit for being unlawfully in the United States, which shows that the party issuing them had such an object in view as the murder of the Emperor of China.

THE BIGGEST BARGAIN EVER OFFERED.

An Underwear Special That Will Open Your Eyes—P. C. C. C.

To-day will see men's clouded wool underwear, mixed gray and random wool, also solid colors, at 25c, 35c, 45c, 55c, 65c, 75c, 85c, 95c, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75, 2.00, 2.25, 2.50, 2.75, 3.00, 3.25, 3.50, 3.75, 4.00, 4.25, 4.50, 4.75, 5.00, 5.25, 5.50, 5.75, 6.00, 6.25, 6.50, 6.75, 7.00, 7.25, 7.50, 7.75, 8.00, 8.25, 8.50, 8.75, 9.00, 9.25, 9.50, 9.75, 10.00, 10.25, 10.50, 10.75, 11.00, 11.25, 11.50, 11.75, 12.00, 12.25, 12.50, 12.75, 13.00, 13.25, 13.50, 13.75, 14.00, 14.25, 14.50, 14.75, 15.00, 15.25, 15.50, 15.75, 16.00, 16.25, 16.50, 16.75, 17.00, 17.25, 17.50, 17.75, 18.00, 18.25, 18.50, 18.75, 19.00, 19.25, 19.50, 19.75, 20.00, 20.25, 20.50, 20.75, 21.00, 21.25, 21.50, 21.75, 22.00, 22.25, 22.50, 22.75, 23.00, 23.25, 23.50, 23.75, 24.00, 24.25, 24.50, 24.75, 25.00, 25.25, 25.50, 25.75, 26.00, 26.25, 26.50, 26.75, 27.00, 27.25, 27.50, 27.75, 28.00, 28.25, 28.50, 28.75, 29.00, 29.25, 29.50, 29.75, 30.00, 30.25, 30.50, 30.75, 31.00, 31.25, 31.50, 31.75, 32.00, 32.25, 32.50, 32.75, 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