DREAD-NOUGHTS.

IMPORTANT CHANGE.

IMPROVEMENT

EXISTING TYPE.

THE WORK ALREADY IN HAND.

A very important statement with regard to the future of the Navy is made on the 2 for Cowes, where he would meet King authority of Mr. H. W. Lucy.

Discussing the four "contingent" Dreadnoughts which may be added to the pro- to Great Britain since the accession of King gramme for the year, he writes to THE Reval last summer. In 1896, shortly after the Palace. OBSERVER that the work in connection with coronation festivities at Moscow the Tsar and The men were paraded at the Tower of Lonthe great guns and heavy mountings for the Tsarina made a tour of foreign European don, the force, of some 480, exclusive of the ships is already in hand, and adds:-

forces as was the famed progenitor upon its predecessors in the Navy."

That announcement bears out Mr. this occasion. Asquith's statement in his speech at Glas- MONUMENT TO ALEXANDER III. gow six weeks ago, in which he remarked that "If you were to order your ships now in advance in a hurry, you necessarily commit not all experience tell us that nothing develops so quickly as a new naval type?"

CANADIAN DEFENCE.

PROPOSAL TO SPEND £5,000,000 ON HER NAVY.

(From Our Own Correspondent)

NEW YORK, Saturday. spatch from Montreal, which states that the Dominion Government has decided to show an Imperial spirit by an offer to build a navy of her own, which could be used, if occasion arose, as an auxiliary to that of Great Britain. Canada's contribution to the forces of the Empire consist of

Eight first-class cruisers, Ten torpedo boat destroyers and Ten torpedo boats.

The Government is prepared to provide immediately one-fifth of the cost of laying down the whole fleet, and to guarantee to pay the remainder within five years.

boats with Messrs. Hawthorn, Leslie and Coote, of Newcastle-on-Type.

Mr. Arthur Coote, of that firm, has been

The amount that the Government is prepared to spend is not specifically stated, but it is thought that it will be between £600,000 and £1,000,000 annually for five years.

. When Mr. Brodewi goes to London, in July, to represent Canada at the Conference on Imperial Defence, he and Rear-Admiral Kings- the text Luke vii., 15, "And He delivered him His Majesty, who stepped forward a pace or mill will present arguments why Canada should to his mother," the Princess was handed to two to receive them. The two Lieutenants

From another source we learn that the total singing the 134th Psalm. cost of this construction is to be \$25,000,000. cruisers on Invincible lines, but rather to to the Grand Mistress, and the cortage recruiser pattern; and, indeed, as the object of grand stands were erected, from which crowds adequate navy for coast defence purposes, every window and balcony flags and handkerrather than to create a fleet to swell the naval | chiefs were waved. power of Great Britain, it is unlikely that any | Outside the church the carriage of Queen attempt would be made, for some years to Wilhelmina collided with that of the Queen come at any rate, to construct warships of so Mother. The accident caused some confusion. powerful and formidable a type as the latest | Police and public rushed forward and seized British cruisers.

the purport of the above cablegram last it was known that Her Majesty was uninjured. evening, said that the statement was pre- During the progress of the Royal procession the mature. The Canadian Minister of Militia Princess was frequently held up for the public and the Minister of Marine and Fish- to see it, and after the return to the Palace eries were coming over to England very shortly the Queen and Prince appeared at the window to confer with the British naval and military srm-in-arm, and finally the two Queens, with authorities on the subject, and pending such | the Princess, appeared and waved the baby's conference anything approaching a definite hand to the delighted crowd. statement was, he said, quite premature.

We may take it, however, as substantially true | Reuter. that Canada is considering expenditure of unusual magnitude on her defences, and is awaiting the result of the Imperial Defence Conference before commencing action. Whether that will take the form outlined by the "New York Times" remains to be seen. Accuracy cannot be expected in all details, and we have to record the circumstance that the Chairman | cousins of the Emperor and Empress, arrived | ing reply :of Messrs. Hawthorn, Leslie and Coote, the in London yesterday evening on a private visit with the Canadian Government, says that the Queen, and will be received by Their Majesties | for the great honour Your Majesty has conreport, as far as it relates to them, is incorrect in person on Monday. They are staying at ferred on the Regiment in again presenting to and that no order has been given.

AMERICAN CRITICISM.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

NEW YORK, Saturday. ing Post" says it would regret very much if the report were confirmed. "Even if only a coastguard fleet were propelled, it would be sure to be utilised by our navy maniacs as a reason for heavier American armaments, and it would be a cause of friction and suspicion, and its inevitable accompaniments would be the appearance of new war vessels.

'Our relations with Canada and the absence of forts and warships on our northern frontier have been an object-lesson of peace and com-monsense to the whole world. Anything which The changed those relations and caused doubt and ing feature of the day's proceedings, the beau- and the medal of the Order to the sergeant distrust would be a world missortune. Yet we tiful flower-bordered arena being filled with major. admit freely that Canada has as much right to squander money on warships as ourselves. Probably our parnicious example has belped to lead her thoughts to her own fleet."

THE HOLBEIN DONOB.

A Manchester newspaper gave currency yesterday to a report that the anonymous donor. of £40,000 whose generosity saved the famous Holbein Duchess for the nation was Lady Wantage. Her Ladyship, however, states that the report is quite unfounded.

TSAR'S VISIT. TO MEET KING EDWARD

DATE FIXED.

AT COWES.

PARIS, Saturday. At to-day's Cabinet Council at the Elysée BUCKINGHAM M. Fallières, the President, informed the Ministers that the Tsar in returning the visit paid him by the President last year at Reval would arrive at Cherbourg on July 31 and make a stay of two days.

The Tsar would leave Cherbourg on August Edward.—Renter.

This will be the first visit paid by the Tsar

ST. PETERSBURG, Saturday. A number of deputations laid of their party. wreaths, some of which were of silver, at the foot of the monument. Altogether 500 wreaths were placed in position.—Reuter.

FEARS FOR TRIPLE ENTENTE.

ST. PETERSBURG, Saturday. meeting of the Tear and the German Emperor, dwells on the test to which the Triple Entente will be subjected and the fears entertained Russia concerning the fate of the policy which The "New York Times" publishes a de- accords best with the interests of the country.

ROYAL BAPTISM.

CHRISTENING OF THE DUTCH BABY PRINCESS.

MISHAP TO THE QUEEN.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

THE HAGUE, Saturday. Prince Consort and the Royal infant. The place in Norwich Cathedral. church was already filled with a brilliant Bishop Taylor Smith read the Dedication SAFE in Canada for several weeks going over the gathering when the Queen and Prince entered Service prescribed by the Army regulations for specifications with Mr. Brodewi, Minister of to the strains of a canticle sung by the Royal such occasions, and after the recital of the Excelsior Choral Society. The infant's Lord's Prayer, and a special prayer for the cortége arrived 20 minutes later.

was concluded by the whole congregation field the regimental colour.

After the ceremony the Queen and Prince and that Canada does not intend to build her kissed the Royal infant, which was returned follows:-rely on the ordinary first-class protected turned to the Palace. All along the route the authorities is avowedly to obtain an cheered the Royal procession, while from

the horses. The Queen, however, had already Lord Strathcona, who was apprised of descended, and calm was soon restored when

Lord Strathcona, of course, cannot reveal the Kouwer and Dr. Roessingh, who attended her whole extent of his knowledge while important during her confinement, to be Knights Compoints of naval defence have yet to be settled. manders of the Order of Orange-Nassau.-

JAPANESE VISITORS.

PRINCE AND PRINCESS NASHIMOTO IN LONDON.

Prince and Princess Nashimoto, of Japan, Claridge's Hotel.

man of somewhat small stature; while the past history and traditions. Princess is a very beautiful woman, with "It is a source of great pride and glory to us Eastern cast of features, but decidedly that Your Majesty is our Colonel-in-Chief, and much attention and admiration from the constant loyalty and devotion." Commenting on the report that Canada in- crowd of Japanese and Europeans assembled tends to build a navy of her own, the "Even- at Victoria to witness the arrival of the party.

THE HORSE SHOW.

ITALIAN OFFICER THROWN.

obstacles, from a wattle fence to a level An Italian officer, Lieutenant Barracco, was John Ward, Equerries-in-Waiting, Colonel Sir thrown at one of the jumps. He remounted | Charles Frederick, Master of the Household, | Weymouth to Havre or Channel Islands:--

and completed the round, but was obliged to leave the arena without finishing the course. A full account of the opening proceedings will be found on page 4.

Columbia, causing serious loss to the truit out of the inrusces and extinguished the fires. in an unofficial capacity. Sir Dighton Probyn, Fifteen arresta were made.—Reuter. Lord Colebrook, Captain Walter Campbell

COLOURS.

THE NORFOLK REGIMENT.

PRESENTATION AT

. The King, who is Colonel-in-Chief of the Norfolk Regiment, presented new colours yesterday to the let Battalion, the ceremony taking place, owing to the ground Edward, who visited his Imperial Majesty at | being wet, in the State ball-room within the

Courts, visiting Queen Victoria at Balmoral. hand, being made up of half a battalion sta-On September 22 their Majesties landed at "When the time comes for laying down the Leith, where they were received by the Prince tioned at the Tower, half a battalion from of Wales, now King Edward. After the visit Gravesend and a company from Warley. They ships, the Admiralty will be in a position to Balmoral the Tsar and his Consort journeyed marched to Wellington Barracks, where they proudly to justify a delay of some months by by way of Portsmouth to France, where the left their arms, and proceeded to the Palace. cruise or two in Finnish waters. It is im- the duty of handing the new colours to the entertain a large party during Ascot week. probable that the Tsar will come to London on King, and two subalterns, Lieut. Bagwell and being present on the opening night of Mon-

is, it could not accommodate the troops in the Will be "L'Assommoir," with M. Guitry as by Lord Burnham, proprietor of the "Daily Commons..." I cannot promise you a greater beyond the seas. You bring to us, I hope, the The formal inauguration of the monument to the formation which is usual on the occasion the Telegraph," in the Congress Hall, over the pleasure in the House of Lords."

Coupeau, the part which he originally created, supported by the following cast:—Mmes. Cora Nevsky Prospect, opposite the Nicolai Railway of presenting of colours. The men were posted Laparcerie-Richepin, Emilienne Dux, Jeanne Lagoon. The banquet was served in the yourselves to your existing design. Does Station, took place this afternoon in the pre- on three sides of the room, their band occupied Desclos, Fabre and Chavannes, and Messieurs Hall of Music, where over 500 diners were sence of the Emperor and Empress, the the gallery, and the end near the throne was | Mosnier, Clasin, Lamothe, Duval and Dechamp. Empress Dowager, and members of the Imperial left open for Their Majesties and the members

> Two throne chairs were placed beneath the triple arch apse which contains the throne, and were separated from the throne space by crimson hangings fringed with gold and ornamented with the Royal Arms. A drum alter was The "Retch," referring to the approaching placed in the centre of the ball-room, and behind it Bishop Taylor Smith, Chaplain-General of the Forces, and his two assistants took up their position. The new colours, unfurled, were placed crossways upon the pile of

apartment and took up his position in front of the throne chairs. He wore the uniform of a Field Marshal, the riband of the Garter and Queen, in brown, the Prince of Wales wearing the uniform of a General, Princess Victoria, in grey, and the Duke of Connaught in the uniform of a Field Marshal. The battalion was called to attention and gave a Royal salute, the band playing the National Anthem. The old colours were borne into the ball-The baptism of the infant Princess Juliana | room by two subalterns, with escort, and as All the contracts for the building of the took place in the Willemskerk this afternoon. they were carried along what corresponded warships are to be placed with British firms, At 1.30 p.m. the Royal and princely guests who to the front of the line to their position in the the Levée by the Duke of Norfolk, whose anand arrangements have already been made for were invited to the ceremony left the Palace rear of the battalion, the band played "Anid cestor was alain at Bosworth. the construction of destroyers and torpedo and assembled in the church, where they Lang Syne" in token of regimental farewell. awaited the arrival of Queen Wilhelmina, the These colours will ultimately find a resting

colours, pronounced the Benediction. The Royal parents sat in a half-circle facing | Major Head and Captain Luard now stepped the font and the pulpit. The church was forward and, accompanied by Lieutenants simply but tastefully decorated with green Bagwell and Longfield, took up the new

> THE KING'S ADDRESS. His Majesty addressed the troops as

Colonel Marriotty officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the 1st. Battalion Norfolk Regiment, I have not forgotten that. twenty-two years ago, at Aldershot, I pre-

Having been now for not far off half a cension to-day.

