

## What the Cables Say.

### THE WAR CLOUD.

CAIRO, October 21.—A battery of Egyptian artillery is being sent to Fashoda.

Paris, October 22.—Major Marchand's report makes no reference to Lord Kitchener. It states that on August 20 supplies were abundant. M. Baratier sailed for Paris by the same steamer on which Lord Kitchener is travelling. The English Press considers the whole affair as a trick to gain time.

St. Petersburg, October 22.—The *Noroe Vremya* states that Sir M. Hicks-Beach has failed to remember that Russia has firmly resolved to support France in her claims in view of the solidarity of their interests in the Upper Soudan.

London, October 23.—The warships at Portsmouth are coaling and completing their crews. Naval officers on leave have been warned to be in readiness to rejoin their ships.

London, October 23.—Lord Rosebery at Perth: The peace-at-any-price policy invited encroachment and resulted in war. Dealing with Fashoda he added that it was untrue that France protested at the time of Sir Edward Grey's warning in 1895 that the French advance upon Fashoda would be regarded as an unfriendly act. A *Times* cable states that Major Marchand's despatch just published causes the worst impression. It is recognised in England that the crisis is undoubtedly of the gravest character. The immediate mobilisation of the navy is an imminent possibility as a response to the French war preparations. Assurances are given that the Imperial Government are quite ready, and fully realise the seriousness of the situation. Public excitement in both countries is intense. A meeting of the British Cabinet is convened for this week.

London, October 24.—A Yellow Book on Fashoda has been issued in France. It is regarded as an ultimatum. M. De Courcel, late French Minister at St. James', says Great Britain has no authority on the Upper Nile, as the suzerain was the Sultan of Turkey.

October 25th.—The English Press state that the Yellow Book increases the gravity of the situation, and makes threats regarding Major Marchand's removal unless the French give an early and clear reply. Lord Salisbury is consulting his colleagues on the situation. He says that the French must withdraw to the watershed line of Bahr-el-Ghazal. M. De Courcel says such a delimitation is physically difficult, and that it was necessary for the French to have an outlet from the French Congo to the Bahr-el-Ghazal Valley. The delimitation should be between Lake Tchad and the Nile.

St. Petersburg, October 25.—The Russian Press urge that France is entitled to an outlet on the Nile.

### NEW ZEALAND.

The war-scare has had its echo in New Zealand. Leave of absence has been withdrawn from naval and military men. The forts about Wellington are manned, though rumour says ammunition is scarce. A large gun is being placed in position to command the wharves and harbour, and arrangements have been made for placing mines for harbour defence.

Power will intoxicate the best hearts as wine the strongest heads. No man is wise enough nor good enough to be trusted with unlimited power.

Mr. E. W. Dunne, Catholic bookseller, of 81 George street, Dunedin, has a new advertisement in this issue wherein he calls attention to a shipment of ten cases of goods which he has just received. The goods are of the usual first-class order for which Mr. Dunne's establishment has long been noted.—\*.\*

We beg to draw the attention of the public to the advertisement of Messrs. Hooper and Co., furniture manufacturers, Octagon, Dunedin, which appears elsewhere in our columns. Messrs. Hooper and Co. have gained an enviable reputation for the high art upholstery turned out from their factory, and for the ordinary, everyday articles of household furniture the firm occupies a foremost place in the trade.—\*.\*

The English one hour track record has been raised by A. A. Chase, who, paced by the crack Dunlop teams, succeeded in riding 33 miles 712 yards in 60 min. on the Crystal Palace track, London. This ride is nearly a mile better than the previous English record, held by J. W. Stocks; but it is not equal to Elke's American ride, when he covered the remarkable distance of 34 miles 1223 yards in the hour.—\*.\*

### IN PARLIAMENT.

THE Divorce Bill having passed both Houses has been reserved for the Royal assent.

The Railway Authorisation Bill has been introduced and read the first time.

The Loan Bill has passed the Lower House.

The Notornis before the House. The Hon. J. McKenzie is said to be favourable to its purchase by the Government.

