

A statement is current that a dissolution of Parliament will be shortly announced, and the report finds such general acceptance that several members have gone to look after their constituents.

BERLIN, 11.—The condition of Dr. Nobel is much improved. It is thought likely that he will recover.

The recovery of the Emperor is progressing wonderfully. To-day he celebrates the 49th anniversary of his marriage.

Arrests for treasonable utterances among the classes infected with socialism, continue very frequent.

The subject of the approaching congress of the Powers, in this city, attracts really less public attention than the internal crisis which is kept prominently in view by the activity of the police and partizan preparation for the approaching election.

ST. PETERSBURG, 11.—There was a solemn service of prayers at St. Isaac's Cathedral, to-day, for the recovery of the Empress.

Missionary Experience.

We extract the following from a private letter from Elder B. H. Schettler, now laboring in Holland. It details some interesting experience:

"A small hall, which my predecessor had hired and occupied for some time, was used for Sunday worship, morning and evening, where a few of the Amsterdam Saints and a very few strangers came together.

After a few months of my sojourn in this land, having visited the scattered Saints and held meetings in their houses with occasionally a few strangers, I returned to Amsterdam and advertised the meetings, which brought more strangers. Though as yet but little acquainted with the language, I was enabled, with the help of the German language to make myself understood to pretty nearly all, and free to speak upon the principles of the gospel, calling them unto repentance and baptism for the remission of sins, and warning them of the judgments to come, and the approach of the Second Advent of our Savior upon the earth. This stirred up the devil, and I felt, with each succeeding meeting, that the time of public speaking in that hall at least, was getting short.

Advertising was no more necessary, the papers had lying articles about our meetings, and the hall was much too small to admit those who desired to get in, by far the greater portion coming only from curiosity, to see as they expected, some one being baptized, the papers stating that this was done in a tub filled with mud.

After several riotous meetings, causing the smashing of windows and one bench, the proprietor refused to rent the hall any longer for our meetings, the police whose assistance I had sought not rendering the necessary aid. It was very evident that while the police commissioners proposed to be willing to render all aid needed, the aid sent was mere sham, they in their feelings being one with the people. Never in my life before did I notice so plainly the workings of the devil in the breaking up of our meetings, and the threats of violence against me.

The enemy now having accomplished the shutting up of the hall, was on the watch to hinder me from speaking elsewhere, as all my advertising for another hall proved in vain, and when a place for meeting was to let, it was refused to me, being a Mormon, and house-owners were afraid of uproar. The spirit of enmity was as manifest and as universal as I have ever seen and felt before.

I went to Zaandam, but found the same bitter spirit there as in Amsterdam, being rejected in every house I called at.

The King coming to town for a week's stay on the 30th of April, and it being customary there for him to receive petitions of all sorts from societies and individuals, I also drew up a petition to him, setting forth my inability to obtain a hall for the preaching of the gospel, giving him a copy of my commission as representative of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, offering him enlightenment on the principles of the gospel as taught by Jesus and our Elders, and asking him to kindly let me have the use of one of his military halls, which were

unoccupied and only occasionally used, for voting purposes. A few days ago I received an answer, neither granting my request nor wishing to hear anything of the gospel. Besides this I tried to get an opportunity to deliver an address to the students of theology at the university here, but was refused. I have now again been in the country for two weeks and found a few willing to listen, but none, as yet, have had the courage to come out from among their ungodly friends and acquaintances, and take the name of Christ upon them. The most fearful ignorance, coupled with dishonesty, and an unwillingness to appear different in their worship to others, seems to hold the people back; so much so that even many of those now claiming membership of the Church, have never realized the importance of the work, so that but very few faithful saints are to be found in Holland.

Lightning Speed.

Col. Wilson was the telegrapher accompanying the Prince of Wales and his suite while traveling through Illinois. The party had occasion to cross a railway, and the sight of the telegraph poles and wires excited in the Prince and his suit a desire to place themselves in communication with civilization once more. The Colonel accordingly adjusted his pocket instrument, but soon found that in one direction the wires were down and casting his eyes along the track he noticed the source of the trouble, by means of a field telescope, about half a mile beyond.

"I guess I'll mend the break," said the Colonel, in the presence of the Duke of Newcastle.

"Have you the wire to do it with?" inquired his grace.

"No," answered the Colonel, "but I guess I'll send for some."

"But, sir," said the Duke somewhat alarmed, "we can't do with out you, and I'm sure we can't wait here a day or two, while you send to the nearest station, which I understand is ten miles away, for the repairing material."

"I'll repair the break and not detain you longer than the time you will require to dispatch your lunch," returned the imperturbable colonel, and while he was still talking to the credulous duke—to whom he had given no hint how the repair was to be effected—a train came in sight, in a twinkling it was upon them, and as it passed the spot where the party was congregated, at a tremendous burst of speed, a coil of wire was thrown from the baggage car, and in half an hour the break was repaired.

The duke, after referring to the fact as a most striking example of what was known as "fast" America, and even after the simple explanation of the "trick," he still thought it marvelous, and could only have been performed in America. The case was simply this: As soon as Colonel Wilson found the wire broken, and while in communication with the nearest station in the direction in which the wire was unbroken, he had given orders to put a coil of wire on the next train, with instructions to throw it off at the point where the company would be found making halt. Even while he was giving this order, the answer was returned, "The train is now in sight," and hence he could calculate that it would reach the point at which they were encamped in less than half an hour. It was about 20 minutes later he had the conversation with the duke, and hence it was that while they were still talking over the matter, the train came in sight.

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