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News of the Day

Friday, February 20, 1925

Saints Sylvian and Paula. — Princess Royal born, 1867 — Sir Henry Lucy (Toby, M. A.) died, 1924. — 51 days past, 314 to the end of the year.

POLITICAL NOTES.

MINISTERIAL QUESTION.

In the Administrative Council, on Wednesday, Dr. Arias, Minister of Industries, speaking for himself and for Drs. Caviglia and Jude, Ministers of Finance and of Public Instruction, said that it had been their intention to leave the new Council at liberty to appoint its own Ministers, but a certain paper (the «Día») of which Councillor Narancio was on the editorial staff, had made a personal attack on them and had asserted that they had lost the support of the Council. He therefore planted the question of confidence before the Council.

Dr. Narancio denied being the author of the article complained of, but admitted being intimately bound to the editors of the paper. Later on he added that, in his conception, the three Ministers were not in the proper conditions, as they no longer belonged to his political party (they are radicals, or vieristas). For that reason he had not voted for their appointment. — Sr. Sosa recalled that he also had not voted for them, for the same reason.

Dr. Lamas said that, since Dr. Narancio was not the author of the article and no Councillor had brought any charge against the Ministers, the question should not be raised. — Sr. Aramendia said that the Ministers had his confidence; and recalled that it had been agreed upon that the renovation of the Cabinet should take place every four years. Dr. Fleurquin thought it ought to be every two years. — Dr. Garcia Morales expressed his confidence in the three Ministers, and added that in his opinion, when the Cabinet was reorganised place should be given in it to all the parties represented on the Council, and especially the nationalist. — Dr. Campisteguy expressed his confidence. — Dr. Mendivil said that the question should be raised on the renewal of the Council in March. Other Councillors concurred with this view, and eventually it was decided that the question was «inopportune». Dr. Arias thereupon retired.

The scandalous batllista attempt to disorganise the Cabinet and compel the retirement of the three Ministers has thus broken down, for the moment at all events, though it may be reopened at the proper time, that is to say when the Council is renewed in March and can discuss the question under different conditions. Dr. Arias may be congratulated on his bold manner of tackling an uncomfortable question, and thus putting a check on the batllista attacks; and the Council may also be congratulated on not having yielded to the insinuations of the batllista cabal. The idea that a Minister may not retain his post because he does not belong to some specified faction, or because he has incurred the displeasure of the batllistas, is intolerable, and subversive of every notion of free and democratic government. In the present case the action of the batllista cabal was all the more unjustified because every one of the three Ministers had only been quite recently appointed. At this rate there would never be any stability in the Cabinet, even for a few months. It is surely time that the administration of the Republic was elevated above these undignified factional disputes and intrigues—but we fear that it never will be while the batllistas have any power to keep it down.

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OTHER MATTERS.

The Deputies held an extraordinary sitting on Wednesday and continued discussion of the Supplementary Budget Bill, to which some further additions were made. The discussion is not yet concluded.

The rumour was very current yesterday that Sr. Julio Maria Sosa intends to withdraw his self-proclaimed candidature to the future Presidency of the Republic.

Another rumour that has been current for many days past is that Sr. Batlle's candidature to the future Presidency will be Dr. Manini Rios, leader of the riverista party, who is thought the most likely to secure a united colorado vote. Dr. Manini is certainly a much superior candidate to any that has yet been named; but at the same time it is difficult to give much credence to the rumour because of the bitter and increasing hostility which Sr. Batlle has displayed towards Dr. Manini ever since the latter separated from him on the question of constitutional reform.

Referring to the detrimental frequency of elections, yesterday's «Diario del Plata» says that, although this may contribute to the civic education of the people, on the other hand it distracts them from their normal occupations, and, as they cannot always be kept in a state of feverish political excitement, it may end in apathy and indifference. As a remedy it proposes that the term of the Deputies should be extended to four years, their election synchronising with that of the President of the Republic; while the elections for partial renewal of the Council and the Senate should take place every two years, as at present. By this means elections would only be held once every two years, instead of practically every year as at present. The suggestion is worth considering.

The scrutiny of the elections proceeds steadily, but it is not yet possible to say when the end will be

reached, and the partial results that are being published afford no basis for any reliable conclusion. Our contemporaries, with two or three exceptions, have left off their noisy rival claims to victory, and are awaiting the official result in relative calm—though there is said to be another outbreak of excitement when it is proclaimed.

It may be mentioned that, as a result of the personal attacks in the «Día», all three of the Ministers concerned, Drs. Arias, Jude and Caviglia, have sent their seconds to Dr. Ghigliani, author of the attacks. It may be doubted if the Tribunal of Honour will allow the duels.

