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NEWS OF THE WORLD.

LONDON, Saturday.—A great Liberal mass meeting was held last night at the Albert Hall. Some 10,000 persons were present, including all the Ministers with the exception of Sir Edward Grey and Mr. Haldane. The speech of the evening was delivered by the Prime Minister, who said, in part, that the single solution of the Irish question was the granting of complete autonomy as far as purely Irish affairs were concerned. He criticised the action of the House of Lords and said: "We will accept or administrate no office until we have the guarantee that is absolutely necessary if our party is to act as a useful legislative body." Mr. Asquith further declared that the claim of the Upper House to meddle with taxation measures constituted a new danger to the people's liberty. He asked that Parliament be empowered to bring in a Law according to which the Lords would be deprived of their right to have any say in financial questions. The abolition of the Lords' veto would have to coincide with an abbreviation of the legislative period of the Lower House. The present seven-year limit must be reduced to five, or even four years. In regard to the granting of female suffrage, Mr. Asquith said that his attitude was unchanged. He closed with an appeal to Liberals to earnestly consider this serious crisis. A resolution was adopted by the meeting in which it was decided to support the Prime Minister in his endeavours and to make a fundamental and permanent principle of the supremacy of the popular will, as it found expression in the House of Commons.

LONDON, Saturday.—Mr. Balfour, leader of the Opposition, publishes a pamphlet in which he states that the attacks directed against the House of Lords represent the extreme result of a carefully prepared conspiracy among members of the Government with the object of constituting an actual legislative hierarchy. The immense privileges now enjoyed by the Commons do not suffice for these conspirators, who desire to make the Lower House not only independent of the peers, but of the people also. In the interests of the people this conspiracy must be rendered abortive. With regard to Britain's position at sea, Mr. Balfour says, that public opinion will not so easily forgive the regrettable neglect through which the Liberals have greatly encouraged the dangerous rivalry in warship building instituted by certain foreign Powers.

LONDON, Saturday.—Dr. Ludwig Mond, general director of Messrs. Brunner, Mond and Co., of Warrington, Cheshire, and an honorary doctor of Heidelberg University, died early this morning.

WASHINGTON, Saturday.—A cable message to the Navy Department reports the occurrence of a violent earthquake on the island of Guam, the southernmost of the Ladrone Islands and a possession of the United States. Loss of life and enormous damage is feared.

NEW YORK, Saturday.—The American Ice Company has been found guilty of infringing the Anti-Trust Law.

The German Imperial Secretary of State for the Interior (Herr Delbrück), speaking in the Reichstag on Tuesday night, defended the Government against an attack made by Herr Gothein, the leader of the little Free Trade group. "I do not intend to dissect the theoretical disquisitions of Herr Gothein," said the Minister. "I would only call attention to the fact that under our present fiscal régime our industry has conquered the entire world. Trade and traffic have greatly developed. Our agriculturists have become a class with remarkable purchasing power. Wages have increased.

"Until it has been proved that I am wrong in my conclusions regarding our economic conditions I must adhere to the belief which, I think, is shared by the overwhelming majority of our people, that our fiscal policy is a sound one."

Full and frank admission of German hopes with regard to the fiscal struggle in England was made to me (says the *Daily Mail* correspondent in Berlin) by Herr Georg Gothein, leader of the ultra-Free Trade wing of the German Radical party in the Reichstag.

"We wish Free Trade to be maintained in Great Britain," he said, "not only because we regard it as an asset for the bringing about of more amicable relations between Germany and England, but also because there can be no doubt that the introduction of Protection would deal a serious blow to German industry. Practically our whole export to England would be temporarily dislocated (gestört), and a large portion of it probably irretrievably lost. In presence of these certainties, who can blame Germans, whether Free Traders or Protectionists, for wishing to postpone the evil day as long as possible? In a

great variety of manufactured articles there can be little doubt that British tariffs would altogether bar German imports. We wish to be understood as not presuming to interfere in the internal political affairs of England, but we do not disguise our ardent hope that the splendid institution of British Free Trade may be perpetuated.

STUTTGART, Saturday.—Count Zeppelin spent a bad night on Friday, but in the course of the day an improvement became visible in his general condition. The wound in the throat is slightly inflamed, but there is no cause for anxiety.

CHRISTIANIA, Saturday.—The Nobel committee of the Storting awarded prizes for their peace efforts to M. Beernaert, erstwhile Premier of Belgium; and to M. d'Estournelles de Constant, the well known French senator.

ST. PETERSBURG, Saturday.—From authoritative private sources it is learned that the Chinese Government has answered Russia's communiqué of Oct. 7th, relative to Manchuria, by a note in which China sharply protests against the views of the Russian Government as expressed in its communiqué. This note says that China will recognise no sort of Russian administrative rights in Harbin or other Manchurian towns. If such a right is presumed in the Treaty of Portsmouth or other documents, China refuses to be bound thereby, and protests further that the Russian communiqué was sent to Powers other than China itself. In conclusion, the Peking Government announces its intention of taking over the protection of all the Manchurian railways.

ROME, Saturday.—An official list of the new Ministry is still wanting, but it is generally believed that the Cabinet will consist as follows: President and Minister of the Interior, Signor Sonnino; Foreign Affairs, Signor Guicciardini; Justice, Signor Scialoja; Treasury, Signor Salandra; Finance, Signor Arlotta; War, General Spilingardi; Marine, Admiral Bettolo; Education, Signor Daneo; Public Works, Signor Rubini; Agriculture, Signor Luzatti.

BRUSSELS, Saturday.—It is officially stated that King Leopold's health is now so satisfactory that a complete cure may be effected in the course of a few days.

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