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ACROSS THE SEA.

How it Looks to a Washington Diplomat.

"Things are getting pretty hot in England," suggested a Washington correspondent to his friend, a diplomat.

"Yes," was the response; "the situation is becoming decidedly interesting. It is taking the shape I expected. I told you several weeks ago that this Irish conspiracy was as dangerous to England as nihilism to Russia. You thought I was an alarmist. Look at Great Britain to-day. London is almost in a state of siege; the queen is afraid to leave Windsor; the shipping at the wharves and railroad depots swarm with detectives; the guards are being doubled at all public places; the police force is being strengthened throughout the kingdom; strangers are followed to their hotels and their luggage ransacked; dynamite factories are being discovered on all sides. The people are thoroughly scared. Is Russia in any worse condition? I received a private cablegram to-day. It contains but few words, but their import is serious. It says: 'Sensation frightful; active preparations at house guards; tough times coming.' That message is from a cool-headed man. I am disposed to think the situation is worse than the newspapers indicate."

"How do you think it will end?"

"The Lord only knows. Arrests will be made until every British prison will be filled with suspects. That will not stop the reign of terror. There are desperate men at the head of this movement. They will not turn back; they will have no scruple to do bloody deeds. This plot is not of late origin. It has been developing for years. There was comparative quiet in Ireland after the passage of the Irish church bill. The home rule movement and the apparently peaceful agitation of the land league lulled the suspicion of the British government. Beaconsfield and Gladstone both misunderstood the temper of the people they were dealing with. They trifled with sharp-edged swords. English rule in Ireland has never been secure since the Irish obtained a strong footing in this country. Here they are free to plot against their hereditary foe. They can issue orders from this point of safety and find daring hands on the other side to execute them. A good supply of money is at their command here. The utterances of the Irish-American press encourage the peasantry of the old country. England may manage to keep down the spirit of lawlessness and rapine for a time, but it will keep breaking out as long as the conspirators can meet safely in the United States and plan mischief against the friendly power. England is anxious for this government to take a decided stand on this question. There are some plain notes in Secretary Frelinghuysen's hands now. He hardly knows how to reply to them. The question is whether the contributions for sending dynamite to England for the destruction of public buildings are not violations of the neutrality law. This is of more importance just now than the extradition of men like Sheridan and Egan. I understand that there are eminent lawyers in this country who are of the opinion that open receipt of subscriptions for such purposes as Ressa and Finerty rave about render them liable to the neutrality of law. England realizes that she can never rest easy until there is some way of muzzling the Irish-Americans. She will exercise every device of diplomacy to attain this result."

"Do you think there is much chance here of succeeding?"

"I am afraid not. Our government has no decided policy on such questions. Frelinghuysen is timorous; Arthur hesitates on questions of home policy and can scarcely be expected to take a firm grasp on international questions.

It would be different if Blaine were still secretary of state. He would have an opinion and will enough to express it and carry the president and cabinet with him. That opinion might not be favorable to England, but it would force a settlement of the matter one way or another. It must be settled some day. Other European powers are interested in it. None of them feel safe while conspirators can obtain safe refuge on these shores. Your state department will have as much as it can handle before long. There are rumors in inside circles that the Fenians are in league with the anarchists of other nations. It is rather singular that there should be disturbances in other countries at this particular time. I have no doubt myself that there is a close alliance between the invincibles of Ireland and America, the communists of France, the socialists of Germany, the nihilists of Russia and the Black Hand of Spain. They are all active. The proposed international police system would be an immense thing for the crowned heads of Europe."

"In a previous interview you apprehended an uprising in the large manufacturing towns of England?"

"That danger is greater to-day than ever before. The English people are worked up to a frenzy of excitement. A few days may witness scenes of bloodshed in the manufacturing districts. Events are exciting now, but there are worse to follow."

VILLARD'S VISIT.

A Six Week's Programme.

A San Francisco special to the Oregonian of the 12th says: "In conversation this evening with a gentleman who is in a position to speak advisedly with regard to the object of Villard's visit to the Pacific coast, and to contemplated improvements in connection with steam and the railroad service of the Oregon Railway and Navigation company and the Northern Pacific, he stated to an Oregonian correspondent that much apprehension existed on the subject. He prefaced his remarks by stating that it could be regarded as a certainty that Villard did not propose to revolutionize the railroad system of the coast, but merely desired to form an opinion as to how matters were progressing, and that in order to do this had decided to make personal examination. During his stay in this city he is said to have done considerable work, and to have satisfied himself, both as to the administration of affairs here and as to the requirements at present existing and likely to arise in course of business. Having accomplished this much, he proposed to leave for the north to-morrow morning by the steamship Queen of the Pacific, leaving the ship at Astoria and thence taking passage on a river steamer going to Kalama, and thence to Seattle prior to visiting Portland. His attention would be directed toward contemplated railroad extensions there and to general inspection of the nature of the country and business opportunities. Immigration matters will also receive their share of his time, and it is not improbable that he will make such arrangements as will work greatly to the benefit of settlers. After spending a week or 10 days in the vicinity of Seattle, Tacoma and other points in Washington Territory, the party will retrace their steps to Portland, where much of the preliminary inspection above noticed will be repeated. In addition to these features, Villard will also extend his observations so as to include a visit to Dakota. In all, some six weeks will be consumed."

W. H. Vanderbilt's check for April interest on government bonds, was \$402,000, or the interest of \$40,200,000 of bonds. He has received \$478,000 for quarterly interest. This shows that he has sold or otherwise disposed of, \$7,600,000 of his bonds.

Olympia Items.

Joe Gale has sold his logging camp on Oyster bay to a gentleman from Minnesota, who, we understand, is an old and experienced lumberman of the Northwest.

A large raft of logs has just been put in the boom at the railroad depot, belonging to Foster, containing about 1,000,000 feet, and is now waiting a steamer to be towed to Tacoma mills.

The cash receipts of the land office in this city, during the month of March, was nearly \$29,000, the largest ever received. The land officers are all kept very busy day and night to keep the work up.—*Transcript.*

There are now three stages running between this city and Montesano, and they are all crowded to their fullest capacity. One of these stages, by making extra time, performs two round trips, and the others one trip each week.

After the war, when the number of servants in attendance at Oakenwald was divided by four or five, two negro girls, 18 and 20, went to the nearest village "to hire out." The lady to whom they applied could hardly tell the story for laughing: "I asked if they could cook. 'No'm, we ain't never bin cook none; Phil allus cook.' Can you wash? 'No'm, we ain't bin wash none neither; Aunt Sally she wash.' Can you clean house, then? 'No'm, least we ain't never bin clean none,' and so" said Mrs. Nash, "I went through the whole list of qualifications, receiving always the same negative answer. Well, what in heaven's name, said I at last have you been accustomed to do! Lucinda's dusky face brightened—'Sukey, here, she hunt for master's specs and I keep flies off ole miss!'"

Among other railroad rumors it is stated that President Colby, of the Wisconsin Central is now in New York, closing negotiations for the sale of the Wisconsin Central to the Villard syndicate, it being the preliminary step to the establishment of a transcontinental line from New York to Portland. With the construction of the Northern Pacific link, connecting Superior City and Ashland, Wisconsin, the Central gains entrance to Milwaukee. With another link to Chicago it will complete a through line to New York via the Grand Trunk and West Shore road. However, the entire line will not be under a single management, Villard contenting himself, at least for the present, with a traffic agreement east of Chicago. It is thought the whole line will be in operation by August 1st.

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