The Conquest of Aconcagua.

FURTHER PARTICULARS.

From the «Buenos Aires Herald»: — In regard to the successful attempt of Mr. M. F. Ryan to scale Aconcagua peak, in the Province of Mendoza, which was mentioned in the columns of yesterday's Herald, a brief account of the outstanding features of the ascent may prove interesting reading.

On January 30 a party of five, consisting of Mr. M. F. Ryan, Mr. C. V. R. MacDonald, Mr. J. Cochrane, Mr. F. Clayton, and a guide named Carlos Lobos, left the Puente del Inca Hotel (2,720 metres above sea-level) and proceeded in the direction of Aconcagua. In the course of their climb, they scaled Los Almacenes peak (5,356 metres), and the Tolosa peak (5,465 metres), where they found a letter dated 3/3, without mention of a year, and signed by one Carl Fischbat of the Transatlántica Germana, Florida 7-1, Buenos Aires. The letter was found in a crevice between two rocks and was evidently placed there by the party who had reached the top of Tolosa peak.

They arrived at the foot of Aconcagua without mishap on the afternoon of February 7, upon which all activities were suspended for two days preparatory to the dangerous ascent. On February 9, therefore, all being ready, the ascent was started and continued with a few halts until a height of 5,700 metres was reached, where the temperature was found to be 14 degrees Centigrade below zero. The mules were sent back when this height was reached, as it would have been useless to make them proceed further.

At 5 o'clock on the morning of February 11, the ascent was continued under considerable difficulties, it being found necessary to hack a path through the frozen snow and ice and transport the provisions and various apparatus with them at the same time. However, towards the close of the day, the intrepid party managed to

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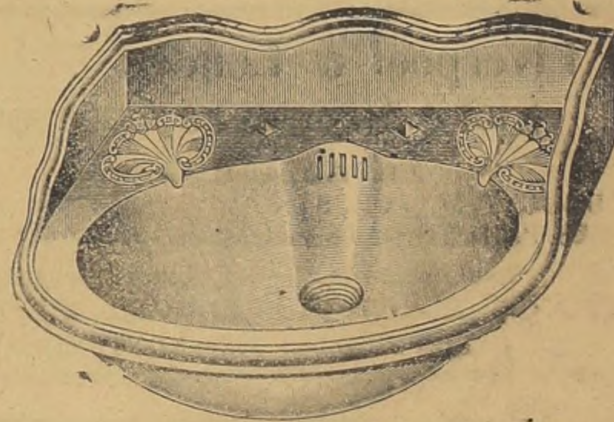
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each the summit of Aconcagua (7,060 metres or 23,393 feet), and congratulations were exchanged.

After resting awhile, one of the party took quite a large number of photographs showing wonderful views of the Andes, while the others searched for traces of the last expedition to Aconcagua. They were fortunate in finding a box firmly nestled among a heap of stones placed there on purpose, in which was a visiting card with the words "A. W. S. M. Vines, Pinkerton Rectory, Lincoln," inscribed thereon. A piece of paper was also found, on which was written in English: "I am carrying a heliograph which I cannot use because of the clouds. I have left my ice-axe and maximum and minimum thermometer. Temperature 45 degrees below zero." (Probably Fahrenheit). The two thermometers mentioned were found close to the box.

Items of Interest

Mails for England.

Mails for England by the *Orania* will close at the G. P. O. at 10 p. m. to-day.

British Patriotic Fund.

Owing to the retirement of our late Minister, Sir Claude Mallet, C. M. G., the much appreciated Chairman of the British Patriotic Fund, the Committee unanimously agreed to a proposal that the Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. W. Bayne, C.B.E., should interview Sir Claude's successor to solicit the favour of the continuity of the British Minister's active association in this capacity

with the work of the Fund. The Committee have now much pleasure in announcing that the Hon. Ernest Stowell Scott, C. M. G., H. B. M. M., kindly and willingly acceded to the request, and is now Chairman of the Committee of this Fund.

Wedding.

Invitations are now circulating for the marriage of Miss Cicely Bayne to Mr. Lionel P. Bridal, which will be celebrated in the Iglesia del Perpetuo Socorro (Calle Tapes) at 9.30 p. m. on Thursday, March 5th.

British Hospital.

The movement of patients in the British Hospital during the month of January last was as follows:—Remaining in Hospital, Dec. 31st, 41 (British 5);—Entered during January, 64 (British 14, North American 2);—Discharged, 65 (British 8);—Died, 5 (British 1);—Remaining in Hospital Jan. 31st, 55 (British 11, North American 2).

