

and townspeople here have held to me in these circumstances of great difficulty, and the way in which my lot is theirs, I am sure this appeal would be to be fully justified. I should be pained, if I neglected any steps for their honour says that Zobeir is at Korosko, a final confirmation has been received yet.

It is remarkable that I am not

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

The Economist believes that if the position of Government depended on their domestic position it would be all but impregnable. But when we look abroad we see them exposed to risks. And if the elements of weakness in Government position ultimately prevail, the elements of strength, the peculiarity of the situation is that neither of the conditions which would justify a numerically inferior Government taking office is fulfilled. The Opposition in the House of Commons is disorganized and out of touch with all recent experience, and there is no evidence that the "cave" formed by the Party attracts an amount of favour from the Conservative electors altogether out of proportion to the number of its present occupation. Nor have the Opposition the remotest prospect of bettering their situation by an appeal to the country. Let it be granted that at a general election they might wrest a number of seats from the Liberals in England and Wales, and afterwards patch up their intestine divisions by an equal partition of the spoils of victory among the different fractions of the party: Mr Parnell and his followers, a compact band of seventy, according to the most moderate estimate, would be left and would have to be reckoned with. On all critical issues the new Government is compelled to choose between negotiating with declared enemies of the Union and being outvoted by a minority. Lord Salisbury's courage verges on recklessness, but it may be doubted whether he is prepared to face so serious a

THE SIEGE OF BIRMINGHAM.

The Saturday Review pronounces Lord Randolph Churchill's opening speech at Birmingham a success, and it thinks the verdict will be the less weight that it comes from those who by no means have been able to regard Lord Randolph Churchill's career with unmixed approval. Another testimony still more unmisgiving is the fact that, despite the moderation of the personal tone, Mr Chamberlain's henchmen uttered shrieks of horror at its personality. Lord Randolph abstained almost entirely from the possible popular, but certainly undesirable personalities in which he has often indulged, and which Mr Chamberlain, both from precedent and from his own method of dealing with opponents, unquestionably invites. By his broad lines of attack on Radicalism in general, and on the policy of Radical Government in particular; by avoiding certain mistakes in particular; by avoiding certain and rather unfortunate crotchets which sometimes taken up; by a strict observation of the decencies of discussion, Lord Randolph Churchill has shown, let it be hoped for all, that it is not in the least necessary to commit the errors he has now avoided in order to be amusing and effective. The Spectator does not estimate Lord Randolph Churchill's Birmingham speeches with much kindness. A man who has been described as a mythical Puck, as the Madhi of Birmingham,

1689; or, at least, in 1800. Thomas Sackville, Earl of Dorset and Lord Treasurer of England, he forgotten. Like Lord Beaconsfield he first distinguished himself (and in youth) as an author; was elected a member of the House of Commons; was raised to the Peerage; became the first Minister of a great Queen; and died on a 19th of April (1608). The Prayer Book further reminds us that one day is sacred to the memory of St Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, murdered by the Danes in 1012, after their capture of the metropolitan city. It was on the Saturday after Easter, the central festival of the calendar having fallen on the same day in 1012 as in 1884. The Danes, "who had dined," pelted the hapless prelate with bones. "At last one Thrum, whom Ælfheah had converted, and whom he had confirmed the day before, out of pity claved his head with his battle-axe." Ælfheah, it need hardly be observed, is Professor Freeman's way of spelling the saint's name.

JEW-BAITING IN LIMERICK.

The St James's Gazette says—The Jew-baiting is not one of the amiable weaknesses of this country; but a veritable case of persecution of a Jew is reported from Ireland. Six labourers were on Friday charged at Limerick with riotous conduct on Easter Sunday, when they wrecked the house of a Jew, behaving with such violence that their victim, according to his own account, "nearly died of fright." Several valuable articles of property belonging to him were, he stated, broken; and he was, as well he might be, unaware of the reason why this attack was made upon him. A police officer was, however, able to give some explanation on this point. The Jews, he understood, were attacked because of the way in which they celebrated the Passover; objection being taken to their stabbing fowls in the yards to draw blood. The neighbours, he added, "were greatly incensed against them." The magistrate sentenced two of the prisoners to one month's imprisonment with hard labour, and ordered three of the others to find sureties for their good behaviour; observing at the same time that "full protection should be afforded to these unfortunate Jews." It would be hard indeed if the Jews were denied the protection extended to other religious sects far more noisy and offensive in their demeanour than the harmless people. And on the whole, perhaps the stabbing of a chicken in a backyard is not so cruel as the shooting of a landlord or his agent on the high road, an incident which calls forth little expression of indignation from the "boys" of Limerick.

THE DYNAMITE CONSPIRACY.

The Saturday Review does not fear the dynamite conspiracy if the whole police force of the country is vigorously directed. It would facilitate the task if the various authorities, State and Federal, in the United States could be persuaded to help; but the chance that they will be persuaded is so small that we shall do well to confine ourselves to trying to trace a direct participation in guilt to some one of the agitators in America. We may regret our failure to reach the worst offenders; but as long as Irish dupes can be found to obey the orders of Irish impostors the inability will continue. Meanwhile, by sufficient vigilance and energy it is possible to make it so dangerous for any man to take up the trade of dynamiter that dupes will no longer be found. When Irishmen have been taught by a sufficient number of examples (and under the pressure of fear they are apt scholars) that the prison, and

Boston bicyclists will find it in the Simplon, on the Alp as a challenge for any reaches the same height on another hand across. That altogether too juvenile in praise. The bicycle does not suit travellers who want to use as well as their legs. It is not into a wheel; and those who one yesterday have mourned the Times.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Emperor and Empress on Saturday in St Petersburg Gatschina.

It is stated that Mr J E Justin M'Carthy, MP, visited Tipperary at the general election.

Aleko Pasha, the Governor of Roumelia, has issued a special order for the discussion of all meetings for the discussion.

A lady has just died near 105 years of age and was a Catholic. She lived with 80th year.

A Chronicle Berlin correspondent still prevails that the year between the Emperor and Russia.

The death is announced Canon Brennan, of Moon who had been named as the See of Ossory.

The Daily Chronicle's London correspondent informs that the place between the Egyptian question.

The house of a French Charge was burnt down morning. Charge's personal family escaped.

According to the Pall Mall Thursday there were 1 Church, Clerkwell, London 232 children and adults.

The Canadian Parliament and the Marquis of Lansdowne the occasion, congratulate the arrangement of the recent Columbia.

A Parliamentary paper shows that the total population of Boards in England is over 100 under School Attendance a half millions.

A conditional order was for a new trial in the case against Mr Trimble, the case which has had so much in Parliament.

An immense quantity of the mast of a large vessel Shreerness on Saturday. The ship of at least two thousand foundered in the North Sea.

The first summer sketching Club took place. The club intend to be held by a conversation and by their photographic session.

According to a despatch General of Cuba, the insurrection of General Aguirre, the roads leading from the Spanish troops and the

On Saturday, in the Sligo v Houston, an act