I am sorry that the elements out of doors prevented me from giving you your colours in the open, but the fact of my receiving you gift of Lady Inverclyde. within the palace will show you what deep interest I take in the regiment.

Your regiment has seen long and honourable service. It was first brought into existence two hundred and twenty-four years ago, and since that time has seen active service in nearly every part of the globe. You have greatly distinguished yourselves, and I feel evening to Clarence House, St. of your country.

I have very little doubt that the high reputation which the regiment enjoys will continueas long as it exists. Lieut.-Colonel J. Marriott made the follow-

"May it please Your Majesty,-On behalf of firm mentioned as having been in negotiation of a week's duration. They were received and all ranks of the 1st Battalion Norfolk Regiwelcomed by representatives of the King and ment, I desire to return our heartfelt thanks this Battalion its new colours, and for the The Prince is a smart, handsome looking gracious reference, Sir, you have made to its

> Plainly. | whilst we guard these Colours, to-day entrusted fashionably, dressed, she attracted to our care, we assure Your Majesty of our The cheers usually called for on such occaindoor ceremony, and the National Anthem brought the proceedings to a close.

OFFICERS DECORATED. a brilliant and cosmopolitan company was the fourth class of the Royal Victorian Order local thunderstorms. The jumping provided the most interest. Order to Lieutenants Bagwell and Longfield, on Sunday and Monday:-

ceremony by Colonel Ponsonby and the Hon. and other members of his suite. In attendance upon the Queen were the Counters of Gosford, the Hon. Charlotte Knollye, and two Maids of Honour, the Hon. Sylvia Edwardes and the Hon. Blanche Lascelles. The Prince of Wales was attended by Captain Godfrey Faussett, R.N., and the Duke of Counsught by Captain T. Rivers Bulkeley. Throughout the Royal Household the keenest interest was taken in the ceremony, Fifty strikers of the Naval Reservista last largely, doubtless, on account of the associanight went on board the steamers Emire and tion with Norfolk, and practically every avail-Isly, which were getting up steam preparatory able member of the household staff was in to leaving the harbour, shovelled all the coal attendance, although most of them were there

and Mr. Verney, Deputy Master of the House- PRESS hold, were among the number, and there were also present a few specially invited guests, including the wives of the non-commissioned the battalion and a few exofficers. Major Bellamy, who commands the depôt at Norwich, came up specially for the

After Their Majesties had withdrawn from the ball-room the battelion was marched out by way of the State Apartments to the Royal Riding School in Buckingham Palace-road, where, by direction of their Colonel-in-Chief, they were entertained at luncheon before returning to quarters.

WEEK ENDS.

The King, with the Hon. John Ward in attendance, left Buckingham Palace yesterday 11 TTT afternoon at about four o'clock to motor down to the Hon. Mrs. Ronald Greville's country place, near Dorking, where His Majesty is spending the week-end, returning to London to-

Formerly His Majesty occasionally honoured Captain and Mrs. Greville with a visit at Reigate Priory, but this is his first week-end visit to the new place, which Mrs. Greville has acquired since her late busband's death.

According to present arrangements the King His Majesty has expressed his intention of on Saturday evening. Lient. Longfield, who were appointed to re- sieur Guitzy's season at the Adelphi Theatre, exceptions, in the British Isles were present heaven-directed spires as they have clustered the candour, the acute criticism, the frankness Spacious though the magnificent ball-room play which will be presented on that occasion at the banquet. The guests were received for centuries." They would see the House of of speech which belongs to our young dominions The Prince and Princess of Wales witnesse. the performance of "The Woman in the Case" at the Garrick Theatre last night.

> THE "HENRY VII." CHAIR. ITS AUTHENTICITY DISPUTED.

It was recently announced that the King had consented to use, at the next Levee, an ancient

THE ROYAL YACHT.

HOURS' DELAY.

PRINCESS LOUISE. PRESENTATION OF COLOURS TO

TERRITORIALS. Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll) presented to you fresh colours. I did so on that sented colours yesterday afternoon to the occasion in order to identify myself with your | Dumbartonshire Territorials at Ardencaple Park. Helensburgh, in the presence of a large gathering of guests, invited by Lord Invertury a resident in the county of Norfolk, I clyde, Lord-Lieutenant of the County, and am deeply interested in everything that con- thousands of the general public. The Princess corns the county. I was glad on that occasion | was accompanied by Sir Edward Leach, V.C., to associate myself with the regiment which commanding the Forces in Scotland; Briga- sages was a searchlight upon the serious bears its name, and I am pleased to be able dier-General F. MacLean, commanding the truth of our Imperial situation. There was to renew the association on this second occa- Highland Division; Brigadier-General Friend, at one time grave doubt whether Lord Rosecommanding the Coast Defence, and Colonel A. G. Daff, commanding the Argyll Sutherland Brigade. The colours were the

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF

CONNAUGHT. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught and afternoon from London to Bagshot and took toa | the outer Empire had come from the fur- | myself heard-I confidently expect that I there. Their Royal Highnesses returned in the thest shores. They had travelled from the shall not—but at any rate, gentlemen, coming sure, in confiding these colours to your care, Palace, and will remain in London until after that you will always continue to uphold the the arrival of the Crown Prince and Princess dignity of your Sovereign and the welfare of Sweden next week. The entire party will wheat lands and from the edge of the trying circumstances. then go to Bagahot for the Ascot week.

Weather Forecast.

The following special forecast of the weather for to-day and this week has been made by THE OBSERVER expert :-

LONDON and ENGLAND, & and E (including all that district on the east side of a line drawn from the Humber to the Isle of Wight) .- Very variable light breezes, finally north-westerly; cloudy and close, with thunder in places, then fine for a few hours.

Reasons for Forecast:-The rise of the barometer last night was very slight and rather own phrase—a catchword of the moment in newspaper with a double function of guiding be a leasurely one. I would give them a long irregular. Thunder disturbances are situated the crisis of nearly ten years ago. "What and embodying the public opinion of the time in Canada. They have an immense over France and North Wales, and storms may | did they think of it all." sions were dispensed with, as this was an be expected to develop in any part of the United Kingdom, the prospect of thunder be- is a more responsible process than that of statesman. ing strongest in the west midlands of England. The conditions generally are very doubtful. Prospects for the Next Three or Four Days:

PROBABLE CONDITIONS OF CHANNEL PASSAGES

The King was attended at the presentation | Smooth on Sunday and Monday. north and south-east, light. Newhaven to Dieppe and Southampton or Smooth on Sunday and moderate on Monday. Wind variable to west, freshening.

OFFICIAL OBSERVATIONS.

move southwards across the United Kingdom and varying northerly (north-westerly to north-easterly) winds are therefore probable. with changeable, showery weather and a temperature below the normal.

OF NAVIES.

BARBARISM."

WE CAN AND WILL BUILD DREADNOUGHTS."

MESSAGE TO OVERSEAS DOMINIONS.

The Press of Great Britain gave an enand Queen will honour the Marquis and Mar- thusiastic welcome to the editors and reprechioness of Saliabury next Saturday with a sentatives of the Press of Greater Britain eternal. He compared the journalism of themen, are your es much as ours, your pospointing to improvements that will make the tumultuous rejoicings. In 1901 a second visit to their fine old Elizabethan who are taking part in the Imperial Press the Empire with the cave of Æolus, wherein session, your pride and your home. (Cheers.) upon the present Dreadnoughts as fighting although heads of States have visited His of the battalion, including Major Head and main from Saturday till Monday, and will then Conference, entertaining them at a banquet the passions were bound or wherefrom they Majesty, he has not left Russia except for a Captain Luard, D.S.O., to whom was entrusted leave by motor direct for Windsor, where they held at the White City, Shepherd's Bush, were loosed. With perfect touches he de quite as important, it is, indeed, more im-

> All the leading journalists, with a few. seated at some seventy tables.

Lord Burnham, and Sir Hugh Graham on He spoke imimitably of the Naval Review: into those edmirable words, after a tour round: the right. The interior of the hall was hung "You will see the prodigious Armada—the the Empire—'Wake up, old country.' Well, with flags of the various countries sending prodigious, but always inadequate, gentlemen, I hope you come to tell us all this representatives.

(By Our Special Correspondent.)

chair belonging to Mr. Dudley Baxter, of dinary speech, which enchanted and moved dream he imagined legislators of both Canada, the Southern in Australia and New Atherstone. Tradition had it that it was a every hearer between shouts of laughter and branches voting Supplies for several years, | Zealand and the Cape, and the Eastern in Henry VII. chair, and that that monarch sat storms of applause, it was impossible to and then packing themselves up to see some. India. I am quite aware that there is an Punctually at noon the King entered the in it on the eve of the battle of Bosworth, it escape a personal reminiscence. It is a thing of the Empire. The Peers would, ample representation from the Press of having been used at a Council of War held at | decade or more now since the writer of these | of course, pay their own expenses. "The India on this occasion, but they will Atherstone. It appears, however, that reports lines in an article in the "Fortnightly House of Commons votes the taxes-the House made to the King by experts throw doubt on Review" first described Lord Rosebery as of Lords pays them." That daring sally several Orders. With His Majesty was the the story, and Mr. Baxter has received the "the public orator of the Empire." The convulsed us, but he added that the memfollowing communication from Lord Knollys:- phrase has had some currency since then. bers of both Houses would be equally im-Sir,—As the authenticity of the chair is To the master of eloquence, of humour, of proved by "the wholesome discipline of the disputed, and as His Majesty consented to subtle satire and impassioned invocation, it | ocean." At the Antipodes they would ait in it mainly on the ground that it was has clung through all political vicissitudes. It | "take part in the permanent sport of Ausused by Henry the Seventh, which, apparently, never seemed so exactly justified as last night tralia—hunting for a national capital." you that though His Majesty is much in- when "the public orator of the Empire" in They would avoid Uganda so as terested in the chair, as it is evidently a very the address of welcome to the Imperial to disturb the privacy of the old one, he is unable to make use of it at Press Conference made what many who President of the United States." heard some of the best of his efforts in old Mr. Baxter was to have been presented at days were tempted to think the most bril- trast, he altered his mood with extra- of India, comprising numberless races and numliant speech of his career. In its humanity, ordinary impressiveness and laid upon berless religious, an inscrutable and individual; its statesmanship, its tact and its satire, the all his hearers a hush absolute. He population who seem to understand us so much closing passages of patriotic appeal that now described the state of Europe, its sur better than we seem to know them. Gentlerang like a trumpet, now touched quietly face calm, its overpowering preparation men, efter all, the best you can bring us is a the deepest chords in men who knew what for war. The Old Country would look knowledge about yourselves and your communipatriotism signifies and mean it—in all this to her children in the last resort. In ties, because we can never know enough about ARRIVAL AFTER TWELVE the thing was not merely a triumph. It the meantime, let them not doubt her them. was a resurrection. It was the voice of half | will to rely upon herself. "We can and we The Royal yacht Victoria and Albert, which a generation ago heard in all the range will build Dreadnoughts or whatever the the King and Queen left in the Mediterranean, of its powers, but more persuasive, new type of ship may be while we have a on concluding their recent tour, entered Ports. | more searching, more various than then. | shilling to spend on ships or men." - Takemouth Harbour yesterday morning. Her We listened to it in a mood of admiration, that message back to your people. Tell arrival allayed a good deal of anxiety which shot through with touches of regret. He them they can believe it." A peroration foliage. At the conclusion of the sermon, colours, advanced to a position in front of the had been felt for her safety. She was twelve spoke of Empire as no man left to us in may be a poor thing, but in these hands which was presched by the Court Chaplain on King and Queen, and handed the emblems to hours overdue at Spithead and the friends of active politics can speak. And there was a "the thing became a trumpet." the crew were making eager inquiries at the time when with this Empire he might Responding for the guests, Sir Hugh help imagining bow admirably some of those dockyard on Friday. The Royal yacht mot have done almost anything he pleased. Graham, of Montreal, took up the strong large ships might be used, not for the purposes. not build a single Dreadnought, but should the Queen by a lady-in-waiting and the cerenot build a single Dreadnought, but should the Queen by a lady-in-waiting and the cerenot build a single Dreadnought, but should the Queen by a lady-in-waiting and the cereweather on the voyage home, and was delayed perament? Was it circumstance? It had closed; and, dispersing late through the lay disweather on the voyage home, and was delayed perament? Was it circumstance? It had closed; and, dispersing late through the lay disweather on the voyage home, and was delayed perament? Was it circumstance? It had closed; and, dispersing late through the lay disweather on the voyage home, and was delayed perament? Was it circumstance? It had closed; and, dispersing late through the lay disis a problem that historians will never lighted courts, we felt that the Imperial poser of events in this country. I should like quite cease to discuss—for he who was Press Conference—focus as it is for the time Parliament to vote supplies for two years and Prime Minister had, as he himself once being of the opinion-making power of the then pack itself up in three or four of these said, his "purple hour"—and there will King's dominions—will go far to turn words obsolete warships and go for a trip in order to never, perhaps, be a final answer. Enough | to deeds. that last night the old magic had returned upon an occasion that might well evoke it, and that Lord Rosebery delivered a speech which could have been made by no

other living man. He played upon every chord. He touched thought and emotion as he pleased. When it-turned suddenly from picturesqueness and banter to the problem of Imperial defence, the speech in its contrast of sombre and luminous pas- guests, said: bery would speak at all. If he had not spoken, the Imperial gathering, second to none in its possible importance, would have distinction. If nothing more concrete came

would have justified it. cities of the St. Lawrence and the Great from so far, I am sure you will be merciful Lakes—from the heart of the Canadian to one who has to address you under such