On the motion of the Right Hon. the Premier some forty Bills were expunged from the Order Paper.

The Pharmacy Bill and the Juries Act Amendment Bill were ordered to be committed.

We referred last week to the disfavour shown by the Council to the Wages Protection Bill. This took tangible shape in the amended form in which it was afterwards returned to the Lower House. The House of Representatives have, however, refused to sanction the amendments made by the Council.

The waste lands committee reported on the petition alleging maladministration of the land department in Kaikoura district, and found that there was no foundation for the allegations.

Captain Russell has been asking the Minister for Mines what qualifications and experiences are deemed essential in persons holding the office of assistant inspector of mines.

Indications are not wanting of the retirement from Cabinet rank at an early date of the Hon. J. McKenzie.

In the Legislative Council on Tuesday the Master and Apprentice Bill passed its second reading stage by a majority of one vote. The Land and Income Tax Bill was passed.

### O B I T U A R Y.

#### MISS MILLIE SULLIVAN.

THE funeral of Miss Millie Sullivan, daughter of a most respected resident of Timaru, Mr. John Sullivan, took place on Saturday last. The deceased girl was a pupil of the Sacred Heart parish school, and a large number of her school-mates attended, marching in procession at the funeral. Being the only daughter in a family of six, her decease was much regretted. She was a great favourite amongst her schoolmates. Her illness was comparatively very short, and her demise came as a surprise to all. Father McDonald, who officiated at the grave, addressed some very appropriate remarks to the children on the death of their late companion.—R.I.P.

#### MR. M. FLANNERY.

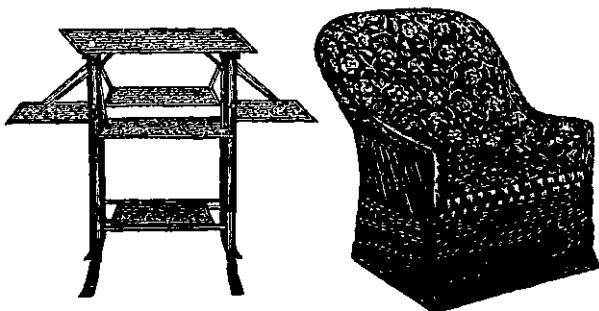
We regret to chronicle the death of Mr. M. Flannery, which took place recently at his home in Derrycallaghan (Ireland). Deceased, who was much respected, was 86 years old. Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated for him in Moneygall by Rev. J. Toohey, P.P., Rev. M. M. Cormack, C.C., and Rev. B. Donovan, C.C. Mr. Flannery was father of Miss Flannery, Timaru, and of Mrs. J. Golding of the same town.—R.I.P.

### A NOTED PRIEST-SCIENTIST.

A PORTRAIT of this remarkable priest appears in a recent number of the *Sketch*. His brother monks of Buckfast Abbey (England) call him 'our Edison.' The extraordinary inventive genius of Father Denys, especially in an electrical groove, is the subject of a most interesting article in the *Sketch*, which says that the Rev. Father was educated at Arcueil, near Paris, and, very early in life showed a distinct fondness for mechanics and especially for studies in electricity. In 1881 he took the vows of the Benedictine Order, and soon after invented an automatic signalling apparatus which was adopted by the French Government. This mechanism gives warning of the approach of a train to any station, by sounding a loud gong, long before the train arrives.

Since he has been at Buckfast, Father Denys has fitted the Abbey with a chime of tubular bells, rung by electric power. The music of these bells is described by the *Sketch* as far surpassing in sweetness the ordinary chimes. The Rev. Father has also invented an electric clock which not only winds itself automatically, but acts as a distributor of 'the time of day' to other clocks or time dials of any size, which, deriving their information from a common source, never contradict each other. Father Denys is said to be now turning his attention in the direction of motor cars.

But the genius of Father Denys is not confined to electricity. He is known as Dr. Denys by the villagers around the Abbey, as his surgical and medicinal skill have often and readily been at the service of the poor. He is also extremely popular at Dartmoor prison, where he occasionally acts as Catholic Chaplain.



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