Rotary Club.

The Rotary Club will hold a lunch, in celebration of its 20th birthday, at the Hotel Alhambra to day.

Masked Balls.

The Carnival Masked Balls will commence in all the theatres tomorrow. The principal focus of attraction will probably be the Solis Theatre, which promises something splendid in the way of decorations and illuminations—but the charges are high. The Municipal balls, on which much money will be spent, will be given in the Artigas Theatre. The Urquiza and Albaniz Theatres are also offering their respective attractions. Many biograph saloons and Club Halls are likewise opening their doors for balls. The

indications are that it is going to be a dancing Carnival.

The Theatrical Season.

Walter Mocchi, the well known impresario has left for Europe to complete his arrangements for the coming season. Among the Companies he proposes to bring are those of Maria Melato, the latest Italian star actress, Mimi Aguglia, the Sicilian star; Lola Membrives, the Spanish actress and singer; and the reconstituted Caramba-Seconomoglio Italian Operetta Company, of delightful memory. There will, of course, be the Grand Opera Company, for which he promises a longer visit than usual. There is also some talk of an English Operetta Company. All of these will appear in the Solis Theatre.

Secrets of a Dead World.

AN UNKNOWN TONGUE.

Discoveries in the Far East, of the lost capital of a lost empire, and of a library of 2,500 books in seven languages, including the vocabulary of an unknown tongue, are reported.

After an absence in Mongolia of 20 months, the Russian Professor Koslov has brought to Leningrad 50 large cases filled with objects discovered in the Desert of Gobi.

He found the buried city of Harohoto, the old capital of Tanguth.

In reference to the 2,500 volumes, Sir Frederick Kenyon (director and

principal librarian of the British Museum) says that, in the absence of details, it is impossible for him to comment on the discovery.

"Without knowing to what period they belonged or what they contain, one cannot place them in any category," says Sir Frederick. "Remains" of ancient libraries have been found in Turkestan and also in Tibet.

Professor Koslov's discoveries included sarcophagi containing the bodies of Chinese princes of thousands of years ago.

London Notes.

Friday, January 23.

To-day's list of donations, amounting to £11,397, brings the total of the St. Paul's Cathedral Preservation Fund to £155,397. The City Corporation voted 5,000 guineas, and gave instructions for a report on the whole subject of the condition of the Cathedral and the "dangerous structure" notice served on the Dean and Chapter.

A reduction of 7 1/2 per cent. in certain charges on shipping and goods is announced by the Port of London Authority, to take effect as from February 1.

The Miners' Federation have agreed to meet the Coalowners' National Committee next week to hear the owners' representations on the serious state of the industry; and also have decided to invite all the districts to submit proposals for the amendment of the existing wages agreement.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain informed a deputation yesterday that draft regulations on the use of preservatives and colouring matter in food would shortly be circulated.

The third Test Match between England and Australia was continued at Adelaide yesterday. At the end of the day's play England, with two wickets to fall, require 27 runs in order to win.

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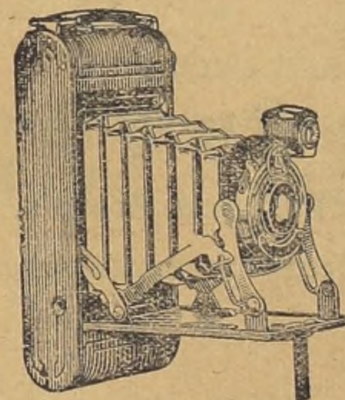
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Card Ethics.

AUCTION BRIDGE STANDARDS.

By a Special Correspondent of The Times:—

There are few card games which offer so much opportunity for sharp practice as auction bridge. Nothing is easier than for a player to convey illicit information to his partner. He can, for instance, make bids, sometimes in a strong tone of confidence, and at other times with obvious hesitation and doubt. Or he may hesitate at a critical point in the play, thereby showing that he holds a certain vital card. With the best will in the world, it is often difficult to avoid giving illegitimate information. It is an accepted rule of card ethics that a player shall not avail himself of information which his partner may inadvertently have conveyed by his manner or otherwise. The ban does not lie, however, to the same extent upon the adversaries, who usually take full advantage of the ethical neptitudes of the other side. Among reputable players, therefore, tell-tale hesitations and indecisions benefit the adversaries only.