For what to the mind of all the Britains is immeasurably greater than that of the many things that were new to them. They public dining? It would be difficult to imagine a great ceremony held in a Before leaving with the Queen, the King -The anti-cyclone in the far south-west shows more fantastic environment. The banquet sessed by those present to influence opinion of the passage in which the poet listens to the nurmur of the universe itself est to the sound of a sea shell. The Hall of Music, banquetting chamber for the occasion, is a great pink rectangle, vast and your home, and you will see comething in the lished last evening by the Meteorological gay, something like a cross between a rail- course of the next fortnight which I will not loss continent—where everything is abnormal way station and a variety theatre. From the boast of, but which, in its way, is unmatched _the mareupiale, the duck billed platypus. There are at present no indications of any roof swing all the flags of the Empire in the world. You will see an ancient and a even to the fact that a possibilities of about material change in the general conditions. red rank upon rank, starred and em- settled civilisation; you will see that embedded two thirds of the population of the capital of Small shallow depressions will continue to blazoned. The tables were vivid with flowers. in our old abbeys and cathedrals built in the country is able to maintain acres And the diners stretched away like a age of Faith, surviving to testify that that Legislatures, seven public meeting.

Lord Burnham, rising from breadth and dignity, which gave life to the loyal toasts and eloquence to the first words of greeting to the guests. Then Lord Rosebery was upon his feet and his reception was remarkable, probably the most significant, taken for all in all, that even he, sated with ovations, has received for years. The waves of acclamation subsided, and allowed him to begin. He was, as usual, impassive and deliberate in opening, but he had not uttered half a dozen sentences before he had shown that his form was his best, and, if anything, better than ever. With his traditions what occasion could have been more fitted to inspire him? his syllables "in fear, lest he should next come it may not be here for you to see, make an end."

would be hereless. Charles Lamb said of Jeremy Taylor that his prose style was so rich you could not quote from tory and which represents the antiquity and would mean unpicking the whole texture. For this speech had all the qualities. The orator confessed that the importance of the the manufactures, the energy, the alertness of occasion made him feel like "a minor the commercial life of Great Britain. (Hear prophet." Journalists were permanent in- hear.) Then, last of all, surrounding all and stitutions by comparison with tatesmen. Even Prime Ministers were transient, while a prodigious but always inadequate Armada scribed what the delegates would see on portant to us then what you can take from us their tour through Great Britain-for in- What is it you bring! You bring. I trust, the

'To attempt to summarise that utterance

imagination and humour, and swayed our nities among which you live. mood as he liked. Mot after mot came, "You bring, I suspect, that same message" and we no sooner thought the last phrase which you, sir, quoted just now, which the Lord Rosebery sat on the left hand of was the best than it was capped by another. Prince of Weles brought back and condensed Armada." But in a flash he added the most recent news about the dominions beyond serious touch. That Armada is "yours as thecess. I am quite aware that there is an ample

much as ours." Under the wizard's charm of an extraor- magic carpet for a fanciful tour. In a pire, for there are three—the Western in

"WELCOME HOME."

LOBD ROSEBERY'S ELOQUENT TOAST.

Lord Rosebery, in proposing the health of the "My Lord Burnham, my Lords and

entrusted to me of proposing the health of our guests, coupled with the name of Sir expedition? Well, I think the House of Lords Hugh Graham of Montreal. (Applause.) confess that I feel overwhelmed by the im- their own expenses. (Laughter.) ... That, I lost what has already given it memorable portance of this occasion. It is not only that may explain to Colonial visitors, is the great in this hall—speaking to so many remote out of the Conference, the inaugural oration | tables-I feel something like the prophet in the desert—a minor prophet—speaking to a mons votes the taxes, and the House of Lords The able editors were in battalions and the number of the leaders in scattered oases. Princess Patricia motored down yesterday writers in regiments. The delegates from (Laughter.) I lear I shall not be able to make

> Pacific. They came from extremes of "There is another reason that fills me with miles apart; a sense of awe. It is the enormous importance from New Zealand out in the open of the gathering that I am speaking to. (Apocean separated by whole days of plause.) We have had conferences before, the nearest place many of them conferences of great importance, that counts. South Africa from the Rand at which the Prime Ministers and Ministers of to Table Bay was represented. And out of the Empire have met together to consult on India and beyond they came from places the great matters of policy concerning the "somewhere east of Suez"—even from Empire. It is no disparagement to those legislators would be able to find some constitu-Singapore, which is further even from Suez gatherings to say that this is more important thoush problems which have been solved than that is from London. Amid many still. (Hear, hear.) I have the greatest re- nowhere else. hundreds of their home-keeping colleagues spect for Prime Ministers and Ministers, but "I would take them on to Canada, and there were the delegates from the circum- whatever their stars may be when they are in would give them many months in Canada—(hear, ference drawn to the centre; and we might the ascendant, they are essentially transient | hear) partly for the make of Canada; and well have asked them in Lord Rosebery's bodies-(laughter) and the power of a great partly for the feeling that this holiday should province over which it exercises its influence dominion to rove over there. They might see

THE MOTTO OF THE OCCASION. "I say this, this is a meeting of vest im- merable general elections. They might see directed that the Colonel of the regiment, the a slight disposition to extend north, and may of welcome took place in the heart of the portance. If I carried out my own sense of the that in Canada wealth is not a crime. The Horse Show was opened yesterday at two subalterns who formed the colour party. bring a spell of fine and warm weather by early White City. The diners passed through occasion, if I carried out what I believe is re- (Laughter.) Some of the most glowing speci-Olympia. The scene, thanks to the lavish de and the sergeant-major should be presented in the week. For the moment the conditions that unreal and pleasing vista of domes, quired of this cocasion, I abould confine my mens of that obnorms creature the multicorations, was more charming than ever, and to him. His Majesty decorated them, giving are wholly favourable to the development of fretted balconies and balustrades, and lake self to two words and then sit down. They millionaire have been produced on that soil. side terraces, through improvised canvas corare the only two essential words; they are But I will not pause to point out the varieties
ridors striped like Neapolitan ices, which the simplest and perhaps the sweetest that can of political and physical sport in which our Dover to Ostend, Queenborough to Flushing, are all so much more Oriental than the be heard by mortal cars, yet they are the legislators might indulge in Canada and Harwich to Hook of Holland or Antwerp: Orient. But the Hall of Music was a hall only two words in which I would sum up what . "I would take them on to New Zeeland, of harmony and thinking of the power post I have to say to our guests from beyond the and there in New Zealand they would see most sess to-night—welcome home. (Lond and of the policies at which they am, and which to the ends of the earth, one was reminded prolonged cheers.) This is the motto of this they are endeavouring to construct for this

> Parth is not dead . You will see it in the Ministries without any corious incon-When silence was bidden, there was read, ancient colleges of Oxford and Cambridge, St. venicoca. In our country we have always amid cheers, a message of welcome from Andrews, and Aberdeen. You will see as you found one of seek of these as much as

pass about the country the little villages clusthe chair, spoke with a characteristic tering about the Heaven directed spires as they have clustered for centuries. "You will see the ancient mother of all Parments, the most venerable progenitor of free institutions, the House of Commons, I cannot promise you the even greater pleasure of seeing the House of Lords, because that will not be sitting during the period of your visit. (Laughter.) And throughout you will see those old manor-houses where the aquirearchy of Great Britain have lived for centuriesalmost all of them inhabited long before the discovery of Australia, and some even before the discovery of America, where the civilisation of country life, which I advise you all to He rose to it, and his audience hung upon see on your present visit, because when you exists. (Laughter.)

A PRODIGIOUS ARMADA ...

"Proceeding onwards from these more rural scenes, from all this which is embodied histradition of a thousand years, you will go on to the teeming communities which represent. . | guarding all, you will see a prodigious Armada,

"What do you bring to us, because that is freshest news, the most recent information, as With these deft changes he alternated to all the aspirations and policy of the commu-

representation here from the third of the Em-Then he took us with him on the pires which are condensed in the British Emforgive me, I hope, if I do not address myself to them, because what I have to say, spoken to that secular community. to that ancient civilisation, would have to be in a different scope from that in which I can address the newer Empire. (Heer, hear.) But I do hope, and I will say this word to the Indian delegation, I do hope that they will not go away without having given some guidance to our democracy as to the right method of At last, using the full power of con- governing and guiding that ancient civilization

DREAM OF AN EMPIRE TRIP. The other night I ventured to dream s dream, which is a great favourite practice of retired politicians. (Laughter.). Thinking of that vast armade, the surplus of which is so constantly scrapped at what seemed wholly inadequate prices to the tampayer, I could not

find out something about the Empire. Pro:

longed applance.)

"You may object at once and say: "How would the country be governed while all the Ministers were absent? I reply with confidence that the people would be governed much as they are now by the heads of the permanent: Departments. (Laughter.) And I am not sure that some of us would not feel an even greater confidence in the welfare of the country. if it were under that permanent and well-Gentlemen,-I have had the great honour ordered control. (Laughter and applance.) "Should I include the House of Lords in this might accompany them on condition of paying distinction between the House of Lords and the House of Commons the House of Compays them. (Laughter and applause.) Therefore, I think my proposal would place them on an equitable besis. (Benewed laughter.) Whatever their present relations may be. I should not be afraid of putting them in the same vessel, because I am confident that the wholesome discipline of the ocean would soon shake them down to a condition of parity, if

not of amity. (Laughter.) MARVELLOUS COUNTRIES. "Now, let us imagine bow our schame would. shape up. I would take them first to Newfoundland on a visit of bomage to our most ancient and historic colony, where even our

would see that even under the most advanced democracy a Prime Minister may hold his own against the successive buffers of innu-"Some of you, many of you, have nover seen and complexity.

"Then, on to Amstralia, that most marvel.

is convenient, and it shows the vigour of the Colonial Press a wave of sentiment had renew continent to be able to support such a cently spread over the outlying portions of the multiplicity of each. And my expedition, British Empire that would mark an important which is supposed to take its leisure, might cra in the attitude of the people towards Imandulge in the permanent sport of Australia, perial interests. Canada for long years under

"Then they should return through South tion on the Mother Country, both parties in 'Africa, where they would see the greatest suc- Britain had been too indulgent to ask them to cess of the Imperial Government of Great pay their share, and they had been too mean Britain-(cheers)-the greatest and most to offer it. ("No, no.") But a change was recent success, where a bold and magnanimous impending. Inspired by the pluck of New policy has healed the seams of war, where the Zealand and Australia (loud cheers)—the united a new Empire.

Uganda, so as not to disturb the privacy of the by both political parties. date President of the United States. (Laughter.) They might take their way home by Egypt, gates in their discussion, it meant a new and where they would see what British Government important step safeguarding Imperial inwisely directed can do to rescue order from terests; it meant that the Colonies were rising

Lord Rosebery added, and he would pass from | had come to be regarded as a responsible partrit to the solid and practical topics with which per, having interests to protect, and having the Conference would deal. They were not responsibilities co-equal with those privileges; in this country on a coffee boose tour, but to it meant that the people were auxious to have do practical work.

topic would have been exhaustively dealt with, regarded the British Navy as a form of Imfirst to the topic of closer communication be- that policy should be emple. tween the Empire, and that was one of the most vital. It was perfectly certain that if they were to build up an Empire it could only be by the freest knowledge of each other's loud cheers, said: wants and ideas. The thought of the Empire, "My lords, my friends and colleagues, should circulate like blood through the body and you who honour us by being our politic, and, like blood, should chiefly circulate guests and visitors on this memorable occathrough the heart. If they wanted to build an | sion, I beg you to drink with all the enthusiasm Empire the first means must be by the cheapest method of communication. (Cheers.)

IMPERIAL DEFENCE—"A MENACING

Now, gentlemen," Lord Rosebery pro an inspiration—the coming of a time when all ceeded, "you will forgive me if I come to what the English-speaking races might stand Australia. is by far the most vital topic you have to dis- shoulder to shoulder in days alike so menacing as the condition that exists at this how ardently he works for the advancement of Adelaide; Hon. J. W. Hackett, LL.D., "West- Cornford. moment. There is such a hush in Europe—a | the highest interests of the realm, for the pro- | ern Australian," Porth; Hon. C. E. Davies, | sometimes : was supposed to menace peace is My toast is 'The King.' " (Loud cheers.) entirely engrossed with its own domestic. affairs; another great Eastern Empire, which furnished a perpetual problem for European statesmen, has taken a new lease of life and of gram to the King and His Majesty's reply:youth in the search for liberty and constitutional reform. All this forbodes peace.

"Yet, at the same time, combined with this total absence of all questions of friction, there never was in the history of the world so threatening and so overpowering a prepara- | ceived, was:tion for war. That is the sight which I confess I regard as most menacing.

"For forty years it has been true that all the nations have faced each other armed to the Cheers. teeth, and that has been in some respects a the nations preparing new armaments.

"I think there are features of this general anxiety to the friends of Great Britain and which I have the honour to belong, I have of the British Empire. But I will not dwell never been so proud of it as at this moment, H. Baird, T. C. Bond, L. C. Bond, W. Brimelow, worth, Cecil Harmsworth, Rudolph Hagen, E. Hance, Frank Hird, Stuart J. Hodgeon. on this to-night. I will only say this—that I when I find myself face to face with an assembling say that I will only say this—that I when I find myself face to face with an assembling say that I hodgen, H. Barnes, Charles Benham, when I find myself face to face with an assembling say that I hodgen, H. Barnes, Charles Benham, W. W. Ruttle, H. Powell Rees, J. B. Robertson, I have the same factor of the same fa with our preparations to meet them, and give | the most prominent journalists of the entire | brook, Herbert T. Bailey,

EUROPE RATTLING INTO BARBARISM.

"I myself feel confident in the reservation and | with us, and who has asked me to express I the power of this country to meet any reason- infinite regret—on the part of the committee, able conjunction of affairs, but when I see this nalists, and last, but very far from least, on bursting out of navies everywhere, when I see the part of our indefatigable secretary, Mr. one country alone asking for 25 millions of Harry Brittain, to whom, in justice be it said, extra taxation for warlike preparation, when the origin and development in a considerable which are asked from us on the same ground, I do begin to feel uneasy as to the outcome of it all, to wonder where it is ever going to stop—if it is merely going to bring Europe satisfaction the already assured success of our back into a state of barbarism; or whether it invitation to the most powerful representatives will cause a catastrophe in which the working of the Press of the Dominions of the Indian man of the world, at any rate, will say: "We Empire and of the Colonies. will have no more of this madness and this deed excelled our most sanguine expectafoolery, which is grinding us to powder." tions. We have framed a programme of enter-(Loud and prolonged cheers.)

"Gentlemen, we can, and we will, build guests, but with the desire that out of the Dreadnonghts, or whatever newest type of ship mately be arrived at understandings that before may be—(cheers)—as long as we have a shilling | the hour has come to say good-bye may enable to spend on them or a man to put into them. us all to comprehend what are the prospects (Cheere.) All that we can and will do, but I am | and what the opportunities of closer union and not sure that even that will be enough, and I increased sympathy. But there is one thing think it may be your duty to take back to your

Think it may be your duty to take back to your

Dominions across the seas this message and to you we do not speak to you alone—we speak this impression, that some personal duty and through you to countless thousands of responsibility for national defence rests upon our kinsmen-to men every man and citizen of the Empire. (Loud and blood, who may cheers.) Tell your peoples, if they can believe the land in which their forefathers were it, the deplorable condition in which Europe is prove, as they have often proved in the past, rattling into barbarism, and the pressure that but never more forcibly than by their recent is put upon this little England to defend itself, actions and offers, that they are animated by sts liberties and yours. (Loud cheers.)

"Take this message also back with you-that | lutely convinced that in closer union lies the the Old Country is right at heart, that there is no failing or weakness in her, and that she These, it seems to me, are the men who from rejoices in renewing her youth in her giant forth their hands to us in the fervent expecdominions beyond the seas. (Cheers.) For tations—which I hope to God may never be her own salvation she must look to herself, disappointed—that we shall grasp them with and that failing ber, she must look to you.

They would return to their homes, concluded ing friendship. (Loud cheers.) his Lordship, missioners of Empire, mission I am enabled to call upon one who has made aries of the most extensive and the most un- the closer union, of which I have spoken, of selfish, Empire that had been known to his all parts of the Empire one of the leading tory. (Cheers) As the began, he summed up ideals of his life. Might I-do you thinkwhat he had to say in the two simple words, in some slight measure at least, of that pa-"Welcome home." With all-brotherhood and triotic ambition? I have the honour to crave effection they welcomed them home. (Cheers.) your silence for my noble friend, the Earl of SIR HUGH GRAHAM AND IMPERIAL Rosebery." (Continued cheers.) DEFENCE.

At the close Lord Rosebery was cheered saing "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Sir Hugh Graham, in responding, thanked the banquet:the gathering for the warmth of their welcome, and spoke of the necessity of journalists Canada. gining forces, for the good of their country in only a very short residence in this country to lev . learn that the loyal people were broadly tolerant on nearly every question that could. discussed, but they deeply deplored disunion P. D. Ross. on the great question of national defence. He Dafoe, believed that if the newspapers of Great and M. E. Nichols, looking to the absolute security of the Empire, there could be raised very little opposition be country and little in Parliament, and the Press would for ever make it impossible to India. degrade that sacred question to party politics. (Hear, hear.)

the hunt for the Federal capital. (Laughter.) both political parties had sponged for protec-

blood gallantly shed on both sides, which colonies for ever in the van-Canada was sendmight have been a stream of unending divi- ing delegates to discuss the question of desion, has extracted the cement which has sence with the British Government, and it must he apparent to the whole British world "If my excursionists are not lired and are that the Commonwealth dominions and depennot too ardently summoned home-which I dencies were offering hearty co-operation. That don't think would be the case—they might movement originated with the Press, was supproceed northwards through Africa-avoiding ported by the people and was now supported

If a wise statesmanship governed the deleto a sense of their responsibility-(hear, He; knew that dream was impracticable, hear)—it meant that Canada and her sisters a voice—a rightful voice—in determining what Looking through the list of topics for dis- the strength of the British Navy should be, cussion, be saw with relief that Tariff Reform and tell them more effectively than could even was not among them. No doubt that interesting | be told by a nominal partner merely, that they but he understood that it was desired that the perial insurance, a policy covering everything Conference should be a peaceful one. They came | that we possessed, and that the provisions of

THE LOYAL TOASTS. In proposing the toast of the King, Lord

of that which to some of us, at least, through | West Indies. many a long year, has been but an ideal and

MESSAGE FROM THE KING.

you may long be spared to the people and South Africa. His Majesty's reply, which had just been re- town; Maitland Park, "Cape Times," Cape-

The King thanks most warmly the over-

guarantee of peace. But now what do we Queen-and the Royal Family, after which he Charles Fichardt, "Friend," Bloen fontein. see? Without any tangible reason, we see delivered the following speech of welcome to the delegates:-

British Empire. To those, then, who are here Richard E. Bridge, T. Beecham, F. W. Bowater, Hardman, Sir Ian Hamilton, C. Harris. part of the noble treasurer, Lord Northcliffe, Bullock, R. D. Blumenfeld; Robert Bell, J. P. Bruce Ingram. on the part of the Chairman of the committee, Mr. Arthur Pearson—who is, I deeply regret to say, prevented by indisposition from being below. Alfred Butes, Frank G. Blanch, Captain W. Baird, F. C. Beveridge, Inncom Springheld, D. M. Stead, Harry Jones, A. E. Jenkins, H. J. Stead, Harry Jones, A. E. Jenkins, H. J. Sutherland, C. P. Scott, J. R. Scott, R. C. Chased the largest rooster he could find and degenerative changes and result in a calcareous and result in a calcareous below. Blanch, Captain W. Baird, F. C. Beveridge, Jeffrey, R. F. Johnson, Kennedy Jones, S. H. Stead, Henry Stead, Edwin H. Stout, J. St. Loe engaged studio, where he spent much shrivel up, thus interfering with the circulation. see the absolutely unprecedented sacrifices measure of this great and important under-

> "The response to our invitation has intainments, not solely for the amusement of our a spirit of splendid patriotism, and are absosecret of irresistible power. (Loud cheers.) the Greater Britain beyond the seas, stretch all the strength and grip of a loyal and last-

"In one regard I am, indeed, truly fortunate.

GUESTS AND HOSTS.

The following is the list of those present at

Surendranath Banerjee, "Bengalee," Calcutta; Stanley Reed. "Times of

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LAST NIGHT'S BANQUET AT THE WHITE CITY.

lon," Colombo; A. E. Lawson, "Mail," E. C. Bentley, Gerald Biss, H. E. Beeeley, Johnson.

Lewis Ashenheim, "Gleaner," Jamaica.

New Zealand. vent loyalty to your Majesty and trust that | Christchurch.

R. F. Philipson Stow, "S.A. News," Capetown; G. H. Kingswell, seas delegates to the Imperial Press Confer- Dr. F. V. Engelenburg, "Volkstem," Pretoria; ence for their kind telegram and hopes that C. Woodhead, "Natal Mercury," Durban; E. B. they will enjoy their stay in England. | Walton, "Eastern Provincial Herald," Port Elizabeth; P. Davis, "Natal Witness," Pieter- Norval B. Graham, Colonel Frank Griffith, Lord Burnham then proposed the toast of the maritzburg; F. Blake, "Post," Bloemfontein;

A. St. John Adeock, Edwin L. Arnold, W. A.

J. T. Dunsford, Charles Duguid, F. J. hush in which you might almost hear a leaf to the ground. There is an absolute absence of any of the questions which ordinarily.

Sence of any of the questions which ordinarily.

Lead to the ground. There is an absolute absence of the happiness and welfare of his words of our greatest poet, 'In his right hand had carries gentle peace; he is just and fears that the carries gentle peace; he is just and fears that the meeting of Empire editors "ery that the meeting that the meeting of Empire editors "ery that the meeting that lead to war. One of the great Empires which not. The ends he sims at are his country's.' Bathurst; Hon. J. W. Kirwan. "Miner," Kal. Dark, S. J. Dunn, Robert Donald, O. F. Davies, Maopherson, Desmond McCarthy, H. M. Mackin- much deserves our attention." Anything cal A. J. Dawson; H. C. Derwent, George Denny, tosh, Andrew Meikle, F. C. Maosskie, R. 8. culated to strengthen or loosen the ties binding John Ellerthorpe, Sir John Ellerman, Charles Masson, F. Meiggs, William Maxwell, F. A. Eves, W. J. Evans, J. P. Eddy, Hamilton James Milne, W. Maxwell, S. Mattingley, G. W Gresley Lukin, "Evening Post," Wellington; Eves, W. J. Evans, J. P. Eddy, Hamilton J. H. Brett, "Star," Auckland; W. S. Douglas, Edwards.