It needs not to be said that except among cardsharps no one ever consciously gives his partner illicit information. The subconscious desire to win, however, is often so strong as to lead some people quite unconsciously to give indications as to the cards they hold. An amusing illustration occurred not long ago in Pall-mall, and passed unnoticed by all concerned. A player led an ace, on which his partner threw the queen. The leader, not noticing the queen, failed to continue with the suit, as he should have done. At the end of the hand his partner angrily criticized him, saying:—"I cannot understand your not seeing my queen: I slammed it down as hard as ever I could." The confession was so naive as to exclude any suggestion of intentional turpitude.

Subconscious hesitations and mannerisms are far more often designed to mislead the adversary than to inform the partner. The commonest and most interesting case occurs when an honour is led and second hand has to consider whether he will cover it or not. The correct course usually requires careful thought. Thought involves hesitation, and hesitation is fatal, since it tells the adversary the position of the cards. The good player has foreseen the contingency and thought it out beforehand, so that he is able to play the right card with the ordinary promptitude when the critical moment arrives.

It very often happens among average players that second hand hesitates when he has not got the missing honour, and plays with promptitude when he has got it. To hesitate when there is nothing to think about merely to delude the adversary is, of course, a serious offence. But in point of fact it is quite subconscious. Offenders of this type may be found in every club, and are usually persons of the highest integrity. Their foible may be turned fatally against them by an adversary who has observed this feature of their psychology. Their fraudulent attempt to deceive him is so regular and systematic that it infallibly conveys to the shrewd adversary the very information as to which it is hoped to mislead him. In numerous cases of ordinary play the declarer can take a *finesse* in either hand, and has to guess which adversary holds the missing honour. When playing against a sham hesitator he can soon find out, by leading first through the unfortunate offender, with the sure knowledge that the latter will betray

the position by a clumsy attempt to deceive.

While subconscious infringements of card ethics often pass unheeded, it sometimes happens that perfectly legitimate actions are, by confusion of ideas, criticized adversely. An extreme illustration of this occurs in a work by R. A. Proctor, the astronomer, entitled "Chance and Luck." Proctor went so far as to affirm that bluffing was immoral, even at poker, because it is deceiving, and all deceit is wrong. Ridiculous as such a contention must seem to those who have any sense of humour, that spirit is not yet dead, even in times when we shoulder our moral burdens with somewhat less parade than in the Victorian period. Freak calls at bridge (as, for instance, bidding a suit of which we have none) sometimes gives serious offence, especially among ladies.

By its very nature auction bridge assumes a high standard of card morals, without which the game would speedily degenerate. That it does not degenerate, but maintains its universal popularity, is remarkable testimony to the ethical standards of our times.

COMMERCIAL.

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February 19.

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Feb. 19.

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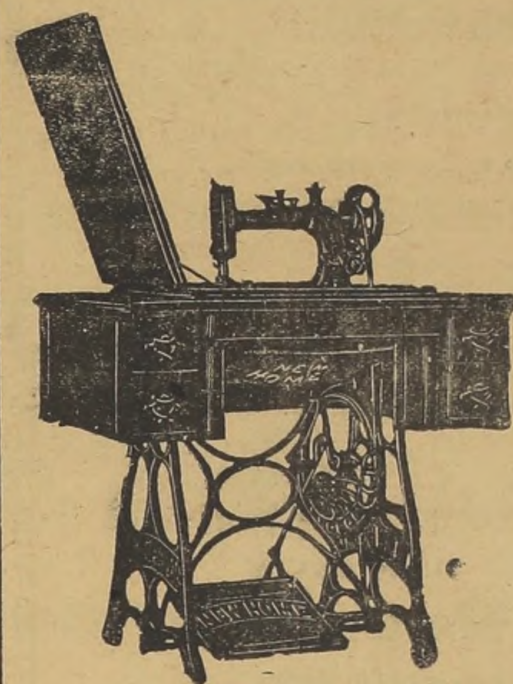
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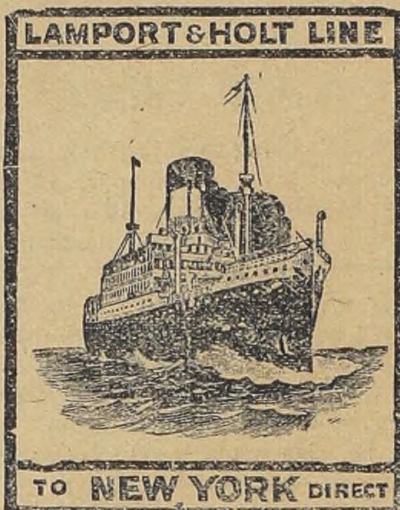
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