> berg, Malcolm Fraser, W. A. Fox, Ivor Fraser, J. Foster Fraser, F. H. Farthing, E. F. Flynn, "Rand Daily Mail." Gilliland, C. L. Goodman, Philip Gibbs, Kings-Ronald Sutherland Gower, J. R. Geard, Gamage, P. Anderson Graham. Ernest Goddard. "My duty is very simple. Before I finally Ackland, G. F. R. Anderson, Sir John Armott, K. Haselden, George Hussey, C. Lewis Hind, Richardson, C. A. Reeve, J. Robertson, J. Hor-

> J. M. Bathgate, sard, Hildebrand, Harmsworth, Thomas H. Shansfield; J. M. Le Sage, Hannan Swaffer, to-night, not only on my own part, but on the Moberly Bell, Ernest Brain, George Bull, W. F. Arthur D. Innes, M.A., Charles Iggleston, G. A. Sutton, A. S. Storey, Evan Smith,

at your command to the health of one who, I Allahabad; F. Crosbie Roles, "Times of Cey- Wilhelm F. Brand, T. H. Bird, Walter Bell, Jeyes, W. A. Jones, E H. Johnstone, L. O. Hok White, W. A. Woodward, William Will, feel assured, would be heart and soul with us lon." Colombo: A. E. Lawson "Weiller County" E C. Bantley County B. C. Bantley C. Ban in our desire through closer knowledge of one Madras: J. Stuart, "Rangoon Gazette," Bur-Comyns Beaumont, John Bune, A. H. Bate, W. F. W. Kohler, Ernest Kessell, Alco Kenealy Wilson, H. F. Winterbotham, F. Walker, C. another and a more perfect comprehension of mah; Major W. G. St. Clair, "Singapora Free H. Back, C. J. Bentile F. D. Born R. B another and a more perfect comprehension of mah; Major W. G. St. Clair, "Singapore Free H. Baok, C. J. Bentie, F. D. Bone, B. Benni- James A. Kilpatrick. Henry King, Alfred Watney, Bernard Woller, Arthur Walter, Lucien son, L. Bingham, S. A. Bartlett.

Kalisch, E. S. Klemford, Peter Keary, G. King, Wolf, A. Watner, J. R. Wede. Lawrence Curk, S. S. Campion, Wade Chance, C. T. King, Sir John Kirk, F. R. Knollys, F. W. L. Courtney, J. Cowley, Herbert Cox, E. T. H. Kitchin. Cooke, H. T. Oadbury, H. A. H. Canon, D. O. W. Lefroy, W. C. Leng, Hon, W. A. W. Law-Croal, F.S.S., Vivian Carter, Herbert Cornich, son, Hon, Harry A. W. Lawson, Frank Lloyd, Bertram Christian, Philip Carr. M A. F. Cotton; Ralph Lane. John Lile. W. P. Livingstone, is by far the most vital topic you have to dis- shoulder to shoulder in days alike J O. Fairfax, "Morning Herald," Syd- Charles Clifford, H. W. Cave, A. Curran, B. F. Robert L. Lowy, Sir Walter Lawrence, Bart., cuss at this conference—that of Imperial de- of trouble and prosperity. In this ney; F. W. Ward, "Daily Telegraph," Crossield, F. M. Crisp, G. Heath Cantile, Theo- G.C.I.E. J. Lumisden, Esq., W. Algernon fence. (Cheers.) I' don't know that I have seen a condition of things in Europe so remarkable, so peaceful and in some respects remarkable, so peaceful and in some respects the condition that exists at this conference—that of Imperial defence. (Cheers.) I' don't know that I have fence. (Cheers.) I' don't know that I have fences. Arthur Mee, H. T. McAuliffe, Arthur More-

gram to the King and His Majesty's reply:

The overseas delegates to the Imperial Press Conference desire to express their fervent loyalty to your Majesty and trust that

H. Brett, "Star," Auckland; W. S. Douglas, "Use Colonel J. F. Free, George Frampton, R.A., W. Maxwell-Lyte, A. Mond, F. W. Maxwell-Lyte

G. J. Orange, Herbert Owen, A. Ostler, H. S. | the journalists have been summoned to Lon-Percy L. Parker, Leonard Pomeroy, O. I. Pulvermacher, E. T. Powell, Max Pemberton, Parkington, Ernest Platt. Major J. E. Hartford G. H. Perris, Percival Phillips, Mr. Pollock, Sir Walter Plummer, George R. Parkin, Wadham Peacock, Melton Prior. Alfred E. Robbins, Gordon Robbins, J. Hall Harms | Ellis; Robins, E. Robbins, E. T. Roed, C. R. A. Robertson, Howard Ruff, Nelson Richards, managers of the Porte Saint Martin Theatre, I. W. W. Ruttle, H. Powell Rees, J. B. Robertson, | claiming £2,000 damages for alleged breach of

Arthur Spurgeon, G. W. Sharman, W. N. likely to prove extremely amusing.

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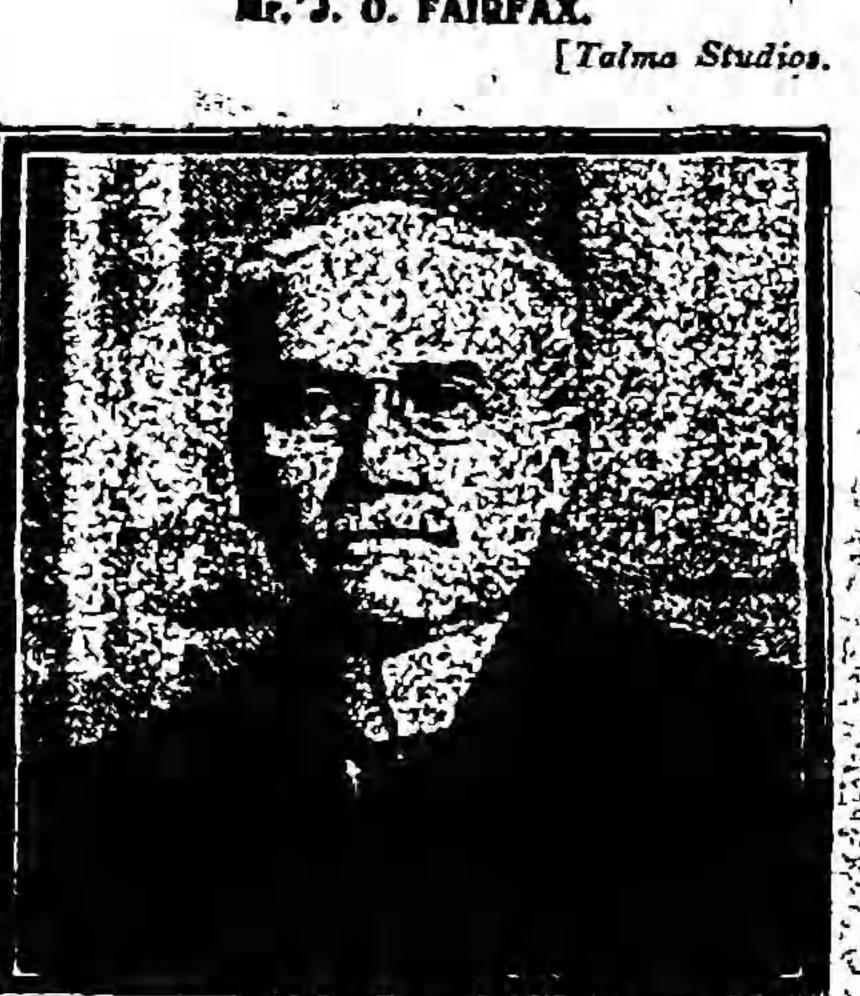
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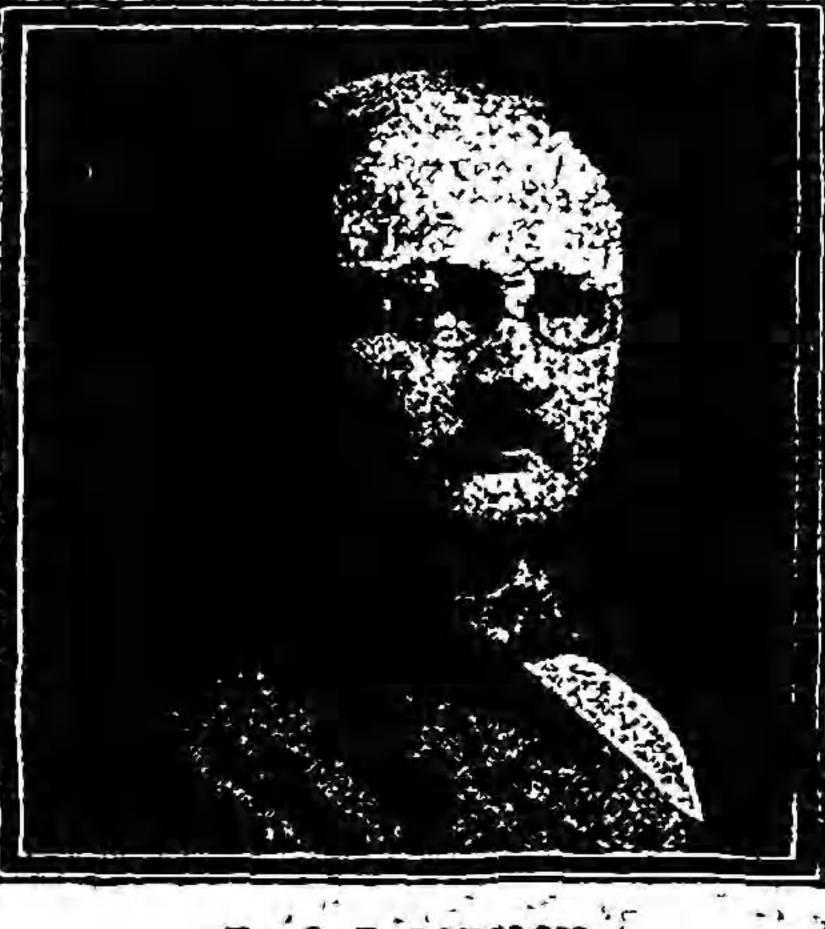


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Mr. G. E. LANGLOIS.



Reuter.

Display of thal, S. H. Wright, W. J. Whyte, on, James Waters, S. Whorlow, H. J. S. Wood, L. Woodbouse, H.

FATAL GUNPOWDER EXPLOSION.

VIENNA. Saturday. -A large supply of gun--powder in 'Cracow exploded, breaking thousands of windows. Several-persons are reported to have lost their lives .-

Walkington, Beckles Wilkson, Arnold Whate, H.

GERMANY AND THE

CONFERENCE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Germany is keenly interested in the Im-

perial Press Conference opening in London to-

called the conference into being, and believes

don primarily to learn how Germany's army

and navy menace the existence of the British

GALLIC COCK'S COSTUME.

ACTION OF MR. CLARKSON AGAINST

PARIS THEATRE.

theatrical costumier, is bringing an action

against Messrs. Hertz and Coquelin, the

in it, the creation being, the plaintiff declares.

An alleged verbal agreement having been

repudiated, Mr. Clarkson claims compensation

for this and other expensive costumes now left

on his hands. The defendants ameritahat

plaintiff was only one of several costumiers

who prepared preliminary designs, that when

satisfactorily carried out in Paris.

dressed in London. He is a Gallic cock."

ACTRESS ON A THRONE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

knew the glories of the footlights, but Germany

claims the only actress who ever became the

wife of a ruling prince. She is the Baroness

von Heldburg, morganatic wife of the reigning

Duke George II. of Saxe-Meiningen, and the

on her seventieth birthday.

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The thoughts, the feelings, shall not the Nor leave thee when grey heirs come right A melanchoty slave to But an old age, screne and bright, And lovely as a Lapland night -

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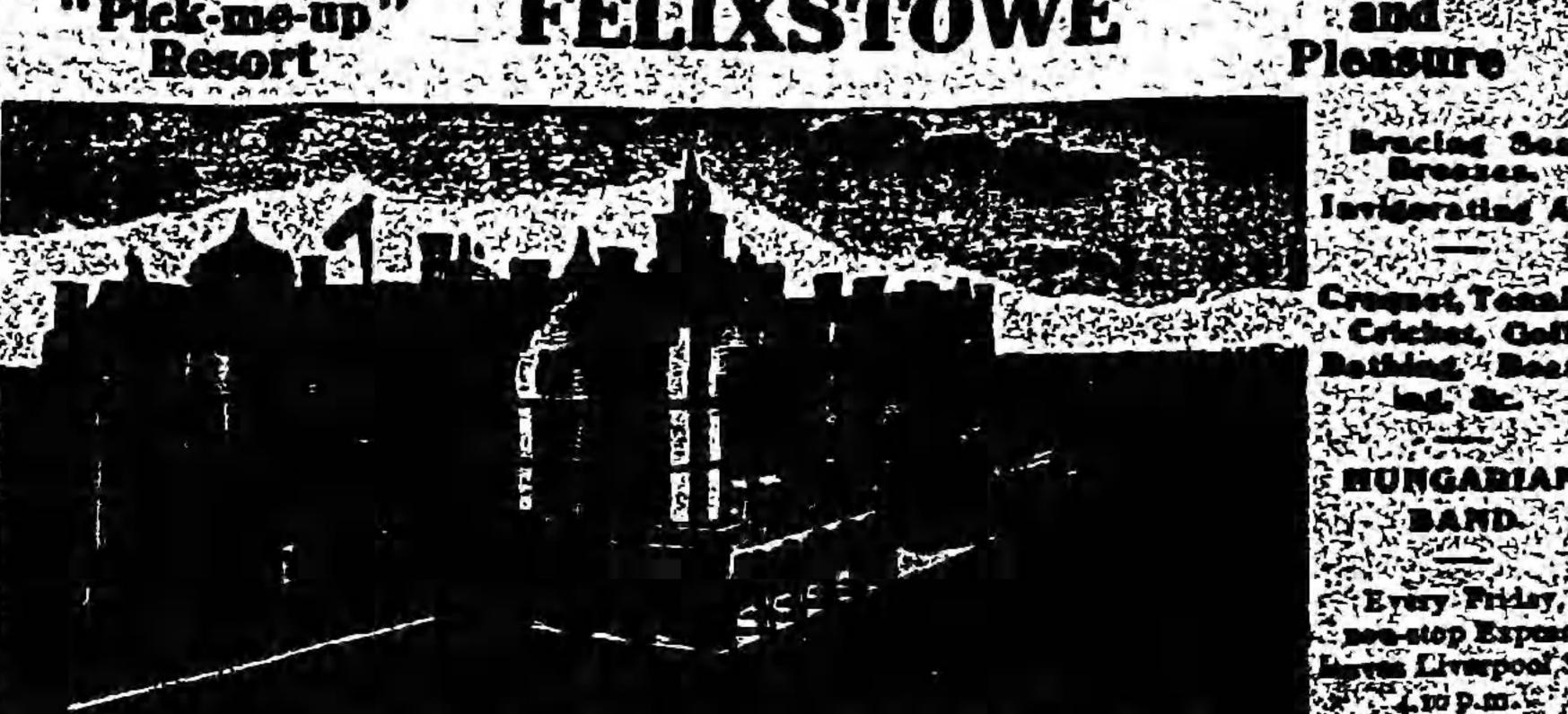
INDIAN FRONTIEB TROUBLES.

celebrated Eare-Meiningen Court theatre com-PESHAWAR, Saturday. pany when Duke George II., after losing his In connection with the trouble in Waziristen, second wife, Princess Feodora of Hohenlohe. Sir George Roos-Keppel, Chief Commissioner Langenburg, fell in love with her and married for the North-West Frontier Province, let her. She was a famous beauty, and was cele- Abbottabad for Kuram yesterday. brated at the time for her Juliet. Her maiden The Kohat, Bannu and Dera Ismail Khan name was Ellen Franz. She received the title Brigades are under orders for mobilisation, but of Baroness con Heldburg on her marriage. this is believed to be only a precentionary. measure .- Renter.

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f, 1009. PKESS BANQUET. GREAT SPEECH BY LORD ROSEBERY. GROWTH OF NAVIES. EUE0PE "BATTLING INTO jBABBAEISM." "WE CAN AND WILL BUILD DREADNOUGHTS." MESSAGE TO OVERSEAS DOMINIONS. The Press of Great Britain gave an enthusiastic welcome to the editors and representatives of, She Press of Greater Britain who are talking part in the Imperial Press Conference, entertaining them at a banquet held, the White City, Shepherd's Bush, on Saturday evening. All the leading journalists, with a few exceptions, in the British Isles' were present at the banquet. The guests were received by Lord Buxnham, proprietor of the "Daily Telegraph," in the Congress Hall, over the Lagoon. The banquet was served in the Hall of Music, where over 600 diners were seated at some seventy tables. Lord Rosebery sat on the left, hand of Lord Burnhaim, and Sir Hugh. Graham on the right. The interior of the hall wbb hung with flags of the various countries sending representatives. (By Our Special Correspondent.) Under the wizard's charm of an extraordinary speech, which enchanted and moved every hearer between shouts of laughter and storms of applause, it was impossible to escape a personal reminiscence. It is a decade or more now since the writer of these lines in an article 'in the "Fortnightly Review" first described Lord Rosebery, as "the public orator of the Empire." The phrase has had some currency since then. To the master of eloquence, of humour, of subtle satire and impassioned invocation, it has clung through all political vicissi tudeg. It never seemed so exactly justified as last night when " the public orator of the Empire " in the address of welcome to the Imperial Press Conference made what many who . 1 i. -t , r T I i u neara some or me oest oi ms euorts in oiu days were tempted to think the most brilliant speech of his career. In its humanity, its statesmanship, its tact and its satire, the closing passages of patriotic appeal that now rang like a trumpet, now touched quietly the deepest chords in men who knew what patriotism signifies and mean it in all this the thing was not merely a triumph. It was a resurrection. It was the voice of half a generation ago heard irt all the -range of its . powers, Hut more persuasive, more searching, mprX" various than then. . : We listened to it in a mood of-admiration, shot through with touches of regret. Ho spoke of Empire as no man left to us in active politics can. speak. And there was, a time when with this Empire he might have done almost anything he pleased. What prevented him? Was it temperament? Was it circumstance 7 It is a problem that historians will never quite cease to discuss for he who was Prime Minister had, as he himself- once said, his " purple hour "-and there will never., perhaps, be a hnal answer. Jtsnougr. that last night the old magic had returned upon an occasion that might well evoke it, and that Lord Rosebery delivered a speech which could have been made by no other living man. He played upon every chord. , He touched thought and emotion as he pleased. When it - turned suddenly from picturesqueness and banter to the problem of Imperial defence, the speech in its contrast of sombre and luminous pas sages was a searchlight upon the serious truth of our Imperial situation. There was at one time grave doubt whether Lord Rosebery would' speak at all. If he had not spoken, the Imperial gathering, second to none in its possible importance, would have lost what has already given it memorable distinction. If nothing more concrete came out of the Conference, the inaugural. oration would have justified it. The able editors were in battalions and the writers in regiments. The delegates from the outer Empire had come from 'the-furthest shores.' They had travelled from the cities of the St. Lawrence and the Great -Lakes from the heart of the - Canadian wheat lands and from -the edge of the Pacific. They came from: extremes of Australia thousands of miles apart; from New Zealand out in the open ocean separated by whole - days of steaming from the nearest place that counts. South Africa from the Rand to Table Bay was represented. And out of India and beyond they came, from places "somewhere east of Sues "even from' Singapore, which is farther even from Suez than- that is from London. Amid many hundreds of their home-keeping ooUeagues there were the delegates from the circumference drawn to the centre; and we might well have asked them in Lord Rosebery's own phrase a catchword of the-moment in the crisis of nearly ten years ago " What did they think of it aU." For what to t&e mind of all the Britains is a more responsible process than that of public dining? It would be difficult to imaexoe - a crest ceremony held in a more fantastic environment. The banquet of welcome took place in' the heart of the White City. The diners passed through that unreal- and -pleasing vista of , domes, fretted balconies, and balustrades, and lakeside terraces, through improvised canvas corridors striped like Neapolitan ices, 'which are all so much more, Oriental' than the Orient. -But the Hall.of.Musio was a hall of harmony- and thinking of the power possessed by those, present to inauej opinion to the ends of -the -earth,; one was reminded of the ;--:pasage

-iu ;whicK' ithe);post listens to the rhuranur f the universe itself as . to. the sound 61 a sea, sheU. 1 The Hall of Music, 'Danqoetting - chamber for ;; the occasion; is a great pink rectangle j vast and gay, somethings like cross between alrsil-way station and a variety tteetrev-jFrom.the roof srtrngsVtte/fiagi "of .;the;EnAire red:;-'znk sEjmsk,' oiiarwiao&'em Masoned. The tab were vivid witJi ftowers. Andif'the"' diners- stretched; away like 'public meeting. -,. . - ; - When silencer was bidden," thewrwss read,' amid oheers, a ra ess age of welcome from' the King. Lord Burnham, rising from the chair," spoke, .-.with a characteristic, breadth and dignity, '-which gave life to the' loyal toasts and eloquence to the first words of greeting to, the guesti; : Then Lord Rosebery was upon his "feet and his reception was' remarkable, probably the most significant, taken for all in all, ithat even he, sated with ovations, has received for years. The waves of acclamation " subsided, and allowed him to begin'. He was, as usual, impassive and deliberate in opening,' but he had not Tittered half a dozen sentences before he had shown that his form was. his best, and, if anything, better than ever. With his' traditions what occasion could have been more fitted to inspire him? He rose to it, and his audience hung upon' his syllables . " in fear, lest he should make an end." 'To attempt- to summarise that utterance would be hopeless. Charles Lamb said of Jeremy Taylor that his prose style was so rich you could not quote from him to draw out his gold threads would mean unpicking the whole texture. For this speech had all the qualities. The orator confessed that the importance of the occasion made him feel .like:, "a minor prophet." Journalists were' permanent institutions by comparison with -tatesmen.-Even Prime Ministers were transient, while good newspapers were, or should be, eternal. He compared the journalism of the Empire' with the cave of JSoluz, wherein tne passions were bound or wherefrom they were loosed. With perfect touches he described what the delegates ' would see on their tour through Great Britain for instance, "little villages clustered round heaven-directed spires as they have clustered for centuries." They would see the House of Commons" I cannot promise you a greater pleasure in the House ox.Xiords. With these deft changes -he' alternated imagination and humour and swayed our mood as he' liked. Mot: after mot came, and we no sooner thought the last phrase was the best than it was capped by another. He spoke inimitably of the Naval Review.: "You -will see the prodigious Armada the prodigious,. but always inadequate, Armada." But in a flash he added the serious touch. That Armada is "yours as much as ours." Then he took us with him on the magic carpet . for a fanciful tour. In a dream he imagined legislators of both branches voting Supplies for. several years, and then packing themselves -up to see something of the Empire. The Peers would, of course, pay their own expenses.v. "Tjhe House of Commons voteB the taxes theHouse of Lords pays them." . That " daring sally convulsed us, but he added that the mem-ibers of both Houses would-be equally improved by the wholesome discipline of the ocean." At the Antipodes they would "take part, in the permanent sport of Australia hunting for a national capital." They would avoid Uganda so as " not to: disturb the privacy of the late President of the United 6tates." At last, using the full power of contrast, he altered his mood ' with extraordinary impressiveness and laid upon all" his - hearers ' a hush - absolute. He described the state of Europe., its surface calm, its overpowering preparation for war. The Old Country would look to her children in the last resort. In .the meantime, let them . not . doubt her will to rely upon herself. ' We can and we vwil3 baild - Dreadnought sort whatever "the new type, of ship may be while we have 'a shilling to spend on ships or" men." Take that message back to' jour' people. Tell them they can believe it." " A' peroration may be a poor thing, but in these, hands "the thing became, a trumpet." -. Responding- for the " guests, Sir Hugh Graham, of Montreal, took up the strong note upon which the oration of the night had closed; and, dispersing late through the. lighted courts, we felt that the .Imperial, Press Conference focus as it is for the time being of the opinion-making power of the Kings dominions will go far to turn words to deeds. " WELCOME HOME." -LORD ROSEBERY'S TOAST. ELOQUENT Lord Rosebery, in proposing the health of the guests, said: " My Lord Bmrnham, my Lord and Gentlemen, I have had - the great honour entrusted to me of proposing thevhealta. of onr guests, coupled with the name of 'Sir Hugh Graham of Montreal. (Applause.) I confess that I feel' overwhelmed by the im portance of this occasion. It is not only that in this hall speaking to so many remote tables I feel something like the prophet in the desert a minor prophet speaking to a number oi the leaders 'in scattered oases. (Laughter.) I fear I shall not be able to make myself heard I confidently expect: that I shall not but at any rate, gentlemen, coming from so far, I am sure you will be merciful to one who has to address you under such trying circumstances. "There is another reason that fills me with a sense of awe. It is the enormous, importance of the gathering that I am speaking to. (Ap plause.) . , We have - had

conferences before, many of them conferences of great importance,)Bt which the Prime Ministers and Ministers of the Empire have met together to consult on .the great matters of policy, concerning the Empire. It is no - disparagement to those gatherings to say that this, is more important still. (Hear, hear, I have t greatest rs-epsct for Prime Ministers and Ministers,- but whatever their stars may be when they an in the ascendant, . they "are essentially transient bodies (laughter)- and the power of a great newspaper with a doable function of guiding and embodying' the public opinion of - the province over which it exercises its influence is immeasurably greater "than ' that of tha statesman. " 5 THE MOTTO OF THE OCCASION. "I say this; this, is a meeting of vast-im portance. If I carried out my own sense of the occasion, if Lcarried out what I believe is reH ,qmrea oi wis .occasion, I aoowa oonano my self to two words and then ..art, down. - They are the only two", essential - words; they are the simplest and perhaps the wetK"tfiat,ca: be heard by mortal .ears,'-'; yet tneyare-ithe only .two words in which I wmld,STrm up .what, I have to-say to- orir smjm rrom Deyond, tta; seas- to-night weluaue, hmU.:; '(Loud; and prolonged ..cheers.). This U the . motto; of this occasiori welcome to.ljaar 'hotna.: (Snirther eheers-K '.;--'J.';,V --: ;'.-:' ' "Some of yon, many of yoti, have never seen year home, "J . "" 'ma '."Tni Vwg-fn the course of toe next-fortrught wikhli Will not boast of,' but which, in iU wayisrmrruittsMid in the world. Too' wiU seefsn ancientlaod a settled civilisation; you will sm that smhnrlierl m onr old abbeys and r.cathedxau" built ia thsQ age of : Faith.surrivmgto ;tssUy ;that: that Faith' U?&-'4itYmiffi\$&mili!m. ucieiil colleges of Oxford and CuwdiC: Si.' Andrew's, and Aberdeen. r'jXon wiU as jon I found -. one.- ',' eas,.ot.tja .imjmatar-r pass about the country the little villages clustering about the Heaven, directed spires' as - they. have, clustered for centuries7-.'?.:. -.jv ., "Ybu.will see the , andent moUierj3f,all Jfar-menta. the "most venerable' progenitor' of "free institutionsithe. House of 'CozamonaT,';! can.-"., not prornro yon, even .greater '-rJure. of seeing the House of ' Lords, because Unit'; will not be sitting during the period of jour. visit".-. (Laughter.) And throughoutvyou i.wiiltsee those old manor-houses where the' squirearchy 'O' Great Britain have lived Vfor.i.oentnries almost all of them inhabited "taagioe&re Tthe discovery of Australia, and MmA-Mn-'hiifAM' ike discovery of 'America. wheiV-ti'efcivilijiL-. tion of country life, which I adviseyon "aU" to see on your present visit, because when '-ybu' next come it may not be here for you to see, exists. (Laughter.) . A PRODIGIOUS ARMADA. " Proceeding onwards from these -more jural -scenes, from all this' which "is -embodied his- 'tory and which represents' the - antiquity and -tradition of a thousand years,' you .will go. "or to the teeming communities, which .reieji.' the manifartnies,-tW energy, tralertnesi'ol ' the commercial life of OrestBritsiint::jV(HeST.- hear.) Then, last of all, surrounding all: and . guarding all, yon will see a prodigious Armada, '. prodigious but always', inadequate Armada (Laughter and applause.) And all these, gen-" Uemen,' are yours 'as much as otm, your po- session, your .pride and your home. ;(Chrs.) " What do' you bring to us; because that i quite as important, it is, mdeed, more- un-po riant to us than what yon 'can taks from- as. What is it yon bring f Ton bring;' I trust.fthe youth of your vigorous communities; you bring -the candour,- the acute criticism,; thVfrsrilnisaa of speech which belongs to our' young dominions -beyond the seas, yon brrng to u I hope. 'the . freshest news,', the most --recent tarormations -to aU the aspirations and policy of the comma--' nities among whiife;-you'live.; i'-;, "-"-' " Ycn'bring, ?L mspectj '.that, same message which -you, sir'q-jiist ribw.-.wHcb-'the ftzince of Wales. . brought ba'VaiidTO into those admirable ,worde,--after a tour round : the Ejnpire ' WakeVupii'" old oountry.;-, 'Well" gentlemen, I hope -you come'to teJl'us'all this most recent news about, dominions beyond theseail ism quito aware &at there is an ample representation : here from' the third of the Em-pires which are condensed , in the. British Empire, for -there, are ;three-beVWestern"in Canada, the Southern in .Australia' and.jNew Zealand and the Cape, and ;ithe ;i Eastern in, T India. I am guite: aware, that -there, is an ample representation '; from'v the ;':Press '-' of '.' India on -. this : - occasion, .but .7 they.'.-, will forgive me, I hope, if, -J; do not; address; myself ' to them, ,' because ..-what": I Vhavs," to say, ' spoken' to that ' secular community to that ancient civil isarion, - would have 4b be in a 'different scop from; that in wh'i can 'a'd-f dress the" newer Empire.' t (Hear'-h)saV.)'iTBut'S I do' hops, "and iljjwfll ' say tthis 'word toUbiV Indian' delegation,"! do hope that they will pot " go away without having pvin soh' guidan'je to our democracy as to; the' htjthod, 'of; governing and guiding that.annavflisiUon-. of India, oornprismgnamberiesi nam-'. berless. religions,' 'id' inscrutable'siad individual; -population who, seem to understand us' so much -better than we seem jto'know.. them. -Gentle -men, after aU, Ue;.bev;?i' bring" us is a:;. knowledge about youteelve and your '.oomimnii-'. ties, because we can" never know enough about them. " . " "-'" . . -V'-"" ." DREAM . OF AN "

EMPIRE.' TBJP.r " "'Theother mght.l;,,vetord;'-to.drsajn. a. dream," which; is' a- great favourito; practice "of retired politicians. ', (Laughtor.)'v'Thinking'-of 7-that. vast armada, the surplus .ofi, which; is K; constantly , scrapped at-. .what'seimedi wholly " inadequate prices to the 'taxpayer I.'couloinot,! help imagining hw admirably some, of jthoiel-large ships might be-' used, not fofj'tKe purposes-; of. war; :; but':; for the purpose pi: tpeaV'J. I thought' to myself that if ;lwev.tbelaydis-5; poser of events in hU corm",I;sfculd' like "Parliament to vote supplies for two: years :andy then pack iteelf up in three or fonrjof", these ODSOiete waraups um iw mprju..oruvr-w find out something about the-' Empire.;" (Pro-,;, longed applause.) '-";'." -".-1; " ' "You may object si once and say-. Hovj' would the country be governed-while all the -Ministers were absent I' - I'. replywoonfi.',' dsnos that the people would be governed much; aa they ore now by the heads of the' permanent f Departments. (Laughtor.):;¡Andi J' aml not sura, that some of us would not-. feJtsn' even greater cicmhence m the. welfare of the eorxntry: if it were under .that , permanent", and -. Veil: ordered . control. (Laughter ," and applause.) ' " Should I indude the; House of-Ixnsin'this'.. expedition?..- Well, I think'tbe" House of -.Lords" -mht accompany them ontraditiopof -paying .their own expenses. (Laughter.) ",.--.Tat,;- I-, may explain to Colonial, visitors, is the great distinction between the House of LoriU.-and. the House of Coriunons-the House "of JCmn-' moos votes the taxes, arid the .House of Lords -pays them. (Laughter "aridiplau)r',-iTherefore, I think my. proposal, would place -them on an equitable basis-..: (Renewed laughter.). Whatever their present relations my be, I should not be afraid of. patting them in the same vessel, because I am "confident, that the wholesome discipline of the ocean would soon shake the bean down "to a condition", oi parity, if . not oi amity. (Laughter.); " MARVELLOUS COUNTRIES. " Now, let u(imagine how pOT-ohemft would, -shape up. If would ieh't'fijrrttoNew- foundland on a visit, oi -'homage; to our' most";-! ancient J and historJo Jcokmy, where . even j our legislators would ,be aW;to:ffa same1 fpuStixa-' tkmal problems ' which ' ;hsvs! bean 'ived -aophet els.f, :ri;-.-:-0jc:-i " I"' would 1 take them'oo to Csda, aod I .would givethsmmMymont&smQa hear) partly for the sake':of t-.Gttodaand partly for the feeling that thirbolidayhoiid be a leisurely one.'-. I would give them long time in - Canada." ,They' bave ,:sn.immente . ;dom inioo . to " ro ve . over ' there -; Theymight see many;: things that - were, "new , totbrnIJCbey. would : see" that even ,nnder;tthe most 'advanced democracy a Prime Minister, may .fhold'-bis" -own against the "successive bnfleta" of innu-: , merable general elections. .Theyj might see " that ' in Canada;-, wealth. inotacraieVi: fLauzhter.) Some of the rnortrKfcwn'ipeci-V."; men of thai obnoxxuV; reaiu; But I wU n'epsnse'poirrt'ort of 'political f srndf pfiysesifimnjchTour and there in New Zealand tJSey. would sPirjost of the pcJiciei st 'wnieii'iieyraittM tt a: "endaonrmg vircin sou ma viaai aossstos of traditKu v "Tien, 00 to; AjpaJisA, toost Jmarvl. i3C hroa oonfai Msil jsis rrerything is abnormal WOrirds of ti M'e Hi": tscitaJof ai ,aii Mpr

10 THE OBSERVER, -SUNDAY. -TTNT 6, . IOOD, is corrveniont.-aiHi it shows the vigour of the new: continent to be able to support each a multiplicity of each. And my expedition, which la supposed, to. take its leisure, might indulge in the permanent. sport of-Australia, the hunt for lie" Federal capital. " (Laughter.) "-Then they should return through South Africa, where they would see the greatest success of the Imperial Government 'of Great 'Britain (cheers) the greatest" and most recent success, where a bold and magnanimous policy has healed the Beams .of war, where the blood gallantly shed on both sides, which might hare been a stream of unending division,, has extracted the cement which has united a new Empire. "ilf my excursionists are notlired and are iiot-itoo ardently summoned home which I don't think would be the casi ttiey might proceed northwards through Africa avoiding Uganda, so as not to disturb the privacy of the late President of the UnitcdStates. (Laughter.) They-might take their way home by Egypt, where they would see what British Government wisely directed can do to rescue order from chaoS." He; knew ifchat dream was impracticable, Jjord-Rosebery added, and he would pass from lit to.&ho solid and practical topics with which the .Conference would dead- They were not (in this country on -a-offee-dxyuso tour, but to '-do practical work. Looking through & practical work. Looking through & practical work. Looking through & practical work. taras not among them. No doubt that interesting topic, would have been exhaustively dealt with, but he understood that it .was desired that the Conference should be a peaceful one. They came first 'to the topic of closer communication between the Empire, and that was one of the most vital. It was perfectly certain that if they were-to build up an Empire it could only be by, the freest knowledge of each other's wants and ideas. : The thought, of . the. Empire, should circulate like blood through the body politic, and, like blood, should chiefly circulate through the heart. If they wanted to build an Empire the yfirst means must be by the cheapest method of "communication. .(Cheers.) J IMPERIAL DEFENCE" A MENACING "Now, ggntlemen." "Lord Rosobery pro ceeded, " you will forgive mo if I come to what is by far the most vital-topic you have to discuss at t his 'conference that of Imperial defence. (Cheers.) I don't know-that' I- havo aver seen avcondition of things in Europe so remarkable; so peaceful and in (some respects so incmacing as the condition that exists at this moment. There is such a hush in Europe a hush in which you 'might almost hear a leaf fall to the ground. Thero is an absolute ab sence of any of the questions which ordinarily. lead to war: ;: . Une of the groat rinpires which sometimes. was supposed to menace peace is entirely engrossed with its.-own domestic affairs; another great Eastern Empire, which; furnished a . perpetual problem for European statesmen, has taken a, new lease of life and of youth in the.-.eearch, . for liberty and constitu-, tional reform. All this .forbodea peace.. "Yet, at the same time, combined with this total absence.'of all guestions of friction, there. never was - in me History qi tna worm so threatening, and so overpowering a preparation for war. That is the. sight which I confess I regard as most menacing. " For forty-years it has been true that all the nations have; faced, each s other, armed to the, teeth, and that has been in, some respects a guarantee of peace. But now what do wo see? Without any tangible reason, we see the nations preparing new armaments. " I think there are features of this general preparation for war which must cause special anxiety to the friends of Great Britain and of the British Empire. But I will not dwell on this to-night. . I will only , say this that I will ask you when you are in this country to compare carefully the armaments of Europe with our preparations to meet them, and give your impression to the Empire in return. (Cheers.) EUROPE RATTLING INTO I " BARBARISM. I myself feel riidTi. is the reservation and the power of this country to meet any reasonable conjunction of affairs, but when I see this bursting out of navies everywhere, whan I see one country alone asking for 25 millions of extra taxation for warlike preparation, when I see the absolutely unprecedented sacrifices which are asked from us on the same 'ground,' -I do begin to feel uneasy as 'to 'the 'outcome of." it all, to wonder where 'it; is' ever going to'stop if it is merely going .to bring Europe' back into a state of barbarism; 1 or -whether it will cause a catastrophe in which the working man of the world, at any rate, will' say: "We will have no more of 'this madness and 'this foolery, which is grinding us to powder." (Loud and prolonged 'cheers.) "Gentlemen, we can, and we' will,' build Dreadnoughts, or whatever newest type of ship may be (cheers) as long as' we hive a shilling to depend on the or 'a'man'-to put" into 'them. (Cheers.) All that we cau'Sund 'wiirdo;;but' I am not) sure that -even, that: will' be 'enough,' and I think it may be your dulyto'take back'to your Dominions across the seas' this message '.arid this impression, that some personal duty and responsibility for national defence rests, upon' every man and citizen" of -the' Empire.' (Loud,

cheers.) .Tell ypurpeoples, .if. they can believe it,: the deplorable condition in which Europe is ratUing -into 'barbarism, and .the pressure that ispuupb'n 'tbis'litilo England to defend itself, its. 'liberties and yours. (Loud cheers.) " Take this message also back with ybu; that the Old Country is right at heart,' that there is no failing or weakness in her, and that she-rejoices in renewing her youth in her giant' dominions' beyond the seas. (Cheers.) 'For her own-rsalvation she most look to herself,' surd iihaijifailiiig 'her, -eho most look to you. They.ouldTrettrrn to their homes, concluded his Eoitishipj'?niS5idn6rs. o .'Empire, mission aries. olTehe mostexEensive and the most un-ahrpirt.'that';.had -been' known " to' his-t.r'CEeeraVAs!J& began; he summed up what he had to-say in the-two simple words, Welcome' home.'- With all brotherhbod'-arid affection" they welcomed them homo. (Cheers.) SiR HtfGH . "GRAHAM; ANP IMPERIAL 'At the close ;Lord Rosebery was cheered gain and agauC and the . audience, rising, sang VFor .hetsVjolly gobdifeUow." . Sir Hugh Graham ".in responding, thanked, the gathering for the warmth of their. welcome, and spoke of the, necessity of journalists Joining forcesifor the good. of; their country. in times of great national "crisis.' It required only a very short residence, in this country, to learn that the loyaJ peoplewere broadly, tolerant cn nearly every question that .could be, discussed, ; but they deeply oVplored'. disunion on. the .great question of national defence. He. believed that if the newspapers of Great and Greater Britain were . to" 'unite" on a policy, looking to the absolute security of the Empire, there. could, be raised very little opposition in the oojntry 'and little in Parliament, and the Press Woold tor ever make it impossible to degrade" that sacred question to' party' poli-ticiS(Berf; hear.) Colonial Press a wave of sentiment had recently spread over the outlying portions of the British, Empire that would mark an important era in the attitude-of, the people towards Imperial interests. Canada for long years "under both political parties had sponged for protection on the Mother Country, both parties in Britain had been too indulgent to ask them to pay their share, and tbey had been too mean to offer it. ("No, no.") But. a' change was impending. Inspired by -the pluck of New Zealand and Australia (loud cheers) the colonies for ever ra the van Canada was sending delegates to discuss the question of defence with the British Government, and it must be apparent to the whole British world that the Commonwealth dominions and dependencies were offering hearty co-operation. That movement originated. with the Press', was supported by the people and was now supported by both political parties. If a wise statesmanship governed tho delegates in their discussion, it meant a new and important stop safeguarding Imperial interests; it meant that the Colonies were rising to a sense of their responsibility (hear, hear) it meant that Canada and her sisters had come to be regarded as a responsible partner, having interests to protect, and having responsibilities co-equal with those privileges; it meant that the people were anxious to have a. voice -rightful voice in determining what the strength of the British. Navy should be, and tell them more effectively than could even be told by a nominal partner merely, that they regarded the British Navy as a form of Imperial insurance, a policy covering everything that we possessed, and that the provisions of that policy should be ample. THE LOYAL TOASTS. In proposing the toast of the . King, Lord Buraham, who, on rising, was received with loud cheers, said: : "My lords,-, my.. friends and colleagues, and you who honour us .by being our guests and visitors on this memorable occasion, I beg you to drink with all the enthusiasm at your command to the health of one who, I feel assured, would be heart and foul with us in our desire through closer knowledge of one another and a more-perfect comprehension of our duties and our ambitions to make, a reality of that which, to some of. us, at least, through many a Jong year, has been bat an ideal and an inspiration the coming of a time when all tho . English-speaking races . might stand shoulder' ' to shoulder ' in days alike of trouble and prosperity. In this Empire of ours, where self-government is ordered liberty. King Edward is the dignified and. illustrious head of the greatest sovereignity the world has ever seen. You know full well how ardently he works for the advancement of the highest interests of the realm, for the promotion of the happiness and welfare of his subjects. Of him it may be truly said, in the words of our greatest poet, 'In his right hand he carries gentle peace; he is just and fears not. The ends he aims at are his country's.' My toast is 'The King.' " (Loud cheers.) MESSAGE FROM THE KING. Mr. Harry Brittain read' the .Tollowinc tele gram to the King and His Majesty's reply: -- The overseas delegates to: the Imperial Press Conference desire to express their fervent loyalty to your Majesty and trust that you may long be spared to the people and tho Empire. His Majesty's reply, which bad just been received, was: The . King thanks most warmly the over-, seas 'delegates to the Imperial Press Conference for their kind telegram and hopes that, they will enjoy their - stay in England. (Cheers.) Lord Burnham then proposed the toast of the Queen and the Royal

Family, -after which he delivered the following speech "of welcome to the delegates: " My duty is. very simple. Before I finally discharge it let me say "that, proud as I am, and have always been, of the profession. to which I have the honour to belong, I have never been go proud of it as at this moment, when I find myself face to face with an assemblage such as never before has been gathered together. (Cheers-) Never in the past has any man stood before a compact body of all the most prominent journalists of the entire British Empire. To those, then, who are here to-night, not only on my own part, but on the part of the noble treasurer, Lord Northcliffe, on the part of the Chairman of the committee, Mr. Arthur Pearson -who is, I deeply regret to say, prevented by indisposition from being with .us, and who has asked me to express" his infinite regret on the part of the committee, consisting of our most distinguished journalists, and last, but very far from least, on the part of our indefatigable secretary, Mr. Harry Brittain, to whom, in justice be it said, tho origin and development in a considerable measure of this great and important undertaking are due, and who has worked night and dav so that a fortunate result might ensue an the part of all those I have named, I desire satisfaction the already assured success of our invitation to, the most powerlut representatives of the .Cross, ot in .Dominions ot the im Empire and of .the Colonies. "The .response to our invitation has in' deed excelled our most sanguine expecta tions. 'We have framed a programme of entertainments, not solely for tho amusement of our guests, hut with the desire that out of the discussions that must arise there may ulti mately be arrived at understandings that before the hour has come to say good-bye may enable ;us all to oompxenend what are the prospects and . what .the. opportunities of closer union and iincreased sympathy... But there is one thing -that it would be well for us all in this country ever to remember, and that is, that in speaking to you wo do not speak'toyou alone wo speak 'through you io countless thousands of ! our .-. kinsmen to men of our own flesh "and blood,' who may never have seen the. land in which their forefathers were bom, .but who' are keen and eager to 'prove, as they, have often proved in the past, ;but never -moreforcibly than by their recent actions and offers,-that they are animated by a snirit of SDIendid patriotism, and are ahso- .luteJy .convinced that in closer union lies tho secret ot irresistible power. (lxud cheers.) These, it seems to me, aro the men who from the Greater Britain beyond' the seas, stretch 'forth- their hands to us in the fervent expec- uuoos wmcu, L uupe uj vjruu may raver do disaorjointed that we shall crasD ahem with iall the strength and grip of a loyal and lasting "friendship. (Loud cheers.) "xn one regard j. am, indeed, truly laminate. I am enabled -to call upon one who has made the closer union.. of which I have spoken, of all parts, of the Empire, one of the leading ideals pi ms me. - tuicu t do you uunK venture 'to congratulate 'aim on the realisation, in some -slight measure at least, of that patriotic-ambHion? 'I. have-the honour to crave your silence for" triy noble friend, the Earl of Eosebexy." (Continued-cheers.) GUESTS AND HOSTS. The following is the list of those present at the banquet: DELEGATES. Canada.' 'Sir 'Hugh Graham, "Star," Montreal-; G. tanglois, "Le Canada," Montreal; J. S. Brier-ley, ":Herald, Montreal; J. A. Maodonald, "Globe," Toronto: J., E.. Atkinson, "Daily StarV'. Torontb: "D. Watson1, " Chronicle," Quebec: B... d'Hellenoouri, "Le Soleil,":. Quebec; P.- DJ -Boss, " Evening J ournal,',' Ottawa; J: W. Dafoe', "'Manitib" Free Press,"-'Winnipeg; M. E.' Nichols," "Telegram," Winnipeg; A. -F. Mscdons Id. '.'Morning Chronicle, Halifax; W. J. Herder, "Evening Telegi am," St. Johns, K.F.; E. W. 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VIENNA,. Saturday. . - A -large supply of gun-" -powder in ' Cracow- ex-ployed," breaking;' fchou-ands of
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-iv-1 vu:-u GALLIC COCK'S COSTUME. . ACTION OF MB. CLARKSON AGAINST PABIS THEATRE. . .
PARIS, Saturday, Mr. Clarkson, the - well-known" - London" theatrical - costumier, is i bringing an action
against Messrs. Hertz and Cogaelrn, . the managers of-rthe forteitiaint. Martin Tneatre,-clsimine 21000.
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aosert"?that plamtiHi.was only one of .severaloostunuers-who prepared preliminary designsi;that when the oostnmD -principally jn question 'was' sub-; mitted it' waa irninediatoly declareduiisuitable,-ndr'that;Atlie; designa sveptd. are now. being" satisfactorily1, carried out in Paris."?; .i. -w -" Chantecler." said one of the defindanta in an interview this afternoon, "will, not -.be' dressed in london. He is a Gallic"cock." 'Reuter. " - - - f--' ' ' ' ACTRESS ON. A - THRONE (Prow Our-Own Corritspoadent.) 1 ' '. """- BERLTN,' Saturday, c", w.:jCB WUV U1ICB knew the glories of -the footlights, but Germany claims nnl.. -.-,." ml. '. 1... 'n wlf- nf a t ri 1 i Tirmr-a (21- .x, von.Beldburg, morganatic wife of the, reigning people ;-of;thei;l)uchy have'-this week been showerm'glher. with .affertkmat. congratulations on'herJsevehtieth'birtbday. '- '. -"S.-Barohess von Heldburg wss a member of the", i iin.uA, x ouuora- oi xtonemone-Langenbarg, Ml,in lovo: with' her and; married ber.. .v8he was; famous beauty, aod'was'cele-brated at the time for her Juliet;; Her maiden name 'was'iaien'Frsns.-She received. the-title of Baronets van .Heldburg' on' heT' iuarriage '.., ' y NOTMj;cUl8itfV";i;';" .""-',"-. Theldeial -Piek-me-np" Hesort . r b 1 -1 J'-S-t-v-":